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BALLINGER, TEXAS

TEXAS RANGERS GET BODY MUDDLE MEXICAN MATTERS

Laredo, Tex., March 8.—Texas rangers, who secretly crossed into Mexico last night, today brought to the American side the mutilated body of Clemente Vergara, Texas ranchman and established beyond all question the fact of his execution after he was seized by Mexican Federals.

The rangers were not opposed accomplishing their search without the slightest violence, getting the body from a grave in Hidalgo cemetery almost within sight of the Texas border. The seizure was divested of possible grave aspects in international complications by the fact that the rangers were practically making use of permission granted officially by Mexican federal authorities several days ago for the recovery of the body. This permission had been given United States Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo but he did not get the body because of what he reported as dangers attending search for it in the immediate vicinity of Hidalgo.

Vergara was shot twice through the head and once through the neck, his skull was crushed by a blow from a rifle butt, and the charred figures of the left hand indicated that he had been tortured before being put to death.

Identification was made by the dead man's son and by numerous friends, many of whom were in the party of nine lead by the state border patrol, which made the grim journey to the Hidalgo cemetery during the early morning. The body was not badly decomposed, despite its three week's burial, and in addition to recognizing the features, young Vergara took a bit of cloth from the trousers which clothed the body and matched it to the coat which his father had left on the day he crossed the Rio Grande.

The body was brought into the United States at a point 45 miles up the river, opposite Hidalgo and near the Vergara ranch. American Consul Garrett of Nuevo Leon, Deputy Sheriffs and other authorities were waiting to receive it, and pending the arrival of an undertaker from Laredo, an armed guard stood over the body.

Recovery of the body was made by a force of Texans, largely friends of the dead man, acting with troops of Texas rangers, under Captain Saunders, who had been investigating the circumstances of Vergara's seizure by Federals for Governor Colquitt. A secret investigation in which many Mexicans had been questioned, is understood to have preceded the trip into Mexico. Leading the force was a man who claimed to have been a witness to both the execution and burial of Vergara.

The forces gathered near the Vergara ranch not far from the spot where Vergara crossed the river to meet the Mexican federals who promised remuneration for stolen horses. Moving silently, they began their overland march to Hidalgo, a distance of about five miles. They avoided the town it was said, under the cover of night and met no one to question their journey.

Location of the grave where Vergara was supposed to lie proved an easy task, for it had been a center of speculation and wonder since it appeared, new made after a swinging body had been cut down from the place of execution when the hue and cry over Vergara's disappearance started an investigation. The body had been rudely interred, with little effort to protect it from the earth. With their burden fixed on a stretcher carried by six of the dead man's friends, the procession started unchallenged on the return journey which brought Clemente Vergara's body home again to the United States.

No member of the party would discuss the trip tonight. Captain Saunders of the ranger force, refused to say whether he had acted

under orders from the state authorities.

Story of the Execution.

Vergara left his ranch near Palafox, Texas, Friday, Feb. 13th, and crossed the river into Mexico on a message from Captain Apolinario Rodriguez of the Hidalgo federal garrison, that he wished to settle for eleven horses taken from Vergara's island pasture in the Rio Grande. Mrs. Vergara pleaded with her husband not to risk seizure by Mexicans, but disregarding her warnings, he crossed the river in company with his young nephew. Mrs. Vergara has since told how she saw her husband assaulted by the waiting soldiers, and after being knocked unconscious carried off. Vergara's nephew, at the attack of his uncle, escaped to safety and hid in the brush until he could re-cross the river.

On the following day Mrs. Vergara went in search of her husband and found him in the Hidalgo jail. So far as was known there was no charge against him. He had been cruelly beaten. She dressed the wounds in his head, she said, and stayed with him until forced to leave. That was the last she ever saw of him alive, for early the next morning he was taken from the jail supposedly to be transferred to Piedras Negras and disappeared.

When a search was begun for the missing American, it was learned that a man had been shot and his body hanged to a tree outside of Hidalgo early Sunday morning, Feb. 15th, and the body left swinging for several days. Soon after American Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo, started his inquiries, this body was removed and a fresh grave was noticed in the old Hidalgo cemetery. Mexicans who had known Vergara said the body had been Vergara, and that they believed he was buried in the new grave. It was finally settled that he had been executed.

Austin, Tex., March 8.—"I proceeded to Hidalgo, Mexico, obtained body of Vergara. Have it here."

This was the text of the telegram tonight by Governor Colquitt from Captain J. J. Sanders of the state ranger force. The message was sent from Laredo.

Colquitt Being Deluged With Inquiries.

Austin, Tex., March 8.—Being bombarded with telegrams from all over the United States asking whether or not he had invaded Mexico to get Vergara's body, Governor Colquitt, about ten o'clock, wired Ranger Captain Sanders for full particulars. He said that he expected to hear from him some time tonight; that he presumed that Captain Sanders had proceeded to get the body with the co-operation of the Mexicans and that he had not given instructions that he go into Mexico after the body.

Says He is Not Responsible.

Austin, March 8.—Governor Colquitt tonight authorized the statement that he did not specifically instruct Ranger Captain J. J. Sanders who recovered Clemente Vergara's body to cross the border to get it.

Colquitt Says Men Didn't Invade Mexico.

Austin, Tex., March 8.—Governor Colquitt at midnight tonight issued the following statement with regard to the recovery of the body of Vergara:

"Captain Sanders, commanding Company B of the Texas rangers at Laredo, advised me by telegraph this afternoon that he had recovered the body of Vergara. I wired him for full particulars. He advised me that he did not go into Mexico at all but was informed

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COURT NAMES ELECTION MANAGER

The commissioners court, which adjourned last week, completed its work for the term by naming managers for the ensuing two years. The court also named election managers for the school trustee elections to be held in the various districts in the county. On account of the list being so long we are only publishing the managers appointed for the general election which are as follows:

Ballinger No. 1: C. R. Crews, presiding officer; J. F. Lusk, Jack McGregor, J. N. Adams.

Hatchel: S. D. Williams, Paul Michaelis, W. W. Wagle, J. R. Harris.

Benoit: B. J. Clayton, Perry Pullen.

Crews: W. S. Morehead, R. L. Bates, C. Schwartz, Jr., D. S. Moore.

Tokeen: F. M. Curry, A. B. Lockett.

Truitt: W. H. Seals, L. R. Woolridge.

Winters: J. Hood, Ben Spill, I. L. Beard, R. B. Griffith.

Antelope: R. A. Yates, W. D. Virden.

Pumphrey: R. L. Mosley, C. F. Awalt.

Wingate: C. P. Pruitt, W. G. Cathey, E. J. Guin, R. I. Good.

Baldwin: T. R. Dorsett, H. A. Mitchell.

Wilmeth: Will Oodgin, Elgin Davidson, P. E. Lunsford.

Cochran: W. W. Poe, D. W. Payne.

North Norton: J. R. Holloway, J. T. Snellgrove.

Marie: J. Black, W. A. Glenn.

Maverick: Burty Fletcher, J. P. Huffaker.

South Norton: R. P. Taylor, R.

E. Dorsett.

Pearce School House: J. N. Mason, R. B. Armstrong.

Brookshire: E. A. Brookshire, J. D. Cook.

Miles: W. P. Buttery, T. E. Davis, W. W. Cummins, Ben Adams.

Rowena: P. J. Baron, F. F. Ernst, Gus Schumann, W. F. Red man.

Oiffin: F. G. Hoelscher, Wm. Halfman.

Pony Creek: Jno. Bigby, Lon Mapes.

Ballinger No. 24: W. A. Tally, Joe Ostertag, H. J. Jones, W. R. McDonald.

Note—The first man named for the respective voting places is the presiding officer.

It was ordered that the county judge submit for inspection and if accepted convey a site for the proposed Federal building from either the northeast or southwest corner of the public square.

An order was passed closing the Porter-Small road in road precinct number one hundred, and the county judge authorized to publish a notice of same in the Banner-Ledger, according to law.

A number of claims for roads were allowed and ordered paid, and most of the court's time taken up in looking after road matters.

Bedford Caperton was appointed constable for precinct number four, account of failure of duly elected constable, Will Mountz to qualify.

The order heretofore passed allowing Adam Hulse \$2.50 per week was revoked and an order passed allowing Mrs. Pollard \$15 per month for boarding said Adam Hulse, same to be paid on the first day of April and on the first of each month thereafter until further ordered.

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SHEPHERD FOR PEACE FALL FOR WAR

Washington, March 9.—The lid of secrecy regarding Mexico was lifted in the United States senate today by Senator Fall, republican of New Mexico, who urged armed intervention for the protection of American and other foreigners in the stricken republic.

The galleries were crowded to overflowing and remained so for hours until Senator Shively of Indiana had spoken for the administration, expressing regret that the subject had been discussed in open session and averring that no adequate solution had been offered for the problem.

Senator Fall, in a lengthy narration of incidents of outrages to Americans in Mexico held the interest of the senate and galleries for more than three hours. Asailing the administration policy as inadequate and declaring that President Wilson knew nothing about real conditions and had been mistaken in every act of his administration toward Mexico, the New Mexico senator pleaded for intervention for protection to avoid inevitable war.

Senator Sheppard of Texas declared the majority of the people of his state were in hearty accord

with President Wilson in his Mexican policy and "deplored the attitude of their governor." Every day that passed without intervention was a tribute to the work of the president and secretary of State were doing he said.

"The logic of the administration critics is peculiar," he added.

"They would stop bloodshed with war. Bad as present conditions in Mexico are, they would be a hundred times worse if we should go to war there."

Texans from the border had assured him, Senator Sheppard asserted that there was no excitement "except in the imagination of the governor" and that they were with both sides across the border in commercial ventures without difficulty as long as they kept to their own affairs. The portion of the population along the border which was American only in name and was responsible for all of the tales of outrages," he said, actually take "no interest in politics. American or Mexican and are herded to the polls every two years by unscrupulous politicians."

"I believe, and the majority of Americans believe," concluded the Texas senator, "that if this matter is left to President Wilson he will find a way out without war. We will pray that the foolhardiness of adventurous men and scheming politicians will not drive us into war."

Condensed Report of Condition of The First National Bank of Ballinger on March 4th, 1914.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$283,414.63
U. S. Bonds	101,500.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	25,000.00
Real Estate	8,353.74
Stock and Bonds	1,523.65
Bills of Exchange	96,736.47
Cash in Vault and with Banks	103,411.34
TOTAL	\$619,939.83

LIABILITIES


Capital Stock (Paid In)	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	41,764.78
Circulation	97,600.00
Bills Payable	55,000.00
Deposits	225,575.05
TOTAL	\$619,939.83

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ELECTION RESULTS; SAN SABA DRY

San Saba, March 9.—The pros won out in the election held here Saturday by a majority of more than 300. Returns from all boxes except one give antis 657, pros 957. The missing box will run the pro majority above the 300 mark. The last local option election in this county was held in 1904 and resulted in a majority of 273 for the pros. In the vote on the amendments in 1911 San Saba county gave a pro majority of only 150.

Bell County Votes out Pool Halls.

Temple, March 9.—In the pool hall election held here Saturday a majority of 1100 was polled against pool halls. The four voting boxes in this city voted 77 majority in favor of the pool halls, and the three voting boxes in Belton voted a majority of 82 against the pool halls.

Pool Halls Remain in Gainesville

Gainesville, March 9.—By a majority of more than 300 the pool halls will remain in Precinct No. 1, which includes Gainesville, Lindsey and Dyemound.

Asking for Pro and Pool Hall Election.

Lampasas, March 9.—Petitions are being circulated here for both pro-election and pool hall election. The petitions are being numerous signed and will be presented to the next term of the commissioners court. The county has been in the dry column for several years.

Stubborn Annoying Coughs Cured

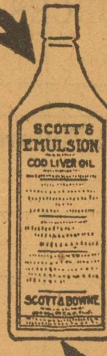
"My husband had a cough for fifteen years and my son for eight years. Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured them, for which I am most thankful," writes Mrs. David Moor of Saginaw, Ala. "What Dr. King's New Discovery did for these men, it will do for you. Dr. King's New Discovery should be in every home. Stops hacking coughs, relieves in grippe and all throat and lung ailments. Money back if it fails. All druggists, Price 50c and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

RETURNS FROM DALLAS.

The following ladies who attended the Grand Opera at Dallas, returned home Monday at noon: Madames Tom Ward, J. Y. Pearce, and Misses Franc Baker, and Bertha Rasbury.

The Tortures of Rheumatism

are aggravated during climatic changes because the impure blood is incapable of resistance and ordinary treatment seems useless—but the fame of Scott's Emulsion for relieving rheumatism is based on logical principles and scientific facts. This oil-food promptly makes active, red, life-sustaining blood corpuscles and its body-building properties regulate the functions to expel poisonous acids. Scott's Emulsion, with careful diet for one month, will relieve the lame muscles and stiffened joints and subdue the unbearable sharp pains when other remedies fail. Beware of alcoholic imitations and insist on the purity of SCOTT'S. AT ALL DRUGGISTS 13-22 SCOTT & BOWNE, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.



NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTS ATTENTION

It will be remembered that the Eighth Street Presbyterian Sunday school entertained its members and a number of friends with a peanut banquet several weeks ago. An account of that affair was published in a number of papers away from Ballinger, including both state dailies and church papers. The following letter explains itself:

"Handsboro, Miss., March 6, 14. Supt. 8th Street Presbyterian School, Ballinger, Texas.

"Dear Sir:—I saw an account in the Gulf States Presbyterian, of a Peanut Banquet given by your school on Jan. 22nd. As that is something new to us we would be pleased to have further information on the matter. Perhaps one of your lady teachers will be kind enough to give us the needed instruction for carrying out the program, which will be greatly appreciated. Thanking you in advance for any help received.

Yours truly, "J. F. MYERSS."

Badly Burned

Nothing relieves a scald or burn more quickly than Hunt's Lightning Oil. This wonderful ointment is very healing for cuts, sprains, bruises, etc. it is fine. Sold by all druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

OPERATED ON AT TWO O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING

Joe Jeanes, the thirteen year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes, was operated on at the Halley & Love sanitarium at two o'clock Sunday morning for strangulation of the bowels. The boy was hurt by falling from a bicycle, and the trouble grew serious and a speedy operation had to be made. He is getting along nicely.

BALLINGER GIRLS LOSES GAME SATURDAY

The High School basket ball team was defeated at San Angelo last Saturday by a score of 18 to 6. It was the second game for the girls team away from home, and after making the trip to San Angelo through the cold wind, they played to a disadvantage and of course were not at their best. The Angelo team Saturday makes a tie game and a large crowd of enthusiastic "rooters" witnessed the game. Twelve autos went over from Ballinger, and aside from getting a little cold going over they report a very pleasant trip.

The winning of the game by the Angelo team Saturday makes a tie for the two teams, the Ballinger girls having won on the local court a short time ago. It is very probable that the third game will be played at an early date, as will also a game with Coleman, which was postponed last week.

Prof Fleming, who accompanied the team to San Angelo, in speaking of the game said:

"The total points in the two games stand 30 to 31 in favor of Ballinger.

"There was a large attendance from Ballinger, there being nearly as many adults representing us as San Angelo had.

"Our citizens complimented the girls by taking the entire twelve players over free of charge. Coach E. L. Nunnally, of the Angelo team said he wished San Angelo auto-owners would be as nice to them; that they had to pay for their cars."

C. W. Smith of Stamford, came in Saturday afternoon to spend a few days with his father, Rev. A. C. Smith, pastor of the Eighth St. Presbyterian Church.

OIL PROMOTERS DEVELOPING FIELD

The Robert Lee Osberver gives us the following on the oil boom that is holding the attention of the people up the Colorado River above Ballinger.

"The enterprising citizens and land owners of Valley View, held an enthusiastic open-air meeting near the Valley View school building Wednesday afternoon, to discuss the oil find on the Harris ranch in the Valley View section and the leasing of their lands to Harris Bros., who are now on the preliminary work of organizing a company of sufficient strength to develop that field. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and the land owners of that section are anxious to lease their holdings, to have the test well or wells sunk. They favor leasing their lands to a home company, composed of financiers they know rather than to regular organized oil companies provided the lease contracts are suitable. The oil company now have in preparation a lease contract, which will be presented to the land owners in the near future.

Six cars of enthusiast citizens from Robert Lee went out to meet with the citizens there.

Hon. C. Y. Roberts called the meeting to order and stated the object after which several interesting talks were made on the possibility of a great oil field development in the Valley View section.

The good people of this section are very enthusiastic oil well advocates and stand willing and united to do anything reasonable to have this field developed. It was the consensus of opinion that all the lands wanted could be leased. They expect to hold another meeting and come to a definite understanding with the company as soon as the contracts and lease blanks are prepared."

FAIR EXCHANGE

A New Back for an Old One. How it Can be Done in Ballinger.

The back aches at times with a dull, indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the loins are so lame that to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back if the kidneys are weak. You cannot reach the cause. Ballinger residents would do well to profit by the following example.

George Onslow Coleman, Texas, says: "One of my family was troubled by kidney complaint for several years, although never so bad as to be laid up. When Doan's Kidney Pills were advertised, I took home a box and they were used. A second box was used, and there is no doubt that they did a world of good. The person who used them now has no trouble from the kidney secretions, and her back is much stronger."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Onslow had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

DISTRICT COURT CONVENED TODAY

District Judge Jno. W. Goodwin and Court Stenographer Charley Miller, arrived Monday at noon, and court convened at two o'clock. The civil docket was sounded and court took a recess until nine o'clock Tuesday morning when the civil docket will be taken up again and a number of non-jury cases disposed of.

Next week is criminal docket and grand jury week. The grand jury will be sworn in and started to work at one-thirty next Monday afternoon. The criminal docket is light, and it is probable that not a single case will be tried at this term of court.

