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## INTERESTING LETTER FROM JERUSALEM

Rev. Geo. W. Fender Writes of Vist To Athens, Cairo, and Other Holy Land Cities

Jerusalem, June 5, 1912.

Editor Banner-Leader, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—As I now recall it, my second letter to you was written from Naples, Italy and that I expected to leave the next day for Greece. In this last I was disappointed, for the Alice, the steamer on which the main Oriental Party sailed from New York was two days late at Naples and I had to wait for them. However these were not lost days by any means, for I found plenty to see. One day was spent in seeing the city and in a visit to the great Museum where are kept most of the treasures which were found at Pompeii. A visit to Pompeii would not be complete without a visit to this Museum. I suppose everyone who visits this museum is impressed with the fact

are not so far ahead of the people of 2000 years ago as he had thought, when he sees the lead water pipes and many other plumbers appliances just as we use them today and see a coffee pot such as is used in the depot coffee restaurants to make the coffee. He can't think that our advances are not so great as he at one time thought. Another day was spent in an excursion to the island of Capri. We entered the famous blue grotto and it is just as blue and beautiful as it is pictured. It is a wonderful cave half filled with water and the only way to enter is in a row boat and you must get flat of your back in the boat for the entrance is not over three or four feet when the bottom of the wave is in and is completely covered by the water when the crest of the wave strikes. So to enter the place is rather exciting. The Island of Capri has many beautiful sights including lemon orchards, vineyards, two small cities, nice

ruins.

After the two days of unexpected delay and six weeks away from home and among strangers it was good to have the conductor of the Oriental party look out over the sail as the ship was being fastened to the wharf and call:—Fender. The conductor is Prof. Wilbur F. Steele, D. D. of the University at Denver, Colorado. The party is composed of six others besides Prof. Steele and myself. We have now been together a little over 2 weeks and have visited together Greece and Egypt and are now in Palestine. I will endeavor to give a very brief outline of some of the things we have seen. The party is quite agreeable in every way and I will be with them until we get back to Italy in about 4 weeks from now.

It required an afternoon, two nights and one entire day to go from Naples to Patras, Greece and then a full day to go by rail from Patras to Athens, Greece. But the trip was pleasant and restful and gave time for us to get some what acquainted. We awoke early the first morning to find that we were in the Messina Strait, just at the toe of Italy and were soon in sight of the cities of Messina and Reggio, which most of you will remember were destroyed a few years ago by a terrible earthquake. The cities have never been fully rebuilt and it made the disaster seem quite real to look at the ruins of these cities. We were soon out of sight of land and saw no more until early next morning when we neared the coast of Greece.

We were soon landed on Grecian soil and after about an hour of sight seeing in Patras, which is a city of about 50,000 inhabitants of no great historical interest we were aboard our train headed for Athens going by way of ancient Corinth. I

had imagined that this would be an uninteresting ride and dusty and tiresome. But it was just the reverse. We were in a short distance off Gulf of Corinth most of the way and the hills were all covered with vineyards. Greece is the home of the currant and these were currant vineyards we were seeing. It was explained to us that the word currant was derived from the name Corinth. Look to your dictionary to see if this be true. We were near the mountain of Olympus, the home of the Grecian gods and of course of Grecian mythology.

But I was interested most in seeing the ruins of old Corinth and recalling the fact that Paul spent much of his time here and that two epistles of first and second Corinthians was written to the Church which was planted here. We did not stop to make a visit to the ruins for this will be more conveniently done on the return trip when we will have more time.

We spent three most interesting days in Athens. While in the ancient city we thought and talked of a time 2000 or more years ago. We thought of Socrates, Demosthenes and many others famous in the history of the world, but chiefly of Paul and I was especially interested in reading Paul's sermon on Mars Hill as recorded in Acts 17. It certainly makes the Scriptures more real to read it on the very ground where it was written or to which it refers. And there is no question but that we were on the very hill where Paul preached this great sermon.

It was inspiring to study the ruin of the Parthenon, one of the greatest buildings ever erected by the hands of man and one which has been the model of many others since the day of its erection and then to imagine what its beauty must have been as it stood on its commanding position in all its glory. Many other buildings and places of almost equal interest and glory demanded our interest. The stadium, recently restored at great cost, was the place where the old Grecians had their races and different physical contests. It was to this place that heroic and patriotic Greek ran 25 miles from Marathon to announce with his last breath the great victory that had been won.

The new Athens, which is built near the ruins of the old, is a beautiful and wonderful city. It has made great advances in the past few years and continues to prosper. But though much more could be written about ancient and modern Athens, I must desist for this can be an outline only.

It required two nights, one full day and one morning to go from Piraeus, the port of Athens, to Alexandria. For several hours we were in sight of the Island of Cyprus. We passed over the very waters where Paul and his companions spent many anxious days as they fought to save themselves in the storm as is recorded in Acts 27. The water was quite calm as we sailed over it, but it was easy to imagine what the dangers would be in a storm such as these people met with, especially in a small vessel such as they had.

We spent some three or four hours at Alexandria, Egypt. There is little of interest remaining at Alexandria, yet it is an old city and has played an important part in the world's history. But most of the old landmarks of historical interest have been destroyed. Alexandria was founded almost 350 years B. C. by Alexander the Great. It was famous in early times for its great library, its light house and was a rather stronghold for the early Christian Church. Its library is said to have been destroyed by a fanatic Mohammedan, who said that if the books there agreed with the Koran, their Bible, that they were useless and had as well be burned and that if they did not agree they were pernicious and therefore should be burned.

Alexandria is an important modern city at the present time. It

is an important shipping point and its principal export is cotton. It made me feel very much at home to see cotton field after cotton field from the car window as we went from Alexandria to Cairo. The cotton was from 4 to 8 inches high, which, as I should guess, was about a month or more ahead of Texas. Their methods of cultivation are rather crude. The work is principally done by hand and it must all be irrigated for rain is hardly known in Egypt. It is nearly 150 miles from Alexandria to Cairo and through what is known as the Delta of the Nile. That is the Nile river divides near Cairo and has several mouths and so waters a country triangular in shape. Alexandria is at one angle of the triangle, Cairo at another and Port Said near the third. As we went from Alexandria to Cairo and from Cairo to Port Said, we got a fine idea of this fertile tract of land. It is very flat and low, being only a few feet above the sea level. As it has been made by the deposits from the Nile it is very fertile. They have very mild winters and so the farmers get three crops each year from the same land. The farming is done just as it was done 2,000 years ago. They still use the wooden plow pulled by the ox or camel. The grain is threshed on the threshing floor by the oxen pulling a kind of sled over the grain and then with a wooden fork the grain and chaff is thrown into the air when the wind blows the chaff out and the grain falls to itself. This is just as it was in Bible times. We saw many of these operations going on, for the harvest was in full blast.

Cairo is a most interesting city. Not that it is so old, but that it is surrounded by old things and is strictly an Oriental and Mohammedan city. We saw the Pyramids and Sphinx which were old in the days of Moses. We visited the sites of Heliopolis where was located the Egyptian University and where, no doubt, Moses received his education, and where Joseph found his wife. We saw the tree under which, tradition says the Holy Family rested during the flight into Egypt. We saw the spot where Moses was said to have been placed in his ark of bulrushes. Many of these things are mere traditions but that we were in the land where these things happened and near the very place can not be questioned. We saw the mummied remains of the Pharaoh who oppressed the children of Israel. To look at the remains of one of whom we had read so much and at the very lips that spoke the words which were law and caused so much of suffering gave me a peculiar feeling. We saw many things that without doubt Abraham, Moses, and others saw thousands of years ago and in many respects we have not advanced over the attainments of that age. But time is precious to me in this land where so much is to be seen and I must not attempt to write more of Cairo.

It required one day and night to go from Cairo, Egypt, to Joffa or Joppa, Palestine. We spent several hours in Joffa, visited the house of Simon the Tanner (Read Acts 10) the house of Dorcas (Read Acts 9) looked out over the Great Sea and thought of whales (Read the Book of Jonah) had a few samples of the famous Joffa oranges, etc.

We went by train from Joffa to Jerusalem. The train was a slow affair. The engine was named Jerusalem but was made by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia, U. S. A. The route was through the Plain of Sharon, over the hills of Judaea, past the point where Phillip baptized the Eunuch, through the land of Sampson etc.

As to Jerusalem, I will endeavor to tell something in my next letter, if I can find the time to write the next.

Truly yours,  
Geo. W. Fender.

## WOODROW WILSON FOR PRESIDENT

Democrats Name Willson and Marshall by Unanimous Vote After Hard Fight.

Baltimore, July 3.—For president: Governor Wilson of New Jersey.

For vice president: Governor Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana.

This was the ticket completed by the democratic national convention at 1:56 a. m. today.

The nomination of Marshall came as something of a surprise, for when the night's balloting began it seemed the Bryan-Wilson contingent had settled upon Governor John E. Burke of North Dakota. There was not much fight,

however, and when two ballots disclosed Marshall easily in the lead Burke's name was withdrawn and Marshall proclaimed the nominee by acclamation.

A minute later the convention adjourned sine die.

An effort was made early in the night to induce Champ Clark, defeated for the presidential nomination, to agree to accept the second place. His answer was unambiguously NO. His name was not presented in connection with the nomination for vice president.

H. K. Berry was in from Norton Tuesday with oats. He made 2000 bushels off of 130 acres.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd has been quite ill for the past ten days but is getting better at this writing.

Miss Louise Tucker of Hatchell, came in Monday to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days.

C. A. Doose, the real estate man, went east Monday afternoon on a short business trip.

Mrs. J. H. Kelly left Monday for Los Vegas, N. M. to join Mr. Kelly, where they will make their future home.

Ebb Cathey and Walter Mullin left Tuesday for Eden on a short business trip. Mr. Cathey is thinking of accepting a position at that place.

T. S. Lanford left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood and will spend a few days at other places in the interest of his mattress factory.

Vaughn Ray, one of the prominent young business men of Brownwood passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon enroute home from a visit to his brother at Abilene.

J. M. Bryant of Buckholts, who had been in our city looking after his grain crop the past week or two, left Tuesday for his home. He says he is still well pleased with his investment in Rannels county.

Elder E. W. McMillan and his mother, Mrs. N. W. McMillan and her daughter, Mrs. Thorpe, left Monday afternoon for Franklin, Texas, to visit relatives and friends for several weeks.

## History Lesson No 2

Your grandfather cut his wheat with a reap hook or a "cradle" beating the grain out with a "flail" separating it from the chaff with a sheet, with the assistance of the wind.

