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TWO LOCAL BANKS ELECT NEW CASHIERS

The rumor has been current for some time that there would be a change in the official family of two of Ballinger's banking institutions, and the rumor developed into facts Tuesday of this week when the directors of the two banks in question met and elected officers for the ensuing year. The election makes some important changes in both the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

E. D. Walker, who has been cashier of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., since the organization of that institution, resigned. The directors elected W. E. Barbee to succeed Mr. Walker and Mr. Barbee accepted the position and immediately entered upon the duties of his new office. There were no other changes in this bank, Chas. S. Miller being re-elected president and Morgan Jones vice president. Sam Banker who has been with the bank since last summer remains with the institution.

Mr. Barbee the new cashier, has also been with this bank for several years, with the exception of the last six months, he having had a general agency for a prominent insurance company. When the cashier was tendered him he resigned his position with the insurance company and accepted same. Mr. Barbee is a man that is well known among the patrons of the bank which he will serve as cashier, as well as throughout this section of the state. He was practically raised in this county, at Ballinger, and his many friends and friends of the bank will be glad to know that he will make up an important part in the handling of that bank's affairs.

Mr. Miller was the first president of the Ballinger State Bank and he has served the bank in that capacity since its organization. He has built up a credit that any banker can well afford to be proud of. With the changes just made he becomes more actively associated with the bank he organized and will devote practically all his time to the conducting of the bank's affairs. This bank has never failed to make good and with the prosperous future ahead, the bank will continue to grow in popularity with its patrons.

E. D. Walker Goes With F. & M. Bank.

E. D. Walker is a new member of the official family of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Mr. Walker was elected cashier of that bank and Wednesday morning of this week found him at his new desk. Other changes made in F. & M. Bank places R. R. Russell at the head of that institution as president, J. F. Currie, who has been president since the organization of the bank retiring

from active service, but remains on the board of directors as well as vice president of the bank. Jo Wilmeth, the only cashier the bank has ever had was elected vice president—active vice president and takes the desk heretofore held by Mr. Currie. Mr. Currie has not stated what he will devote his personal attention to but it is presumed that he will look after his private business affairs.

The complete line up of the F. & M. Bank as made up by the recent meeting of the board of directors is as follows:

Directors: R. R. Russell, G. G. Odom, J. F. Currie, M. D. Chastain, T. S. Lankford, J. L. Chastain. Officers: R. R. Russell, president; J. F. Currie, vice president; M. D. Chastain, vice president; Jo Wilmeth, vice president; E. D. Walker, cashier; J. L. Chastain, assistant cashier; Andy Gustavus, assistant cashier; Miss Franc Baker, stenographer.

The personnel of this bank speaks for itself. The president Mr. Russell has lived in West Texas for more than thirty years, having moved to Menard county in 1870, and while residing there he served as sheriff ten years making one of the best peace officers Texas ever had. He now has his home in San Antonio and is president of the State Bank & Trust Company of that city, its deposits being now more than three million dollars. He is also heavily interested in the Bank at Menard, recognized as one of the strongest private banks of the State.

Mr. Russell is conceded to be one of our most active and extensive cattle dealers, having large ranch interests through the southwest, has been exceptionally successful in his undertakings and is worth well beyond the million dollar mark. He is an optimist by birth and practice with great faith in the future of Runnels County and its people, as is evidenced by the fact that he is the largest land owner in our county. He was the prime mover in the organization of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank, is now and has always been its heaviest shareholder. In his absence he will be represented by Active Vice President Jo Wilmeth, who has been actively engaged in the banking business in Runnels county for twenty years.

Jo Wilmeth, who becomes active vice president of this bank needs no commendation at our hands. We doubt if there is a man in Runnels County that is better known throughout this section than Jo Wilmeth. He has been associated with the banking interest of Ballinger practically since the town was staked off and called Ballinger.

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BIG FIRE AT MILES WEDNESDAY.
Fire at three o'clock this morning destroyed the store of C. A. Sewell & Co., the largest general merchandise store at Miles. The business occupied two store buildings and the loss will up into the thousands. The fire is supposed to have started from trash pile back of the store.

BALLINGER TEACHERS TO DO NORMAL WORK

Prof. W. S. Fleming, superintendent, and Prof. J. M. Skinner, principal of the Ballinger schools, have accepted propositions submitted to them to teach in normals during the coming summer.

Prof. Fleming will go to Baylor College at Waco about the middle of June, and will teach there for seven or eight weeks. He spent last summer at Waco teaching in the normal and it is quite a credit to the Ballinger schools as well as to Prof. Fleming that he has been given the place again, as this is one of the best normals in Texas, or anywhere in the Southwest.

Prof. Skinner has accepted a place in the normal to be held at Simmons College in Abilene. This is one of the ten recognized best normals in the state. Ballinger is again honored by the selection of Prof. Skinner to teach in that school. The normal will open about June 8th, and will hold for eight or nine weeks.

PASTORS CONFERENCE CONVENES TONIGHT

The Pastors Conference and Missionary Institute for the Brownwood District will convene in Ballinger tonight (Wednesday) at seven o'clock. The conference will be held at the Methodist Church and will last until Friday night. Delegates have been arriving in the city since yesterday afternoon and the noon train Wednesday brought a large delegation from Brownwood and other points east of Ballinger. Others will arrive tonight and tomorrow, and the town will be full of Methodist preachers and laymen for a couple of days. A splendid program, one that will interest the general public has been arranged and interesting subject will be discussed through the entire meeting. The public is cordially invited to every session of the conference, and especially is it the desire of the host Rev. W. H. Doss, that all who possible can attend the lectures to be given by the prominent speakers on the program.

NEW TELEPHONE MANAGER ARRIVES.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Day arrived from Dallas Tuesday afternoon and will make their home in Ballinger. Mr. Day comes here to succeed A. W. Woods as manager of the West Texas Telephone Co. He formerly lived at Brady, having had charge of the office at that place, but for the past year he has been connected with the Dallas phone system. We welcome these people to our town.

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RUSSELL PAYS \$200,000 FOR GRAPE CREEK RANCH

A deal has just been closed in which R. R. Russell, of San Antonio, becomes the largest land owner in Runnels County. The deal just made by Mr. Russell is for the well known Callan & Co. ranch in the eastern part of the county, and known as the Grape Creek ranch.

This ranch consist of about twenty thousand acres is one of the best ranches in the county, or in this section of the state. The terms paid by Mr. Russell are private, but we understand that the deal will aggregate considerably over two hundred thousand dollars, and is the largest land deal made in this county for several years.

Mr. Russell is also owner of ten thousand acres of the well known Wylie ranch, owning what is known as the Wylie home place on the Colorado river above Ballinger. The property just bought

will be stocked with high grade Herford. It is the purpose of Mr. Russell to stock it with the highest grade Herefords that money will buy, and these will be cared for through the winter by building large silos and arranging to keep the cattle in fine shape throughout the entire season. The stock he proposes to raise will not be excelled by any in the Southwest.

Mr. Russell is president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. He is going strong on Runnels County investments, and by his action shows his faith in the future of the county. He recently visited Ballinger and what he said while here about the county and its future was sufficient to convince any one that he was not uneasy about what he had invested here at that time, and now to invest nearly a quarter million more in Runnels county dirt speaks for itself.

OIL INDICATIONS ATTRACTING OIL CO'S ATTENTION

What a little "boost" by the local paper may do for a country was clearly brought out this week when two gentlemen, one an accredited representative of the Standard Oil Co., and the other representing the Pierce-Fordice Co., appeared in Ballinger and after spending some time here made known their mission.

About three years ago the Banner-Leader made mention of the finding of oil indications on the Houghton & Robinson ranch west of Ballinger. We didn't know when the article was written that it would ever find its way to the head office of the giant oil companies of the United States, and even if we had known that it would come under the personal attention of these men we would not have supposed that it would have been given credit for anything, and passed up as information of no value. But such it not true. Messrs Nesmith & Richards, the representatives of the companies above referred to and who were here this week, had in their possession the article published in this paper three years ago just as clipped from the columns of the paper. It was this little article that brought them to Ballinger. We only call the attention of our readers to these facts just to show that it pays to boost. When a paper is printed and placed in the mails no one can tell where the influence of the matter published in that paper will spread. Every organized line of business today maintains a clipping bureau and by this method they keep in touch with developments being made in their respective lines throughout the country.