The third week will be jury civil week, and all cases to be tried before a jury will be called.

Aug. Voglesang, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, while in the city on business Saturday afternoon handed us a dollar and said keep the Daily Ledger coming, we all enjoy reading the happenings while it is news. We are glad to report his little daughter, who had been quite ill, improving very nicely.

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C. M. Doyle of the Valley Creek country, was in the city Saturday and was conferring with the West Texas Phone Co., with reference to installing a phone line in his neighborhood and we hope the arrangement can be perfected as it will connect quite a number of good citizens direct with Ballinger over the phone.

J. S. Reese, one of the successful stock farmers of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

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Bank No. 14. OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION
Of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March 1914 published in the Ballinger Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas on the 7th day of March, 1914.

Loans and Discounts, personal and collateral	104,046.23
Loans, real estate	12,796.66
Cotton Exchange	22,720.16
Real Estate (banking house)	20,000.00
Other Real Estate	4,845.67
Furniture and Fixtures	4,388.50
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	15,368.49
Due from Other banks and bankers, subject to checks, net	15,368.49
Cash Items	1,706.10
Currency	2,866.00
Specie	4,932.77
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	2,496.43
Other Resources as follows: Assessment Guaranty Fund	196.18
Total	196,363.19

Liabilities	
Capital Stock paid in	60,000.00
Surplus Fund	9,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	5,125.27
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	1,948.58
Individual Deposits, subject to check	78,059.09
Time Certificates of Deposit	7,230.25
Bills Payable and Discounts	30,000.00
Certificates of Deposit, issued for money borrowed	5,000.00
Total	196,363.19

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

We, G. M. Vaughn, vice-president and for president, and W. E. Barbee as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. G. M. Vaughn, vice-president and for president. W. E. Barbee, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7th day of March A. D., nineteen hundred and fourteen. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Seal)

JNO. HOPKINSON, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: G. M. Vaughn, C. O. Harris. Directors.

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Miss Franc Deason, of Carthage Texas, who had been visiting her friends, Mrs. J. H. Heath and family the past few days, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

J. L. Jordan of the Coyote Creek country, Northeast of Ballinger, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Court Meeks, who had been visiting relatives and friends at Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route to San Angelo, where he is making home for the present.

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Everywhere people are talking about Foley Kidney Pills, telling how quickly and thoroughly they work. You can not take them into your system without good results following. That is because Foley Kidney Pills give to the kidneys and bladder just what nature calls for to heal these weakened and inactive organs. Try them for Sound Health.

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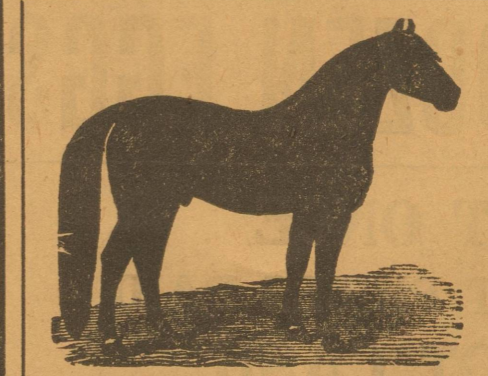
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Will make the season with my half Percheron and half Cleveland Boy Stallion, an all purpose horse, also my Registered Jersey Bull and Berkshire Boar as my place 8 miles North-East of Ballinger. Also have pigs for sale.

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MAX ZECHANG, Ballinger, Texas

Missionaries Write Letter From India

January 29, 1914.

To The Beloved Ballinger Church, Greetings from India:

"We are happy to report victory to day through the blood of our precious redeemer. Oh! Bless His Dear Name forever.

"Since we last wrote you we have changed our field of labor and feel that God has had his own sweet way in it all. We are so grateful to him for the disposition we have to serve him. And we are willing to go forth in His name, anywhere. In climatic respects, we feel we are in a much better locality than we were in Calcutta. We are much higher, consequently it must be much better here.

(Sister Lela) have quite regained my health here after two long months of awful Indian fever. But God proved ever present through it all. Bless his Dear Name!

"Of course we feel sad in a way to come to this poor lost people. But still we were just as willing to come to this poor lost people. The Garo tribes of the hills. Oh! the work to do in India. Friends to you the call is sounding. We are still so happy that we left all to follow Him. It does seem the last year has been the shortest year of our lives and we have no time to waste so much to do before Jesus comes.

"Beloved your Christmas offering was just on time. God knew it so, we thank him and you dear souls for it. Every bit has gone for incurred expenses or debts made by sickness and moving. May God bless every giver for not for getting us.

"Isn't it wonderful what God has and is doing in Ballinger. And who can appreciate it much more than we who were there in home of the first battles. Truly he hath done great things for thee. Praise Him. Let all the nations of the earth praise Him! We can see the rapid progress perhaps more than you as we stand off and look read and feel your victories. Let us encourage you to press on be loyal, be true, be courageous, the end is not yet. Oh! Hallelujah! Beloved I feel in my soul Jesus is coming soon and oh these poor heathens with out God. Day after day such men come as this. One day a nice intelligent man will come and say Miss Mangum or Hargrave, 'I can't believe the Bible is the word of God, therefore I can't believe Jesus is the Savior.' Another will say, 'I am so full of anxiety, I do want to know the real way. But how can I know.' Another, 'I believe nature is God, and if I worship it I will get peace by and by.' There are hundreds of different religions in India. Not one universal belief. And the people are mad in their search for truth. Many, yea, a great number trying to substitute worldly knowledge for the way others following this religious leader, others that one, nothing fixed. Oh do pray God to send the light to this poor lost people. Give your sons and daughters to him and you yourselves consecrate for this great service should God want you to come. Oh! for men and their wives in this country who are called of God to establish his works.

"We are busy studying, working, planning and praying these days. You will see our late report in the 'other sheep' hope you may all read it and do scatter the 'other sheep' where ever you are.

"May great grace, mercy and peace rest upon you all. Pray much for us that God may use us to His own glory in this dark land. In Jesus name.

MYRTLE MANGUM,
 LEILA HARGRAVE.

Noya Bozara Road, Mymensingh City, India.

Buy your tailor-made suit at J. H. WILKE'S, satisfaction guaranteed. 1tw

J. N. Mason, of the Valley creek country, was among the visitors in the city Monday.

FISH REPORTED DYING IN STREAMS

It has been reported to this office by a number who have been fishing on the various streams in this section during the last week, that fish are dying in the streams by the thousands, and in many places the edge of the water along the creeks large quantities of fish can be found. Those who have been on the streams say that the fish seem to be effected with some kind of a disease, as eruptions of the skin can be seen on those that are found dead. Just before the fish die they come to the top of the water and swim with their mouths above the water and in a few minutes they are dead.

The Shad and Drum seem to be the only variety that have been found dead, the catfish and other varieties not being effected. As the water is perfectly clear, and most all the streams in the county are running it is not known what is causing the trouble. With sudden rises during the spring and summer fish have been killed in Runnels county streams, but this is attributed to the muddy water and the sudden change in the temperature of the water.

A specie of fish known as the Crappie are being caught in Elm creek this spring. This is the first time this variety of fish has been caught in the streams in this section, and we understand that some were placed in the creek near here. Some were put in the Concho several years ago.

IF MEALS HIT BACK AND STOMACH SOURS

"Pape's Diapepsin" ends Indigestion, Gas, Dyspepsia and Stomach Misery in five minutes.

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and eructate sour undigested food, or have a feeling of dizziness, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad taste in mouth, and stomach headache, you can get blessed relief in five minutes. Ask your pharmacist to show you the formula, plainly printed on these fifty-cent cases of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will understand why dyspeptic troubles of all kinds must go, and why they relieve sour, out-of-order stomachs or indigestion in five minutes. "Pape's Diapepsin" is harmless; tastes like candy, tho each dose will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you eat; besides it makes you go to the table with a healthy appetite; but, what will please you most, is that you will feel that your stomach and intestines are clean and fresh, and you will not need to resort to laxatives or liver pills for biliousness or constipation.

This city will have many "Pape's Diapepsin" cranks, as some people will call them, but you will be enthusiastic about this splendid stomach preparation too, if you ever take it for indigestion, gases, heartburn, sourness, dyspepsia, or any stomach misery.

Get some now, this minute and rid yourself of stomach trouble, and indigestion in five minutes.

RETURNS FROM DALLAS.

F. G. Hoelscher, the Olfin merchant, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from Dallas and made the trip in his new five passenger "Detroit" car, which is a beauty and moves along in splendid shape. Mr. Hoelscher has accepted the agency in our section for the "Detroit" and will have them on exhibition at his place near Ballinger.

J. W. Godwin, of Ardmore, came in Wednesday at noon to look after business interests and visit in our city a week or so. He says Ardmore and that section is booming over the recent strike of high grade oil in paying quantities.

REP. R. S. GRIGGS TO MAKE CAMPAIGN

Representative R. S. Griggs, who so faithfully served this district in the last legislature, announced in last week's issue of the Banner-Ledger for re-election. Our linotype machine made him say in his announcement that he would not attend the picnics held from time to time over the district, when it should have said that he would attend the picnics as much as possible and present his claims to the people. This error was caused by the little word "not" creeping into the article.

Judge Griggs says he will make an active campaign, and as he has only represented the district one term, he feels that he will be returned and given opportunity to complete work that he has planned. He says it is a foregone fact that another state normal will be created in the near future, and it is very probable that this will be done at the 1913 session of the legislature. It is also a fact that the new school will be a Central West Texas Normal, and will be located somewhere in this section of the state. Later a West Texas Normal will be created and located further West. At the present the state has schools at San Marcos, Denton, Huntsville, and Canyon City, and with the rapid development of the state the demand is created for more schools. It will be Judge Griggs' ambition to secure this school for Ballinger. The school will be located at either Abilene, Ballinger or Angelo. It will be remembered that Ballinger came near securing the school which was established at Canyon City, and with the splendid advantages, central and healthy location Judge Griggs says he feels very optimistic over the proposition.

Irrigation laws is another prominent plank in Judge Griggs' platform, and there is no section of Texas that is more directly interested in irrigation than Coke and Runnels county, the two counties that comprise this representative district. Judge Griggs was a member of the irrigation committee of the last legislature and his work on that committee speaks for itself.

It is not definitely known whether there will be any opposition to Judge Griggs or not. In a letter written to this paper some time ago Hon. C. Y. Roberts, of Coke county, stated that he was being urged to run and that he was seriously considering the matter.

LOOK.

To your own interest and take your produce to the people that had the courage to lead out and offer you a good cash market for your poultry, eggs and etc.

We are doing all we can to give you the very best cash market the year round for every thing you have to sell. Bring your eggs, poultry and etc., right along and help us to help you.

JEANES PRODUCE CO.
 10-1st 1tw.

Order that Easter suit of J. H. Wilke. Satisfaction or it is not your suit. 1tw

TRUSTEES ELECTION CALLED

In view of the fact that the notice of the call for the school trustees election to be held in our city on April 4th and as four of the old trustees will go out, and not having heard from them as to whether they will stand for re-election the friends of the following citizens are asking that they allow their names to be used as the trustees to be voted upon at the coming election: N. J. Wardlow, of South Ballinger and Scott Mack, U. E. Hartman, and W. E. Barbee.

Do not fail to see our beautiful line of crepe dress goods, 9 1-2c to 21c. J. H. WILKE. 1v

LEFT TO ATTEND CATTLEMEN'S CONVENTION

G. G. Odom, Condy Wylie, J. F. Currie, Jake Stuffer and J. R. Holloway left Sunday afternoon to attend the cattlemen's convention in Fort Worth also the following parties left Monday afternoon to attend the convention: Mr. and Mrs. Price Maddox, and baby, Walter Allen, Jo Wilmeth, Robert Herring, H. Giesecke, L. P. Woods, H. H. Thomson, Lon Mapes.

Just arrived line of crepes and ratine dress goods. J. H. Wilke 1v

A REAL NERVE AND BODY-BUILDING MEDICINE

We believe Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion is the best remedy made for toning the nerves, enriching the blood, building up wasted tissues, renewing health, strength, and energy—the best medicine you can use if you are run-down, tired-out, nervous and debilitated, no matter what the cause. It doesn't depend for its good effect upon alcohol or habit-forming drugs, because it contains none. It may not make you feel better in a few hours, but it will make you feel better, we are sure, just as soon as the tonic and food properties it contains have a chance to get into the blood and, through the blood, into the rest of the system. Pure Olive Oil and the Hypophosphites have long been endorsed by successful physicians, but here, for the first time, they are combined into one preparation which, as a nerve-food and a builder of strength and health, we believe, has no equal.

If you don't feel well, begin taking Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion today, and build your health and strengthen your system against more serious illness. To convalescent, old people, pure children and all others who are weak, run-down or ailing, we offer Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion with our personal promise that, if it doesn't make you well and strong again, it will cost you nothing. If we didn't have the utmost faith in it we wouldn't offer it with this guarantee, nor even recommend it to you. We are sure that once you have used it you will recommend it to your friends, and thank us for having recommended it to you. Sold only at the more than 7,000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only by us. \$1.00.—The Waller Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

ROZZLEE-CARUTHERS.

On March 4th at eleven o'clock a. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boone, 10th Street, a quiet but nice little home wedding was solemnized. The contracting parties being Mr. Henry Rozzlee and Miss Lola Caruthers. Young Mr. Rozzlee is an energetic responsible and promising young man, son of Mr. A. Rozzlee of the Concho county. Miss Caruthers is a gentle and refined young lady, and is the daughter of an excellent and prosperous farmer of Yorktown. Mr. Rozzlee is to be congratulated in winning the hand and heart of such a companion to help him meet the battles of life. Mr. Kelly, a Christian minister, performed the marriage ceremony. The many friends of the bride and groom extend hearty congratulations.

"Plaza"

UPON THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER

hinges the plot of one of the most powerful stories you have read in many a day, which we have secured for our next serial

The Woman

A novelization of Belasco's production of de Mille's famous play by Albert Payson Terhune

Wanda Kelly, a plucky little telephone operator, possesses the secret that powerful politicians try to wring from her.

A remarkably interesting story of love and politics.

Be Sure to READ IT!

PROFIT YIELDING BROOD MARES

Dee Oliver was in from his farm west of town Wednesday, and when a man approached him and proposed to trade him a horse for a mare, Mr. Oliver solemnly "wagged" his head and said nothing doing, and he remarked that work mares were more profitable than work horses and as an evidence of the truthfulness of his statement he said he would get four colts this year from the teams he made a crop with last year.

Hearing this remark the writer proceeded to use his pump a little, and we learned from Mr. Oliver that he owns a mare that has brought him during the last twelve years eleven colts and missed two seasons. The colts netted him a handsome profit each year to say nothing of the work she has done. He sold the colts all the way from \$50 to \$125. Mr. Oliver has six mares that will bring him five colts this spring, and he is not in the horse raising business. He is a farmer and raises a few colts to make up for the crop failures that strikes this country some time.

What Dee Oliver has done and is doing every farmer in Ranels County can do. And when they see, the advantage to be gained in dollars and cents, and then refuse to grasp the opportunity they should not cuss the country because their bank account does not come up with the other fellows. Exclusive cotton growing will keep any farmer poverty stricken and any country on a credit basis.

WANTED—Agents men or women to sell guaranteed Hosiery to wearers. Large profits, quick sales, repeat orders. Make \$10 daily, experience unnecessary. Address J. C. Poindexter, District Manager, R. R. 1, Box 11, Santa Anna, Tex. 1tw 1td pd

PLACES ORDER FOR THREE BIG SILOS

The number of silos in this county will more than double in number during the present year. The success of this method of preserving feed has proven so successful that every farmer who has stock to feed, raises the feed and can get sufficient money together to build a silo, is standing in his own way on the road to prosperity if he fails to build a silo.

As a starter Col. G. G. Odom closed a deal this week with the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., for three big silos, and will have them placed on his Fort Chaddbourne ranch and made ready to fill with the feed as soon as the feed is ready to harvest for that purpose. Feb McWilliams is another one of the successful stockmen to take the fever, and says he will save his feed by the silo method this year.

The Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., has placed an order for a carload of silos, seven in number, and they expect to have them placed by the time they arrive and will again stock up. They are preparing data and information on silos and silo building and they will present it to the readers of this paper in the near future.

We have been preaching silo building for some time, and have a great variety to select from, and like everything else they vary in price as well as quality, and every farmer should read, post him self and then select the one that he thinks will give him the best service for the money invested. But by all means build a silo, and cut out wasting your feed.

Tailor-made suit \$13.25 and up at J. H. Wilke's. Guarantee in every respect. 1tw

FORMER BALLINGER PRINTER MARRIED.

The following announcement was received in Ballinger Tuesday: "Mrs. C. L. York announces the marriage of her daughter Goldye Ida to Mr. Robert Emmett Higgins on Sunday morning, the eighth of March, 1914, at nine o'clock, Thorndale, Texas."

Mr. Higgins formerly lived in Ballinger with his parents and held positions with the printing offices here. His friends in Ballinger extend congratulations.

USE "TIZ" FOR SOAR, TIRED, SWEATY FEET

"TIZ" makes sore, burning, tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters and bunions.



"TIZ" draws out the acids and poisons that puff up your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "TIZ" brings restful foot comfort. "TIZ" is wonderful for tired, aching, swollen, smarting feet. Your feet just tingle for joy; shoes never hurt or seem tight.

Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now from any druggist or department store. End foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy. Just think! a whole year's foot comfort for only 25 cents.

DISTRICT COURT TAME AFFAIR

Judge Goodwin closed his docket here Wednesday afternoon, and left for his home at Brownwood, where he will rest and be with his family until Monday when he will return here and put the grand jury to work and take up the criminal docket.