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Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$331,105.14
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Cash and Exchange	140,240.36
Real Estate	8,510.80
Total	\$559,053.81
Liabilities	
Capital Stock (paid in)	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	40,490.53
Circulation	98,100.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Deposits	220,463.28
Total	\$559,053.81

The above statement is correct.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier

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## SAN ANGELO'S MORAL SENTIMENT

"We, the following citizens of San Angelo, having an abiding interest in, and a profound regard for the 'Queen City of the Conchos,' both in a material and moral way, and knowing the baneful influence of a street carnival upon the moral life of the young people, and knowing also that they bring no material good to our city, therefore appeal to the business men, the Chamber of Commerce, the City council and the people at large to have no street carnival in connection with the fair to be held in our city this coming fall.—San Angelo Record.

Good for our neighbor city. As a rule street carnivals are very degrading and are grafters of the rankest type. Instead of being a benefit they are an imposition to any town. We have nothing to say against a good clean show—something that is educating to the children as well as entertaining to all, but there is no benefit to be derived from a street carnival, which is usually followed by a bunch of gamblers and crooks.

## DECADENCE OF GAMBLING

There was a time when it was not a reproach to gamble, and there was no commendation for gamblers. But the world moves, and there has grown to be great feeling against the art, or profession, and even the private game is no longer approved. In fact gambling is in its decadence. This comes chiefly from awakened conscience. In analysis there is little difference between gambling and theft, and as the closeness of the legal definitions is considered and the evil consequences of gambling are continually forced upon the public consciousness, the evil repute of the offense has grown. The severe laws of Texas, which are designed to stop the nefarious business, are of good effect. That they are effective can not now be doubted. And if one will persist in doubting, then we refer him to numerous convicts in the Texas penitentiary, who will assure that the prohibition of gambling does prohibit.—Farm and Ranch.

Yes, and the same applies to the local option law which you have so often heard would not prohibit. How about those twenty men who were sent up from Sherman last week for from one to two years each and fined \$100.

A Ballinger melon grower says that judging from present prospects there will be cantalopes to ship in car lots this season. It is a paying crop if such is the case.

With the big reunion as the chief attraction for the summer we can easily count on many visitors. Ballinger is getting on her pegs again, and good times are staring us square in the face.

If you are not a Ballinger booster you should be a mover. Certainly there is no room in this good town for a man who can't say something good for his town and especially when there is so much good to say.

This is not an off year for the famous Ballinger melon and cantaloupe. The acreage is large and the crop condition is good. The Business League has been appealed to for help in securing a market for both melons and cantaloupe, as the growers expect to ship in large quantities.

An agricultural display in connection with the big reunion would not be a bad thing. An exhibit of what this country will produce would be an eye opener to visitors as well as some of the stay-at-homers. We trust someone will second the motion and start the ball to rolling.

Newspapers like commercial clubs are entitled to the loyal support of the citizens. They go hand in hand for the up building and progress of a town. Without a live one of each a town is a back number. It takes unstinted support to make a live newspaper or a live commercial club.

The committee from the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce put up no fight against Ballinger for the reunion, but were unanimous in agreeing on Ballinger the place for the 1912 meeting, San Angelo gets the Mountain Remnant Brigade reunion this year and it will come off three days after the Ballinger reunion.

Dallas wholesalers are fighting West Texas merchants on the proposed change in freight rates. That is Dallas wholesalers are supporting the move for higher rates in this section. They may succeed, but we want to serve notice on them that they will gain nothing in the long run. Houston is a mighty good wholesale city, as well as Fort Worth, and the idea the Dallas bunch have that to curtail our common point territory will help them is a mistake.

The growth of the dairying business about Stephenville followed the establishment of the creamery. When there was a market for butterfat, easily accessible, the farmers began to provide herds and to produce butterfat. The Stephenville creamery now has nearly 200 patrons, and the number continues to increase.—Farm and Ranch.

What works successfully in dairying at Stephenville will work here. It is certainly a mistake that a town the size of Ballinger can't boost of an up to date dairy.

An old adage warns people against trying to adjust round pegs in square holes, yet there are thousands of people trying to do this today. We should master our situation, then grow the crops and raise the animals that are adapted to our environment. In other words, adjust square pegs to square holes and round pegs to round holes.—Farm & Ranch.

Good doctrine. It would be folly for the farmers to try to raise pine apples in this country. Devote your attention to the crops that are adapted to this climate and you will always have plenty for Mary and the children.

## Helping Others Along.

The Cleburne Enterprise, a paper, the editorial column of which is always read, says:

Very few of us realize how much we depend upon each other for encouragement, strength and inspiration. Each person has some peculiar weakness that needs the strength of one or more to keep him from stumbling. Most every one who reads this will recall some incident in his life where he was influenced by the strong force exerted upon him at the right time by a friend who cared for him. We can not live alone, for if we endeavor to do so we will degenerate and return to the primitive. We must have intercourse with others, and our development and our progress depends upon the extent of our contact with other people, from whom we gather some of their force. Who does not recall some particular friend to whom he goes for advice when he is in doubt, but in reality he goes to him for the necessary strength to carry out the things he knows he can not finish without the help of this particular friend, who is strong in the things in which he is weak. Let us, then be generous with the power that is ours, and where we can use it to help those who are deficient in the qualities in which we possess an abundance.

## The Old Way.

One of our exchanges truthfully says that when pa was young, people who had bad colds, soaked their feet in hot water and took a few draughts of catnip and got well. Now they have la grippe, take quinine and feel sick all the summer. Then they have sore throat, wrapped a piece of bacon in an old wool stocking, tie around the neck at night and went to work the next day. Now they have tonsillitis, a surgical operation, and two weeks in a hospital. Then they had stomach trouble and took castor oil and recovered. Now they have appendicitis, a week in the hospital and six feet due east and west and six feet perpendicular. In those days they wore underclothes. Now they are wearing lingerie. Then they went to the restaurant; now they go to a cafe. Then they broke a leg; now they fracture a limb. People went crazy; now they have brain storms—or are born crazy, we dont know which. Politicians then paid good hard cash for support; now they send government garden seed instead. Yes times have changed and we all changed with the times. Thats progress.

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To the Democracy of Texas:

As Democrats devoted to the best traditions of our party, and having at heart the welfare of our State, we cordially commend the candidacy of Judge Wm. F. Ramsey for Governor of Texas, confident that if nominated and elected he will give to all the people of Texas a wise, just and progressive administration of our State affairs.

Judge Ramsey is a man of the highest character, of unblemished reputation, and his life is an open book to those who have known him throughout all the years that he has lived in his native State of Texas, and will invite the closest scrutiny without fear of criticism.

He is a Democrat who, in all the battles of the party, has given conspicuous service to its principles and candidates, working in the ranks as a private citizen, never having held office, except that of Judge of the two courts of last resort, civil and criminal.

He has been successful in the conduct of his own business affairs, is a lawyer of distinguished ability, and will bring to bear in the discharge of the high duties of the office to which he will be called, an ability and wisdom that will rebound, in our judgment, to the best interests of all the people of our State.

We give Judge Ramsey our unqualified endorsement and will rejoice in the success of his candidacy by a decisive and well deserved majority.

It must be clear to patriotic citizens who will familiarize themselves with the existing political conditions in Texas that the official course and announced policies of Governor Colquitt—who was nominated by largely less than a majority of the Democrats of Texas, and as the result of unfortunate divisions—are out of harmony with the best thought of the State, and that the high order of efficiency so essential to a wholesome administration of our State affairs has been totally lacking in his administration, and is impossible during his continuance in office.

In the belief that good government, clean politics and the higher ideals of an intelligent and patriotic citizenship, free from the corrupting influences of machine rule and boodles, can best be secured by a change, we advocate the nomination of Judge Ramsey as a man in all respects suited to the great responsibilities of the high office of Governor, and urge the Democrats of Texas to rally to his standard and redeem our State and our politics from the dangerous influences which now menace them.

We call on all friends of good government in every section of the State, regardless of past alignments or factional differences, to put forth their best efforts during the remainder of the campaign to make his majority overwhelming and effective. Let Ramsey meetings be held and campaign clubs be organized at once in each voting precinct, and all legitimate means be employed to get every friend of Judge Ramsey's cause to the polls on primary election day.

- Signed:
- ONEZ JOHNSON, Tyler.
  - WILLIAM POINDEXTER, Cleburne.
  - THOMAS H. BALL, Houston.
  - T. M. CAMPBELL, Palestine.
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  - F. N. GRAVES, Fort Worth.
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  - M. KENNON, Columbus.
  - L. S. SHULTER, Jefferson.
  - J. Q. MAFFEEY, Texasarkana.
  - THOS. F. TURNER, Amarillo.
  - W. A. WRIGHT, San Angelo.
  - A. B. WATKINS, Athens.
  - A. W. SULLIVAN, Denton.
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**Spread of Disease.**

When asked the cause of the spread of diseases and the preventive methods, nine-tenths of the physicians will tell you that flies cause the spread and I furnish the preventive by screening your house. If you need this kind of work or any other in my line phone me.

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No. 500 Cor. 13 & Harris Streets.  
Ballinger, Texas.

Fresh Candies and New Notions just received. New assortments of Bolts, Hinges and Screws. Don't fail to see them.

**The Fair**

**Fell From Scaffolding.**  
Oklahoma City, Okla.: Oscar A. Anderson of 2401 South Walker street fell from a scaffold, and, though considerably sprained and bruised, is able to be about. He says Hunt's Lightning Oil took all the soreness away. It is also good for Headaches, Neuralgia, Rheumatism. All dealers sell in 25c and 50c bottles.

**Not Paint.**

With linseed oil at \$1, what sort of oil do you think they use in "paint" at \$1.75 and \$1.50? That stuff is counterfeit paint. You can cheat yourself; you can't cheat times or weather. paint is a rubber coat over wood and iron to keep-out water. Counterfeit paint may look like it; counterfeit money may look money. What are all counterfeits for? They are all alike.

DEVOE  
Ballinger Lumber Co. sells it.

**How to prevent Typhoid Fever.**

When one is compelled to live in a house or in a neighborhood where typhoid fever prevails he should make it his infallible rule to eat and drink only such foods as have been recently heated to above the scalding temperature. Salad should be avoided, and water and milk should always be scalded before use. Fruits should be parted. The typhoid fever organism is very susceptible to heat and slight boiling or even a good strong scalding is sufficient to destroy it. So far as possible the house fly should be screened out of the house, while any that gain access should be diligently pursued and destroyed. A bit of wire netting attached to a wooden handle is a convenient weapon. If these measures were constantly practiced a large part of the now generally prevalent typhoid fever could be prevented, especially if in conjunction with measures the discharge of the sick were consistently and thoroughly disinfected before being thrown out.--Ex.

**75 Bushels to the Acre.**

Jim Patterson will finish loading the sixth car of oats here today. The oats were raised on his farm on the Concho Valley 10 miles west of here and Mr. Patterson tells us that the oats averaged 60 bushels per acre, some however yielding 75 bushels. The oats is very heavy, weighing more than it measures, some of it weighing 38 pounds to the bushel. That's not so bad for West Texas after all. Is it?—Rowena Review.