These gentlemen were sent here to investigate the oil and gas possibilities of this country. While they gave out no statement as to what they had found, they began at once to arrange to procure oil leases on the lands where there is indications of oil and gas. In this work they have solicited the aid of C. A. Dose and they will probably call on others for

assistance. They stated that if a sufficient number of acres could be leased that the companies which they represented would sink wells and test out the field. The two companies above referred to have been developing other fields in Texas and the gentlemen sent here have just made a survey extending from the Electra oil fields in the Northern part of the state down through the country between Wichita Falls and Ballinger. They are making contour maps and will report their finding to their companies, and it is probable that in the near future there will be something doing along oil development lines in this section of the country.

It is a long and well established fact that every sign in many places near Ballinger indicate oil, and many of our most conservative citizens have often made the statement that it was only a question of time until oil would be found in paying quantities within ten miles of Ballinger. It will be remembered that a few years ago a gas well was brought in south of town a few miles and supplied gas in quantity sufficient to burn a man when a match was struck near the mouth of the hole from which the gas was escaping. To make a thorough test and determine whether we are living over an ocean of oil it will be necessary for some company to spend the money, and the two companies now investigating can spend the money and never miss it. These matters perhaps would be better worked out by home people, but home people will not put up the money, and the longer the matter is delayed the longer are we being deprived of the wonderful resources afforded by paying oil and gas wells.

Bruce Creasy left Wednesday for Chillicothe on an extended business trip.

J. A. Davis left Tuesday afternoon for the East on a short business trip.

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Are You a Woman? Take Cardui The Woman's Tonic FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

Editor Cooper and J. A. Tyler, of Miles, came over in Mr. Tyler's auto to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION.

Special Day for Women February 20th. Complete Exhibit of Woman's Welfare Work Arranged.

How many excellent Southern house-keepers could pick out the best loaf of bread from twelve loaves of fair appearance and tell why the one loaf was best? They will have a chance to try on Woman's Day, February 20th, at the Sixth National Corn Exposition, Dallas, Texas, where Michigan will have on display a dozen loaves of bread made from different types of wheat.

The demonstrators in charge will tell why we have bread flour, pastry flour, red dog, graham and a lot of other kinds of flour from the same samples of wheat. Colonel Joe Allison will show the Southern Sunshine Cotton Seed Flour, from which the most delicious bread, rolls, pancakes, biscuits, cakes and puddings can be made.

Of special interest will be the state and government new methods and new food demonstrations of milo-maize and kaffir corn grains ground up to make nutritious breakfast foods, as well as fairly good bread.

The opening day of the Exposition, February 10th, will be Children's Day and there will be plenty of things on the grounds to interest and amuse the little folks. Mrs. Edgar L. Flippen, Dallas, Texas, chairman of Committee on Woman's Welfare, has charge of the program for Woman's Day, February 20th.

INTEREST OF WOMEN.

Women's Welfare Department Will Make Splendid Exhibit at National Corn Exposition.

Mrs. J. Boog-Scott considers the question of helping the boy to become more efficient, one that vitally concerns the home, and should enlist the interest and help of the wives, mothers, as well as the teachers of the state.

"As individuals and through our club work, we can take active part in making this sixth National Corn Exposition of great value to the homes of the state and to our boys and girls," she says.

LARGE INVESTMENT.

\$100,000 Has Been Subscribed by Dallas to Promote and Finance the Sixth National Corn Exposition.

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce, in three weeks, raised \$100,000 for the purpose of holding this great exposition of agriculture and agricultural products.

All Dallas dealers are planning to keep an open house during the Corn Exposition. The twenty-two hundred traveling men that make Dallas their headquarters will all be in Dallas during the exposition prepared to receive their customers and friends, and it will be the especial effort of the city of Dallas, from every standpoint to demonstrate their hospitality.

Mrs. W. H. Thoecker, of Pueblo Colo., who had been here during the illness and death of her sister Mrs. Don A. Sweet, left Saturday afternoon for her home. She was accompanied home by her niece, who will make home with her aunt for the present.

W. L. Patterson, one of the successful farmers of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

E. A. Jeanes, the produce and fruit dealer, left Monday morning for Coleman, where he goes to finish up a car load of eggs which he will ship out to New York this week.

THIS NEW MEDICINE SAVES YOU MONEY

We are druggist right here in your town and make a living out of the drug business, but it is because people have to have drugs and we do not like to see people suffer—we don't. Our duty is to render the best service we can, and when someone is ailing, we are interested in seeing them take the best medicine there is for their particular trouble.

We recently came across a new remedy for increasing strength and building up people who are run-down and emaciated. We know that a slight trouble sometimes grows into a serious one, and to stop it in the beginning, will save you money in the end. This new compound is called Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion. It is the best remedy, when you are run-down, tired out, nervous—no matter what the cause.

OLD TIME BALLINGER CITIZEN DEAD

Nat Guest received news Monday that his brother, W. M. Guest, was dead. Deceased had been living at Del Rio for many years, and he died last Saturday with small pox. Nat and W. M. Guest settled in Runnels county many years ago. They were here long time before Ballinger was placed on the map.

A RUMOR.

It has been rumored around town that C. P. Shepherd heard that J. Y. Pearce told B. C. Kirk that Bill Chastain told W. G. Bair that Charlie Pileher said Hatton Laxon told Sam Baker that John Weeks said Jack McKay told John Perkins that Jim Flynt got the best shave from Jim Freeman that he had got since the year of 67.

MOTHER AND BABY DIE AT SAN ANGELO

News reached Ballinger late Monday evening to the effect that Mrs. W. L. James was dead. Mrs. James died at three o'clock Monday afternoon, and near the same hour her infant baby died, the baby having never lived to suffer the hardships of a life on this earth.

Mrs. James formerly lived in Ballinger, Mr. James having been connected with the Walker Drug Co. They moved from Ballinger to Angelo several years ago, and Mr. James has been in the drug business at that place.

The funeral took place Tuesday at San Angelo, a number of Ballinger ladies going over Monday night to be present at the funeral.

TEXAS GINNERS COTTON REPORT

Following is the corrected total and amount of cotton ginned in the different counties of Texas for the season 1912-1913, up to Jan 16th:

Table with 3 columns: County, 1913, 1912. Lists cotton ginning statistics for various Texas counties including Anderson, Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Brown, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Childers, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Dewitt, Dickens, Donley, Daval, Eastland, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frisco, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzalez, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hall, Hamilton, Hardeman, Harris, Harrison, Haskell, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hodd, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hunt, Jack, Jackson, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kent, Kerr, Kleberg, Knox, Lamar, Lampasas, Lassalle, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Live Oak, Llano, McCulloch, McLennan, Madison, Marison, Mason, Matagorda, Medina, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Nolan.

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Walter J. Kirch

It is often difficult to tell just what is the matter with a crying, peevish baby or child too young to express its feelings in words, but as a general rule the mother will find that there is a tendency to constipation, which has brought on a headache or nervousness. The little one has no pain, but feels "out of sort."

The first thing to try is a family remedy containing good but mild laxative properties, and many mothers will say that their choice would be Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Thousands of mothers keep it in the house for such emergencies, among whom may be mentioned Mrs. John Kirch, Jr., 1527 Abstract Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. She has been giving it successfully to little Walter, whose picture we present at three months, when he weighed 14 1/2 pounds. He is a healthy laughing youngster to-day and Mrs. Kirch gladly gives Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin credit. It saves many an illness and many a large doctor bill, for by administering it promptly when the first symptoms of illness are noticed it prevents a serious ailment.