The two days of this week in which court was in session was devoted to the non-jury civil docket. The clerk, Miss (Mary) Phillips, informs us that the civil docket for the present term was fifty per cent lighter than it was six months ago, and the criminal docket is a joke. There are a few cases on the criminal docket, but most of them are being carried against parties who are not serving time on some other charge, and it is probable that there will not be a case tried. The case against Matt McKinney, charged with driving cattle from their accustomed range, has been continued by agreement, and the witnesses notified, and unless the grand jury stirs up something the present term of court will be a tame affair.

Of the civil cases disposed of this week, there were eleven divorce suits and eleven application for naturalization papers. Some of the divorcees were granted, and others were passed up for the present. Out of the eleven applicant for citizenship only three were granted. Some were dismissed on account of applicants moving from county, and others were continued on the docket. Judge M. W. Anthony, of St. Paul, Minn. was here to represent the United States government in the citizenship cases. Most of the other cases on the civil docket consisted of foreclosure suits.

PROMINENT DRUMMERS DIE IN CONFLAGRATION

St. Louis, March 11, 14. "Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, Ballinger, Texas.

"With deepest sorrow we advise you of the tragic death of our friend Norman Hancock in the Missouri Athletic Club fire on Monday morning.

"Curlee Clothing Co." The above is the second message received in Ballinger of the burning to death of prominent traveling men in the St. Louis fire. Lucius Ruff, for a number of years salesman for the Simmons Hardware Co., and who made this territory regular for a number of years, lost his life in the fire. It was reported that U. E. Whaley, salesman for the Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co., who also travels in this territory, and is well known in Ballinger, lost his life, but U. P. Melton received a telegram this morning stating that Mr. Whaley escaped.

Mr. Hancock was a Texas man, his home being at Hamlin, Texas, but for a number of years he has been with the Curlee Clothing Co. and traveled in this territory.

An extensive line of tailoring samples at J. H. WILKE'S. 1tw

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Let the boys have the tin cans.

"Now is the time for all good
men to come to the aid of their
party."

This is the eliminating age. Elim-
inate the groucher by smiling all
the time.

Another term of district court
and no body to prosecute. A great
country is this.

Some people have a way of mak-
ing money while others spend their
time talking politics. It has ever
been thus.

It is folly in delay, and if
the school is ever to be sup-
ported with a play ground, now is
the time to get the ground.

The secret of success is in sav-
ing. A farmer can save enough
by preserving his feed crop in a
silo to pay for the silo in one year.

It takes more than agitation to
construct good highways. It takes
action. We have agitated un-
til we are thoroughly disgusted.
Will some body please act.

The citizens of Abilene made up
a purse of \$32.25 and presented it
to the mother who gave birth to
triplets in that city the first of
this week. Such practice is calcu-
lated to discourage race suicide.

Political forecast indicates an
awful stormy season. Seek safety
by practicing controlling your ton-
gue. Let the other fellow do
talking. It's cheaper to listen.

Press dispatches say fifty thou-
sand people out of employment in
an Eastern city and here we are
paying a negro woman \$1.50 for
putting out a washing that only
requires two hours. Come to Tex-
as.

It's remarkably strange the
chances some husbands will take
for a little pleasure. A South
Texas husband was shot and seri-
ously wounded by his wife while
returning home late at night. The
woman thought he was an intru-
der.

The Mexican outlaws along the
Texas border have more respect
for Texas officers than they have
for Uncle Sam. The governor
general of the state of Coahuila
has notified Gov. Colquitt that he
would have the men arrested who
kidnapped Vergara and killed him

Claud Callan of the Fort Worth
Star-Telegram says some candi-
dates are easily confused and seem
to think their heart is bleeding
for the dear people when it is only
watering of the mouth for office.

Announcing as a candidate for
governor has grown to be a popu-
lar and cheap way of getting a
lot of free advertising. The peo-
ple seem to be determined to have
a good man for governor, be he
anti or pro.

If tin cans and trash are a men-
ace to the health of a community,
the menace in Ballinger is being
removed, judging from the pile of
cans accumulated by the boys in
the clean up crusade. Take a look
at them on the Santa Fe right-of-
way near the freight depot.

Some men form the habit of
loafing on the streets on Sunday
morning while others form the
habit of going to church. This a
free country, and every man can
stick to his habit, but there is
quite a difference in the influence
of the two habits.

Houston has a High Ball team,
and the Houston Post rises to re-
mark that the team has no con-
nection whatever with Tom Ball,
and is not related with the Tom
Ball clubs being organized through-
out the state. It is mighty early
in the game to get "Balled up."

There were more than 1500 peo-
ple refused citizenship in the
United States last year on account
of the ignorance for naturaliza-
tion certificates. This shows that
Uncle Sam is not admitting incom-
petents to help make our laws, but
while he is practicing this rule it
should also be made to apply to
the ignorant of our own land.

It is the duty of every man
—who can vote—to read and keep
posted, and be prepared to vote
intelligently on every question
that is submitted to him, but the
man that quits his business and
gets out and splits his shirt for
some particular candidate, may
elect his candidate but he is loser
in the long run.

The Prosperity Edition of the
Austin Statesman, came out Sun-
day, and the paper portrayed in
word and picture the attractive
side of the capital city of the
greatest state in the Union. 90
pages made up the splendid edi-
tion of the Statesman and will at-
tract attention wherever they are
unfolded.

Claud Callan, of the Star-Tele-
gram, says, "Eliminate the fly
before she has an opportunity to
unpack her samples of disease.
While cleaning up your political
enemies, clean up the premises." We
are indeed glad to know that
Claud is an eliminator. We have
been worrying considerably thru
fear that he was a member of that
"dimocrat gang."

The Brownwood Bulletin speaks
this truth: "The silo and the
cream separator are two of the
chief instruments for the salvation
of this western country. The farm-
er who can save his forage in
such manner that it retains its
highest efficiency is prepared to
produce butter fat which the
cream separator enables him to
market under the most favorable
circumstances.

Dallas is to have another daily
paper. A. H. Belo & Co., pub-
lishers of the Gal-Dal News, will
begin the publication of the Even-
ing Journal on April 1st. The
Journal will be independent of the
Dallas Morning News, having a
different editorial staff, different
reportorial staff and using a dif-
ferent telegraph news service. If
the youngster carries any of the
car marks of the News it will be
a credit to Dallas and to Texas.

Perhaps it will be of some bene-
fit to you to know that your per-
sonal check is no good in payment
of your income tax. To remit by
personal check means that your
check will be returned and you
will be asked to send exchange on
some bank. That is what the in-
come tax collector says, and it
seems that he has considerable
say in this new process adopted to
relieve the rich of some of their
burden.

A correspondent at Glen Cove
in writing to the Coleman Demo-
crat, says that the religious de-
bate held at Glen Cove was an in-
teresting event. Yes, we heard
that both sides were "licked to a
frazzle." The subject of "the
destruction of the Devil" was dis-
cussed all day last Sunday. A
religious debate indicates prosper-
ity for the devil instead of de-
struction. The debator on the af-
firmative side in dealing with this
subject no doubt worked to a dis-
advantage.

We are glad to note that P. E.
Truly and son are making good at
Milford in the publication of the
Milford News. Mr. Truly was one
of the pioneer citizens of Ballinger
and spent the best part of his life
here boosting for the town and
county and raising a splendid
family. The Milford News is a
welcome visitor to this office, and
the many friends in Ballinger of
the Truly family will be glad to
know that they are getting along
nicely.

The man who is looked upon as
being a drone and refuses to help
in any move for the rebuilding of
his community, is not one degree
removed from the knocker, and
everybody knows the knocker is
the most despised character on
earth.—Ballinger Banner-Ledger.

Then why knock ye the knock-
er if a knocker is despised? The

knockers and the drones have
their missions to fill in the world
and they're making good. Then
let 'em rest—don't advertise 'em
and they, like the non-advertising
merchant will die behind closed
doors—unhonored and unsung.—
Tuscoteo Viditte.

The Temple Telegram tells of a
young man who destroyed some
mail boxes in Tennessee two years
ago, and who was recently caught
in Texas, and adds: "It is said
that the national government will
trail them for years and get them
at last, so it would be better to
avoid flirting with trouble in this
way." That is true, and it is sur-
prising that parents do not teach
their children to violate the state
instead of the Federal laws. Not
only is one more likely to be
caught if he punctures Uncle
Sam's criminal code, but he is
sometimes convicted. Children
should be taught this distinction
from earliest youth.—Claud Cal-
lan.

The Houston Post is out with a
sworn statement showing the cir-
culation of that paper for the
months of February, January and
December—the last three months.
The statement shows an average
daily circulation of 33,543. The
Post is popular in South Texas
and Central South Texas, where
it reaches the people while it is
fresh. We are so far away from
the bayou town that it takes
twentyfour hours for the Post to
reach us, and of course in this sec-
tion the people are not as well ac-
quainted with it as they are with
other papers that reaches here the
day of publication. We are glad
to see the splendid record being
maintained by the Post.

Last year was the first year that
feterita has ever been planted in
this county. The successful ex-
periment has created considerable
interest, and hundreds of acres
will be planted this year, and with
anything like a fair season, a bum-
per crop will be made. This feed
is said to be far superior to milo
maize in that it resists the drouth
much better and the grain is more
valuable.—Ballinger Daily Ledger.

In its introduction of feterita
the government has proven its
ability to promote the farming in-
dustry and this success should
serve to interest the farmers in all
of the governments recommenda-
tions for improvement. Maybe
there will be some other things
brought out to make life's walk
easy for the farmer.—Temple Tele-
gram.

ADVERTISING SUGGESTIONS.
Advertising has kept Sarah
Bernhardt young for sixty-several
years.

Men have accumulated fortunes
by the persistent use of printers'
ink.

Every business that is worth
advertising is worth advertising
well.

The true aim of all advertising
should be to attract permanent
buyers.

To conduct a business without
advertising is like trying to have
a meal without food.

Late to bed and early to rise,
hustle all day and advertise, is a
saying trite and true.

THE BAR TO THE BORROWER.
Ballinger Ledger: The action
of the local banks in eliminating
about one-half of the holidays
will meet with the hearty approval
of the citizens of this country.
When a man comes twenty-five
miles to borrow money and finds
the banks closed in observance of
some man's birthday, it causes a
sour feeling in his heart. We are
living in an eliminating age.

The man who goes twenty-five
miles after a loan is always liable
to be disappointed over something
or other. Even when there is no
legal holiday in the way, some
would-be borrowers find other ob-
structions equally vexatious. There
are some who couldn't borrow
more than two-bits any day in the
year, with George Washington,
Abraham Lincoln, Sam Houston
and State Press as indorsers of
his note. It was said a long time
ago that beggars mustn't be choos-
ers, and it is true. Also borrow-
ers must not be too finicky. When
a borrower goes forth to borrow
he can't swell up and feel insulted
just because the prospective
lender gazes out of the window
with a far away look in his eyes as
he hears how soon the loan is to
be paid. A borrower has to ap-
pear in great good humor, smil-

ing, prosperous, urbane, debonaire
and he never knows even with all
that whether he is going to get
the money until the old pessimist
who has it shows signs of a thaw.
—State Press in Dallas News.

"THE HEN OF TODAY."

Under the above heading Col-
lier's Weekly says some very in-
teresting things about the hen of
today, not the hen of history or
the coming hen, but the hen of to-
day. What is true of the hen of
today is true of every other thing
that people handle. The time has
come when it don't amount to
very much who you are or what
you have been, or what you look
like. The great and leading ques-
tion is can you deliver the goods?
Sentiment in business is losing out
and while at first thought you
might say it is not right, people
have no right to deal and view
things, from the standpoint of
"deliver the goods" or get out of
the way and let some fellow in
who can. But they have people
who will not think and who are
not capable have no right to ask
other folks to suffer on account of
their inefficiency.

Read what Collier's has to say
of the hen of today in the follow-
ing piece and you will see the
point when the same rule is ap-
plied to other things:

"No longer is the hen a strag-
gler on society's fringe; her inten-
sive culture is full of interest—
or shall we say profits? If she can-
not do better than seventy eggs a
year (which is perhaps about what
the farmer's hen has averaged—
without a college education), it is
into the pot 'for hers.'" Evolu-
tion has labored in the making of
a feathered lady like C521, the
Oregon Experiment Station's tri-
umph, with her world record of
303 eggs in 365 days. In this pro-
cess all our modern words come
into play: heredity, environment,
survival of the fittest, eugenics.
But it is a case of factory develop-
ment as well as race development.
For the hen of today is above all a
delicately organized machine,
speeded up under scientific man-
agement. No more is the cry for
show points and purity of strain.
The champion of them all is a mon-
grel—seven-eighths Leghorn and
one-eighth Plymouth Rock. It is
the egg that counts, and egg-lay-
ing contests at the experiment
station have proved that fine fea-
thers don't make the finest bird,
nor yet does the proper set of a
rose comb or the correct tail car-
riage fix productivity. Poultry
houses are no longer heated. We
have the outdoor school for the
supergirl at Bryan Mawr and like
treatment for the region superhen.
In these costly days the fabled
hen which lays an egg a day is
second cousin to the goose that
laid the egg of gold."—Abilene
Reporter.

S. A. HUSKEY LOCATES AT ABILENE.

A letter from S. A. Huskey
ordering the Banner-Ledger to
come to his address, states that he
has located at Abilene, where he
has purchased an interest in the
Limit, a popular confectionery
store in that town. Mr. Huskey
states that he is well pleased in his
new home and with his new busi-
ness, and he sends best regards
to his Ballinger friends. For a
number of years Mr. Huskey has
been with the Ballinger Cotton
Oil Co.

WILL NOT OPEN CAM- PAIGN IN BROWNWOOD

The program has been changed
again, and now the report is that
Col. Ball will not open his cam-
paign for governor in Brownwood
but will open same at Gainesville,
the first selected. Will Mayes
will not introduce the candidate
for governor as had at first been
announced, as it was understood
that he would introduce him if he
came to Brownwood.
Jas. E. Ferguson, Temple's can-
didate for Governor, and one that
he antis have not been able to
eliminate, will open his campaign
also on April 21st, at Hillsboro.
Mr. Ferguson is a man the antis
are going to have to contend with
before they can clear the field in
their elimination act. Mr. Fergu-
son is an anti, but he is not per-
mitting that question to occupy
much space on his platform.

Tom and Henry Vandevanter
left Tuesday afternoon to attend
the Cattlemen's Convention at Ft.
Worth. Before they left they
presented Charlie Eisenhuth with
a nice constable's "Billie" and
say that they will see that Charlie
gets to use it in the Ballinger pre-
cinct before the year passes a-
round.

PIONEER CITIZEN DIED WEDNESDAY

Billie Hoenig is no more. This
pioneer citizen passed away at his
home on Eleventh street at nine
o'clock Wednesday night, sur-
rounded by a few neighbors and
friends and a brother, Ike Hoenig,
who has been making his home
with Billie for some time.

The death of this man ends the
life of one of the early settlers of
Runnels County. Mr. Hoenig
came to this county in 1888, just
a short time after Ballinger was
placed on the map. He was born
in Radvany, Hungary, 49 years
ago, and came to America when he
was only fifteen years old, and
located in Texas in 1884. Mr.
Hoenig's first work in Texas was
on a cow ranch in Southwest Tex-
as, and he made his way from a
cheap ranch hand to where he was
independently rich, owning sev-
eral thousand acres of land in
West Texas at the time of his
death.

When Mr. Hoenig came to Run-
nels County he accepted a posi-
tion with Thomson Brothers on
what was known as the Mud
creek ranch, and he was manager
of that ranch until it was sold,
and when Thomson Brothers went
and purchased another ranch he
remained with them up until 1899
when he engaged in business for
himself and was a successful stock
man.

Death of this pioneer citizen
was due to paralysis, caused by
being thrown from a horse. After
the accident that crippled Mr.
Hoenig he never regained his
health. After being injured Mr.
Hoenig disposed of his cattle and
leased his ranch, and in 1911 he
moved back to Ballinger, a place
he has always called home. He
purchased a home here, and seem-
ed to be getting along very well,
until more than a year ago when
he lost his wife very suddenly,
and the shock caused another
break in his health, and he grad-
ually grew worse until death
relieved him. The remains of his
wife were carried to Pueblo, Colo-
rado, her former home, and where
relatives live and laid to rest. The
remains of Mr. Hoenig have been
prepared for burial by J. A. Oster-
tag and will also be shipped to
Pueblo on Friday afternoon's
Santa Fe train where they will be
interred by the side of his wife.

Deceased was well known
among the old timers of this
county, of Tom Green County,
Schleicher county and throughout
this section of the state. He was
a big hearted broad minded Hun-
garian, and by his friendship con-
nection many will be grieved to
learn of his death. He is survived
by two brothers; the one who is
here and another who lives in Ten-
nessee. He also has a sister at
Pueblo, Col., and other relatives.
Ike, the brother, who has been
there nursing the sick man, will
accompany the remains.

BALL GAME ON THE 14TH.

E. A. Brunson, one of the suc-
cessful young farmers of the Dry
Ridge neighborhood, was among
the business visitors in Ballinger
Saturday and requested us to an-
nounce that there would be a
match game of Base Ball in the
H. C. Brunson pasture Saturday
evening, March 14th, between the
married and single men of that
neighborhood and a lively time is
anticipated.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING

The firm of Higdon, Melton,
Jackson Co., is making some sub-
stantial improvements on the in-
terior of the large building on the
corner of Hutchings and Eighth
street. The entire interior of the
store is being remodeled and put
in condition for the spring busi-
ness. Nearly every counter, ev-
ery rack, and other accessories in
the various departments have re-
ceived new coats of paint. The
walls have been handsomely and
effectively decorated for the
spring opening. A large supply of
spring hats has arrived at this
popular store and will be on dis-
play within the very near future,
probably next week, according to
a statement made by U. P. Melton,
manager of the Ballinger firm.
Many other new materials are ar-
riving daily for the various de-
partments.