J. M. McFarland received an appointment as carrier on one of the new mail routes out of Ballinger and he and Mrs. McFarland left Tuesday to make their homes in our capital city for the next few months. Mr. McFarland expects to be transferred when the new routes out of Winters are let. His home and other interests are here.

We heartily commend these people to the citizens of Ballinger and especially to the Methodists church. Since they have lived in Winters they have been among our most faithful Sunday School and church workers.—Winters Enterprise.

**For Trade.**

Two Farms for sale, or will trade either or both for Runnels County, improved farm at right price.  
1st Farm is 124 1-2 acres, situated 2 1-2 miles from Carlton Tex., in Hamilton Co., 90 acres in fine state of cultivation, 2 acres in Peaches, 4 acres in Apples, 1-4 acre in Blk. Berries, 1-4 acre in Vineyard, all 1st class fruit, 6 room house, good barn, out bldg., etc., well of fine water, with wind mill, with water works at house garden etc, nature of soil sandy, plenty of timber, Price \$4,500, Incumbrance, for \$1175, & easy terms, 2nd. place is 137 acres all good land, 90 acres in cultivation good 5 room house with 2 galleries, is well finished, good barn and out houses, well of good water, with wind mill, also water in creek, nice orchard, of Peaches, Apples Plums and Grapes, sandy land, except 25 acres on creek, plenty of timber, one mile from school and church, 3 miles from town, Price \$45, an acre, is incumbered for \$1300, due Jan., the first, 1916.

W. B. Page, Agent,  
Ballinger Texas.

**BITTEN BY RATTLE SNAKE BOY DIES**

Seven-Year-Old Son Of Will Shelton Said Snake Bite Would Prove Fatal to Him.

"Papa, I have been bitten by a rattle snake and it will kill me," said Hubert, the seven-year-old son of Will Shelton Tuesday morning. The boy died next day.

A physician was quickly summoned but nothing could check the spread of the deadly venom of the rattler.

The little fellow was playing near some prairie dog holes a short distance from the Shelton home, which is seven or eight miles southwest of Santa Anna. Suddenly he heard a warning rattle and fangs of the snake were fastened in his ankle. He ran at once to the house and told what had happened, predicting that the bite would prove fatal. He died about 24 hours later and was buried at the city cemetery yesterday afternoon.—Santa Anna News.

**State Statistic for May.**

Austin, June, 22.—State statistics for the month of May, 1912, show some very interesting facts relative to conditions in Texas.

There were 4,020 births and 2,508 deaths reported during the month. This is a decrease from last month in births of 523 and 324 deaths.

There were recorded thirty-three sets of twins, a decrease of nine sets from the month before; nineteen pair were born to white parents and fourteen pair to negroes.

One set of triplets was born to white parents.

Of the total number of deaths recorded for May, 812 children under the age of 6 years were victims.

Thirty-one persons, whose ages were more than ninety, died during the past month. Nine persons, all colored, whose ages were 100 or over, passed away, one old darky's age being given as 125, another at 111, and one at 110 years.

Tuberculosis, with 264 reported deaths again takes its place as the leading cause of deaths. Meningitis has given away, taking fourth place, with 116 deaths to its credit, a decrease of 154 under last month.

With the advent of warm weather, pellagra comes forward with 23 deaths, an increase of 8 over last month, Bright's disease claimed 108 victims; typhoid, 38; 25 persons died by their own hands; 17 persons were homicidal victims; 3 were killed by animals; 9 were accidentally drowned; 4 fell to their death; 9 died suddenly; 5 were poisoned by food.

Miss Verda Brown of Ballinger, is visiting the family of Mrs. Skipper.—Concho herald.

The greatest encouragement that can be given agriculture is profitable prices for products. The boll weevil has been a stubborn enemy, and Jupiter Pluvius has played pranks on the farmer, but there is no pestilence like low prices; they will sap the life blood of any industry.

It is one of the most pitiful sights in Twentieth Century to sit helplessly by and watch the bulls and bears of Europe and America bear it to pieces, and yet the Farmer's Union has warehouses that will afford shelter against these artificial storm, and backed by six per cent money to loan on distress cotton, the farmers can fence out the animal that devastate his crops. The farmer needs co-operation as badly as diversification.

**Hopewell Sunday School Convention.**

The Seventeenth Quarterly Sunday School Convention of Runnels County, District No. 1. will be held at Hopewell Church, July 7, 1912.

Following is the program:  
9:30 o'clock a. m.

Song Service—Milfor Brister, leader and Miss Della Hale, organist.

Scripture Reading—J. H. Sims. Song.

Prayer—Grandpa Martin. Welcome Address—Velma Marshall.

Response—I. F. Watson. Song.

Recitation—Vera Fuller, Essie Sims, Johnie Patterson and Vera Hale.

Male Quartet.

Little Sermon—Grady Miller. Song—"The Bible is Precious"

General Good of Sunday School Duty of Parents, etc. Rev. Sam Thurman.

Song.

Prayer.

Adjourn for dinner until 1:30 p. m.

Song service.

Prayer.

Recitation By 12 girls.

Recitations Grace Wilkerson, Wesley Brandon, Margaret Starke Rosa Watson and Helen Garrett.

Duet Effie and Ethel Martin. Essay Good Citizenship. Miss Ethel Carlton.

Mother Influence in Sunday School. W. T. Hill.

Male Quartet.

Recitation. By Three Girls. Sunday School Address. W. H. Martin.

Song.

Recitation By 10 Girls.

How to reach the Boys. X Lee Maddox.

Business Session.

Song.

Recitations. Reese Elkins, Ola Kennedy, Vada Wiley, Susie Alcorn and Willie Hale.

Song.

General Discussion: How to Retain Interest in Sunday School Jo Wilmeth, leader.

Song.

Closing Address Biron Norris. R. L. Norris, President.

**DANGER IN DELAY.**

Kidney Diseases Are Too Dangerous for Ballinger People to Neglect.

The great danger in kidney troubles is that they get firm hold before the sufferer recognizes them. Health is gradually undermined. Backache, headache, nervousness, lameness, soreness, lumbago, urinary troubles, dropsy, gravel and Brights disease, follow in merciless succession. Don't neglect your kidneys. Help the kidneys with the reliable and safe remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills, which has cured people right here in this locality.

Mrs. H. H. Tisdale, Coleman, Texas, says: "I have tried Doan's Kidney Pills in the case of one of the younger members of my family whose kidneys were in a very weakened condition. There was no control over the kidney secretions at night, and the person was subject to dizziness and nervousness. One box of Doan's Kidney Pills did more to correct these difficulties than anything else we ever used. It gives me pleasure to endorse this splendid medicine."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

**H. A. Bradley Returns From Temple.**

We regret to report that H. A. Bradley who recently went to Temple to consult the physicians at that place, failed to find relief or encouragement and that his condition is very serious. Accompanied by his wife Mr. Bradley returned home last Friday.

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**Three Suicides**

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For Sheriff:  
J. P. FLYNT.  
B. W. (Chop) PILCHER  
GEO. D. GEARHART

For County Judge.  
W. D. Jennings.  
MARCELLUS KLEBURG  
A. E. WOOD

Representative, 11th. District:  
R. S. GRIGGS  
ISHAM F. WADE

For Dist. Clerk:  
MISS MARY PHILIPS  
J. A. THOMASON

For County Attorney:  
H. ZDARIL  
C. P. SHEPHERD.

County Superintendent:  
E. L. HAGAN

For Constable Precinct No. 1.  
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For County Clerk.  
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**Fishing's Good at Galveston**



**will on Saturday July 6**

Sell round trip tickets to Galveston and to Houston

Round trip tickets will be on sale for trains arriving Galveston and Houston evening of Saturday, July 6, and morning of Sunday, July 7. Tickets will be limited to Monday, July 8, 1912, for final return.

Rate from Ballinger \$6.80.  
Rate from Talpa \$6.50.  
Rate from Rowena \$6.90.

**A. H. Wigle, Agent**  
G. C. & S. F. Ry. Company,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. L. B. Harris is enjoying a visit from her father, J. D. Scott, of Lancaster, Texas.

T. S. Lankford was looking after business down the Santa Fe this week.

Mrs. A. Jones and two children, of Summersville, are here on a visit to Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin.

Prof. Lesley Fowler was the guests of his sister, Mrs. Francis Holiday at Winters first of the week.

H. Giesecke and family will leave next Monday for Corpus Christi where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Ton Wadkins came down from San Angelo Monday afternoon and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen.

Ed McCarver returned to his home at Houston first of the week, after spending several days here with relatives.

Judge L. J. Wardlaw came over from Sonora last Saturday to bring his family for a visit with relatives. They came in an auto.

Wilford Graham, employe of Walker Smith Grocery Co., was thrown from delivery wagon Tuesday and painfully bruised about the arm and shoulder and he will be out of commission for a few days.

Miss Jennie Bennett received notice first of the week that she had been elected to teach in the Winters public school. Miss Bennett taught in the Ballinger school for a number of years and the Winters people are indeed fortunate in securing her as one of their teachers.

Miss Annie VanDoren, the popular stenographer at the First National Bank, left first of the week for a months vacation. She will stop at her home in Belton for a few days and will be joined there by her sister and they will visit points of interest in the East.

#### Prizes For Farm products.

Greenville, Texas, June 30. The Merchants credit association has offered prizes for the best exhibits of farm products shown the stock and agricultural show to be held in this city July 19 and 20th. About 100 premiums will be distributed among the

#### Texas Flour and Grist Mill Production.

Washington, D. C. June 30. Texas ranks ninth in the value of flour and grist mill's production with a total of \$32,484,812 according to a report of the Federal Census Bureau. There are 1,216 persons engaged in this line of industry in Texas and 39,453 persons in the entire country.

#### Texas Printing & Publishing Production.

Washington, D. C., June 30. Texas ranks 14th in the value of printing and publishing production according to a report of the Federal Census Bureau. There are 4,408 persons engaged in this line of industry in Texas producing annually \$11,587,255 in the above products. The United States as a whole shows a production for the same period of \$737,876,087, with 258,444 persons employed.

#### At Dry Ridge.

As per arrangement the County and District Candidates met at the Dry Ridge School house on last Saturday night to a fair sized crowd, and told their tale of woe, each speaker was accorded good attention and all seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

#### Texas Ornamental Shrubbery.

Washington, D. C. June 30. Texas has 182 floral establishments valued at \$474,000 and 233 nurseries valued at \$1,253,000 according to a report of the Federal Census Bureau. The United States as a whole has 10,614 floral establishments and nurseries, with a combined value of \$44,000,000.

#### Norton Notes.

Farmers are busy having their grain threshed. The grain crop here seems to be about the best in the county.