It is so pleasant-tasting that no child will refuse it, and as it does not gripe, the child is glad to take it again. A bottle can be

obtained of any druggist for fifty cents or one dollar, the latter being the size bought by families already familiar with its merits. Results are always guaranteed or money will be refunded.

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Families wishing to try a free sample bottle can obtain it post-paid by addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 419 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. A postal card with your name and address on it will do.

VIRGINIA LAD IN BAD AGAIN

After serving out a fine of \$100 in the Ballinger jail, and undergoing an operation for appendicitis Clay Smith, the Virginia lad, was taken to San Angelo and tried and convicted for stealing a six-shooter, and fined \$35, including cost, and given a day in jail. He had no money with which to pay his fine and will do service on the county roads of Tom Green county until the fine is paid at so much per day.

It will be remembered that young Smith shot at the officers between Ballinger and Miles several months ago, while the officers were attempting to arrest him. Smith was tramping down the rail road and near Miles he shot at a dog with a six-shooter. The officers undertook to arrest him for carrying a pistol and he made fight on them. He pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons and remained in the jail until his sentence was about completed when he became seriously ill with appendicitis. He was carried to the sanitarium and operated on. He was removed to the jail and completed his sentence and when he was released the Tom Green county officers were here to take charge of him.

Smith gives his age at seventeen, and says he came from Virginia to West Texas in search of work. It was while at San Angelo that he decided to travel East, and thinking perhaps he might need a gun on the road he "swiped one" and the above is the result. While a boy Smith has the appearance when arrested of being a typical tramp, and his story shows that he had traveled a good deal, and before coming to this country he visited a number of larger cities in the East. There is time yet for the young man to mend his ways and make a man, and it is to be hoped that his experience will teach him a lesson.

Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, came in Sunday and is now at the Halley & Love sanitarium to be treated a few weeks for some bladder trouble. We are glad to learn the case is not of a very serious nature and the Judge's friends hope to see him soon regain his usual splendid health.

J. A. Zak, one of the successful farmers of the Spring Hill community, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and had his figures set up a year on the Banner-Ledger.

Aug Herring, of Talpa, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Table with 3 columns: Nueces, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Polk, Polk, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, San Saba, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Smith, Somerville, Stephens, Stonewall, Tarrant, Taylor, Throckmorton, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Uvalde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Wood, Young, All other, Total.

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W. J. Wilke, of Wichita Falls, came in Monday afternoon to visit home folks and Ballinger friends and to look after business affairs a few days.

Warren Pilcher, manager of the San Angelo Standard and Miss Findlater, of San Angelo, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce Sunday.

Rev. Tyre, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday at noon en route home from Brownwood, where he had been attending the bible department in the Howard Payne College the past few days.

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THREE FINGERS BLOWN AWAY

Fred, the nine year old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Smickle, was painfully injured Friday afternoon when a dynamite cap in his hands exploded. The little fellow was playing with the caps and touched a match to one he was holding in his hand. The cap exploded and the boy lost three fingers on his left hand. The index finger and the two next to it were so badly shattered by the explosion that they had to be amputated between the middle joint and the hand. The boy is doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. Smickle is an employee of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co. He and Mrs. Smickle have the sympathy of their friends in the trouble that has befallen them in this accident.

C. R. STEPHENS FOR COMMISSIONER

C. R. Stephen authorized his name placed in the regular announcement column as a candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 1. Mr. Stephens will of course abide by the action of the Democratic primary to be held July 25th. His name will appear in the proper place in this paper.

LEGAL BLANKS ARE A NECESSITY

in all lines of business at some time or another. In order that there might not be any litigation between your party and yourself, it is best that you have only the best and right kind of blanks. The Ballinger Printing Co., is able to give any kind of blanks desired. Some of the many kinds we handle, are:

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BLOCK OF ICE ONLY THING SAVED OUT OF FIRE

The fire Thursday morning that destroyed the Green Front Restaurant destroyed the entire contents of the building except a block of ice. The refrigerator containing the ice was destroyed. In digging in the ruins later in the day to locate several dollars in change that was left in the cash register the night before the fire, the block of ice was discovered. The matter was reported to Bob Kirk, manager of the local plant, and Mr. Kirk said the matter was easy to explain as his factory made the ice, and it was only a true test to show the quality of his goods.

NEW LOCATION

On account of the recent fire that destroyed the Green Front Restaurant and the upstairs rooms including the office of J. F. Lusk clerk of the W. O. W. Camp, of Ballinger, Mr. Lusk will make his office at the City Hall for the present where he can be found in the future.

MASSEY-HADLEY.

His Hon. Paul Trimmier, justice of the peace, spoke the beautiful and impressive marriage vows Saturday afternoon at the court house, that united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Mr. W. G. Massey and Miss Nannie Hadley. Mr. Massey is a prominent young farmer of this county and the bride is the beautiful and highly esteemed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hadley, of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, and the young lady is a jewel of whom any man would feel proud to call his life partner.

The Ledger joins many friends in best wishes and congratulations for a long and prosperous married life for the happy young couple.

Jim Mobley came in from Cisco Saturday afternoon to join his uncle H. L. Mobley and family and will make Ballinger his home. He came overland in his auto.

Aug. Voglesang, one of the prosperous diversified farmers of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

MODERN BUILDING TO REPLACE LOSS

We are glad to report that the ruins of the building destroyed by fire Thursday morning will be cleared away and a modern building go up in the place of the one destroyed. J. F. Currie, owner of the lot, informs us that he will let the contract for a new building as soon as the loss is adjusted by the insurance company. He also says that the building will be modern, and up to date. He can not say what the plans of the building will be further than nothing but modern plans will be adopted for the new building. He is undecided as to whether the building will be a one story or two stories. He cannot say whether the building will be built the full length of the lot. It depends on what purpose the building is used for. Parties have made application to rent the building as soon as it can be built, but no contract will be made for a tenant until the loss is adjusted and some attention given the matter by Mr. Currie.

The wall of the Hub building is damaged more than was at first thought. The wall is leaning considerable and it is rumored that it will be condemned and torn down and a new wall built. This will not be done however, until the insurance is adjusted.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To the Sheriff or any Contable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. E. Barry by making publication of this Citation once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1914, the same being the 9th day of March A. D. 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of January A. D. 1914, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1618, wherein Mrs. Pauline Barry is Plaintiff and M. E. Barry is Defendant, the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

STATE OF TEXAS
 County of Runnels
 In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas.
 To the Hon. Jno. W. Goodwin, Judge of said court:

Now comes Mrs. Pauline Barry, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled plaintiff, complaining of M. E. Barry, hereinafter styled defendant, and for cause of action would respectfully represent to the court:

- 1st. That the residence of the defendant is unknown to plaintiff, and that plaintiff is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas, and has resided in the County of Runnels for more than six months next preceding the filing of this suit.
- 2nd. That on or about the 9th day of January 1910 plaintiff and the defendant, M. E. Barry, were lawfully married, in Runnels County, Texas; that shortly there after they moved to Houston, Texas, and there they continued to live as husband and wife until on or about the 18th day of January 1911, at which time and place without cause or provocation on the part of plaintiff, the defendant left her, with the intention to permanently abandon her and did permanently abandon her since which said time they have not lived together as husband and wife, nor has her said husband in any way contributed to her support.
- 3rd. Plaintiff alleges that during their marriage one child was born to them to wit: a girl by the name of Gusie Mae, about three years of age, which child has been in her care and possession ever since the defendant abandoned her; that during the time she and her husband lived together she was kind and affectionate and conducted herself with propriety and managed the household affairs with prudence and economy, but the defendant disregarding his marriage vow and obligation deserted and permanently abandoned her at the time and place as alleged above.