NORTON NOTES.

Farmers are beginning work on
another crop, planting feed stuff

CANDIDATES

This paper is authorized to an-
nounce the following candidates
for the offices named, subject to
the action of the Democratic Pri-
mary to be held in July:

- For County Superintendent:
E. L. HAGAN.
J. N. KEY.
S. C. HARRIS.
- For Sheriff:
JOHN D. PERKINS.
J. A. DEMOVILLE
- For Tax Assessor:
MIKE C. BOYD.
WILL L. STUART.
C. C. SCHUCHARD.
SAM H. McPHERSON.
- For County Judge:
M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer:
W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk:
O. L. PARISH.
C. C. COCKRELL
- For District Clerk:
JOHN THOMASON.
GEO. M. STOKES.
- For Tax Collector:
T. L. TODD
M. D. CHASTAIN.
EDWIN DAY.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:
E. M. SETSER.
- For County Attorney:
C. P. SHEPHERD.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
FEB McWILLIAMS.

There's sufficient moisture in the
ground to bring up the feed, but
a good rain is needed very badly
on the grain crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ganaway came in
from Borden county Wednesday
where they have been visiting
their daughter.

Mrs. U. L. Williams spent a few
days this week with her sister,
Mrs. J. J. Martin and Mrs. Morse
of Ballinger.

Mrs. J. D. Good spent several
days at Mr. J. M. London's last
week, returning home Sunday and
report Chester London, who was
thrown from a horse and hurt
very badly, much improved.

Miss Dale Williams left Monday
for Ballinger where she will study
music under Mrs. Halley.

"Queen of the Prairie."

10 CENT "CASCARETS" IS YOUR LAXATIVE

Best Liver and Bowel Cleanser
and Stomach Regulator in
the world—Work while
you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box.
Put aside—just once—the Salts
Pills, Castor Oil or Purgative
Waters which merely force a pas-
sageway through the bowels, but
do not thoroughly cleanse, fresh-
en and purify these drainage or-
gans, and have no effect whatever
upon the liver and stomach.

Keep your "insides" pure and
fresh with Cascarets which thor-
oughly cleanse the stomach, re-
move the undigested, sour food
and foul gases, take the excess
bile from the liver and carry out
of the system all the constipated
waste matter and poisons in the
bowels.

A Cascaret to-night will make
you feel great by morning. They
work while you sleep—never
gripe, sicken, and cost only 10
cents a box from your druggist.
Millions of men and women take
a Cascaret now and then and
never have a Headache, Bilious-
ness, Coated Tongue, Indigestion,
Sour Stomach or Constipated
Bowels. Cascarets belong in
every household. Children just
love to take them.

Miss Ina Griffin, who had been
spending the winter with her
brother and attending the public
school, left Tuesday morning for
her home at Ebony, Texas. She
will visit at Brownwood a few
days before going on home.

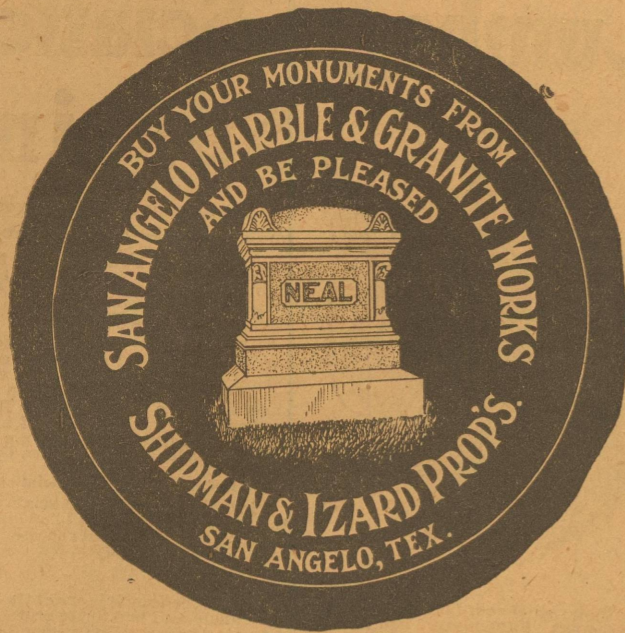
Incubator For Sale.

Old Trusty incubator. 165 egg
capacity, used only twice. Good as
new. Now is the time to hatch
chickens. Reason for selling, it
is too large for the room I have.
Price \$10. Including book of in-
structions for operating see Wal-
ter Parker at flour mill. 13-2tw

Charlie Miller, of Brownwood
court stenographer, left Wednes-
day morning to spend a few days
at home.

Will save you from \$1.50 to
\$7.50 on your Easter suit. J. H.
Wilke. 1tw

FOR SALE—A good gentle
work or buggy horse. See Otto
Elder. 11-2td 1tw



DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.
PHONE 66

Hall Hardware Co.

Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills
Studebaker and Schuttler
Wagons

Hall Hardware Co.

...IT IS NOW...
THE

SECURITY TITLE CO.

You are cordially solicited to patronize for your
Abstracts of Titles and Conveyancing

GOOD POSITIONS! BETTER SALARIES!

The business world needs you as a
**Bookkeeper, Stenographer,
or Telegraph Operator**

At a splendid salary. Our business is to train you for these positions and place you in them. We enroll over 1200 students annually. Every National Bank in Ft. Worth is represented on our Directory Board.

No Better Business College in the United States. POSITIONS ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED.

Write today for Special Offer No. 16.

Brantley-Draughon Business College
Fort Worth, Texas.

WORLD TOUR BALL TEAMS RETURN HOME

New York, March 6.—Organized baseball scored heavily here today in the struggle with the Federal League for the services of players who completed their round-the-world tour early today. The Boston Americans signed Tris Speaker, for two years; the Detroit Americans closed a contract with Sam Crawford and the St. Louis Americans kept Pitcher Leverniz in line with a considerable raise in salary.

Although Federal League magnates were in conference with all these players they were unable to obtain their services and the best they could do with Mike Doolan of the Philadelphia Nationals and Dick Egan of Brooklyn was to obtain a promise to consider the propositions made by the new organizations. "Steve" Evans and Lee Magee, of the St. Louis Nationals were also reported to be comparing the offers of the two forces.

It was a day of propositions counter propositions, conferences and contract flashing, but at midnight organized baseball still was holding the lead which is gained when several National and American League magnates boarded the steamer Lusitania far down the bay while the Federal Leaguers were forced to wait for several hours at the pier before they could communicate with those among the returning players they desired to sign. Their consolation, if it might be so termed, was the knowledge that they had forced the two major leagues to pay to those players who signed salaries which surpassed their most exalted anticipations.

The climax of the day's doings came when President Jos. J. Lannin of the Boston American League club announced that he had signed Outfielder Tris Speaker on a two year contract at a salary "larger than any heretofore paid a player" in the ranks. In addition he said that he had given Speaker a neat bonus. It was reported in baseball circles tonight that Speaker's salary was to be \$18,000 a year.

Kickapoo Worm Killer Expels Worms

The cause of your child's ill—the foul fetid, offensive breath—the starting up with terror and grinding of teeth while asleep—the sallow complexion—the dark circles under the eyes—Are all indication of worms. Kickapoo Worm Killer is what your child needs; it expels the worms, the cause of the child's unhealthy condition. For the removal of seat, stomach and pin worms, Kickapoo Worm Killer gives sure relief. Its laxative effect adds tone to the general system. Supplied as a candy confection—children like it. Safe and sure relief. Guaranteed. Buy a box to-day. Price 25c. All Druggists or by mail. Kickapoo Indian Medicine Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Mrs. W. W. McKinley, of Miles, who had been visiting friends in Ballinger the past several days, returned to her home Monday at noon.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

Charlie Allen, one of the successful young stockmen of the Valley Creek country, was in the city a few hours Saturday morning and says his sheep, cattle and horses are in the best shape for this time of the year they have been for the past 5 years, and the oat crops have been a big help in winter pastures, even should they do no further good.

The Mother's Favorite.

A cough medicine for children should be harmless. It should be pleasant to take. It should be effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is all of this and is the mothers' favorite everywhere. For sale by all dealers.

ABOUT SIX HUNDRED RABBITS KILLED

Quite a crowd attended the rabbit hunt down the river Friday and a most delightful occasion is reported. At 12 o'clock a splendid dinner was served at the J. D. Moreland place six miles from Ballinger on the banks of the Colorado river and all the good things to eat was in evidence and enough was left over to feed as many more as were present. Reports say between 600 and 700 rabbits were left on the ground dead on this drive. Those who attended from Ballinger were as follows: A. J. Voelkel, Otto von Prillowitz, Ralph Erwin, Edwin Day, J. A. DeMerville, Dick Thorp, John Perkins, Bob McGregor, H. M. Josey, H. Giesecke, C. C. Schuchard, J. F. McMillian, Edwin Schuchard, Jim McWhirter, W. C. Jones, and family. The report is that Edwin Schuchard killed 28 rabbits on the drive, the largest number killed by any one during the day and Edwin Day had to his credit the killing of two rabbits at one shot. Everything passed off very pleasantly and a most enjoyable occasion reported by all fortunate enough to be present.

Eczema, Ring Worm, Itching, and Tetter.

Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure itch, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

MRS. JOHNSTON DEAD.

News was received in Ballinger this week of the death of Mrs. Jane Johnston, wife of Dr. G. W. Johnston, which occurred in Corpus Christi on March first. Mrs. Johnston was fifty-three years old, and was a native of Mississippi. The family lived in Ballinger for a number of years and are well known here. Deceased is the mother of Mrs. John Maddox. The funeral was held at the home in Corpus Christi and the remains laid to rest in that city.

The Forty Year Test

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in favor and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. It not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by all dealers.

GROWING DEMAND FOR SOAP WEED

Settlers in Western Kansas are cutting and marketing soap weed, or Spanish bayonet, to supply the demands of soap manufacturers, according to a report recently received from officers of the Kansas national forest. There are various plants in the southwest locally known as soap weed, called amole by the Mexicans, but the one gathered by the Kansas farmers, technically known as Yucca bacata, a species with exceptionally large fruits, is the most used. The soap manufacturers, however, utilize the tops or the roots. Manufacturers are paying \$8 a ton for the plant at the railway stations, while the estimated cost of cutting, drying, baling, and hauling ranges from \$5 to \$6, depending upon the distance to the railroad. Since a man can ordinarily get out a ton a day, the gathering of soap weed affords an opportunity to secure a fair day's wages at a time when other ranch activities are not pressing. After cutting, the soap weed is allowed to dry from 60 to 90 days and then is baled up in the ordinary broom-corn baling machine.

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,
Concho county, Tex.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

GARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

WALKER TO MANAGE BALL'S CAMPAIGN

Dallas, Tex., March 6.—While the "constructive Democrats" were milling about the hotel lobbies today in an effort to get one Moses to lead them from the wilderness, further elimination was going on in the ranks of the prohibition Democrats, A. W. Walker in a statement issued last tonight voluntarily eliminated himself from the race for Congressman-at-Large and announced that he would manage the gubernatorial campaign of Thomas H. Ball.

In his statement of withdrawal Mr. Walker said that he felt that the election of Colonel Ball should be placed above personal ambitions and therefore he would forego the desire he had to go to Congress.

A few nights ago Cullen Thomas rang W. P. Lane and asked that he not run for Congressman-at-Large, as another place had been picked out for him. Mr. Lane flatly refused to accede to the request of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Walker's withdrawal, it is said, is a step to keep absolute harmony within the prohibition Democratic ranks, as his opposition to Mr. Lane might bring a breach which would injure the chance of Colonel Ball—something the prohibition eliminators do not want to do.

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured.

There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. It is not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Wakelee, Mich., "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different medicines, but none of them were of any lasting benefit." For sale by all dealers.

BROUGHT HERE FOR TREATMENT

A boy by the name of Watson, about twelve or thirteen years old, was brought here from Miles Monday and carried to the Halley & Love sanitarium where a broken arm was set. The arm was broken several weeks ago, but failed to heal like it should and the operation had to be performed to replace the broken limb.

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Biliousness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenener. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

STANLEY LOCATE LAND DEPARTMENT AT MILES

A representative and enthusiastic meeting of the business men of Miles was held in Judge Graves office Tuesday night for the purpose of considering a proposition made by Chas. M. Stanley to establish the general offices of the land company in Miles conditioned upon Miles subscribing for a certain amount of stock in said company. The success of the movement was evidenced by the fact that one-third of the amount asked for was subscribed at this meeting. The money paid in is to be used to compete the preliminary work now underway, and it was the consensus of opinion among those present that the offer was so liberal that it would be suicidal for Miles not to meet the proposition made by Mr. Stanley. There was not a dissenting voice at the meeting, and those who have not yet taken stock the Messenger feels sure will do so according to their means and ability. The subscription list is in the hands of Mr. H. W. Robinson at the bank, and those wishing to subscribe or further information on the subject, can do so by seeing him.

Mr. Stanley was called to Bronte Wednesday afternoon, but will return to Miles first of the week.—Miles Messenger.


Mrs. M. A. Woodward, of Coleman, came in Monday at noon and will visit her niece Mrs. Robt. Corum and family a few days, before going on to San Angelo.

B. M. Wailes, of Sabin, Texas, who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Griggs, of the Norton country, came in and left Saturday afternoon for his home, and expressed himself delighted with our section of the state.

PIT CAVES IN; TWO MEN HURT.

While working in the gravel pit near W. E. Migley's residence, Johnie Currie, and Grunday Joiner were both hurt Thursday by the top of the pit falling in on them. Mr. Currie sustained a broken bone in the leg also a cut on the head. Mr. Joiner was soon able to be up and around.—Paint Rock Herald.

Mr. Currie is a brother of Mrs. Jo Hardin, and he also has friends in Ballinger who will regret to learn of his injury.



BROADWAY JONES

FROM THE PLAY OF
GEORGE M. COHAN

BY
EDWARD MARSHALL

WITH PHOTOGRAPHS FROM SCENES IN THE PLAY

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(Continued from last week)

"I heard everything you said."
"I don't quite gather your meaning."
"No; and you're not going to gather our chewing-gum either. We're not going to sell. We're going to fight. You haven't a tottering old man to deal with now, but a young man—full of fire and fight, of energy and ambition! Look!"

Bob himself knew this to have been a fine flight. He pointed with a gesture full of drama at Broadway, who laid the best he could to meet the situation with an attitude which might have broken Pembroke's gravely had he been less absorbed and incensed.

"We have an article which, on its own merits, has stood up under almost impossible competition," Wallace continued in a tone of triumph. "We have the goods to deliver, and we're going to fight and beat you at your own game. We're going to make you take your own medicine, Mr. Pembroke. We're going to make you compete with us. We're going to advertise as no article was ever advertised before. We're going to post and plaster from one end of the country to the other. We're going to show you under, that's what we're going to do, and we're in a position to do it."

Broadway was as proud of Wallace as he had been of himself. "What do you think of that?" he asked the startled Pembroke.

Pembroke smiled. He had a well trained face. He also was an egotist, both for himself and for his company. "We spend a million dollars annually in advertising, Mr. Wilson."

"No you don't," said Wallace promptly. "I know what you spend better than you do yourself. And my name is not 'Mr. Wilson,' and I'm not Mr. Jones' secretary." He pulled a card out of his pocket. "Here's my name and here's my business."

Pembroke took the card, looked at it, and was really affected. As far as he was capable of showing real uneasiness he showed it then.

"You mean the Empire Advertising company is behind this business?"

"The Empire Advertising company, it must be remembered, was the largest in the world."

Wallace had not thought of that. He had not meant to say the Empire was actually behind Jones' Pepsin gum. But now that Pembroke had suggested it, it seemed to him to be a good idea, and, without taking into consideration the important fact that his father, not himself, was president of the Empire Advertising company, he took the plunge.

"That's just what I mean, and we're going to do five times as much advertising as you ever did, and at one-tenth the cost."

"Then my people do no more business with the Empire."

"All right," Wallace positively sneered, "then let's see how much outdoor advertising you get this side of the Rocky mountains."

Pembroke rose. He was not happy, but he did his level best to hide his worry.

"Very well, I'll take the 11:40 back to New York. Come, John." He turned, then, to Broadway, and spoke ominously. "You mark my word, Mr. Jones, you'll be glad to do business with us before another year has passed."

"All right," Broadway answered, "come around and see me in about twelve months. I may want to buy your company."

"Come, John," said Pembroke without answering.

"Say, John, take down that last one I said," Broadway called after him. "I thought it was a corker."

The judge rose from the chair in which he had been sitting in a sort of joyous trance. "I'd give ten years of my life rather than have missed that." Josie, who, as spellbound, had been watching from the side, sighed happily: "It was all wonderful!"

Wallace smiled at her. "Have the stenographer make carbon copies of all that Pembroke said—the entire conversation. We may need them."

"Incriminating, nearly every word of it," the judge agreed.

"Didn't I tell you I'd scare the life out of him?" Wallace asked in boastful tones.

"Yes, you," said Broadway. "I wasn't

so bad myself, was I?"

The judge grinned at him in commendation. Then: "I'll tell Higgins that Pembroke has gone about his business. Perhaps they'll raise another cheer. It will make them all feel just a little better—if they could feel any better. He'll spread the news in a jiffy."

"Well, what did you think of it?" Wallace asked of Jackson. "How about it, now that it's all over?"

Broadway was a little dubious. "It's a good plot, but how are we going to



"I Think You Can Catch Him if You Hurry."

play it?" he inquired, reverting to theatrical slang of that street he had loved and lost so much on.

"Why, it's the biggest cinch in the world," said Wallace. "If this plant showed the profit they say it did, last year, I'll bet you that—"

He was interrupted by the ringing of the telephone.

"I'll answer it," said he.

"You want to do everything, don't you?" said Broadway peevishly.