We are having dry windy weather. Late feed is needing rain, but cotton is looking fine.

Miss Stewart is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Nora McCaughn, this week.

Mrs. Strickland and children of Ark., are visiting Mrs. W. W. Mitchell.

Mrs. Menshew of Cameron is visiting Messrs. Barrett and Menshew.

Several of the Norton people are planning to celebrate the 4th by attending the Wilmett Picnic.

Mrs. Flora Miller and Mary Dorsett were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Boozer left the last of the week for Omaha to visit his mother who is very sick.

We are sorry to report Mr. Holloway on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Lometa visited J. D. Miller and Mrs. McCaughn a few days last week.

#### "Queen of the Prairie."

#### Big Yield of Oats.

Of all the places in these parts there has been no places more thoughtfully all bustle and bustle than the Haley Bros. big irrigation, four miles south of town, on the Concho river.

They have been threshing there for three weeks and are just finishing. They will thresh about twenty thousand bushels.

They expect to sell about fifteen car loads. The dry land oats yielded about 30 bushels to the acre and the irrigated land about 70 bushels per acre.—Miles Enterprise.

#### Our Oat Crop Comes In.

The oat crop from the trade territory of Winters is coming in at a lively gait now and up to last night there had been 50 cars shipped for the season. Wednesday there were there were 115 wagons loads of oates and yesterday 160, a total of over 27 cars for the two days. An article appearing on another page of the Enterprise states the number for yesterday at 200 which was an error. There is a shortage of cars and are present at least ten cars stored on platforms and other places awaiting shipment. However the shortage will be relieved somewhat today as more cars are to be here. Most of the grain is being sold as there is every indication that there will be a fine feed crop made and this makes the farmers easy as to future feed.

Again we remark that Winters is the biggest market in the western half of the state and we have not yet been contradicted.—Winters Enterprise.

#### Fifth Sunday Children's Day.

At the Valley Creek Tabernacle on last Sunday the Valley View Sunday school held their Children's Day exercises.

A large crowd was present and a fine program was carried out. Bro. Crimm was master of ceremonies and he presided with that dignity and ease that pleased all. A fine dinner was spread at noon and a fried chicken and other delicacies was given the attendants.

Many visitors were present and all enjoyed the occasion very much.

The children showed fine training and each and all presented their part well. The welcome address by young Crimm was a master piece and he showed oratorical qualities in the delivery of it that would do credit to a much older head than he wears.

We had often heard that the Valley creek community was noted for its hospitality, and know that this is true and also that no community can boast of more pretty girls than is found out that way.

#### Minta Lee Starkey.

"In the midst of life we are in death," and each day we are reminded how forcible this is true. Each day some new sorrow makes heartaches and cause tears to flow.

In the death of Minta Starkey which occurred at One O'clock Tuesday morning of this week, the town was made sad. Death in old age is sad but when one so young and so promising as was this sweet girl, is snatching from fond parents and loving friends it passeth human understanding.

Minta Lee was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Starkey who reside at West End, she was just blooming into womanhood, and was loved for her sweet characteristics, and her friendly manner, she was ill for some three or four weeks with slow fever. A hard fight was made to withstand the onslaught of that monster death but with his sickle so keen, he claims her for his own, and surrounded by relatives and friends she passed to the great beyond at 1:30 Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Albert E. Turney of Bronte and her remains were interred at the city Cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 4 O'clock attended by a large concourse of friends, May the good Lord comfort the sorrowing ones and may they look to him for that comfort and that consolation that only falls from his hand.

#### Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels. By virtue of an Execution, issued out of the Honorable County Court of Uvalde County, on the 20th day of June A. D. 1912, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Uvalde National Bank vs. F. E. Seawell and H. W. House, No. 683 and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in August A. D. 1912, it being the 6th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger the following described property, to-wit:

Lots No. 1 and 2, Block No. 6, Guion Addition to the town of Ballinger in Runnels county Texas levied on as the property of F. E. Seawell to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$323.89 in favor of the Uvalde National Bank, Uvalde Texas and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 22 day of June A. D. 1912.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff.  
J. A. Demoville, Deputy.

Mrs. Eddie oVelkel, nee Miss Pade Luckett, and baby are here visiting A. J. Voelkel and family and her cousin Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

#### MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF RUNNELS COUNTY.

In response to the call of County Superintendent E. L. Hagan for the Trustees of Runnels County to meet at the court house July 1st, the following trustees met: W. A. Esmond, Crockett, No. 48, H. C. Moten, Poe No. 47, S. B. Baggett, F. W. Widden Millar No. 28, H. B. Holfmann, Olfen, No. 39, B. F. Kemp, L. P. Wood, Runnels No. 1, W. A. McDonald, Millar No. 28, W. G. Chapman, Dry Ridge No. 39, D. B. West, Crews, No. 2, Edd McCauley, H. E. Petty, Maverick No. 5, J. N. Mason, Barrett No. 13.

E. L. Hagan county superintendent. The meeting was called to order by the county superintendent, who explained the object of the meeting which was to make the schools better in caring for the mental, moral and physical welfare of the children. The meeting proceeded to permanent organization, by electing W. A. Esmond, chairman and C. R. Stephens secretary. Several interesting talks were made on the sanitation of schools, and especially pertaining to closets. The convenient drinking cup, light, heat and ventilation. Also some very strong and sensible suggestion as to trustees using the greatest care and judgment in the selecting of teachers. That as the trustees were the representatives of the schools they should permit no considerations to prompt them in the selection of a teacher other than that teacher's merits and qualifications. The subjects for the next meeting will be school sanitation. What to do with the disobedient pupil and the best way to secure competent teachers. We hope that every trustee and every one interested in the schools of the county will be present. The meeting adjourned to meet the 1st Monday in August.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings, pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT counteracts the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

#### Gone After Peaches.

E. A. Jeanes left Monday afternoon for Jacksonville and other sections of the fruit belt, where the peach crop is good this year, and he expects to return about the 10th with a car off Elberta peaches. This is the first year in a good while that we have been deprived of the privilege of boosting about our home grown Elbertas, but the late cold cut teh crop for this section of the state. However, there are a good many early peaches on the market, and sufficient to supply the local market for eating purposes, but none for preserving.

#### Why Take Calomel

When Simmon's Liver Purifier is so easy and pleasant yet acts just as thoroughly as those harsh purgatives. (In yellow tin boxes only) Tried once used always. Price 25c.

#### This Is So.

We wish to state in as plain and vigorous way as words can express it that Hunt's Cure will positively, quickly and permanently cure any form of Itching Skindisease known. One box is guaranteed to cure. On application affords relief.

#### Mrs. Wygle Leaves.

Mrs. A. H. Wygle, our efficient and accomodating telegraph operator will leave shortly for Laclede Mo. to visit her mother, a few weeks. Later Mr. Wygle will join her and they tour the West again. W. H. Prescott of Whitney will fill her place.

#### Off For New York.

Miss Olga Schawe left Tuesday for New York. She will visit many places of interest, but will spend some time at Chataqua, where she will take a special course in music under the world's best teachers. Miss Olga is ambitious to become a great musician and she is making much progress in that direction.

#### First Melons July First.

R. T. Rushing broke the record for early melons and brought in the first load of the season last

Monday, July 1. Mr. Rushing reports that the has about three acre of he early variety and that they are pretty good. The melon crop is unusually good this year, and the acreage large.

## HOW TO BE CERTAIN OF CURING CONSTIPATION

Prejudice is a hard thing to overcome, but where health is at stake and the opinion of thousands of reliable people differ from yours, prejudice then becomes your menace and you ought to lay it aside. This is said in the interest of people suffering from chronic constipation, and it is worthy of their attention.

In the opinion of legions of reliable American people the most stubborn constipation imaginable can be cured by a brief use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. You may not have heard of it before, but do not doubt its merits on that account or because it has not been blatantly advertised. It has sold very successfully on word of mouth recommendation. Parents are giving it to their children to those who were given it by their parents, and it has been truthfully said that more druggists use it per-

sonally in their families than any other laxative.

Letters recently received from Mrs. Josie Walker, Flatona, Texas, and Benj. Valentine, Zulinger, Tex., are but a few of thousands showing the esteem in which Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is held. It is mild, gentle, non gripping—not violent, like salts or cathartics. It cures gradually and pleasantly so that in time nature again does its own work without outside aid. Constipated people owe it to themselves to use this grand bowel specific.

Anyone wishing to make a trial of this remedy before buying it in the regular way of a druggist, at fifty cents or one dollar a large bottle (family size) can have a sample bottle sent to the home free of charge by simply addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 405 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. Your name and address on a postal card will do.

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## CHAPTER I.

### Into the Maelstrom.

They say that coming events cast their shadows before, but certainly I had no intimation when I left my office in the afternoon of April twelfth, of the maelstrom of mystery and tragedy into which I was about to plunge. I was worried and anxious, it is true, but only as every young man is who finds himself for the first time deeply in love. There was no portent of evil, no foreshadowing of the terrible chain of events that all but destroyed my belief in my fellow-man, and left its mark so deep upon my memory that I do not believe time ever can wholly efface it.

Even now that it is all ended, and the shadow which hung so heavily over the household of my sweetheart has been dispelled and the hand whose devilish ingenuity brought shame and grief and wreck to so many innocent lives is paying the penalty behind prison bars—even now I shudder at the sight of anything yellow. A scrap of yellow paper vividly recalls—and I fear always will recall—the painful events of the last few weeks.

I had been waiting ever since my return from court for a telephone message that had not come—the word from Louise which I felt would decide my fate. I had written to her the night before, asking if I might go to her in the afternoon to speak on a subject of importance. I knew she would understand the object of my letter, though all that I had asked was that she would telephone me earlier than four whether she would be at home.

From my window I had watched the great hand of the Metropolitan tower clock creep slowly to twelve. As the chimes began to sing the hour of four I felt that I could bear the suspense no longer. Message or no message, I would go to her at once. Before the vibrant note of "On-n-n-n-e" had died away I closed my desk with a bang. As the fourth stroke reverberated I stood with hat and overcoat on, my hand on the knob of my office door, hoping yet to hear my telephone ring. Impatiently I waited a minute and then dashed toward the elevator. The telephone, I learned afterward, rang almost the minute I was out of the room and Louise's voice called frantically for me, but I was not there to hear.

It was only a short walk up Madison avenue to the home of General Farris, the father of Louise. With the doubt that possesses every lover on such a mission as this, I walked it, now laggardly, as misgivings filled my heart, now quickening my pace as hope routed my fears. As I turned the corner into the street where the Farris home is situated my steps were leaden. What right had I to ask Louise Farris to be my wife? The daughter of a man worth many millions, a girl of exquisite beauty and of many accomplishments, one who could choose a husband where she willed—what right had I to hope that she would ever consent to become the wife of a struggling young lawyer such as I? To be sure, my family was of the best. With my earnings and the modest little fortune my father had left me I would be able to provide for her. But as yet, though my prospects were bright, I amounted to nothing in my profession. It would be years before I could hope to give my wife the luxuries to which Louise Farris had been accustomed.