Wherefore, premises considered,

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	Tire	Grey	Red	Reliner		Tire	Grey	Red	Reliner
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30x3	7.80	1.95	2.20	1.40	35x4	17.25	3.75	4.20	2.70
30x3 1-2	10.80	2.80	3.10	1.90	36x4	17.85	3.90	4.25	2.80
31x3 1-2	11.00	2.90	3.20	1.95	34x4 1-2	18.00	4.80	5.10	3.40
32x3 1-2	11.90	2.95	3.25	2.00	35x4 1-2	18.75	4.85	5.20	3.45
34x3 1-2	12.40	3.00	3.30	2.05	36x4 1-2	19.45	4.90	5.30	3.60
30x4	13.10	3.10	3.40	2.30	37x4 1-2	21.50	5.10	5.40	3.70
31x4	13.45	3.20	3.60	2.35	36x5	23.00	5.80	6.20	4.00
32x4	13.70	3.35	3.80	2.40	37x5	24.40	5.90	6.35	4.20
33x4	14.80	3.50	3.90	2.45					

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plaintiff prays that defendant be cited by publication as required by law, and that on final hearing she have judgment dissolving said marriage relations, the care, custody and education of the said child of said marriage, costs of suit and for general relief.
 HARRIS & HARRIS,
 Attorneys for Plaintiff.
 Herein Fail Not, But have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this

Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 26th day of January A. D., 1914.

MARY PHILLIPS,
 Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas.
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THE FAIR

OIL COMPANIES ACTIVE AT COLEMAN

Coleman, Texas, Feb. 4.—The advent of some good oil producing wells at Moran and the strong indications existing in the section of country around the town of Coleman has invited the attention of a number of oil companies here. The greater part of all the lands here have been leased. Such obligations have been taken as to guarantee the development of the country. At this time machinery is on the way for the sinking of deep wells and the next few weeks will tell the tale. Experts from various parts of the United States have thoroughly inspected the territory and are unanimous in their expressions as to the immense possibilities, and to all external appearances there is a certainty of the development of one of the largest and most extensive oil, gas and coal fields in the entire country. These experts who view the country in a scientific and expensive way are criticized by many. This adverse criticism usually emanates from the unlearned or those who, for some cause, wish to obstruct the enterprise. Surely experience is the greatest teacher and, if it applies to other matters, then why not the same application be made to oil and gas developments? The skeptics need only to follow the foot-steps of some of these petroleum expert geologists till they are convinced of these practicability and wisdom of these wizzards of "Mother Earth."

DR. FOWLER'S MOTHER DEAD

News reached Ballinger Wednesday to the effect that Dr. Fowler's mother died at her home in Tennessee. Dr. Fowler reached her bedside before death came. Dr. Fowler is expected home by next Saturday.

NEW SHOE SHOP.

As mentioned a few days ago, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Foreman moved to our city from Talpa to make Ballinger their future home and Mr. Foreman will open up a shoe shop and general repair shop of all kinds of leather goods in the Giesecke building next door to the Dunlap pool hall on Eighth Street. Tom Shaffer who had been with T. S. Lankford the past year, will be connected with the new shop.

Mrs. C. B. McKinney and babe and Mrs. Bud Cline returned home Wednesday at noon from a visit to their parents at Bangs for the past few weeks.

Ernest Voelkel, of Rowena, was transacting business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

P. C. Reams and L. M. Bales, of the Hatchel country, was among the crowd Monday.

W. H. Boozer, of the Marie country, was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

Capt. A. D. Tally, one of the highly esteemed and pioneer citizens of the Crews country was in Ballinger Monday visiting his son, W. A. Talley and family.

C. F. Raesoner, one of the prominent stockmen, of the Talpa country, was looking after some deals on the trading grounds in Ballinger first Monday.

J. R. Cline, who had been with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill at San Angelo the past few weeks, returned to Ballinger Tuesday morning.

PURCHASES STOCK IN BIG STORE

R. E. George and Roy Sharp employees of the Higginbotham Currie-Williams Co., became members of that firm this week by purchasing a block of stock in the firm. Mr. George is bookkeeper for the firm and Mr. Sharp is in the clothing and gents furnishings department. They have both made good in their respective positions, and through their loyalty to the duties of their positions and ability they are now members of one of the largest mercantile firms in Central West Texas.

This store is making some changes in the interior of their store, and are making valuable improvements throughout their entire building, of which we will have more to say when the work is completed.

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Don't let your stomach liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, billiousness, dizziness, nervous sick, sour, gassy stomach, backache and all other distress, cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases, and constipated matter which is producing the misery.

A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. No more days of gloom and distress if you will take a Cascaret now and then. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing, too.

Joe Vineyard, one of the prominent stockmen of the Crews country, was among the crowd in Ballinger first Monday on business.

J. W. Littlefield and sons, of Concho county, who had been here at the bedside of Col. Littlefield, who was seriously burned last week, left for Paint Rock Tuesday at noon and we are glad to report the young man doing very nicely and now out of danger.

Judges Jno. I. Guion, M. C. Smith, J. B. Wade and A. K. Doss left Monday morning for Paint Rock to attend District Court which convened in that city this morning.

Will L. Stuart left Tuesday afternoon for Winters to look after his candidacy for tax assessor a day or two.

Judge Goodwin, District Attorney Walter Early and Court Stenographer Charlie Miller, of Brownwood, and Judge Baker of Coleman, passed through Ballinger en route to Paint Rock where the February term of District Court commenced Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hoeinhaus of South Ballinger, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy born at their home Sunday morning.

A. E. Brunson, one of the successful young farmers of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Jack Wardlow, of Sonora, came in Saturday afternoon to visit home folks and Ballinger friends for a week.

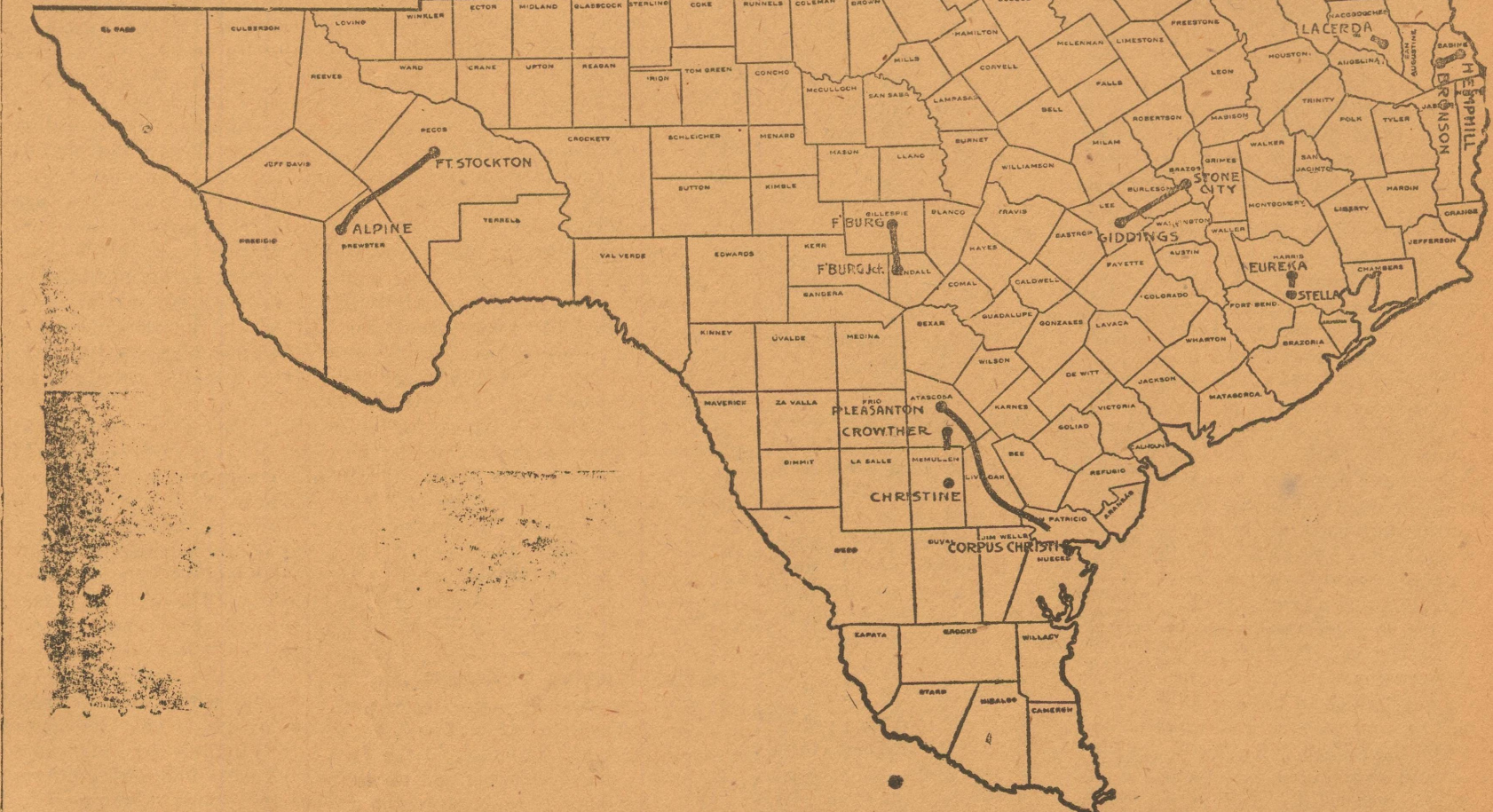
W. A. Jennings of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Temple on a short business trip.