It was the long-distance call for which Wallace had some time before left orders. He gave a hurried, warning glance at all of them as soon as he had heard the voice which came to him along the wire.

"Hello, gov'nor," he replied. "Hello! Hello! . . . Yes; I called you up. . . up here in Connecticut. . ."

Oh, no, strictly business. Say, gov'nor, I can get a big contract from the Jones' Pepsin people. They're going in heavy, I hear. I can close this deal right away. What do you think? . . . New owner takes possession today. They must be all right. I looked them up. . . Well, will you let me use my own judgment about that? I think I'll make a splendid deal. . . Say, gov'nor, will you send me a wire authorizing me to sign this contract? . . . Thanks. . . I won't be back until tomorrow. . . Good contract? . . . Thanks. . . No; I won't be back until tomorrow. Good-by."

He hung up the receiver and turned back to Jackson. That youth looked at him in somewhat helpless curiosity.

"What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to show Pembroke we're not bluffing. I'm going back tomorrow, and, as a starter, I'm going to bill New York till you can't see the city through the advertisements of Jones' Pepsin Gum."

"Where's all the money coming from?" said Jackson dubiously. "What are you going to do? Ruin me?"

"I'll draw the contract," Wallace answered. "I'll give you a year to pay for it. You'll be the best advertised article in America a month from now."

"But, great Scott! I can't afford to take a chance like that! I don't know anything about this chewing-gum business."

"Say," said Wallace in derision, "will you give me all you make over a million in the next two years if I give you the advertising free?"

"Over a million? I should say I will!"

Wallace became serious and then broke into smiles. "Shake hands with your partner then. This will be the quickest, softest and first important money I ever made."

"Do you mean it?"

"You bet I mean it."

"Are you sure you mean it?"

"You bet I'm sure."

"Bob," said Broadway with real feeling, "this is the happiest moment of my life!"

At that instant Sam came in. "Miss Ger—rard—to—see—Miss—ter—Jones!" he cried.

Thus Broadway's happiest moment came to a sudden, tragic end. In the mad whirl of recent hours he had forgotten Mrs. Gerard—his little ray of sunshine, sweetheart, dearie!

With a quick glance at Josie he al-

most collapsed.

"Tell her to wait," said Wallace, the quick-witted.

"The gentleman—wants—to—see—you—first," said Sam.

"Gentleman? What gentleman?"

"Mis—ter Ran—kin."

"Rankin!" cried Broadway with a ray of hope. "Send the gentleman right in, and tell the lady to wait."

Sam went away with these instructions.

"Mrs. Gerard! Where did she come from! How did she know I was here?" said the unhappy youth.

Rankin came in respectfully, cat-footed, gravely beaming, the ideal butler. "Mrs. Gerard's here, sir."

"I know," said Broadway hopelessly. "Where did she come from?"

"She didn't say. Got to the hotel about five minutes ago, and demanded to be shown to you. I couldn't help it, sir."

"What am I going to do? We've got to get her away from here! We've got to get her out of town!"

"I'll get rid of her some way," Wallace offered comfortingly. "Go on; take it on the run."

"You bet I will!" said Jackson, and, without more ado, grasped his cane and hat and sprinted for the factory exit. He almost collided at the door with Josie, who was entering just then with papers from an outer file.

"Why, where are you going, Mr. Jones?"

"Any place. Where are you going?"

"I'm going to dinner."

He grabbed her arm, to her amazement. "Come on; I'll go with you. Let's go out this way. I love to walk—er—through the works."

"All right," said Wallace to the fat boy as soon as they were out of sight, "show the lady in."

"Shall I go, sir?" inquired Rankin.

"Stay where you are."

Mrs. Gerard came in most hurriedly. Indeed, her gait was almost that of an elderly lady wonderfully well preserved, who was very, very anxious about something which she valued highly and was willing to run hard to catch.

"Why, Mrs. Gerard," said Wallace heartily. "What are you doing here? Ah, I know! You're looking for Jackson. Too bad! He's started for the station. He's going to make that eleven-forty for New York. I think you can catch him if you hurry."

She had scarcely straightened from the stoop which had been imparted by her hurry as she entered. Now she much intensified it, and without a word dashed out.

"But you'll have to run all the way," cried Wallace after her.

Then he turned hurriedly to Rankin.

"Listen! You follow her to the depot and get her on that train if you have to bind and gag her! Don't leave her until you see her safely landed in New York. You understand?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, go on."

As he turned back from intent observation of the man-servant's departure, the noise of a new outburst of cheering reached him from the works, coming through the door the judge had opened as he entered.

"What, again? What are they cheering about now?"

"Broadway," said the judge, "is making another speech. He stopped in the works instead of going through."

"Making another speech!"

They opened the door wide and, waited on the gentle breeze, there came to them in Broadway's best and most effective tones:

"Why, think of what I'd be selling! The thing my grandfather worked for and handed down to my father; the thing my father worked for and handed down to me; the thing that I should work for and hand down to my children, and so on, and so on, and so on."

CHAPTER XIII.

It was not until the excitement was all over at the factory, until the cheering had died down and the whole place had begun to buzz with industry for the long afternoon of happier labor than it had known of late years, that Wallace thought of lunch. He was not usually one to forget eating. It rather startled him.

"Broadway," he remarked, astonished, "do you know we haven't fed?"

"Do business men?"

"That doesn't make good sense. 'Do business men?' We've just done one business man. Pembroke has gone back to New York with his disposition in a sling. But what did you think you were expressing when you said: 'Do business men?'"

"I thought I was inquiring if business men took lunch. If they don't, I'll not. I am a business man."

"You bet they do."

"If it's a commercial practice I'll join you. I'm hungry enough to eat on Sixth avenue."

"No such luck," said Wallace. "We've got to eat down at the Grand."

Broadway almost paled. "Excuse me, but I've lost my appetite, come to think about it."

"I know; but we've simply got to eat."

They tried the first part of the luncheon, and it was just after they had tried it that Broadway, desperately worrying about the future, was smitten by a happy thought.

"Why live at the Grand?" he asked.

"You can't," said Wallace. "It's not living."

"Why anything at the Grand when I'm the owner of a house with 14 rooms, three baths, a root cellar and a phonograph?"

Wallace looked at him with an enthusiastic light enkindling in his eyes.

"Shall you take boarders?"

"I shall take a boarder."

"Me?"

"You."

"When?"

"This afternoon."

"Would you be angry if I threw my arms around your neck and told you how extremely fond I am of you?"

"You may throw your arms around the room, for all I care, if you'll keep quiet while I telephone."

It was Mrs. Spotswood whom he called upon the wire, and gladly, nay, delightedly, she promised to take charge of the engrossing task of getting the Jones homestead ready for its future master.

"When shall I be able to move in?" he asked.

"If Mrs. Robinson's as good a housekeeper as she has always been, you could move in today."

Within an hour she called him up and told him that Mrs. Robinson was just as good a housekeeper as ever, that the rooms had all been aired, that he had been expected hourly.

"Can we have dinner there tonight?"

"Why not?"

"You mean it?"

"Of course."

"Will you, the judge and Clara dine with me?"

"Well, I should say so."

"Tell Mrs. Robinson that I'll be early enough to tell her how extremely fond I am of her before we start to eat. And I'll bring Bob and—er—Miss Richards."

Mrs. Spotswood laughed. "And who?"

"Miss—er—Miss Richards."

"You mean Josie?"

"Yes."

"Well, say so, then. She'll be mad if you don't stop calling her 'Miss Richards.'"

Broadway turned from the telephone



"By Gracious, I'm Awfully Glad to See You!"

and faced the maiden of whom they had faced spoken. Mrs. Spotswood says you'll come to dinner and that you will be angry if I don't stop calling you 'Miss Richards.' Is she right?"

"She's always right."

"Then, Josie, will you come to dinner? I'll have all the boys and girls, including Judge and Mrs. Spotswood."

"I'll be glad to come," said Josie. And she blushed.

That was not strange, but that Broadway felt himself confused and also blushing was a thing which had not happened of late years. Sammy came in at the moment with a telegram for Wallace. Broadway, who was very happy, as he looked at Josie's cheek (half view, from the back) promptly invited him.

"I'll be there," said the mighty child. "And—I—shall—bring—my—banjo."

Broadway did not notice how his sweet young office manager involuntarily shuddered.

It was a pretty evening. The sun was setting in the midst of an extremely gorgeous Turner sky, even if it was on Jonesville that the wondrous color fell in almost painful beauty.

Broadway, tired out, but rather happy when he came to think of it, went along the old, familiar street with a light heart. It might not be so very terrible to live in Jonesville. There were trains that ran to Broadway when the longing became irresistible, and very possibly this might be better as a steady diet. He was surprised to find himself admitting this.

Sammy was hard at it as the convert turned in between the two white gate posts, each eight feet tall and capped by a great wooden ball which he had used as target when the snow had been upon the ground and "pucky" in his boyhood days. Sammy did not even look up as he entered.

"Say, Sammy," he inquired, after a moment of attentive listening to the production, "I don't want to interrupt you, but did you write that yourself?"

"Yes—sir."

"Well," said the happy Broadway very gravely, "I don't think it's at all bad."

Wallace, who had strolled along behind him, arrived in time to hear this.

"No, indeed, it was very good."

"Very—good!" exclaimed the modest Sam. "I—should—say—it—was—good!"

Mrs. Spotswood and the judge, having heard the voices, came out of the house, where they had been awaiting the arrival of the young men. The girls followed them.

"Now—I'll—play—you—another—tune—that—I—made—up—myself."

The judge looked at his son with that apologetic tolerance with which he usually regarded him. He was not ashamed of him; but he refused to take him seriously. He would not even punish him. "Keep on practicing, Sammy. You'll get there some day."

Sammy redoubled his slow and mournful efforts, knowing in his heart, undoubtedly, what it was he meant to play, but communicating to no one,

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either by the spoken word or any sound he made upon the strings.

"If you're doing that for me, Sammy," Broadway suggested kindly, "don't overtax yourself. I'm willing you should stop at any time."

"Well," said the good-natured youth, "I got to—practice—anyhow," and kept on plunking.

Mrs. Spotswood was annoyed. Sammy sometimes got upon her nerves. "Well, go home and practice. Don't strum at that thing here."

He looked up discontentedly as, with the others except Jackson, she went up the porch steps and into the house.

He sat fingering the strings half-heartedly for a few seconds, while Broadway watched him earnestly. Then, from the interior, came the sound of a piano. This stirred the youngster's ire.

"Say—keep—that—piano—quiet—will—you? Gosh—shows—how—much—you—know—about—music! You—can—hear—a—piano—any—day. There—ain't—ten—good—banjo—players—in—Connecticut!"

"You're all right, Sammy," Broadway told him reassuringly. "I don't know how you stand with the rest of the folks; but you're all right with me."

But the piano was annoying Sam. "I—ain't—going—to—stay—and—listen—to—that—darned—old—thing. I'm—goin'—to—take—my—banjo—and—go—home!"

Broadway, with a smile, left him, and went to join his guests within.

So did Sammy presently, in answer to the pangs of hunger, and they all had a most extraordinary dinner.

Sam was incensed after awhile. That piano once more began to rattle; no one wished to hear his banjo, the world was out of joint. He would not stay and sanction such mad judgment. He would take his banjo and go home.

"Gosh!" he muttered. "That's—all—the—thanks—I—get—for—goin'—to—all—the—trouble—of—bringin'—my—instrument—along—and—everything. Some—day—they'll—be—darned—glad—to—hear—me—play—when—I—get—it—down—good—and—perfect!"

Sammy was at the gate between the high balled posts when a great, lean and powerful touring car slid gently up before them and came to a standstill.

"Excuse me, young man," said the linen-coated gentleman, who, upon close inspection, proved to be an elderly, clean-cut New York business man accustomed to commanding.

"Well—what—do—you—want?" Sam was very peevish.

"This is the Jones house, isn't it?"

"Yes."

"That's Mr. Wallace playing the piano, isn't it?"

"Yes—he's—showin'—off. He—makes—me—tired."

"Will you kindly tell him there's a gentleman here who'd like to see him."

"Tell—him—yourself. I—ain't—goin'—in—there. They—made—a—fool—of—me—once—tonight—already!"

His voice rose and his mother heard him through the open window. "Sammy, come here!"

He went reluctantly.

"Haven't you got any better manners than to go without saying good-night, even if you are too ill-tempered to remain all the evening?"

"My—feelin's—are—hurt."

"Just for this you won't get any money to go to the circus this year."

"Well—if—it—ain't—any—better—than—it—was—last—year—I—don't—care—a—darn—I'm—gettin'—tired—of—bein'—bossed—around. I—bet—Edison—the—inventor—didn't—let—people—boss—him—around—when—he—was—a—boy! I'm—goin'—to—take—my—banjo—and—live—in—New—Haven!"

"Sammy!"

The judge had heard and now joined

his wife at the window. "What's the matter, mom?"

"Oh, you've spoiled that boy! What he needs is

Broadway Jones

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earnestly for Wallace's.

"By gracious, I'm awfully glad to see you! Bob has spoken of you so often and told me so much about you that I feel as if I know you almost as well as he does."

The elder Wallace showed no answering enthusiasm. He only tried to get his hand away from Broadway's cordial grasp.

"Did you know he was coming?" Broadway demanded of the visitor's son.

"No."

"Oh, a little surprise, eh? Well, just in time for dinner! Come along inside and meet the folks. Having a bully time, aren't we, Bob?"

"Yes, fine. This is Jackson Jones, gov'nor. You've heard me speak of him."

"Yes; I've heard of him," his father answered dryly.

"Isn't it strange we never met before?" said Broadway effusively. "Bob and I being such good friends. But we're going to get better acquainted, aren't we. Come inside."

"No, thank you. I'd like to speak to my son alone, if you have no objections."

"Oh, why, of course."

As Wallace turned away Broadway had a chance to whisper in Bob's ear: "Anything wrong?"

"It will be all right. Don't worry."

"Well," said Broadway cordially, as the father and son began to move in silence toward the gate, "I'll expect you in as soon as you're through with your little talk. We'll wait dinner for you."

"You needn't bother, sir," said Grover Wallace firmly.

"Oh it's no bother at all. I'm only too glad to get the chance to entertain. You know this is my first day in a regular home and I'm having the time of my life." He warned Bob playfully: "Don't you let him get away, Bob. I'll fix up something cute. I know what he wants."

The elder Wallace looked at him for scant two seconds with a glance which indicated that he thought him far too unimportant to receive more copious attention. Then he turned severely to his son.

"Now, sir, perhaps you'd like to explain the meaning of all this damned nonsense."

"What nonsense?" Bob knew very well that to which his father made his very earnest reference, but he was sparing to get time to think.

"What are you doing here?"

"Didn't I phone you yesterday? I am here on business." The young man's voice was full of injured innocence.

"Business! Humph! Fine business! Do you realize the sort of contract you've sent in from this concern? Who ever gave you the authority to sign such an agreement for the Empire company?"

"You told me over the phone that I could use my own judgment in the matter and then wired me."

"Well, I didn't suppose I was dealing with a crazy man! Do you know you've guaranteed to cover every eastern and middle western state at a price that wouldn't pay for Pennsylvania alone? What the devil do you mean by making a statement to the Consolidated Gum people that the Empire is behind the Jones company?"

Bob was quite legitimately reaping a fine whirlwind harvest. He knew that. He had sown the wind. But he believed that he might make this whirlwind harvest, drive sails, do stunts. Still, explanation was a difficult matter.

"Well, I was bluffing them, that's all."

"And to what purpose, sir? You have bluffed us out of half a million dollars' worth of future contracts that were pending, and you have signed an agreement with this Jones, that, were it given to the public, would make us the laughing-stock of the advertising world."

Bob saw that in his father's present state of temper the best thing to do was to impress him with the inevitability of it all. Once convince him that what he had done had been done beyond recall, and he would bend the wondrous resourcefulness which had made him giant of the advertising world to the necessary task of making that which had been done successful. He had counted on this quality of his father's intellect and disposition.

"Well, it's too late to kick now, gov'nor; the deal is made. And I have your telegram authorizing me to sign the contract."

"Why didn't you answer my telegrams today?"

"Because I knew you'd come here if I didn't—and that's what I wanted you to do. I wanted to talk to you—right here, on the ground of a—smashing opportunity."

"Go on, I'm listening."

"Well, it's a long story."

"I dare say."

Bob looked about for some place on the grounds where they might have quiet for a conversation. There was none. The factory was locked up, the hotel was impossible, and the house was in disorder. He knew that only the ground floor had been occupied since Broadway's uncle had departed on the voyage from which he never would return.

"Come and take a little stroll with me," he finally suggested. "No, don't let's take the car. I don't want the man to hear us and I want to get you into a good humor to hear all about it. Wait a minute." He went toward the house to get his hat, and called Broadway as he went. "Oh, Jackson! Say Jackson!"

Broadway appeared at the door.

"The gov'nor and I are going for a little walk. We'll be back in a few minutes."

"Be sure you are. We're waiting dinner for him, and the girls are just crazy to meet him."

The elder Wallace caught the words. Instantly he felt that his suspicions had been justified. Girls! And his son and the young millionaire there with them in the millionaire's own house! "The girls!" he exclaimed with hearty disapproval.

Wallace laughed at him. "Oh, not what you mean—not what you mean, gov'nor! Regular girls. Nice people. You understand."

"Say, Bob, do me a favor, will you? Show your father the plant while you are gone," Broadway called after him.

"I'm going to." Then, as Broadway gazed after them, half worried and half smiling, he heard Bob explaining Jonesville to his skeptical and displeased parent.

"You see," he heard, "this is the residential part of the town. Over there is the business section—"

His voice trailed off into silence as they vanished through the gates.