On the other hand, I felt that with Louise as my wife I could do great things. I loved her with a great love. I felt that her affection and companionship would be inspiration enough for any man to conquer the world. I hoped that she loved me. I recalled the trites which seemed to show, at least, that she found pleasure in my society. I tried to comfort myself, too, by remembering that General Farris was a self-made man, that when he married he was as poor as I, if not poorer. I knew that he liked me and had confidence in me. Was it then, after all, I asked myself, presuming in me to hope that Louise would listen to me and that her father would consent to her becoming my wife—yet, why had she not telephoned?

As I dragged my hesitating feet across the street I was aroused from my reverie by the rush of an automobile that all but knocked me over. With an angry imprecation at such reckless driving I glanced up and recognized the man who occupied it. He was standing beside his chauffeur, as if ready to leap out. It was Doctor Wilcox, a noted practitioner who attended the Farris family, and whom I had met at their home. I plunged forward in anxious dismay as I saw the machine halt before the Farris door and the doctor jump out and run up the steps.

My first, my only thought, was of Louise. What could have happened? She must be ill—desperately ill, as the doctor's haste suggested. Did not this explain her failure to telephone? Could it be that she was dead? What

thoughts flashed through my mind I cannot analyze further. I only know I reached the house but a step behind the doctor. He had hardly passed through the door when I, too, flung myself into the hall and stood there swaying, with not voice enough to ask a question of the white-faced, horror-stricken maid who had answered the doctor's ring.

"Where is she?" I heard the doctor ask as he flung his coat to the maid and started up the stairs. Before she could answer him there were hurried foot steps on the upper landing and Louise peered down, the anxiety in her face lessening at the welcome sight of the doctor.

I gave a silly cry of joy and started up the stairs. Doctor Wilcox was ahead of me, three steps at a time, and, following Louise's silent direction, had disappeared in a room on the second floor, when I, with outstretched arms, approached her. I did not think to ask what had happened or who was ill or what the matter was. My only thought was one of joy that she was alive and well. What mattered if Louise was safe? And the emotion that filled me was still more intensified when she ran to me, and throwing herself into my arms, cried out:

"Oh, Harding, thank God, you've come!"

It was almost the first time she had called me by my name, certainly the first that she ever had given herself to my embrace, and I held her closely, thrilled through at the thought that it was to me she turned in time of trouble. Then, all at once, I was aroused by the opening of the door through which Doctor Wilcox had gone and the appearance of a maid, who ran along the hall.

"What is it? What has happened?" I asked.

"Katharine," moaned Louise, "Katharine—she has killed herself!"

For a moment I was stunned. The first thought that came to me was the impossibility of it. What place had tragedy in this happy, quiet home? Familiar enough, though I was, with deeds of violence, with self-murder as it thrust itself forward in the courts and in the lurid headlines of the newspapers, that such a thing could intrude on the peace of this well-ordered household seemed beyond my comprehension.

"I telephoned to you, but you were not in your office," sobbed Louise, still clinging to me in the abandonment of grief.

"When did you telephone?" I asked, even under such circumstances rejoicing to learn that she had telephoned.

"Just after she did it—I don't know when it was—it seems ages ago. I couldn't get you and I thought—you would never come—then—then—I telephoned for the doctor and father."

Just after she did it! I had been trying to make myself believe it must have been an accident, though from Louise's manner I feared the worst. Yet Katharine Farris was the last



"Oh, Harding, Thank God, You've Come!"

person in the world of whom one would think in connection with suicide. A quiet, reserved girl of great strength of character, several years older than Louise, her dignity and her well-considered actions had led me to believe her far less emotional than her younger sister.

"It was an accident, of course," I said, though doubtfully.

"No!" gasped Louise, shuddering anew at the thought of the horror she had just witnessed. "I heard the shot and found her on the divan in her room. The revolver was still in her hand—her own revolver."

For the first time it came to me with sudden vivid force that in the elder sister's life, behind the smiling mask of reserve she always wore, was hidden some secret sorrow. I understood, now, that far-away look in

her eyes. I felt there may have been—there must have been—concealed the knowledge of some mystery that impelled her to this awful deed. Yet little did I suspect whether my efforts to find why Louise's sister had shot herself would lead me. Little did I imagine in what a web of criminal cunning, of baffling crime, of hidden evil, I would find myself.

As I strove to soothe Louise's agitation the doctor appeared at the doorway and imperiously beckoned me. I tried to persuade Louise to wait outside, but she clung to me like a frightened child and insisted on accompanying me into the room.

"Here," said the doctor in the curt tones of authority, "I want you to help me carry her into a quiet place before I operate."

"This way," said Louise, recovering herself as soon as she saw the opportunity to be useful, "into my rooms. They are off the street and much quieter."

I saw the look with which she tried to read the doctor's face and put the question she dared not ask.

"Will she live?" Doctor Wilcox shook his head gravely.

"She is just alive and that is all. I can not tell yet whether or not we can save her. There must be absolute quiet. I am going to probe for the bullet and see what course it has taken. Please telephone at once for these two men. They are my hospital aides. As soon as they arrive I will operate."

As quickly as we had laid the senseless girl on Louise's bed, I telephoned for Doctor Wilcox's assistants, and was fortunate in being able to reach both immediately. Louise and the maids meanwhile were kept busy by the doctor preparing for the operation, so it fell to my lot to break the news to General Farris when he arrived. Louise had merely told him over the telephone that Katharine had met with an accident, so he entered the house almost wholly unprepared for the shock my news gave him.

I had before seen strong men in grief, but never had I witnessed such a wave of heartrending agony as swept over the general. He came into his home erect, military, slightly perturbed, but still in manner and bearing the vigorous old soldier, fully master of his emotions. My words that told him as gently as was possible what had happened seemed to sap all his vitality. His face became ashen pale, his lips quivered, great tears coursed down his cheeks, his shoulders bent under the weight of his grief and he tottered as if about to fall.

While he was fond and proud of both his daughters, the elder had always been his favorite. As is often the case with fathers who have no son, Katharine had been both son and daughter to him. Since her mother's death some years ago she had been practically head of the household. It was on her that he relied for everything, and it was with her that he discussed all his business affairs. Such association between them naturally had strengthened the bonds into far more than the ordinary father-and-daughter affection.

"My poor little girl—Katharine—my little Katharine," he moaned in tones of agony that wrung my heart for him.

His first thought was to go to her, but the doctor forbade his presence in the room. I persuaded him to go to his own apartments, leaving him in the hands of his valet and promising to keep him informed as to Katharine's condition.

Deeply as I felt for him, it was of Louise I thought most. I wanted to be with her constantly, to give her the succor of my presence. As soon as Doctor Wilcox's assistants arrived, bringing with them a nurse, Louise and I were both banished from the room. Gently I drew her into a little sitting-room, where, with the door ajar, we waited to see if our aid might be needed. Fearless sorrow now weighed heavily on her.

"Tell me everything," I said, with my arm about her. "Why did she do it?"

"I don't know," she cried out. "I can't understand it at all! There is some mystery, some terrible mystery that I cannot fathom."

"When did you see your sister last?"

"We had luncheon together. She was sweet and kind, as she always was, but I could see that something was worrying her. We were to have gone shopping together this afternoon but she told me that she had an errand that would make it impossible for her to go with me. I had received your note, so I told her that it would suit me much better to put the shopping off until tomorrow. Right after luncheon she went out—where, I do not know. She did not use the car or call a taxi. All I know is that she was gone about two hours. When she came in I was arranging the flowers in the dining-room. I heard her enter and came out into the hall. She walked right past me without a word and went upstairs to her own room. I ran up after her, thinking she might be ill, but just as I got to the door I heard her turn the key. I understood that she wished to be alone. About half an hour later I heard a sound like a shot and rushed upstairs, calling to the servants. We found the door still locked and we could hear her groaning. I had the butler burst open the door and there we found her, just where she was when you saw her, still as death, with her own little revolver clutched in her hand."

"What do you suppose made her change her mind about going shopping with you?" I asked. "Did she receive any letters or telegrams today?"

Louise thought for a moment before answering, her slender form still shaken with silent sobbing. Gently I

brushed away the tears that gathered in her eyes and drew her to me until her head was pillowed on my shoulder. I doubt that if in her distress she noticed my action, save in the sense of comfort that it brought her. How terrible it is to see the woman that you love suffer so much and to feel powerless to do anything to help her!

"No," said Louise, "I am positive Katharine received no letter or telegram today except an invitation or two that we read at breakfast. We were together practically all the time until after luncheon."

"Perhaps some one telephoned to her," I suggested.

Louise did not recall any message. We summoned her sister's maid, who was crouching outside the door like a faithful animal, and put the question to her. She was in such a hysterical state that it was difficult to make her understand what we wanted, but finally she remembered that there had been a telephone call just before twelve.

"Who wanted her?" asked Louise and I together.

"The girl shook her head as if bewildered."

"Think, think," I commanded. "What was the name? Who was it? If you

answered the telephone, whoever it was must have given his name."

Stupidly she shook her head again.

"Was it Mr. Crandall?" asked Louise.

Light came into Hilda's face at once.

"Now I remember," she exclaimed. "Dot was him. It was Mr. Crandall."

The name meant nothing to me and I turned to Louise for explanation.

Though there were many callers at the Farris home, I never had met a Mr. Crandall, nor had I even heard the name mentioned.

"It must have been Hugh Crandall," said Louise. "I was afraid that it was he."

Her remark puzzled me. The only Hugh Crandall I knew anything about was a prosperous young broker whom I never had met personally, though I had seen his name occasionally in connection with exchange and club affairs.

"Do you mean Hugh Crandall, the broker?" I asked.

Louise nodded, and leaning against my shoulder, told me of a chapter of the family history with which I was wholly unfamiliar. This man, it seemed, had met her sister two years before on a steamer on which they were returning from Europe. After that he had been a frequent visitor at the Farris home. Katharine was very fond of him, and he had been in high favor both with the general and Louise. Though no formal announcement of an engagement had been made, Crandall was looked on by every one as Miss Farris's most favored suitor. About three months ago, just prior to the time when I first met Louise, his visits to the house had suddenly ceased.