George Gibson, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route to San Angelo on a short business trip.

John Thomason, of the Povey creek country, one of the candidates for district clerk, was circulating among the big crowd in Ballinger first Monday.

1913 RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

COMPANY NAME OF RAILROAD AND TERMINAL POINTS	LENGTH OF LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION (MILES)	STEEL LAID 1913 (MILES)
SAN ANTONIO, UVALDE AND GULF Pleasanton to Corpus Christi	114.0	95.6
PECOS AND NORTH TEXAS Lubbock to Farwell	88.4	88.4
KANSAS CITY, MEXICO & ORIENT Fort Stockton to Alpine	65.6	62.8
HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL Steno City to Giddings Socorro to Dalia	59.0 9.3	39.8 9.3
BUANAH, ACME & PACIFIC Paducah to Searcy Springs	40.0	40.0
GULF, TEXAS & WESTERN Jacksboro to Salesville	24.0	24.0
SAN ANTONIO, FREDERICKSBURG & NORTHERN Fredericksburg to Fredericksburg Jct.	23.8	23.8
PARIS AND MT. PLEASANT Bogota to Mt. Pleasant	27.0	19.0
LUFKIN, HEMPHILL AND GULF Bosque to Hemphill	11.0	11.0
MATADOR NORTHERN Matador to A. & P. Main Line	8.5	5.0
ARTESIAN BELT Christine to Crowther	18.0	4.0
NACOGDOCHES & SOUTHEASTERN Extension to La Cerna Junction	3.0	3.0
TOTAL	424.3	424.3



424 MILES OF RAILROAD BUILT IN 1913
Sparsely Settled Sections Get Bulk of Mileage

There were 424.1 miles of new railroad built in Texas during the calendar year 1913, and this new mileage was secured by raising bonuses of approximately one million dollars, according to data compiled by the Texas Business Men's Association. The new mileage was constructed at a cost of \$10,600,000 but it enhanced the value of contiguous property, according to customary estimates approximately \$27,000,000. The accompanying map shows the location of the new lines built, and the appendant table on its margin gives further detailed information. Railroads known as "independent" lines are credited with the greater part of the new trackage. The Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific are the only "system" companies that built new mileage. These two roads constructed 136.7 of the 1913 mileage and the "independents" built 287.4 miles. The mileage constructed during the calendar year 1912 was 153.6 and 599.4 in 1911. Prior to 1911 no data have been kept of the construction by calendar years. The San Antonio, Uvalde and Gulf leads in new mileage built during the year, having laid 95 miles of steel on the 114 mile line between Corpus Christi and Pleasanton. The

Santa Fe takes second rank, with 89 miles of steel laid on the Lubbock-Farwell cut-off. Under the encouragement of heavy bonuses, the Orient was pushed 63 miles nearer the Mexican border and the trains are now operating as far west as Alpine. The Quanah, Acme and Pacific constructed 40 miles of new line early in the year, affording Motley County its first rail connection with the outside world. The Houston and Texas Central, one of the two "system" lines that built additional mileage in 1913, laid 47.3 miles of steel on two different projects. The Stone City-Giddings extension, which is 39.0 miles in length, was completed and all but a mile of steel laid on the Eureka-Stella cut-off. The Jacksboro-Salesville extension of the Gulf, Texas and Western, which was started last year, was completed and all the steel laid in 1913. Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, secured their first railroad when the 23.8 miles was built to the main line of the S. A. & A. P. The Paris and Mt. Pleasant Company completed its line, which was begun last year, between Bogota and Mount Pleasant. This road is 27 miles in length and the laying of 19 miles of steel in 1913 finished the project. Steel laying on the road between Bronson and Hemphill, a dis-

stance of 11 miles, was begun and completed in 1913. The citizens of Matador raised a hundred thousand dollars and are building a railroad to the main line of the Quanah, Acme and Pacific, which missed their town by 8 1-2 miles to the south when it built into Motley County last spring. Five miles of steel were laid in 1913, and the road is rapidly nearly completion. The laying of 4 miles of steel on the 18 mile line of the Artesian Belt between Christine and Crowther, and the building of a 3 mile tap by the Nacogdoches and Southeastern in Nacogdoches County, completes the roster of railway construction in Texas for the year. Builders Trust to Future. Practically all the roads built during 1913 have been into new and thinly settled territory and the builders have trusted to the future to provide tonnage to pay interest on bonds and dividends on the investment. The density of population in the counties along the route of the three longest lines built in 1913 averages 5 persons to each square mile of area, according to the latest Federal Census figures. This territory is only one half as thickly populated as Africa. The 1912 farm, mine and factory production in the counties traversed by the three roads had a value of

less than \$7,000,000, which is \$28,500 of products to each mile of road built. For each mile of road in operation in the entire state there is an annual yield of \$53,000 of farm, mine and factory products. Six Counties Get First Railroad. The railroad made its initial appearance in Bailey, Gillespie, Hockley, Lamb, Live Oak and Motley counties in 1913, and many residents of these counties heard for the first time the whistle of a locomotive. Texas still has 27 counties without a single mile of railroad and their combined area is 32,000 square miles, and is equivalent to the area of the State of Indiana. The counties in Texas without a mile of railroad on January 1st, 1914, are as follows: Andrews, Bandera, Blanco, Borden, Briscoe, Cochran, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Gaines, Glasscock, Hansford, Hutchinson, Kimble, King, Loving, Mason, Moore, Ochiltree, Schleicher, Somervell, Starr, Sutton, Terry, Throckmorton, Tarrant and Zapata. There are 11 counties in the state which have less than 15 miles of railroads. They are as follows: Aransas, Brooks, Castro, Dickens, Franklin, Hockley, Lipscomb, Martin, Rockwall, Stephens and Sterling.

Editor Ed Kubela, of Rowena had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Watson, of the Hatchel country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

R. L. Carleton, of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and says he expected to send in his announcement for Tax Assessor in the near future.

Wm. Davenport, of the Hatchel country, was among the large crowd in Ballinger first Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Leggett, of Rowena, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McAdams, of Winters, came in Saturday at noon and she will remain here a day or two visiting relatives and friends and Mr. McAdams returned home on the afternoon train.