Broadway smiled. Somehow he was beginning to feel faith in life. For the first time he was busy with real things. The joy of definite effort in man's work had seized him. He was surprised to find himself absorbed in wonder if, perhaps, he might not have a happier life in Jonesville than he had had in New York city. But he could not take existence very solemnly! He felt too good.

"Say, Bob, show him the drug store, too," he shouted after the departing pair.

The judge, who had watched the episode with interest from the house windows, came out to Broadway, somewhat worried. "Has he gone for good?"

"No; he's coming back."

"He was mad as a hatter about something. Did you notice it?"

"Yes; and I think I know what it is."

"Something the young fellow did?"

"I'm afraid so."

"Nothing wrong?"

"I hope not."

The judge spoke with emphasis, and he thought himself a really good judge of human nature. "Oh, I'm sure it can't be. If I can estimate character, that young man is incapable of anything but good." He looked at Broadway almost with a fatherly affection. "He's a great friend of yours, my boy."

"I should say he is!"

Broadway gazed after them, wondering what all of this would end in. But he was not greatly worried. Indeed, he felt singularly light-hearted, and found it hard to choke back laughter when he heard the judge expostulating with his wife, referring to the early evening hour as if it had been midnight. Come on, ma, the old man was arguing, almost pettishly, "we've got to get toward home. It's after seven o'clock already!"

She sighed. She did not wish to go. She had never before had an opportunity to poke around in the great Jones house, filled with treasures from far countries, books in foreign languages, family portraits by extraordinary painters who could make a human face look like a granite mask, Rogers statuettes and other objects of high art, to say nothing of ornate and mastodontic articles of mahogany furniture—solid, not veneered, and upholstered in the very slipperiest hair-cloth.

"It's after seven o'clock," the judge repeated.

"Yes, I suppose we must be going," said his wife reluctantly.

"Mom's generally abed by eight," the judge said proudly.

"Except Saturday nights," she granted. "I sometimes sit up till ten on Saturdays." This was evidently disposition so extraordinary that she told of it only in the strictest confidence. "But then," she added, "we sleep till all hours Sunday. Sometimes I don't get up till after six!"

She smiled at Broadway; he smiled gaily back at her and choked a word of comment which had risen to his lips. That gave him, in his heart, a queer feeling of elation—almost as great as that which he had felt after he had lectured Pembroke. Broadway felt, and gloried in the feeling, that he was growing up with great rapidity.

"Come on, Clara," Mrs. Spotswood called. The two girls were in a porch swing, giggling.

"You're not all going to leave me, are you?" Broadway said teasingly.

Clara, who had risen obediently, looked about the group. "Where's Mr. Wallace?" she demanded. Her interest in him was constant. She had heard nothing of the elder Wallace's arrival.

"He's gone to take a stroll with his father."

"Oh, is his father here?" This astonished and excited her. "Oh, I'm just crazy to see him! Aren't you, Josie?"

"I should like to, yes."

Jackson pleaded with the judge and

Mrs. Spotswood. "You don't mind if Clara stays a little while do you?" Then he turned to Josie. "You're not in a hurry, are you, Miss Richards?"

"Why, no; but—"

"Please don't go," he urged. "I can't bear to be left alone."

"Well," said Mrs. Spotswood, with the best of humor, "you girls remain here and keep Broadway company till Mr. Wallace gets back." She turned to her husband. "It's all right, isn't it, Judge?"

"Yes, I guess so," he agreed, without too much enthusiasm. "But don't be late, Clara."

"I won't, pa."

With much straightening of her best silk skirts, with many smiles from and for Broadway, with a fluttering in her heart when she thought about young Wallace and her daughter, Mrs. Spotswood took the judge's arm majestically. "Good night, Broadway; had a lovely time."

"Did you, really?" He very definitely hoped she had.

She nodded. "Sorry Sammy acted so mean."

"Now, Sammy's all right," said Jackson reassuringly.

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Jackson Was Strangely Intent Upon Her Answer.

She calls him 'Bob.' I heard him call her 'Clara' 16 times today."

Josie smiled. "Yes; I noticed that."

Jackson was strangely intent upon her answer. He was confused, although he did not know the reason why. And then, suddenly, he knew. Finding that he knew, he found himself still more confused.

"Did you notice it?" he asked, with intense earnestness, knowing, somehow, that he was an ass. "I didn't think you noticed it."

Josie thrilled, but found it hard to smother laughter—not wholly that of ridicule, mostly that of joyousness. She made no other answer.

He looked around them at the broad veranda, with its pillared, old colonial doorway and wide windows; his eyes paused along the visible front of the enormous house itself, surveyed the spreading lawn, now dusky with the evening shadows of magnificent old trees, and the curving graveled drive, examined all, indeed, that he could see of the superb and spacious old Jones place.

"Nice little house, isn't it?" he asked.

"Oh, I just love it!" It was, indeed, the show place of the town, and few were the local maidens who had not dreamed dreams of some time living in a mansion like it—dreamed wondering dreams, speculative of unguessed sensations of vast wealth.

"Do you?"

"Why, yes. Don't you?"

"Yes," said Broadway, now looking not at the great house or any portion of the splendid grounds, but straight at her, although she was not sure of this because the light had very nearly failed. "I'm just crazy about it, that's all!"

She laughed and so did he. He had not much idea what he really was saying.

"You know, I think I shall become a model country gentleman in time," he added.

"It must seem strange to you, after the life you've been living."

She meant it very innocently, yet it shocked him fiercely. He sat up in the swing and gazed at her with out-thrust neck—that gesture which she thought was awkward, funny, when she saw it first, in school days, but which she had rather begun to like. "What do you know about the life I've been living?" he demanded.

She was not in the least suspicious. "I mean in New York—that great, big, wonderful place! It is a wonderful place, isn't it?"

He had had a thrill of panic. Now he quieted, although his heart still throbbed a little. He was glad she did not know about the life he had been leading.

"Have you never been to New York?" he asked.

"Never."

"That's funny. Would you like to go to New York?"

"I don't think I'd like to live there; but I'd like to see New York."

"Well, I can show it to you. May I some time? It only takes four hours to get there. It took me five years to get back!"

"You had a long trip."

"Trip? I stumbled," he said dreamily.

"What is Broadway?"

"Broadway?"

"It's a street, of course, but—"

"It's probably the greatest street in the world."

"Some people say it's terrible."

"It is."

"And some people say it's wonderful."

"It is—truly wonderful."

"I don't understand."

"Nobody understands Broadway," he answered. "People hate it, yet they don't know why. People love it, yet they don't know why. I don't. It's just because it's Broadway."

"Is it a mystery?"

"That's what it is—a mystery." He shook his head in thought.

The subject had lost interest to her—because she did not know its fascinations. "I suppose you go to church every Sunday morning. Tomorrow's Sunday."

He was astonished. He had been thinking of Broadway. There are churches on that thoroughfare, but they are not so brightly lighted as some other of its structures. "What's that again?"

"I say I suppose you go to church every Sunday morning."

"Well—I've been going to Church-ill's every Sunday night." He laughed a little, then exclaimed, not loudly: "Broadway!"

"What are you thinking of?"

"Oh, I was just thinking what a great thing it would be if I made a success of this business."

"Why, you're going to," she said confidently.

"Do you think so?"

"I'm sure of it if you will make up your mind to work—to keep busy."

"Yes; that's it. I've got to work." He laughed. For a few moments they had been rather serious. "Work! Now, tomorrow, I'm going to plant a lot of vegetables and then I'm going to cut the grass; I'm going to milk the cow, and I am going to—paint the house. Work! Oh, I'm going to be the busiest little fellow you ever saw. You know what I hope? I hope that butler of mine never comes back. I want to do all the work myself!"

"Your butler?"

"Yes; I sent him to New York yesterday on an errand."

"You sent him back for something?"

He wished to laugh, but did not. "No; I sent him back with something."

"Something valuable?"

He hesitated. Was Mrs. Gerard valuable? She had lost enormously in value in his eyes of late. "Well, it's worth a lot of money," he assured her, feeling certain that this speech was accurate.

"Perhaps he's lost it and is afraid



The Earl of Cortland.

to return," she suggested.

He smiled, remembering the instructions he had given Rankin. "If he's lost it he'll return all right—to claim the reward."

"For losing it? How funny?"

"Yes; isn't it?" He laughed. "But

"I didn't get rid of her, sir."

"What? Where did you leave her then?"

"I didn't leave her, sir. I've been with her ever since."

"Where is she now?" asked Broadway timorously, his voice weakening.

"She's here, sir."

This was terrifically shocking. The worst had come to pass then—those fears which were so bad that they had been put aside as utterly unthinkable. "She came back with you?"

There was a look of horror on the face of Jackson Jones.

"Yes, sir."

His master's wrath rose. "You idiot! What did you let her do that for?"

Rankin spoke slowly and reluctantly. "She insisted that she must see you and talk with you, sir."

Now rose a soul in wild revolt. "I won't see her! I won't talk to her!"

"But she's right outside the hedge, sir. You must see her!"

"I—"

"Oh, she's perfectly reconciled, sir; believe me—"

Here was a shock as pleasant as the other had been terrible. It was almost too good to be true. "Reconciled! You mean she understands that I—"

"Oh, yes, sir. She's already sent out a denial of her engagement to you."

His hearer could have rent the air with shouts of joy, but did not. He only asked inanely: "Has she?"

"Yes, sir." Now Rankin once more hesitated. "In the form, sir, of—er—another announcement."

This nearly stunned his master. "You mean she's engaged to someone else?"

"Yes, sir; she's going to marry the earl of Cortland."

The recently harassed youth brightened. Was life to be entirely smooth and joyous after all, instead of only partly merry, with the balance turned into a tragedy by his ancient "Sweet-heart, dearie?" "The earl of Cortland!" he exclaimed.

"Yes, sir; will you see her, sir? I think it's best for all concerned."

"You're sure, are you? It's not a dream, or anything like that? She isn't trying to trap me?"

"No, sir. May I ask her to come in? She's just behind the hedge."

"Did Bob see her?"

"No; he was so busy talking with his father, sir, that he did not recognize us as we passed. Seems to be most earnest, sir, his father."

"Rankin, if you're certain, bring her in. But if—"

"I'm quite certain, sir."

Jackson waited for them near the entrance to the verdant circle. He thought it better not to go back to the house. Even if the lady was quite reconciled there still might be some details of her conversation which he turned with Mrs. Gerard, not only walking by his side, but clinging to his arm. Her voice did not sound warlike as she greeted Broadway. "How do you do, Jackson?" she said quietly.

"How do you do, Mrs. Gerard?"

"Has Rankin told you?"

"Yes, Mrs. Gerard; Rankin has told me."

She really seemed very much upset, but not belligerently so. "I'd never be happy if New York should imagine I'd been jilted, or the subject of a practical joke," she began simply. "My excuse for throwing you over is a very good one—my engagement to the earl of Cortland."

He bowed, too puzzled to find any words.

"After a few hours' talk with Rankin I became convinced that a marriage between you and me never would have been a happy one."

Again Broadway nodded. He could quite agree with that.

"Hence my decision to marry the earl." She went closer to him almost pleadingly. "I've played fair with you, Jackson; now I want you to do the same by me."

"I'll do anything you ask," he fervently assured her. "Anything within reason, Mrs. Gerard."

"All I ask is that you keep my secret."

"I will. What is it?"

"You really don't know?"

"No, Mrs. Gerard."

After another tiny hesitation she held out her hand to Rankin. "May I present the earl of Cortland?" she said, leading the abashed butler forward.

"What!" Broadway was astonished almost to the point of physical collapse.

"It's true," she went on gravely. "We've had a thorough understanding, and Rankin has agreed to become an earl."

Again Broadway's surprise was almost more than he could quietly support.

"Oh, don't be astonished! It's my only protection. Have I your solemn promise that you'll not divulge the secret?"

"I give you my word of honor," he said fervently.

"Very well. Goodby!"

He earnestly shook hands with her. "Goodby, Mrs. Gerard. I hope you will be very happy."

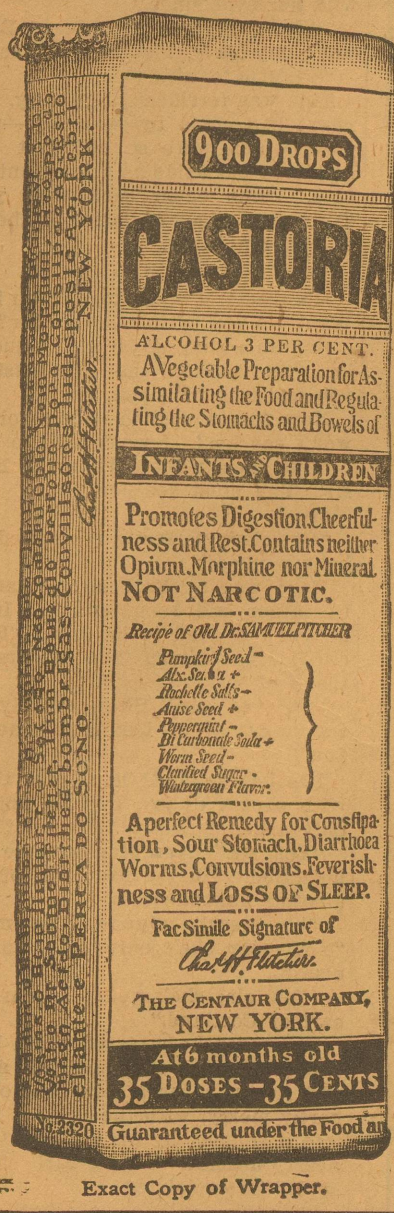
"It isn't a question of happiness, Jackson," she said slowly, and in a way that somewhat worried him. "I simply don't want to be humiliated. You understand?"

"Yes; I understand, Mrs. Gerard."

She turned to the earl of Cortland. "Shake hands with Mr. Jones, Rankin."

Jackson pulled him to one side, almost indignantly. "See here, Rankin, do you mean to tell me that you'd do such a mean contemptible thing as

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WOOL GROWERS RECEIVE WARNING

A warning has been sent out by Eastern wool commission men which should cause the wool growers of Texas to stand up and take notice. Heretofore the American wool growers has not had the clean wool from the other countries of the world to compete with, but free trade has open the markets of the world to the American manufacturers and they can now buy clean wool at prices that are as low as they have been paying for fleeces carrying tar and paint. Following is the copy of a letter being received by sheep men over the state, sent out by one of the largest commission wool houses in the East:

"We have received so many complaints from our customers who use Texas wools regarding the large quantity of tar and paint that is on practically every fleece that we have decided to appeal to the wool growers of Texas to make a serious and effective effort to remedy the trouble.

"Under free trade the manufacturers of wool felts, who, by the way, are the principal users of Texas wools, are able to secure their supplies of raw material from all the wool markets of the world without handicap or discrimination. The wools from the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, will compete with Texas wools to greater extent than any other foreign wools. These Cape wools, which are produced in large supply, are absolutely free from tar and paint and also, are skirted before they are packed and shipped to the market. The South African laws prohibit the use of indelible tar or paint for the branding of sheep, and as a result of this government supervision and regulation these Cape wools are much preferred by the manufacturers of fine goods to the unskirted, tarry wools of our own country, grade for grade.

I don't believe the average wool grower appreciates the expense and inconvenience that the manufacturer is put to in his efforts to remove all traces of tar and paint from the wool. From actual tests made by one of our largest customers we are informed that the cost of removing tar and paint from Texas wools amounts to from 1-2c to 1c a grease pound, and that in spite of this expense and delay small pieces of tar and paint get into the goods and that many thousands of dollars of fine felts are ruined.

This handicap that Texas wool has been carrying will be very much more apparent under free trade, and we feel that the future of our domestic wools depends very largely upon the attitude that our American wool growers take regarding these. We appreciate that no effective results can be noticed in this matter until next fall, but can assure you that at that time we will be most particular to give preference to the clips in Texas that are guaranteed to be free of tar and paint and it is most apparent that the growers who get their wools in this way will not only receive the preference in all markets, but will net from 1-2c to 1c a grease pound more for their stock than the wools that are not free from tar and paint. This applies to twelve months' wools as well as those of eight months and six months' growth."

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Paul Crews of Winters, came over in his auto Friday afternoon to look after business in Ballinger a few hours.

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MAN ARRESTED HERE; BURGLARY CHARGED

Sheriff Flynt placed under arrest Friday morning a man by the name of A. E. Grove, upon a warrant issued out of the Taylor county court. Grove was in the lobby of the Ballinger post office when arrested, and he was placed in jail and the Taylor county officers notified. The officers will arrive today and carry the prisoner to Abilene.

Grove is charged with having robbed a residence at Ovalo some time ago. The officers have been on the lookout for him. He arrived in Ballinger Friday morning coming from Waco, and was at the local post office early and called for his mail. The fact that such a man was in Ballinger and suiting the description of the man wanted for the Ovalo robbery, soon reached the officers and Sheriff Flynt soon had him in the lock up.

When arrested Grove had in his pocket a 22 automatic pistol. The pistol looked more like a toy than a real shooting iron, and when found it was not loaded.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss,

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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GRANDPA WYLIE DIED FRIDAY.

M. T. Wylie died at his home in West End at six o'clock Friday afternoon, and was buried in the Runnels cemetery Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

Grandpa Wylie was 73 years old. He has not been a healthy man for several years, and recently he became seriously ill and gradually grew worse until death relieved his suffering. During his last hours on earth Grandpa Wylie had the advantage of all that medical skill and loving hands could do, but he had lived to a ripe old age, and he has been called to his reward.

Deceased was born in Tennessee. He came to Texas twenty-one years ago, and six years ago he moved from Cook county to Runnels county. He is survived by his wife and five children. W. D. Wylie, of the Hatchel country, J. T. Wylie, of Red River county, Mrs. Sarah Wood, of Oklahoma, and a daughter, Miss Nannie, who lives here were all present at the funeral. J. L. Wylie, of Grape Vine, another son was not present. To the sorrowing relatives the friends of the family extend heart felt sympathy. The funeral services were conducted from the residence and interment made in the Runnels cemetery.