"I'm sure," Louise explained, "that Katharine cared for him very much. She and father had a bitter quarrel about him, though why, I never could understand, for father had always seemed to like him. There was something strange about the way his visits ended. Father came home one day at noon looking worried. He called Katharine into the library and shut the door. I could hear Katharine pleading with him and once or twice I heard both their voices raised as if in anger. When my sister came out her eyes were red as if she had been weeping. She went at once to her room and did not come down to dinner. When Mr. Crandall called that night she came down to see him, but he stayed only about ten minutes. He demanded an interview with father, and father refused to see him. He left the house in heat and never has been here since. For several days Katharine seemed much depressed but she volunteered no confidences and I hesitated to ask her any questions. She seemed after a while wholly to have recovered her spirits, and I was convinced that she had made up her mind to let Mr. Crandall go out of her life."

"What effect did this have on the relations between your father and sister?" I asked, seeking in vain for a motive that would have caused Katharine to attempt her life.

"None whatever that I could see. Through it all, except for that one afternoon, Katharine's attitude toward father has been most lovable. If anything, it seemed to me that she was tenderer toward him afterward than before."

"Do you suppose she has been meeting Crandall surreptitiously?"

Louise quickly and indignantly drew herself away from me.

"You don't know Katharine as I do," she said reprovingly, "or you never would have said that. She is the soul

of honor. If she was going to see Hugh she would have done so openly."

"But he telephoned her today," I persisted.

"That's so," admitted Louise. "And I think he must have done so day before yesterday, too. Some one called her, and she went out just as she did today. Generally we tell each other where we are going, and I thought it peculiar at the time that she said nothing to me."

In deep perplexity we both sat, silently pondering the mystery of Katharine's action. What could have made her do it? Was it, I wondered, because her father had learned something discreditable about her suitor and had forbidden him the house? Had Crandall been trying to persuade her to continue to see him despite her father's wishes? Was the conflict in her heart between love and duty too much for her? Louise turned to me and laid her hand gently on my arm.

"Harding," she said, "there is some deep mystery behind all this that has been creeping like a black shadow across the lives of both Katharine and my father. In some way Hugh Crandall is concerned in it. I know it. I feel it. It is something more than merely the refusal of my father to permit her to marry Crandall. I have watched them both and I know. I have seen this mysterious specter hovering over my father, gradually crushing the very soul out of him. I have seen Katharine's life, too, blighted by its constant presence. Whether Katharine lives or whether she dies, I must find out what it is. I must, before it kills my father, too. You'll help me, won't you?"

There have been strange windings and strange betrothals in love's history, but never before has any man been brought to a fuller realization of the depth of a woman's affection for him or her confidence and trust in him than I was at this moment when Louise put this question to me. My arms went about her and my lips met hers in one long kiss that was a pledge—a pledge that henceforth my life, my heart, my mind, my powers, my everything were hers. All my abilities would be devoted to clearing this mystery that was stealing the joy from her years, when they should be the pleasantest. But this was no time for love dalliance. The mystery must be solved. Suicides generally left letters. Perhaps—

Hand in hand, Louise and I went into Katharine's apartments, where the room's disorder still told of the tragedy so recently enacted there. In one corner stood a little open desk. Its contents bore evidence of a recent careful sorting that hinted very plainly of premeditation, but there was no note or letter there. I looked next on the mantelpiece, hoping to find among the photographs and collation favors that littered it some clue which might solve the mystery, but there was nothing there, either.

My eye fell to the grate below, where a fire burned cheerily. Here again was evidence of premeditation in the ashes of burned letters and the charred corner of a photograph. A blackened bit of paper that had fallen through the grate before it burned caught my glance and I stooped to pick it up. It was just a scrap of yellow, torn from a folded letter, with its edges burned to fragility. Carefully Louise and I unfolded it, for it seemed the only thing in all the room that might yield some explanation. As we pored over the meaningless fragments of sentences, an exclamation of horror came from the doorway. Looking up we saw the tall form of General Farris tottering on the sill.

Clad in a dressing-jacket, his white hair in wild disorder, he pointed with accusing finger at the yellow scrap of paper in my hand. Never in mortal face have I seen such terror as I saw in his. His eyes, dilated, seemed bulging from their sockets. His countenance was white as chalk. His jaw had dropped in the paralysis of terror. From his throat came horrible mumbings, as he tried to speak and could not.

Louise and I sprang to his side, but with almost maniacal strength he shook us off and, with finger still pointing to the yellow scrap I had let fall to the floor, he managed to gasp:

"That yellow letter. Where did—"

Before he could finish the sentence he fell stricken to the floor, his voice choking, his eyes glazing, paralyzed by some hidden terror—we knew not what.

CHAPTER II.

### Our First Clue.

Louise and I sat at dinner together. Isn't it strange in this world of ours how the commonplace follows on the terrible, how the usual and the unusual intermingle, how the clock ticks on when the whole universe seems to be tumbling about our heads! In one of the rooms upstairs lay Katharine, still unconscious, with a doctor and a nurse constantly at her side. The bullet had been removed, and while it had penetrated the brain some slight distance, Doctor Wilcox said there was just a chance—the barest chance—that she might recover. It might, however, be hours, he explained, before she regained consciousness—if she ever did.

In another of the rooms lay General Farris, more dead than alive. Paralysis had deadened his limbs and tied his tongue. Only his eyes seemed alert. Most of the time since the stroke had felled him he had been slumbering heavily, not with the sleep of health or weariness but with the coma of disease. In the moments when he was awake and seemed conscious his eyes still had the look of terror that we had seen just before he was stricken. Coupled with this look of fear was an indefinable expression of entreaty, as if there was something

he would ask and could not. Anxious as Louise and I were to learn what it was that was troubling him, the doctor forbade our making any effort to do so, and made us leave the room, where he had put a second nurse in charge.

While the bustle of caring for the two stricken ones lasted there was little time for thought, and I was glad for the activity that kept Louise's mind distracted. Just at the moment when it seemed that everything had been done and there was nothing left but the anxious waiting—waiting for the worst—the butler had tiptoed in to summon us to dinner. Bravely, at first, Louise and I made pretense of eating, each trying to encourage the other, but the unforgettable events of the afternoon, the missing faces at the table and the sorrow that filled us both made food impossible. Drawing our chairs together, we discussed in whispers the baffling mystery of Katharine's attempted suicide and her father's strange terror.

On the table before us lay the scrap of yellow paper, the sight of which had so agitated General Farris. As soon as he had been carried into his own rooms I had hastened to rescue it from the floor. I felt that, insignificant as it appeared, it must have some important connection with the events of the afternoon. Yet as Louise and I puzzled over it, there seemed nothing sinister in the fragments of sentences that the flames had left all but indecipherable.

The paper, of a peculiarly yellowish tint, was hardly more than two square inches, the torn corner of a folded letter. On it we could make out these words:

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and disgrace ab  
by accident le  
make good

As we studied the bit of type-writing, word by word, we tried to trace in it some hidden meaning, some sinister warning, something or anything that would connect it with poor Katharine's mental distress and her father's poignant terror. That the letter of which this was a part had been in Katharine's possession was evident from the place where I had picked up the fragment. It was equally certain that it had been her purpose to destroy it. On the other hand, General Farris, too, must have known of the existence of this letter, else why did he show such terror at the mere sight of a scrap of it? It must have been part of some document that had made a vivid impression on his mind. More than likely, we felt, whatever the letter was, it had played some part in the quarrel between Katharine and her father the afternoon before she dismissed Hugh Crandall.

We ran over all the words we could think of that begin "ba," trying to fit one to the phrases following—back, bar, ban, bank, bankrupt, basin, barrel, barren, battle—there were too many of them. We gave it up and passed on to the next phrase, "used se—" It proved equally puzzling. We could make nothing out of it, but the third line at least was definite enough for discussion.

"A sister—" said Louise. "That makes it certain that this letter did not apply in any way to father, for he never had a sister. He was an only child."

I was not so positive as she that the letter did not apply to the general. The thought came to me that perhaps even in the proud Farris family there might have been some girl child of unblest birth whose existence had been kept secret from Louise. Perhaps some knowledge of this sort had come to Katharine and the letter referred to it. I refrained from suggest-



On the Table Before Us Lay the Scrap of Yellow Paper.

ing such a theory, for I felt it would be the height of cruelty even to hint such a thing to Louise at a time when the father was helpless to explain. Yet the following phrase, "seemed inevitable," might well fit into some theory such as this, followed as it was in the next line with the word "disgrace."

For a moment I felt that I was on the track of the solution of the mystery. Some specter from the general's past had risen to haunt his declining years, to threaten his good name, to worry him into his grave. His elder daughter had discovered it and had been unable to carry the burden of shame. Could this have been the secret that these two shared and kept Louise in ignorance of? A word from Louise all at once upset my theory.

"I wonder," she said, "if this isn't part of a letter about Hugh Crandall."

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

## BALLINGER CITIZENS CONDEMN DALLAS

Action Dallas Chamber of Commerce Causes Local Merchants Take Drastic Steps in Own Interests.

As published in these columns a few days ago, the Dallas Chamber of Commerce are aiding the railroads in curtaining the common point territory which if done will so vitally affect our freight rates and that of a large area of Central West Texas. At a mass meeting of the citizens and business men held Tuesday afternoon the attitude of Dallas in this matter was thoroughly discussed, and while our business men did not want to be viewed in the light of making a boycott against Dallas jobbers, it was very evident that the pleasant business relations which so long have existed between that city and this would probably be severed if Dallas did not let up on the fight.

After discussing the matter thoroughly the following resolutions were adopted by the citizens assembled:

Ballinger, Texas, July 2, 1912.

We, the business men and citizens of Ballinger, in mass meeting assembled, regret very much to note the action of the Freight Committee of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, in the matter of the proposed change in freight rates, by the curtailing of certain common point territory, effecting a large area of Central West Texas, in which matter the Dallas Chamber of Commerce are not only favoring but are taking aggressive steps to bring about the increased rate that would so vitally work to the detriment of our commercial interest. As we view the action of the Dallas jobbers in this matter it will sever the pleasant business relations that have so long existed between the retail merchants of this section and the city of Dallas. Therefore be it resolved:

That we deplore the action of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, as voiced by its Freight Committee, and we sincerely trust that they will rescind their action, and with the spirit of a fair deal that they will not join their forces with the rail road companies, and assist in pressing down upon us a burden that will greatly injure the development of our country.

Be it further resolved that we fear should said Chamber of Commerce further aid, assist and lend its influence in bringing about this change, that it will work to the serious detriment of our great State Fair and other interests.

Be it further resolved that each business man or citizens who relations with the banks and merchants of Dallas, that they address them a personal letter and impress upon them the injustice of the action of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

### Working For Better Prices.

San Antonio, Texas, June 29.—Mr. W. T. Loudermilk, chairman of the sub-committee on cotton marketing of the Texas Welfare Commission made his report to the Commission in session in this city last week, favoring the holding plan adopted by the Farmer's Union and suggested that funds be provided for lending money at six percent on distress cotton, and recommended that the business interests co-operate with the farmers in securing better prices for their products. The plan has been tried out by the Farmers Union, and its efficiency in regulating prices demonstrated, and with more complete co-operation on the part of the business interests can be made a powerful factor in price-making.