MAZELAND PEOPLE BUILD NEW CHURCH

The citizens of the Mazeland community have just completed a nice church building for the Methodist denomination, and it's money to pay for same was liberally contributed by the citizens of that community. W. E. Puckett, a member of the building committee, was here Monday and furnished the Banner-Ledger with a list of those who contributed to the building fund, and we are glad to publish the names and the amount contributed by each. Elgin Davidson \$100, Jesse Elms \$100, D. L. Tucker \$100, W. M. Stevens \$100, W. E. Puckett \$100, M. L. Smith \$50, J. H. Clark \$50, Bro. Speer \$50, T. A. Puckett \$50, W. B. Cobb \$50, W. T. Lacey \$40, W. C. Spence \$25, Earl Ballew \$25, Jno. McNeil \$25, Arthur

Ballew \$25, C. M. Gooth \$25, Clyde Ballew \$25, J. G. Ensor \$25, Jno. Ballew \$25, R. N. Ensor \$25, Jno. Ricards \$25, W. H. McKnown \$20, J. G. Smith \$10, E. M. Bond \$15, J. B. Pace \$10, W. O. Parish \$10, Overton \$8, J. M. Simpson \$10, H. C. McNeil \$10, B. V. Simpson \$10, Mrs. Lollar \$10, W. W. Paschal \$10, E. M. Davis \$10, W. C. George \$10, R. L. Haneock \$6.75, W. D. Bond \$10, J. R. Cook \$10, Mrs. Crabb \$7.30, S. E. Green \$6.10, P. B. Fox \$5.00, C. C. Spence \$5.00, Joe Bulsterboun \$5, First National Bank, Ballinger \$5, Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. \$5.00, E. P. Pruitt \$5.00, W. A. Pace \$5.00, J. H. Bryant \$5.00, The Winters State Bank \$5.00, E. R. McClundon, Sweetwater, \$5.00, Mr. Moore \$5.00, S. J. Williams \$5.00, O. E. Puckett \$5.00, Mrs. M. L. Smith \$5.00, W. B. McCaughan \$5.00, J. F. Hudson \$5.00, T. W. Whigham \$2.50, W. Z. Case \$2.50, H. T. Dove \$2.50, Jno. Sellers \$2.50, J. T. Casey \$2.50, J. S. Pollard \$2.50, E. L. Hagan \$2.50

S. L. Eason \$1.00, S. Y. Little \$1.00, S. D. Pinkerton \$1.00.

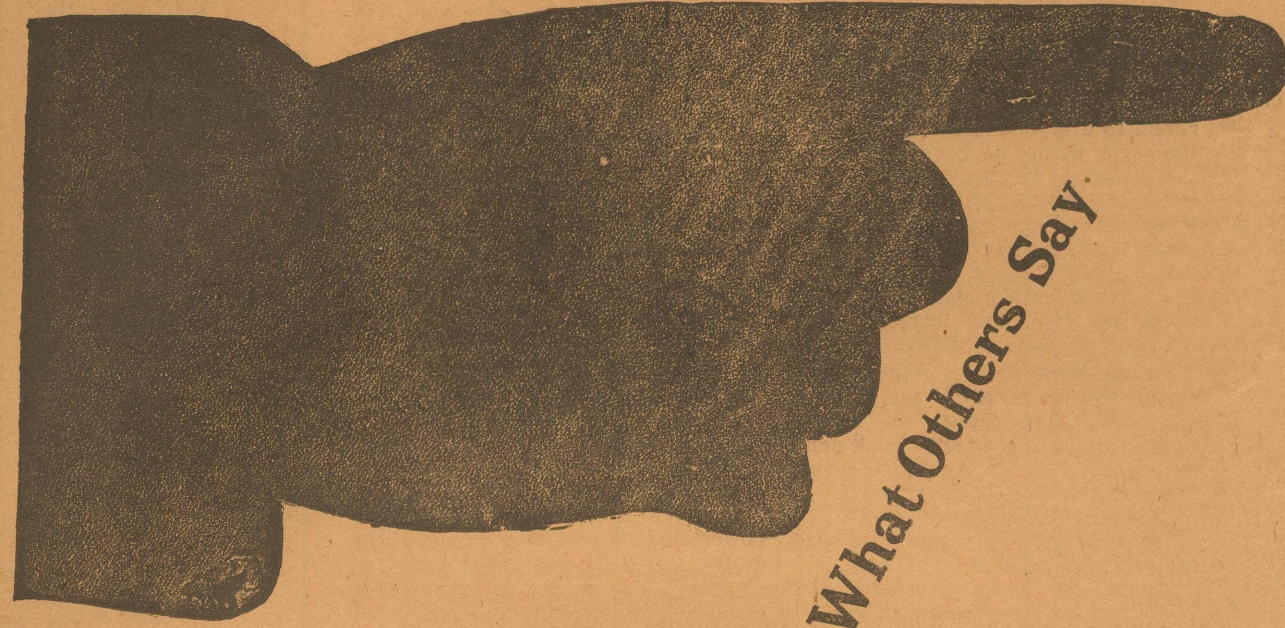
A. B. Hoelscher, of the Olin country, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Bailey, Mrs. Everett Hardgraves and Miss Nelle Millar, of San Angelo, came over in Capt. Bailey's auto a day or two ago to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days.

Miss Edna Brown came in from Lampasas Saturday at noon to visit Ballinger friends a few days.

J. A. Tyler, one of the successful real estate men of Miles, had business in Ballinger a few hours Friday.

Mrs. J. L. Miller, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday at noon en route home from a visit to her mother and friends at Brownwood.



Rev. J. W. Raby, of Valley Creek, says, "I can't get along without The Ledger."

"We can't keep house without The Banner-Ledger."—Mrs. E. J. Hardgrave, San Angelo.

"I enjoy reading your paper. I think it is a credit to Ballinger and Runnels County."—Walter J. Gardner, Winters, Texas.

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IRRIGATION PROJECT ASSUMING GOOD SHAPE

Col. Chas. M. Stanley was in Ballinger a short while Monday. He had been to Bronte, where he has surveyors and men at work getting things in shape for the building of the big dam. He came down to Miles and from there to Ballinger in an auto and returned to Miles late Monday afternoon. Mr. Stanley is not talking much, but he is pushing the work on the big proposition with a determination that means success.

C. A. Doose visited Bronte last week, and while there he ran up to the dam site and saw the surveyors at work running lines and driving stakes on the land that will be covered with water when the dam is completed. Mr. Doose says it looks like business to him, and that there is one thing certain some one is spending some money, and it does not seem reasonable that such amount of money would be spent on a proposition unless the parties behind it knew what they were doing. There are still some doubting Thomases, and the man who has land that will come under the big ditch might wake up too late.

The Bronte Enterprise in speaking of the progress that is being made on the work, says:

Chas. M. Stanley, the irrigation promoter, came over Friday morning from Ballinger and spent Saturday out with Mr. Weyer, surveying the lake site. This work will require three months labor and is to be followed at once by a survey of the canal lines. This work, at a heavy expense, would seem to indicate that the dam is going to be built and irrigation established along the Colorado river. We have the direct statement from Mr. Stanley that the dam will be built, and in addition he authorizes the further statement that unless very many

more landowners on the north side sign the water contracts there will positively be no canal around the Kickapoo Valley. Mr. Stanley expresses the opinion that they have waited a reasonable time on the land-owners here and unless these get busy right away all efforts to promote irrigation will be transferred to the south side and to other interested points."

We have been reliably informed that most of the land owners within reach of the big canal south of Bronte for a considerable distance have made application for water, and signed up the contracts. Mr. Stanley will continue securing contracts until the water impounded is appropriated, and then he cannot accept any more contracts for water. Under the irrigation laws the state will not allow him to contract to furnish water to farmers for a greater amount than the supply and the supply is figured out on a basis by the commission that protects the man who contracts and goes to the expense of placing his land under irrigation.

Sid Caskey, who for some time past had been with the Bank Barber Shop but for the past few weeks with the Ideal Shop, is again with the Bank Shop. Sid is a splendid barber and a young gentleman of sterling worth and ability and the Bank is fortunate in having him with them again.