What is Good for Headache?

One lady says, after suffering dreadfully for about seven years, she tried Hunt's Lightning Oil, which almost instantly relieved her, and has been entirely free from those dreadful headaches since. Ask your druggist.

HAPPENS TO PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

While cranking his car Saturday morning, J. W. Clampitt slipped and fell against the hood of his car, bruising his face and cutting his ear. The street sprinkler had just passed along and left the ground wet, and as Mr. Clampitt went to push down on the crank his foot slipped. The wound was dressed and aside from a little soreness for a few days no inconvenience will be suffered.

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COLEMAN ADOPTS COMMISSION GOV'T, EFFECTIVE

By a majority of 83 votes the city of Coleman adopted the commission form of government in a special election held Tuesday. A light vote was polled, there being only 305 votes cast, 190 for commission, 107 against.

H. J. O'Hair and H. R. Starkweather were elected commissioners to serve until the general city election to be held Tuesday, April 7th. There were seven names presented as candidates for commissioner, two to be elected.

Some Features of Commission Government.

Under the operation of commission government the offices of City Secretary and Marshal are no longer elective. The commission board, which includes the mayor and two commissioners, have the authority to appoint a city secretary, city attorney; also a policeman or policemen, and fix their salaries.

The secretary, so appointed, is ex-officio tax assessor, collector and treasurer, who shall make good and sufficient bond, in amount double the estimated annual revenues of the city.

The mayor and commissioners shall make bond in the sum of \$3,000 each and shall receive \$5.00 per day for each regular session of the board, and \$3.00 per day for each called session, providing that there shall be no more than five special meetings in one month. In lieu of the per diem, the board may elect to fix the salary of mayor at not exceeding \$1200 per year, and of commissioners at not exceeding \$600 per year.

The mayor and two commissioners shall be elected for a term of two years at the regular election on first Tuesday of April.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Election Notice

By the authority vested in me, as Mayor of the city of Ballinger, I give this notice that an election will be held in the City Hall, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on April 7th, 1914, for the election of three Aldermen and a City Attorney for said city, and hereby appoint J. F. Lusk presiding officer of said election.

J. W. POWELL, Mayor of the City of Ballinger, 41st 5th.

Mrs. Willie Stevens of Miles, came in Friday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and family and Ballinger friends a few days.

MISS CELESTE McMINN IN SANITARIUM

Miss Celeste McMinn was operated upon Thursday at the Halley & Love sanitarium for appendicitis. The operation was very successful, and Miss McMinn is doing as well as could be expected.

Rheumatism and Neuralgia

People will be glad to know that Hunt's Lightning Oil stops the pain almost instantly. No other liniment acts so promptly and with such gratifying results. Those who suffer should not fail to try it. Sold by all druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

S. P. Stone left Friday afternoon for Fort Worth on business and while gone will visit his daughter in the Panther City, and will also go to Hillsboro and Tyler to spend a while with his daughter and son, respectively. Mr. Stone stated to a Ledger reporter that he expected to be gone about a month, and when he returns said he would get in the race for county commissioner.

Chamberlain's Tablets for Constipation.

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SELLS RESIDENCE

Judge R. S. Griggs closed the deal Thursday in which he sold to Audice Reese his home place on 5th Street for a consideration of \$1500.00. The Judge took as part payment the Reese lots on which the residence was burned several weeks ago, for a consideration of \$500.00. Judge Griggs will at once rebuild and occupy the property as his home. Mr. Reese will at once move to the Griggs home.

John W. Smith of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

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HORSE RAISING INEXPENSIVE IN TEXAS

Washington, D. C., March 6.—Horses and mules can be raised cheaper in Texas than any other state. This fact has been known by many horst and mule raisers for a number of years, but only recently has it been verified by the United States Government. The Department of Agriculture has just issued a report showing the cost of raising horses in Texas until they are three years old. The total expense is \$82.47. During this time the value of the work done by the animal is estimated at \$11.28 and his value at the age of three years is \$112.23. The highest cost of raising a horse is in Rhode Island and Connecticut, being \$156.60 and \$150 respectively. When the Rhode Island horse reaches the age of three he has only done \$4.00 worth of work

and the same figures apply to Connecticut.

The average cost of rearing these animals in Iowa and Illinois, above Texas in number of horses, is \$30.00 in excess of that of Texas.

The expense incurred at and prior to the birth of a colt in Texas is \$23.27; other expenses in raising the animal until he is three years old are: Care and shelter \$13.04, grain \$19.50, Hay \$10.15, pasture \$12.74, other feed \$26.51.

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R. W. Gilliam returned home Saturday at noon from Ft. Worth where he had been to sell a car load of cattle recently shipped to that point. He visited his sister at their old home at Gainesville, Texas, while gone.

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30x3 1-2	10.80	2.80	3.10	1.90	36x4	17.85	3.90	4.25	2.80
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Broadway Jones

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to marry a woman deliberately for her money?"

"Yes, sir," said Rankin very gravely, "and thank you, sir, for the opportunity."

"Come, earlie," Mrs. Gerard called softly.

"Yes, Beatrice." He dropped the hand of his erstwhile employer and took the arm of his affianced wife.

"We have just six minutes before train time," she admonished him, and turned to Broadway, who was standing, dazed. "Goodby!"

He had gone back to the house and was standing leaning somewhat weakly against a pillar of the porch, unable even to make her presence known to the two girls whose laughing, low-toned gossip he could hear from behind the vines, when Wallace came up with his father. He listened to his friend's remarks mechanically.

"Yes," he was saying, "the entire population of the town is about four thousand. The plant employs about seven hundred." Then, catching sight of Broadway: "There's Jackson now. Tell him what you just told me."

Broadway went to meet them, glad to have the opportunity to test life and make sure that it was real, even if the proof showed that the elder Wallace was entirely hostile.

"They offered you a million and a half, didn't they?" asked Bob.

"Yes, that's what they offered—a million and a half."

"Mr. Jones," said the elder Wallace, not without enthusiasm, "my son has been telling me of the grand, single-handed fight that you are making against this giant corporation. I admire your pluck, sir."

Broadway looked at him with real surprise and hearty gratitude. It seemed that even this was coming out all right!

"You deserve all the encouragement and assistance possible," said this sud-

denly delightful gentleman. "Your loyalty to the people of this little town is commendable, sir. You deserve great credit, and I want to shake your hand."

"Thanks, Mr. Wallace, but the credit really belongs to Bob." The delight which Broadway felt was plainly audible in his voice.

Bob laughed. "I knew he'd say that!"

"He has told me of your modesty," said the elder Wallace. "I am very proud that you have taken him into the firm, and if advertising has any market value we'll fight them to a finish. I have promised my son to return here Monday morning. I may have a proposition to put before you. I'd like to see him an equal partner in a business with such a promising future."

"I don't know what to say, Mr. Wallace," Broadway answered, and he really did not.

"Monday will be time enough," the elder Wallace answered genially. "I have an appointment with Pembroke at his house tomorrow. After I have had ten minutes' walk with him I promise you that the Consolidated people will make no further attempts to absorb. But now I must go. Good night!"

Jackson grasped his hand with fervor. What a night this was!

"Going to motor back?" asked Bob.

"Yes; I prefer my motor car to the railroad. See you Monday. Good night!"

"Isn't it like a dream?" asked Bob after the last glimmer of glow from the car's headlight had vanished down the road.

"I can't believe it's true."

"He wants to buy a half interest in your business. Did you get that?"

"All I want is enough to pay my debts."

Bob laughed. "Don't tell him that; he's a business man!"

"But—"

"I think you'd better let me handle that for you."

"Will you? Fine!" It suddenly occurred to him that he must tell his

friend at once about the Rankin-Gerard episode, but he did not mean to break his promise to the ancient bride. "Say, Bob, I've just—I've just had a telephone message from New York. What do you think has happened?"

"Go on, tell me."

"Mrs. Gerard has denied her engagement to me and is going to marry the earl of Cortland."

Wallace took this in a gulp of joy. "Honestly?"

"I just got the word."

"A million congratulations, old pal!" In a mad enthusiasm he shook hands with Broadway. "Three cheers for everybody in the world!"

Broadway seized him and, in an access of perfect satisfaction with the way the world was wagging they danced there in the moonlight.



"I Give You My Word of Honor."

"The earl of Cortland?" Bob exclaimed at length. "Who the deuce is he? I never heard of him."

"I have. I've seen him."

"You have? What does he look like?"

Broadway paused, as if in thought. "Well, he's the very image of—say, you know my butler?"

"Rankin?"

"Yes. Well, he looks just like him. You'd hardly know them apart."

"You don't say?"

"Yes; a wonderful resemblance."

"I wonder what became of Rankin?" Bob speculated idly. He had liked Rankin.

"I think he surmised I was going to locate here and he didn't like the town."

Bob nodded. "Gone, is he? Well, maybe that was it."

The girls caught sight of them as they approached the house and Clara ran to them. "Oh, there you are! Where's your father, Bob?"

"He's gone."

"Oh, I wanted to see him!"

"You'll see him Monday." He laughed. "Come on. Let's go and get an orange ice-cream soda."

"Oh, let's! Come on, Josie."

"We'll be right along," said Broadway. "You go on ahead."

Josie came down the steps with less precipitancy than Clara, but she did not really hesitate. Broadway went to her with hand outstretched to help and that peculiar earnest face he always wore when thinking deeply, even of the most delightful subjects.

"Do you care if I call you 'Josie'?" he inquired. "He calls her 'Clara' and she calls him 'Bob.'"

"Why, that's my name," said she with the simplicity of the frank country maiden.

He wasted not a moment's time. "That's not the reason I'm so anxious to," he said. "It's because I'm fond of you. I love you, Josie."

"Why, how can you say such a thing?"

"Oh, I know, you heard I was engaged, but I'm not," he eagerly explained. "That was all a joke. I can't explain it all now. Will you marry me, Josie?"

"What!"

"I mean it; honestly, I do! What I've needed, all along, was an incentive."

He was very earnest; perhaps he was not quite aware that he was slipping into words which she might possibly remember.

"What I've needed all along was an incentive—something to work for. That's what I've needed all my life. My—er—grandfather had something to work for and he handed it down to his children; now I want something to work for, which I can hand down to you."

"Why, Mr. Jones!" He did not even know that she was blushing. He was far too much in earnest.

"Don't call me Mr. Jones. You know what I want you to call me. Go on. Let me hear you say it, as you used to say it."

"Jackson?"

"No; call me 'Broadway.'"

"Why? Do you still love Broadway?"

"I don't quite know," he answered as he gently drew her toward him and then kissed her.

She did not resist or protest.

"Come on," he presently suggested. "Let's you and me go get some ice-cream soda, too."

THE END.

16 years experience enables us to take your measure and fit you in a tailor-made suit. J. H. Wilke.

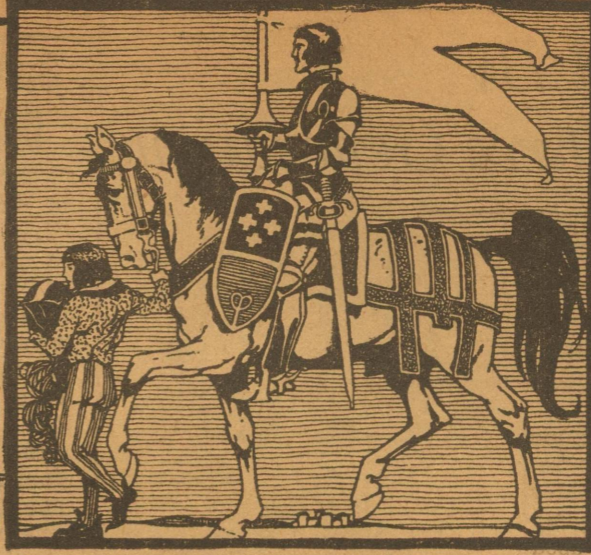
Rev. Father Lovoie returned home Wednesday morning from a visit to friends at San Angelo and other points west the past few days.

CHANGE PREACHING NOTICE

We are requested to correct the date for preaching at Jameson school house by Rev. J. V. Havenor, the date is the third Sunday and Saturday night before in March.

Just received a full line of dress goods and spring goods of all kinds at A. J. Zappe's. 12-1td1w

Spring for



Styles for Men

Have you seen the new
Hart Schaffner & Marx
Style Book?

IT'S now ready; and it's worth your while to look it over carefully. You'll get the right ideas about the kind of clothes you ought to wear.

The book will do these things for you:

- 1 Show you in a series of fine illustrations, the correct styles in clothes for men and young men.
- 2 Tell you why ready-clothes are best for you to buy; and why Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes are best among ready clothes.
- 3 Give you some good suggestions as to what you ought to pay for good clothes.
- 4 Give you some information as to the effects of the new tariff law on men's clothes.

These are a few of the interesting points in the book; it's worth any man's attention; let us know if you don't get a copy.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

This store is the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of Mar. 1914, published in the Daily-Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 9th day of Mar., 1914.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or Collateral	\$182,145.69
Loans, real estate	NONE
Overdrafts	5,310.85
Real Estate (banking house)	39,000.00
Other Real Estate	4,650.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	64,677.39
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	2,776.41
Cash Items	1,762.79
Currency	10,803.00
Specie	4,329.31
Interest in depositors guaranty fund	2,762.78
With Guaranty Assessment	195.42
Other Bills of Exchange	18,284.68
TOTAL	\$343,698.32

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus Fund	6,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	5,734.64
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	14,008.97
Individual Deposits, subject to check	189,744.71
Time Certificates of Deposit	800.00
Demand Certificates of Deposit	
Cashier's Checks	10.00
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	25,000.00
Certificates of Deposits, issued for money borrowed	2,400.00
TOTAL	\$343,698.32

State of Texas, County of Runnels, We, Jo Wilmeth as vice-president, and E. D. Walker as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. Wilmeth, Vice-President.
E. D. Walker, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9 day of Mar., A. D., 1914
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
Franc Baker, Notary Public, Runnels County.

Correct Attest: M. D. Chastain, T. S. Lankford, J. L. Chastain, Directors

RECAPITULATION

Loans and Discounts	\$187,456.54
Overdrafts (cotton)	
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixtures	50,650.00
Other real estate	
Bills of exchange	18,284.68
Interest in Guaranty Fund	2,968.20
Cash in vaults and banks	84,348.90
	\$343,698.32

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus	6,000.00
Undivided Profits	5,734.64
Bills Payable	25,000.00
Total Deposits	206,968.68
	\$343,698.32

FAMILY ICE MACHINE READY FOR MARKET

W. C. Grant, of Abilene, the inventor of a new ice machine, was here between trains Monday en route to Brownwood, where he is perfecting the organization of a company to manufacture an ice machine that he has just invented. Until the new company can get in operation Mr. Grant has an independent foundry in Brownwood at work turning out the machines.

The new ice machine promises to be a great thing for the country people and small towns where the trade is not sufficient to justify the expenses necessary in installing a large ice plant. The ice is made from raw water by the use of ammonia along same principles as that of the regular ice manufacturing plant. Mr. Grant the inventor says that it is no longer an experiment, but has been thoroughly tested out and proven a success. The machines are made in sizes ranging from 25 pounds to 200 pound blocks and with a capacity of from 500 pounds to three tons per day and sell from \$150 to \$700.

With eight pounds of ammonia a large family can be kept in ice for a year. Neighborhoods can go in together and buy them and supply the people with ice at little cost. Mr. Grant says he was called to Brownwood to look after the manufacturing of the machines and as soon as he can get the factory to going he will return to Ballinger and place on exhibition one of the machines.

Big Values

Some of our big values for March:

- 1 lb. can Nadone Talcum 15c
- 1 lb. box Motorists, Mechanics, and Painters' Soap Paste, 15c value, only 5c
- 900 pencil Tablets, 6 for 25c
- Big 5c pkg. Pop Corn 4c
- Ladies Collars 25c values for 10c
- Heavy Goblets 6 for 50c
- Ice Tea Goblets 6 for 65c
- Good 10 oz. Grblets 6 for 40c
- 1 qt. Enamel Coffee Pots 15c
- No. 1 Wash Tubs 50c

THE FAIR

LICKERS IN DIRT SHOW IMPROVEMENT

J. C. Halley to W. L. Morrison, 200 acres of land out of the Northern portion of the John Early league and labor survey No. 449, consideration \$4,000.00

L. J. Brand and wife to E. C. Brand, three certain tracts of land, 1st., the Northeast one fourth of Survey No. 81; 2nd., 141 1-10 acres of land out of the South end of the J. M. Young Survey No. 8 3rd., 160 acres out of the South east quarter of the H. & T. C. Railway Co. Survey No. 93, consideration \$10,925.00.

W. W. Dover and wife to W. G. Voss all that certain tract of land in the town of Miles known as part of Block 18, consideration, \$1500.

W. K. Lilly and wife to E. G. Bowden, 71 acres of land out of the Northeast corner of Block No. 13, consideration \$810.00.

Thos. Lilly and wife to J. C. Inman 213 1-2 acres of land out of a tract of 353 1-2 acres being a part of Subdivision No. 14 of the Burnett county school land survey No. 271, consideration \$8,472.50.

J. H. Wilke and wife to Chester Cherry and wife lots No. 9 and 10 in block 16, Wilke's second addition to Ballinger, consideration \$1,000.

W. J. Sowell and wife to W. B. Sowell, a certain tract of 100 acres of land, consideration \$2,000.

R. S. Griggs and wife to J. A. Reese being all of lots No. 9 and 10 in block No. 9, of College Heights addition to Ballinger, consideration \$1,055.

WILL LOCATE IN BALLINGER.