Mr. Loudermilk is a practical farmer, ex-president of the Farmers' Union, and one of the closest students of agricultural conditions in the South.

Mrs. J. S. Stubbs left Tuesday for Comanche to visit relatives, from there she will go to Arkansas, to spend the summer.

### LATE CONVENTION NEWS.

Baltimore, July 3.—Although the main business of the convention was disposed of the floor and galleries were filled when the convention met last night to nominate a vice president and adopt a platform. While the delegates were arriving spectators and delegates joined in singing patriotic songs, parodies, and popular songs for Clark and Wilson. The New Jersey delegation cheered Bryan and Wilson and in retort one Missouri delegate shouted "Houn' dog for Wilson now" Wilson buttons were pinned to the lapels of the coats of the Missouri delegation and there was a general love feast. When Bryan entered the hall he was cheered lustily.

The session was called to order at 9:36 p. m. Nominations were first called for. The states were passed until Georgia was reached and H. H. Dean of that state placed Clark in nomination. Yells of approval sounded through the hall. Former Governor Dockery of Missouri then declined the nomination for Clark. He said Clark had decided not to accept the nomination, that he prefers to remain in his present place. He is still loyal to the democratic party, he said and had not reached the conclusion out of pique.

Governor Burk of North Dakota was then placed in nomination. Samuel Alschuler of Illinois nominated Elmore W. Hurst of Rock Island, Ill., Indiana nominated Governor Marshall. An Iowa delegate nominated Martin J. Wade. Wade declined and seconded the nomination of Burke. Mayor James P. Peck of Baltimore was placed in nomination by Alonzo Miles of Maryland. Unanimous consent was given at the request of A. Mitchell Palmer, Wilson manager, that the nomination be deferred until the platform was adopted. Senator Kern, chairman of the resolution committee, then read the platform.

The platform was adopted by a viva voce vote.

The roll call states for vice-presidential nomination was then resumed. Oregon placed Senator Chamberlain of that state in nomination. Pennsylvania had a candidate. It was then apparent that Clark would not be placed in nomination as the plan had been to have representative Palmer to name him.

The storm broke when the District of Columbia delegate suggested Bryan. The convention was in an uproar.

Quickly Bryan took the platform and declared, when order was restored that he wanted to say a word in the nature of a valedictory. He stated he had been "a fighting man for sixteen years. Tonight," continued Bryan "with joy I surrender the stand and I bore in three camps to the nominee of this convention, and challenge any man to say it has ever been lowered in the face of the enemy."

Bryan declined to allow his name to be used, but said it was not with the idea of disparaging the office. He said there was no office so low that he would not fill it if he felt the country needed him. Bryan seconded the nomination of both Burke and Chamberlain. He said that if he had any enemies, those enemies held a monopoly in hatred, for he did not feel that way toward any man.

The first ballot resulted—Marshall 397, Burke 305 1-3, Chamberlain 157, Hurst 77, Preston 58, McCombs 18, Osborne 9, Shulzer 3, Wade 26. Absent 46 1-3.

The second ballot gave: Marshall 646 1 1/2, Burke 387 1/2, Chamberlain 12 1/2. Burke's name was withdrawn. The North Dakota delegation moved the nomination of Marshall be made unanimous. A chorus of the "ayes" followed. The motion was declared carried at 1:56 a. m.

The democratic convention went into history. That are of mutual concern.

## GETTING READY FOR REUNION

Various Committee Appointed and Work Outlined—Prospects Good for Successful Reunion, You are Expected to Help.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Business League this morning the work of arranging for the big reunion to be held on Aug. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, was thoroughly discussed and plans put on foot to make the coming event the most successful ever held here. The Colorado-Concho reunion has been away from Ballinger for two years, and with its returning will come a greater number of visitors perhaps than ever before. The Old Soldiers want to come back to Ballinger, and enjoy three more days of our hospitality and the young people know that there is always fun in store for them at Ballinger. Nothing but the best in the way of attraction and plenty of that will be furnished for both the young and old.

At the meeting this morning the following committees were appointed: On grounds, barbecue, ice, water and light, E. D. Walker and R. P. Kirk.

Finance, R. G. Erwin, Jo Wilmet and E. D. Walker.

Transportation, R. P. Kirk, Privileges, A. W. Sledge.

Decorating, U. P. Melton, C. P. Shepherd and T. S. Lankford.

Program and Entertainment, Holt Smith, W. C. Reeves, J. P. Martindale, Mrs. F. C. Miller, Mrs. W. S. Fleming, Mrs. Ransom, Mrs. U. P. Melton, Mrs. K. V. Northington, Mrs. J. R. Lusk and Miss Emma Bennett.

It's up to every member of the nothing is left undone to make this the grandest reunion in the history of the association and add another feather to Ballinger's cap.

If you feel blue, no account, lazy you need a good cleaning out. Herbine is the right thing for that purpose. It stimulates the liver, tones up the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Texarkana—The Kansas City & Southern Railway will build a new passenger depot in this city. The structure will cost about \$125,000.

Angelita—The watermelon growers of this section are shipping at the rate of ten cars per day to all points in Texas. It is estimated that 2,000 acres of land has been given to melons this season and the yield is expected to exceed 200 cars.

E. L. Raspberry and wife, and daughter and son, Miss Bertha and Edgar, all left for Boulder Colorado last Wednesday to spend the summer. They will make Boulder headquarters, but will tour the state and other points in the west, returning in September.

### PICNIC.

There will be a big basket picnic on Buck Creek, one and one-half miles Northeast of Token, (Content) on July 12th, all are invited, and candidates are especially invited to come and tell their troubles.

Sam Farmer and Mayor Bigler, 4 1/2 Miles were here Tuesday.

### Spread of Disease.

When asked the cause of the spread of diseases and the preventive methods, nine-tenths of the physicians will tell you that flies cause the spread and I furnish the prevention by screening your house. If you need this kind of work or any other in my line phone me.

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### The New Party.

The new party is the person who doesn't know that for Headaches, Neuralgia and Rheumatism, Hunts Lightning Oil is almost instant relief. It has been the standard pain reliever for thirty years.

### Texas Industrial Notes

Sherman—The Grayson County Poultry Association has called a meeting to decide on the date for the next poultry show. Officers will also be elected at the next session.

Devine—President Richardson of the Asherton and Gulf Railway announces that arrangements have been made to extend the line from Asherton to Eagle Pass, a distance of approximately 45 miles. It is also reported that it will pass thru Carrizo Springs providing that city raises a sufficient bonus.

Alice—A movement is on foot to construct a dam across San Diego creek near this city which will irrigate between 50,000 and 60,000 acres of land. The work under construction consists of an immense dam 1700 feet long and reaching a height of 63 feet. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1,000,000.00 and actual work is expected to start in the fall.

San Antonio—C. H. Kearney, chief engineer of the Medina project, has announced that arrangements have been completed with the I. & G. N. and the Southern Pacific railroads for the establishment of a new town along the lines of the above roads. The new town will be named, Natalie, in honor of the daughter of Dr. Pearson, the promoter of the big project.

Austin—The Austin Business League is planning a week-end trade excursion to Houston and Galveston, sometime in July. The party will be accompanied by the league's official band and plenty of advertising matter will be taken along and distributed on the way.

Gorman—A commercial club has been organized in this city. The following officers have been elected: Jno. H. Sweatt, chairman and W. J. Mangum, secretary.

Dallas—Thirteen directors have been elected by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce to organize a company to buy and operate a steamboat line from Dallas to the Gulf of Mexico.

Austin—A permit to do business has been granted to the Phoenix Construction Company of Hartford Conn., capital stock \$50,000. This company will build the power plants for the Texas Light and Power Company at Waco and other points.

El Paso—The box factory which has been in course of construction for some time will start operation on the 15th of June. Later the factory will build sash and doors along with its box manufacturing.

Austin—The Texas Trust Company, recently organized in this city has purchased the \$750,000 bond issues voted on by the city of Austin for road improvements.

Cameron—An election has been ordered for July 23rd to vote on the issuance of \$200,000 in good roads bonds in precinct number 4 Milam county.

Fay City—An election has been ordered for July 20th to vote on the issuance of \$100,000 in good roads bonds for precinct No. 1, Matagorda county. Mud-shells will be used in constructing the roads which lie between this city and Matagorda, providing the election carries.

Brenham—The Young Men's Business Association of this city has appointed a committee to raise \$15,000, to be used in constructing buildings at the Blinn Memorial College, which is located in this city.

Victoria—A Chamber of Commerce has been organized here with a charter membership of over 200. The following officers were elected: J. M. Rutland, president, C. B. Riehy, F. B. Lander, and J. H. Clegg, directors.

Beeville—The third trades excursion of the business men of this city was held on the 18th. The trade territory west of Beeville was invaded and an old time barbecue was given the boosters at Oakville.

Waco—Announcement has been made of the organization of a 1,000,000 stock company, named the Continental Trust Company.

The following officers have been elected: Judge Sam R. Scott, president and Geo. B. Reynolds, vice-president. Mr. Reynolds is also a vice president of the Colonial Company recently launched at Hillsboro.

Franklin—The recent good roads election held in this precinct of Robertson county carried by a vote of 134 to 37. The amount of the bonds voted on was \$100,000.

Normangee—It is reported that oil has been struck at a depth of 500 feet on the Beef Ben Prairie, seven miles from here.

Nacodoches—At a recent meeting of the Young Men's Commercial Club, Maj. A. M. Strong was elected secretary. The organization prior to this time has been without the services of a paid secretary, but the membership has increased to such an extent that it was found necessary to have in charge an experienced man who can also handle the publicity end and devote his entire time to the club.

Cleburne—Fifty-four cars of cattle have been shipped from this city to Northern markets so far, this season.

### Mazeland Musings.

Swat is the word now. Every paper you pick up says swat the house fly.

We say swat every evil that presents itself.

And in this connection we are sometimes at a loss to know evil from good.

Nowhere is the Southern States Cotton Corporation.

Why don't some of our long-headed bankers or business men, take the initiative and move out for this fifteen cent cotton or get up in the local press and swat it if an evil, good and plenty.

This Corporation proposes to give 11 cents cash for middling cotton and issue certificates for 4 cents more payable when the corporation sells the cotton.

All of which sounds mighty good to the old Redneck who has had his ears pricked up for these many years for 15 cent cotton. But in contracting the cotton to this corporation the farmer is required to pay one dollar per bale to pay for hauling, storage, insurance and so forth.

The Corporation has 50 Directors behind it and it wants six good men in every cotton-growing county and see how the thing looks at second blush.

Suppose you contract 100 bales and pay \$100.00 cash, what is there behind this contract to prevent the possibility of losing your \$100.00.