W. S. Davis, one of the representative citizens of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger a few hours Monday. J. W. Rainwater, the Crews druggist, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

J. B. Wagoner, left Tuesday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

R. A. Hall, the San Angelo banker, was looking after business interests in Ballinger Tuesday.

FIRST MONDAY GRAFTER'S DAY

Scenes enacted on the streets in Ballinger on First Monday reminded one of the prosperous years of 1906 and 1907 when the largest crop ever made here was harvested and when money was plentiful and grafters thick as tad-poles in a Mississippi bog hole. The crowd for last Monday was unusually large and the grafters struck it lucky. It is remarkable how the grafters locate the crowd and how easy fleeces the people of their money. At one time four "skin" games were in operation on the same corner and the scene presented that of a regular carnival. The spielers were making the velkins ring through their megaphones and they caught the crowd.

Did they get the money? A foolish question. It was no trick at all, and the man that said times are hard and money "a scarce article" in this country indulged in idle words, and guessed far from correct. We saw at least a half dozen men buy five razors at one dollar per razor. In more than one case the buyer borrowed the money from another to pay for the razor. The question naturally comes up in a man's mind, and we heard several say "What does a fellow want with five razors?" We understand from one man who bought five that it required all five of the razors to get one shave. In fact we are told that the razors were not worth carrying home. We saw one man try to buy the sixth razor, but the itinerant grafter's conscience failed him and he refused to take the sixth dollar.

It is beyond our conception how a man can allow himself to be gulled into believing that a rank stranger, a man he never saw before and will never see again, is going to give him something for nothing and permit himself to

part with his cash for an article that is not worth the wrapper that contains it. If a man needs a razor he can buy one from a local merchant that is guaranteed to give satisfaction. If it is not a good one he can bring it back and get his money or exchange it for another razor. We know that there is not a merchant in Ballinger who ever sold one man as many as five razors at retail. We doubt if there is a merchant who ever sold one man as many as two razors.

The grafters come and go and a sucker is born every minute, so what's the use to call the public's attention to something so common.

H. W. Henniger, one of the prosperous citizens of the Winters country, was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

Theo Mattheison, of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Donald Jones, of the A. & S. Ry., force at the depot in our city returned to Ballinger Monday night from an extended business trip to Abilene.

W. H. Rodgers, one of the pioneer citizens of Winters, was greeting Ballinger friends and looking after business in the city Monday.

Mrs. D. E. Sims, of Paint Rock, came in Monday afternoon and will be the guest of her friend Mrs. G. M. Vaughn and family a few days.

L. J. Strube, one of the prominent citizens of the Offin country, was among the large crowd in Ballinger Monday.

Oscar Talbott returned to Ballinger Monday afternoon from San Angelo, where he had been with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill the past several weeks.

WHITE SLAVE PLAY NOT PERMITTED HERE

The Traffic, billed to appear at the Princess Theatre Monday night of this week, arrived on schedule time, but they were confronted with a protest from Mayor Powell, backed by a request from the ministers and a number of ladies of the town, that the play be suppressed, and the company was not allowed to present their play here.

From the best information obtainable it seems that a move against the play was started at a gathering of ladies of the town which was held Saturday afternoon. The matter was brought up before other ladies societies of the town and the various preachers were asked to take the matter up with the city authorities and see if the play could be stopped and not allowed to be presented at Ballinger. As soon as this report reached the manager of the playhouse, Roy Reeder, Mr. Reeder very promptly stated that there would be no play, and he informed the mayor that it was not necessary for him, to take any legal steps to prevent the play being put on, and that he would see that no play that didn't meet the approval of the people would be played in his house. Mr. Reeder reported that matter to the manager of the company that is playing the Traffic, and explained to him that there would be no Traffic play. Of course the manager of the company contended for his rights, having a contract, he felt that a great injustice had been done in waiting until the last minute to call off the play, and he wanted some one to stand the loss. After a time this matter was compromised and the contract cancelled and the company left for San Angelo, where they are billed to present the play tonight.

It will be remembered that

this company presented the play here some time ago. The play created considerable comment, and the expression of a desire to see the play by a number caused Mr. Reeder to accept them for a return engagement when they when they asked for a booking. He regrets that the company came here against the wishes of the people, and says he does not want to bring any play here that is not moral and high-class.

We understand that this is the third time this play as been suppressed, it having been stopped in the third act at Waco a couple of weeks ago, and later prevented from playing at Houston.

Prof. Daniels, principal of the Miles public schools, was among the visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Fred Rodgers, the hardware man and M. P. Middleton, of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

W. W. Rainwater, one of the successful young business men of Crews, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Ralph McShann, one of the successful young farmers down the river, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

E. H. Pfluger, one of the substantial citizens of the Rowena country, was among the business visitors here Monday.

Wm. and H. B. Halfman, two of the Banner-Ledger's friends of the Offin country, were among the visitors in Ballinger first Monday.

C. C. Schuchard one of the candidates for tax assessor, left Tuesday at noon for Miles, to look after his candidacy a day or two.

Ed Kevil, of the Marie country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday and returned home Tuesday morning.

Jelly Roll Recipe

Only Two Eggs Required

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine

This Jelly Roll is fast becoming very popular on account of the way it keeps fresh. With proper handling it should keep fresh a whole week, providing it isn't eaten up in the meantime, for it is every bit as good as it looks.



K C Jelly Roll

One cup sifted flour; scant half teaspoonful salt; 2 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; grated rind of 1 lemon; 3 eggs beaten light; 1 cup sugar; 1/2 cup hot milk; glass of jelly; powdered sugar.

Beat the sugar into the eggs; add the lemon rind, then the flour, sifted three times with the salt and baking powder; and, lastly, the milk. Bake in a buttered dripping pan; turn out on a damp cloth, trim off the crisp edges, spread with jelly and turn over and over into a roll while still warm. Dredge the top with powdered sugar.

Hot milk used in the jelly roll enables it to be rolled without danger of cracking. Have the milk scalding hot, also be careful to have the eggs and sugar beaten together until very light and creamy. Bake in a moderate oven.

K C Jelly Roll is illustrated on page thirty-two of the new and handsomely illustrated 64-page K C Cook's Book, which may be secured free by sending the certificate packed in every 25-cent can of K C Baking Powder to the JAGUOS MFG. CO., Chicago, Ill.

TRAIN MANGLES ABILENE YOUTH

Abilene, Tex., Jan. 29—The identity of a young man who was ground to death beneath the wheels of a Texas & Pacific railroad between Eastland City and Dothan at an early hour this morning has not been established in this city, although the young man wore clothes which had the Abilene stamp on them. According to the meager information which reached the city about the boy he was evidently known by some body in Abilene.

The unidentified young man was aged between 18 and 19 according to the judgement of those who surveyed the badly maimed corpse. He had light complexion with along scar above the right eye. His eyes were brown, and he wore a Union Woolen Company suit that had the Abilene stamp on the inner pocket. The suit worn was a light grey check and on the inside above the pocket was the words, as they could best be deciphered: "Mermont" or "Merchan" with the letters "E. W." before the name. However the coat was so badly ground and bloody that it was hard to decipher the lettering. The coat was made May, 27, 1910.

All efforts of the railroad men to identify him have been futile.

PLANS GAIN TANGIBLE FORM

The plans among Ballinger men who have been pushing the idea for the organization of a West Texas league of six clubs, have almost gained tangible form. A subscription list has been started among the business men of the city. Letters have been written to the baseball leaders of the five towns interested in the movement asking for their support.

It is the intention of those at the head of the local movement to collect enough money from the business men of each town to pay all railroad expenses. Twelve men will be carried by each club. This will demand a neat little sum of money, but not as much as imaginable at first thought, since a low baseball rate is allowed the clubs by the railroad commission. About two hundred and fifty dollars would be required from the business men. This money will pay the railroad expenses of the Ballinger club around the circuit twice, as planned.

Ballinger, Sweetwater, Coleman, San Angelo, Brownwood and Abilene are the towns planned by the Ballinger leaders for the circuit. A schedule of sixty games, according to the Ballinger boys would be sufficiently long enough to interest those who love baseball as a sport. Nothing but home material would be used.

The gate receipts would pay the hotel expenses of the visiting club each day of its stay in the city and probably allow a little money to go to the treasury. At the end of the season this money would be split amongst the players. It is believed that a neat little sum could be derived from the games by this means.