Instead of paying some money cash down on this purchase of cotton or putting up a forfeit as earnest money it seems that the man selling has to put up the money.

It looks mighty good, Ikey, to suppose that there are men of big heart and brain who want to help themselves by helping the farmer get 15 cents for cotton and thus helping the entire South and bringing prosperity to everybody.

But our people have been humbugged so much that they are a little suspicious and they want to know all of the details before they plunge into a thing. Suppose for instance that this corporation should fail to sell this cotton at a profit, where would the farmer's other 4 cents come in on his certificates.

Registered Rednecks are not going to be easily caught napping but at the same time if there is a nice fat plum to be handed to the men who feed and clothe the world Rannels County ought to get in the procession and forge to the front. But frankly we must confess that our experience has taught us that when men come after you, Ikey, and want to do something great for you I miss my guess if you hadn't better take a little salt along with the proposition.

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Items of Interest to Mission Workers.

At the recent Council meeting it was determined to list the various phases of work so that it might be financed by shares.

An auxiliary or an individual may purchase the shares in some location where work appeals. Below is a tentative list:

List of shares by which Adults, Young People, and children may contribute, specifically to the Home Department to meet Auxiliary and Conference Pledges.

1. New building at Brevard Institute Brevard N. C. \$10.00 needed. Forty-five shares at \$50 each, 650 shares at \$10 each.

2. Cottage for headquarters for negro extension work, \$3,000 needed. Forty shares at \$50 each, 15 shares at \$10 each. Privilege of naming the cottage given to individual or auxiliary donating \$1,000.

3. Wolff Mission School support of deaconess, \$500 needed. A fine chance for individual subscription. Fifty shares at \$10 each. Two teachers, \$500 each needed. One hundred and twenty shares at \$10 each.

4. Gulf Coast, Galveston immigrant work, \$2,000 needed, twenty shares at \$50 each, 20 shares at \$10 each. Gulfport Sailors Rest, \$540 needed, 54 shares at \$10.00 each. Biloxi, Wesley House, \$540 needed, 54 shares at \$10 each. New Orleans, St. Mark's Hall, Deaconess, \$500 needed (fine chance for personal substitute.) Six shares at \$50 each, 12 shares at \$25 each. District nurse, \$500 needed. Six shares at \$50 each, 12 shares at \$25 each. Teacher of cooking school \$500 needed. Six shares at \$50 each, 12 shares at \$25 each.

5. Sue Bennett School, Music department \$1,500 needed. 6 shares at \$50 each, 12 shares at \$25.00 each, 90 shares at \$10 each. Department of Agriculture, \$1,500 needed. Six shares at \$50 each, 12 shares at \$25 each, 90 shares at \$10 each. Normal Department, \$2,000, 6 shares at \$50 each, 12 shares at \$25 each, 140 shares at \$10.00 each. Academic Department, \$2,000 needed, 12 shares at \$50 each, 24 shares at \$25 each, 500 shares at \$10 each, 150 shares at \$5 each.

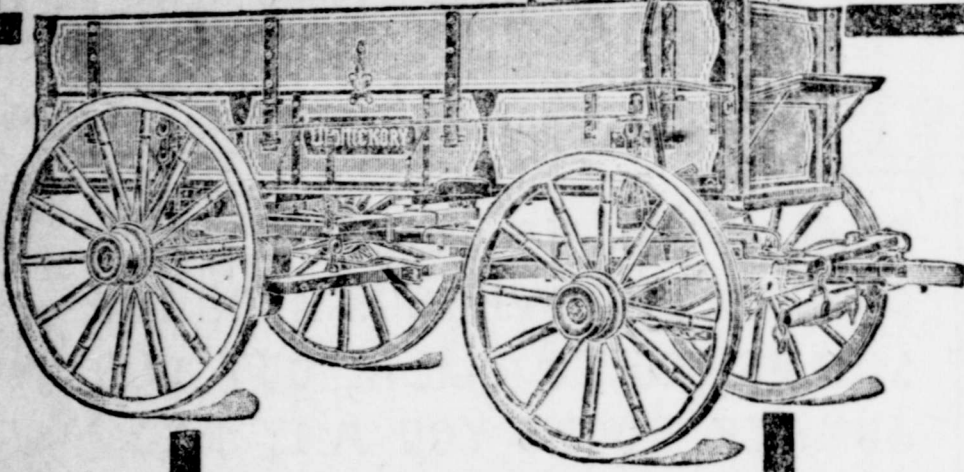
Doing hard work in a bent or stooping position puts a stitch in the back that is painful. If the muscles have become strained, you can't get rid of it without help. The great penetrating power of Ballard's Snow Liniment will appeal to you most strongly at such times, because it is the very thing you need. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

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# ROWENA NEWS NOTES

Ostertag, the furniture man of Ballinger passed through our city on his way to his farm five miles south west of town.

County Attorney, H. Zdaril, passed thru our city enroute to Miles Wednesday where he reminded them of his race for County Attorney.

Bob Kirk of Ballinger was in our city on business between trains Saturday.

Except the lady employe, the entire force of the Ballinger Dry Goods Company, including Mr. McGregor, attended the ball in our city Saturday.

Mrs. Mattie C. Dickinson, candidate for Treasurer of Rinnels county was in our city yesterday and paid us a pleasant call.

W. L. Ellis of Ballinger had business in Rowena between trains Wednesday.

Last week Miss Ida May Zachry was taken with the second attack of appendicitis which was very severe. She was taken to the Sanitarium at Ballinger in Hanz's auto Friday night, the operation being performed next morning. Miss Ida is getting along unusually well and will likely be brought back home next week.—Rowena Review.

Buy it now. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. Buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency. For sale by all dealers.

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## For Sale.

My residence and two lots on corner of 13th street. A five room house, three galleries, storm house, underground cistern and barn. Price \$800.00 a bargain for one who wants a home. Mrs. B. Strom, Ballinger, Texas.

For soreness of the muscles, whether induced by violent exercise or injury, there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

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Did you ever know of any hair preparation which would really grow hair and restore the color to gray or faded hair.

There are many preparations highly advertised to do the work, but it is probably your experience that none of them will really meet the claims of their manufacturers.

There are many so-called Hair Restorers which are nothing more than harmful chemical dyes, which do not grow any hair, the only result being that they dyed the hair, having no permanency and often causing a streaky appearance.

It has been the aim of the chemists for years to discover a preparation which would really grow hair and restore the color to gray or faded hair but heretofore they have met with no success.

Prof. Rembler now claims to have discovered a combination of harmless vegetable composition which is a Genuine Hair Restorer and will grow hair and does not contain any dye of any kind, but will positively restore the natural color and brilliancy to gray and faded hair.

This is a very strong statement to make and if any chemist without the recognized ability and national reputation of Prof. Rembler were to this claim we would be inclined to be skeptical as to its truth. It will be remembered by readers that are familiar with scientific discoveries that Prof. Rembler was the inventor of the one fire process for gliding glass and also the Rembler wireless Coherer. Any statement made by Prof. Rembler is entitled to consideration as he would not make any statement which were not true and would injure his established reputation.

The Siloron Mfg. Co., of Pueblo, Colo., have purchased the exclusive

American rights to manufacture Sagine, as they have named Prof. Rembler's invention, after having made a six month's test of Sagine and thoroughly demonstrating that it would positively do the work. The Siloron Mfg. Co. have authorized us to make the following remarkable offer to all who need a "Genuine Hair Restorer."

They will send a written agreement with every bottle of Sagine, to the effect that if one bottle of Sagine conscientiously used according to the directions does not give entire satisfaction to the purchaser, if Sagine does not actually grow hair and restore the color to gray or faded hair, remove dandruff and make the hair healthy and glossy, that they will pay the sum of \$5 to any dissatisfied purchaser.

This is the strongest offer made by any manufacturer and one they could not possibly make if they did not know positively from experiment that it would do exactly what they claim for it. No one takes any chance in buying Sagine as it is certainly worth \$1 to use a Genuine Hair Restorer that will really grow hair, and if it does not give satisfaction they will pay you the \$5 agreed. Send a \$1 bill to The Siloron Mfg. Co., Pueblo, Colo., stating that you wish to purchase a bottle of Sagine with the written agreement to grow hair and restore the color to gray or faded hair or pay you the sum of \$5 and it will be sent to you in plain wrapper.

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## He is a Rinnels County Boy.

Sunday night at Paint Rock the crowd was so large the big tent was overflowed. The meeting is one of the best every held in our town and has resulted in great good. The young men are full of zeal and love and knowledge and the fear of the Lord. It is a great meeting.—Paint Rock Herald.

The young preacher who is conducting the successful revival is none other than our good friend B. B. Crimm, son of G. F. Crimm of the Valley Creek community. The young man has been attending Howard-Payne at Brownwood for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cobb recently of Ballinger, have moved to Santa Anna, and are at home in the Pieratt house, near Jas. Stephenson's. — Santa Anna News.

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## The New Party.

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The girls of a western town organized an anti-sling society. A certain miss was elected president and when asked if she would accept, she replied: "Sure, Mike, but gosh, gals, I am so rattled in my cupola that I am really short of gab. We are certainly hitting the ground in high places, and I never trumble to such a polish before. But when I get you the high ball I expect you to get there Clie and whoop'er up for all that's out. I think I am to the snuff enough so the flies won't light on me while doing the president stunt of this society, but I won't stand for any monkey doodle business from you gals while I'm running this ranch. We gals ought to extend and invite to the married ladies to help us shoot his sling business. It's getting to be fierce."

## Chiggers and Mosquitos.

Are now in their glory—their business is good and they are happy. There is no earthly use of letting them chew on you, however, if you do not like their ways. A little on exposed parts will keep them off and immediately relieve the irritation caused by their bites. Rub a little on and see for yourself.

## NOTICE.

The Ex-Open Range Cow Punchers Association of Rinnels and adjoining counties, Texas, will hold their next annual Re-union and Banquet on the night of July 23rd, on the next succeeding day, in L. P. Woods pasture, near old Rinnels.

C. A. Doose, Sec. 31

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of McGEES BABY ELIXIR. It may be needed at any time to correct so stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce

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Our policy is to sell each Season's garment before the end of the season even if we have to sell them for less than cost to us. We don't want to carry a dress, skirt or waist over and for this reason we are going to sell everything in this department at big reductions.

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- All \$25.00 dresses ..... \$16.75
- All \$20.00 dresses ..... \$13.95
- All \$15.00 dresses ..... \$11.75
- All \$10.00 dresses ..... \$7.75

Big lot of White dress values up \$7.50 your choice for \$7.75  
 25 per cent reduction on skirts, come early and get your choice.  
 Waists at 50c, 65c, and 95c that are sure enough bargains.  
 House dresses and kimonas go at big reductions.  
 A visit to this department will convince you that this is the time and place to buy.

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