A sixty-game schedule would mean thirty games on the home lot. Two road trips would be required.

The secretaries of the various chambers of commerce of the cities interested in the movement for a league's organization are interested, judging from the manner in which letters have been flowing into Ballinger lately, asking about the league. It is hoped before many days something definite will be decided upon and plans actually perfected for the circuit. In all probability the Ballinger end of the organization will be up to the standard since the amount required for the starting of the league will be raised among the business men with little effort. A majority of the merchants who have announced their intentions of donating a little amount have stated that they realize the amount of advertising the town will derive from the national game's being played here by an organized club.

FOR SALE—My home on 5th street. Must be sold at once, for particulars write. E. C. Moor, Phone R 676, 1108 Mellwood Ave. Brownwood, Texas. 28-4td2w

STEALING RUNNELS POOL HALLS

R. C. Sheppard of Winters will, during the first of the coming week, open a pool parlor at No. 11 West Beauregard avenue in the building belonging to Wilbur P. Allen, former president of the Texas Baseball League, and recently occupied by the Williams Printing Co. The parlor will be up-to-date in every respect, having a large number of expensive tables and equipment for the playing of billiards and pool.

Pool rooms were recently voted out of Runnels county, Winters thus falling in the restricted territory.—San Angelo Standard.

Just a little fast. There has been no pool hall election in Runnels county. It was reported that the commissioners court would be petitioned for an election, but we have been informed that those behind the move have dropped the matter indefinitely.

FOR SALE

8 or 10 tons of Good Maize for sale at \$1.00 per 100. Apply at Charles Hasse about 4 miles southeast of Winters. 14W 4t pd

Miss Warren, of South Ballinger, was operated on at the Halle & Love sanitarium Sunday night for appendicitis. We are glad to report that she is getting along nicely today.

ARE CHURCH PARSONAGES TAXABLE?

Last week The Daily Ledger contained the report of the finding of the Third Court of Civil Appeals at Austin, relatives to the question whether or not church parsonages are taxable, and the report as found in the State papers, over an Austin dateline, indicated that the opinion was general and that all church parsonages under all conditions were not taxable, but from the opinion just received by County Attorney C. P. Shepherd it seems that it depends of a given state of facts surrounding the use and occupancy as to whether or not church parsonages are taxable. In the case that went up from Lampasas it seems that the case was appealed upon an agreed statement of facts relative to the use and occupancy of the parsonage there, and that the court merely decided that particular case under that particular state of facts, and that there might be conditions whereby church parsonages would be taxable.

Mr. Shepherd is of the opinion that the facts surrounding the various parsonages in Ballinger are similar to those of the Lampasas Methodist parsonage and therefore they are not taxable, but that in view of the opinion of the Attorney General it becomes the duty of Mr. Boyd the assessor to assess all the parsonages and then determine by the facts surrounding them whether or not they are taxable.

Following is the opinion of the Attorney General:

Answering your further inquiry with respect to the taxes paid on parsonage property in your county, beg to advise you that the case to which you refer is not authority on the proposition that parsonage property is not subject to taxation. In the case decided by the Court of Civil Appeals last week the court declined to say under what circumstances parsonage property might be liable to taxation, but confined their opinion solely to the questions raised in that case. If you will secure copy of the opinion you will see that the county attorney who represented the State in the trial court agreed that the Methodist parsonage at Lampasas formed part of the property of the church and was used as an actual place of religious worship and used exclusively for public worship and that the church which owned the property was a religious organization and an institution of purely public charity and that the parsonage property had never been leased or otherwise used with the view of profit. Certainly these admissions brought the case fully and clearly within the purview of the exemption statute, and this is the kind of case that was decided by the court of Civil Appeals for the Third District on last Wednesday. When the admissions as set out above were made by the county attorney there could be no question but that the parsonage property under the exemption statute would not be subject to taxation.

Of course what the opinion of the court would be on dissimilar facts we do not know. The opinion of this department, however, was several years back has been that parsonage property was subject to taxation because such property did not fall within the exemption statutes.

Article 7507 R. S. 1911 among other things exempts from taxation houses used exclusively for public worship. The books and furniture therein and the grounds attracted to such buildings necessary for the proper occupancy, use and enjoying of the same and not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit, and inasmuch for public worship, we do not believe it could be claimed that such property would be exempt from taxation.

Yours truly,
C. A. SWEETON,
Assistant Attorney General.

This opinion has been passed upon, approved by this department in executive session and is not ordered recorded.

B. F. LOONEY,
Attorney General.

B. F. Guin, who had been with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill, at San Angelo, the past few weeks, came in Saturday and while here had the figures set up on both the Daily Ledger and the Weekly Banner-Ledger.

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Adolph Wilke has been busy for some time trimming the trees in the court house park and planting out roses and other shrubbery. He has about completed the work and is cleaning off the rubbish and the park presents a clean and beautiful view to those who pass that way. Just this much to let the outside world know that Ballinger is still working to keep Ballinger the cleanest town in Texas.

John Yerby, son of J. J. Yerby, came in from San Francisco, Sunday and will visit his father. Mr. Yerby is in Uncle Sam's service, and holds a good position in the navy.

John Hoffer, of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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WILL MOVE BACK TO BALLINGER.

W. J. Miller came in from Austin on the noon train Saturday, and will be here for a few days. We are glad to report that Mr. Miller will move his family back to Ballinger, and that they will again make this their home after an absence of about two years. Mr. Miller stated that he would not move his family for some time however, perhaps not until after school closes for the present term. Mr. Miller was among the first men to settle in Ballinger, and he has many friends all over the county who will be glad to know that he is to return.

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RUNNELS COUNTY MAN IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

(From Brenham Banner.)
E. F. Edwards of Ballinger, way out in Runnels county, is here with a drove of mules.

He says that the news has traveled far and wide that the farmers of Washington county had spent and are still spending tens of thousands of dollars for good mules and that he is glad to hear this.

Mr. Edwards states that he feels almost at home here from the fact that in Runnels county there are a number of splendid citizens who used to live in Washington county. He says they have all made good out there and are now doing well, getting rich just as fast as time rolls and helping to make Runnels county one of the best and most prosperous industrial sections of this great State of Texas.

He says the following names are familiar in Runnels county and that they came from Washington county: Judge Willingham, who is a brother of Constable Willingham of this county, the Dickersons, the Millers, and the Voelkers, each and all of whom he states, are making good and growing more prosperous every day that passes

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BALLINGER BUSINESS MEN PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

County Commissioners Nasworthy, Massey and Staggs of Tom Green were in Miles Saturday. These gentlemen were supervising the road work which is under way on the San Angelo and Miles road and the Miles and Mereta road. An outfit put in last week and a part of this week on the former road, which is now in excellent shape and the latter road is now having their attention. Hurrah for the Commissioners of Tom Green County.—Miles Messenger.

TRAPPER BRINGS IN ALL KINDS OF SKINS

George B. Eskeridge of Ballinger, one of the early settlers of Runnels county, now a trapper in this section of the state, visited San Angelo Thursday, bringing with him a large number of furs and hides, which he turned over to the county to be passed upon for the bounty at the next meeting of the commissioners. The pelts of three timber wolves, one coyote and numerous banger, skunk and possum hides were included in the number. The animals were trapped on the Llano ranch, 15 miles north of town.

"Trapping has been unusually good during the past few weeks, due to the present spell of warm weather," stated Mr. Eskeridge Thursday morning. "However, the hides are not quite so good, due to the fact that the fur does not grow so long in warm weather as in the cold snaps."

After disposing of his pelts Mr. Eskeridge left again for the ranch to resume his work.—San Angelo Standard.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trasspass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.

GODFREY MASSEY,
wtf
Concho county, Tex.

W. L. Hambright, of the Norton country, is among the new sub added to our growing list of Banner-Ledger readers, while here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Hambright are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy, born to them January 22nd.

F. E. Clayton, of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Sam Brookshire, of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and had the Banner-Ledger sent to this address for the ensuing year.

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