G. T. Hammock, formerly with a large bank of Gallup, N. M., has accepted a position with the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co., of this city. He has arrived in Ballinger and will begin his work immediately. Later he will move his family from Gallup to this city. Mr. Hammock is a son of Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Hammock of Ballinger.

BOX SUPPER.

Floyd Vanlaningham requested us to announce a Box Supper at the Spring Hill school house Friday night, March 13th., at 7:30 o'clock. A nice program has been arranged for this occasion and the receipts go toward buying an organ for the Spring Hill Sunday school. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

FIRE DESTROYS M. C. BRADEN HOME

At ten o'clock Tuesday night the home of M. C. Braden, located on Hutchings Ave., south of the business district, was destroyed by fire. A high north wind was blowing, and the fact that no other buildings were located near the south side of the house destroyed accounts for the fact that the fire boys did not have to put up a much harder fight to keep the flames from spreading. The fire was well underway when discovered, and the high wind soon fanned the flames high.

Mrs. Braden was attending the Woodmen Circle meeting and Mr. Braden and the children were at the wagon yard, and it is not known how the fire started. There had been no fire in the house throughout the day except in the kitchen, but it is thought that the fire originated in the front of the house.

The house was insured for \$950 the furniture for \$500 and the piano for \$300 with the Ballinger Insurance Co.

GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT, BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Make it thick, glossy, wavy, luxuriant and remove dandruff—Real surprise for you

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it thru your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few week's use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair, and lots of it surely get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any druggist or toilet counter, and just try it.

Remedy Used By Three Generations

Mothers Who Took it When Children Now Giving it to Their Children

There must be genuine merit to an article that has stood the test of two generations of users.

In the field of medicine none has had greater success, nor retained that success to a greater degree, than Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is now being used by three generations of people. Its use in families is constantly becoming more general. The reason, primarily, is that it has merit. It is what it represents itself to be, a laxative- tonic; it does not make exaggerated claims nor use coarse language to set forth its virtues.

It is a medicine, but so mild and gentle a medicine that thousands of mothers give it to tiny infants, and yet, in a slightly larger dose, it is equally effective for grown-ups. It is for any disorder of the stomach, liver or bowels, for constipation no matter how chronic, for dyspepsia no matter how severe, for biliousness, sour stomach, gas on the stomach, headaches, drowsiness after eating and similar complaints arising from a clogged-up condition of the bowels. It is pleasant to the taste and does not gripe. It can be used with safety and good results by anyone at any age or any condition of health, and that person's health will be improved. Every druggist sells it and the



Wm. Roswell Taylor

price is only fifty cents and one dollar a bottle.

Thousands of families throughout the country are never without Syrup Pepsin in the house, among them Mrs. W. A. Taylor, 717 Lincoln Ave., Beloit, Wis. She has five children and gives Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin to all of them as needed. Little William used to cry half the night with cramps and pain, but since being given Syrup Pepsin he does so no longer. The use of this remedy will teach you to avoid cathartics, salts, purgatives and physics generally, but the cure is comfortable, safe and permanent.

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.

Ballinger Girls In Denton State Normal

166 West Oak St., Denton, Texas.

The second term examinations are now over and we are now starting on the "home stretch," so to speak, and all are looking forward to commencement. Splendid plans are being formed by Dr. Bruce for this year's commencement. Plans are also being made by the senior class as to the entertainment of the old students that come back for commencement. Something like 400 girls will graduate this year and we have decided to wear a regulation dress of simple white goods; the girls that are taking sewing this year are to make their own dresses.

The last basket ball game of the season was played here against T. C. U. in which the Normal won a grand victory. We Ballinger girls certainly glad that the home girls defeated the Angelo girls, we are glad the girls are taking an interest in athletics.

The tract team is now preparing for the annual college meet, which is to meet sometime in April.

Last week the student body had the pleasure of hearing Supt. S. M. N. Marrs of Terrell. Mr. Marrs talked to us about compulsory education and also announced his candidacy for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Normal's annual the "Yucca" is under good headway now, several shipments have been made already. The students do all this work. Some special drawings have been made also some good stories have been turned in.

The various clubs are entertaining the students with good programs, the Reagens gave a meeting of a "District School," while the Lee's gave a "Mock Election" both programs caused considerable amusement for the large crowds attending.

The senior class is planning for the regular play given every year. They intend playing, "Every Woman," and the characters are being selected.

Yours sincerely,
PEARL FARRIS.

NOTICE OF HEARING

To. Appropriate. Public. Waters

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that Mrs. Emilie Pape whose postoffice address is Ballinger, Texas, did on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1914, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which she applies for a permit to appropriate one-half cubic feet of water per second of time for the period of days in each year, for the purpose of irrigation from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from Elm Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River in Runnels County, Texas, by means of a pumping plant.

You are hereby further notified that the said pumping plant is to be located 2 miles north of Ballinger on said Elm Creek, and on the Alexander Lassassier survey No. 174, and the land to be irrigated is a part of the said survey consisting of twenty acres.

A hearing on the said application of the said Mrs. Emilie Pape will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the county court house, in the City of San Angelo, County of Tom Green, said State, on Thursday, the 9th day of April, A. D. 1914, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board in Austin, Texas, this 4th day of March, A. D. 1914.

JOHN WILSON,
E. N. GORE.

(Seal) Attest: W. T. POTTER,
Secretary.

13-4tw Belle of Wichita Flour at A. J. Zappe's. 12-1td 1tw

Clarence Routh returned home Monday afternoon from an extended visit to his brother, Kenzie Routh out on his Reagan county ranch.

Going to Need A PLANTER?

If you are, let us show you the JOHN DEERE, single or two Planter. Best Material, Best Workmanship, Best Service. Absolutely guaranteed Satisfactory or your money back.

DON'T FORGET

To Call on Us for

Velie Buggies

Jno. Deere Wagons

Mitchell Wagons

Jno. Deere Binders

Deering Binders

Muncie Oil Engines

R. & V. Gas Engines

Giant Gas Engines

Crown Silos

Sharpeless Cream Separators

De Laval Cream Separators

In fact we will be glad to show you anything from a KNITTING NEEDLE to a THRASHING MACHINE. Prices and Goods Guaranteed. Come in and let us show you that it pays in Satisfaction as well as Dollars and Cents to trade at this Store.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Company

EVERYTHING AND LUMBER

NOTICE.

By the order of the Commissioner's Court of Runnels County, Texas, I, M. Kleberg, Jr., County Judge of the county aforesaid, do hereby notify the public that it is the intention of the Commissioner's Court to discontinue a public road, known as Porter-Small Road Precinct No. 100, after thirty days from the publication hereof.

Said Porter-Small Road is bounded as follows: Beginning at northwest corner L. P. David tract of land, running easterly to northwest corner of J. Bedford land, also beginning at J. W. Wyatt's southwest corner, thence east to the Truitt-Table Gap Road.

M. KLEBERG, Jr.,
County Judge of Runnels County, Texas.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Will Rodgers is very sick. We hope she will soon be up. Otherwise the health is good in our community.

Quite a number of our farmers

have began planting corn and maize. There is a little uneasiness that moisture wont hold out much longer. But the ground is yet cold and is doubtful if seed will germinate. It is hard to determine just to what extent the fruit is damaged.

Brother Wells of the Nazarene Church of Ballinger, preached to us last Sunday afternoon. The house was well filled and very attentive to all that was said. His discourse was powerful and straight to the point and forcibly brought it out that nobody could serve God and Mammon at the same time.

A large number of people from the Nazarene church accompanied Brother Wells. This is a very thickly settled community and we are living in a christian era, but this is second preaching we have had for a year. Preachers shy at us. When preaching and Sunday schools are lacking in any community, without some plausible reason it is drifting both backward and downward.

"KNOX."

ECHO FROM FORT WORTH CONVENTION

G. G. Odom, one of the old railroad days cowmen is here from his Fort Chadbourne ranch and he is accompanied by J. F. Currie and Conda Wiley, who, if they would admit it, ought to call Mr. Odom pa-in-law. Instead of this they merely call him "Mr. Odom." Mr Odom went to what is now Coke county in the 70's, when there were more buffalo than tame cattle and more coyotes than hogs in that section. He has stayed and stuck and of course he has a lot of \$20 land that cost him something more than a song. About the only song, by the way, that Mr. Odom can sing in a fond recollection way is, "Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie."—Fort Worth Record.

Rev. Father J. B. Lavoie left Wednesday afternoon for Santa Anna to look after his church work. He will hold services at the Lon Mapes residence in the Pony creek section next Sunday.

BALLINGER MEN BUY WINTERS BUSINESS

R. L. Shaffer, the Winters saddle and harness dealer, has sold his business to Dr. W. A. Gustavus and E. J. Cathey, of Ballinger. The stock of goods are being invoiced and the business will be turned over to the purchasers as soon as the figures are footed up.

Mr. Shaffer moved from Ballinger to Winters about two years ago, and he has built up a splendid business in that town. He was formerly in the harness and saddle business in Ballinger. It is rumored that he will return to Ballinger, but it is not known what business he will engage in.

Mr. Cathey will have charge of the Winters business, and as soon as he can be relieved of the position he holds with T. S. Lankford he will move his family to Winters. Mr. Cathey has been with Mr. Lankford for many years. He is an experienced leather goods man, and will not only make Winters people a good business man but a good citizen.

Dr. Gustavus is only investing his money in the business, and will take no active interest in the business.

A HAPPY CHILD IN JUST A FEW HOURS

When cross, constipated or feverish give "California Syrup of Figs" then don't worry.

Mothers can rest easy after giving "California Syrup of Figs," because in a few hours all the clogged-up waste, sour bile and fermenting food gently moves out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, and they become tightly packed, liver gets sluggish and stomach disordered.

When cross, feverish, restless, see if tongue is coated, then give this delicious "fruit laxative." Children love it, and it cannot cause injury. No difference what ails your little one—if full of cold or a sore throat, diarrhoea, stomachache, bad breath, remember, a gentle "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." We make no smaller size. Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

See that display of tailoring samples at J. H. Wilke's. Coat and pants from \$12.45 up. 1tw

WEST TEXAS BUYS ANOTHER EXCHANGE

The West Texas Telephone company has added another link to their chain of telephone exchanges in this section of the State, by the purchase this week of the Menard exchange, formerly conducted by Messrs. T. M. and A. P. Bailey as a private enterprise. This exchange has 280 subscribers on its local board and toll lines, and is well equipped. T. L. Kendall, formerly with the West Texas company here, will become the new manager of the Menard exchange and Assistant Auditor W. W. Davis is today checking him in. The company will improve and enlarge the exchange at a later date, but for the present the equipment of the exchange is considered as sufficient for all requirements.

The West Texas Telephone company now has twelve exchanges in this territory. With the Brownwood exchange as the center and with the general offices of the company here, the operations of the West Texas company are now extended east to Lometa, Goldthwaite, Mullin, and Zephyr, south to Brady and Menard; west to Coleman, Talpa, Paint Rock, Ballinger and Winters.—Brownwood Bulletin.

WE HAVE FAITH IN THIS STOMACH REMEDY

A woman customer said to us the other day, "Say, you ought to tell everyone in town about Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. I would myself if I could." That set us to thinking. So many people have used them and have so enthusiastically sounded their praises both to us and their friends, that we had an idea you all knew about them. But, in the chance that some of you who suffer from indigestion, heartburn, dyspepsia, or some other stomach complaint, don't know about them—we are writing this.

They contain Bismuth and Pepsin, two of the greatest digestive aids known to medical science. The soothe and comfort the stomach, promote the secretion of gastric juice, help to quickly digest the food and convert it into rich, red blood, and improve the action of the bowels. We believe them to be the best remedy made for indigestion and dyspepsia. We certainly wouldn't offer them to you entirely at our risk unless we felt sure they would do a lot of good. If Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets do not relieve your indigestion, check the heartburn, and make it possible for you to eat what you like when ever you like, come back and get your money.

Sold only at the more than 7,000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only at our store. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.—The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Tex.

Suffered with Throat Trouble.

Mr. Barnes used to be sheriff of Warren County, Tennessee. From exposure to the elements he acquired throat trouble. He supposed that his health was entirely ruined, in spite of all the treatment he could procure.



MR. B. W. D. BARNES, McMinnville, Tenn.

After using four bottles of Peruna he claims that he was entirely restored to health.

Catarrh of the throat is not only an annoying disease of itself, but it exposes the victim to many other diseases. We are constantly breathing into our throats numerous atmospheric germs. Disease germs of all sorts. This cannot be avoided. If the throat is healthy the system is protected from these poisonous germs. But if the throat is raw and punctured with numerous little ulcers, by catarrh, then the disease germs have easy access to the system. Keep the throat well and clean. This is the way to protect yourself against contagious diseases. Gargle the throat as explained in the new "I'lls of Life," sent free by the Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Barnes says: "I had throat trouble and had three doctors treating me. All failed to do me any good, and pronounced my health gone. I concluded to try Peruna, and after using four bottles can say I was entirely cured."

FLYNT WILL MAKE RACE FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

"I wish you would say in your paper that I am going to make the race for county judge," said Sheriff Flynt to a Ledger reporter early Monday morning. "I have considered the question as submitted to me by my friends and after advising with my friends, I feel that I can be elected by a good majority and I will make my announcement as soon as District court, which convenes today, adjourns and I can give my candidacy my attention."

FIFTY BOYS IN CLEAN-UP CRUSADE

At an early hour Saturday morning the battle royal started in the clean up crusade, and several wagons and about fifty boys were on the job before some people of Ballinger crawled out of their slumbering quarters. It will be remembered that considerable cash money has been offered, besides other prizes to the squad of boys that put up the largest pile of trash within a given time. The Boy Scouts and the Boys Brigade are competing for the prizes, and the piles are being built on the Santa Fe right-of-way near the freight depot.

There are some twenty-odd boys in the boys brigade and about the same number in the boy scouts, and every one is working hard. It can be seen now that the race is going to be a close one, and when the time limite is reached the citizens are going to see the largest piles of tin cans, rubbish, etc., that was ever put together in any one place. To say that the piles will be size of a house will be underestimating unless we should say a big house. Every alley, vacant lot, street and many yards in Ballinger are being raked and scraped. If you have anything around your place you don't want hauled to the scrap heap, you had better keep a close watch on it, for the boys are going to clean up the old town. They are going to give the old heads a real lesson in town cleaning, and when it is all over the city should send for Dr. Carrick and have him make another inspection.

The way the Boy Scouts and Boys Brigade in moving loose trash, tin cans, etc., in Ballinger, should appeal to every citizen that is for a cleaner town, and their splendid work deserves the encouragement of every one. With the move well under way in the clean up crusade every property owner in Ballinger should take a hand and make a special effort to make his premises the cleanest in town. This is the season when we are supposed to crawl out of our winter quarters and brighten up things. Spend a few dollars for paint and touch up the ugly spots around our homes. Paint covers a multitude of ugly places, and an old house can be made to look like a new one with a coat or two of good paint. If the old folks will fall in line and devote as much attention to cleaning up as the boys are, this old town would be made to shine as a city built upon a hill sure enough.

Of course the boys are working for the prizes, but the old heads of the town have a great deal more to win in the clean up campaign than prize money. It means a saving in doctor bills and drug bills. It certainly behoves the old folks to get busy and help the boys.

The prizes offered the boys in this clean up campaign should be supplemented and made worth while. The boys have about gathered up the bulk of the trash piles and they are now going after the smaller things that are laying around in their way. If you desire to help them you can add a little to the prizes that have been offered.

The exact time for closing the contest has not been fixed. It was the desire of the originator of the brighten up crusade to show the moving pictures before the contest closed, but the films will not be here until March 20th. R. T. Williams, of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., who is looking after that part of the show says the films will be here on Friday 20th, and that the show will be given for the benefit of the boys that night and on Saturday afternoon a free show will be given to every man, woman and child who will take the time to attend. The big flag which is to be given by the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., is on display in their show window.

Help the boys, encourage them

DEATH DEALING FLAMES IN ST. LOUIS; 100 DEAD

St. Louis, March 9.—at 3:45 o'clock this (Monday) morning, the roof of the massive eight-story building occupying half a city block, caved in, carrying down with it several floors and it is believed that more than a hundred are dead in the ruins.

Every available ambulance and police patrol wagon in the city have been rushed to the scene.

A careful census of those who escaped from the building was taken by the police and an officer of the club and not more than two dozen men were accounted for. There were a hundred and thirty five people sleeping in the

downtown club, and it is almost certain that all the others have perished.

The ill-fated building is the Missouri Athletic Club, at Fourth and Washington avenues, and was occupied by the club members, numbering among them men of prominence.

Within a few moments after the fire was discovered at 2:30, every fire fighting apparatus in the city, and every fireman was on the scene, but the blaze spread and was beyond the control of the men.

by adding to the prize list, and see that your own premises is cleaned up in this campaign.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BASE BALL FOR CITY

Six Sunday Schools of Ballinger are perfecting plans for the organization within the next few days of a league which will embrace the ball playing members of each of six classes of Sunday schools.

Those who are pushing the movement for a league of Sunday school teams are: Methodist, Ninth Street Baptist, First Baptist, Nazarene, First Presbyterian and Eighth Street Presbyterian churches of Ballinger.

A meeting has been called by the Methodist Sunday school for tonight, at which time a club will be organized and plans perfected for the organization of a league. At the meeting tonight it will probably be decided to call upon each of the Sunday schools that are considering the possibility of organizing a league and make arrangements further for the city league. Officers of the Methodist Sunday school will also be elected tonight, very likely.

Later on, it is the plans of those who are pushing the matter of organizing a league, to perfect a schedule which will be followed throughout the summer months by the six clubs.

It is understood that each of the clubs who are considering entering the league, has material for a good ball club. Many of the boys who are considering making the various teams, have played on the high school teams in the past.

It is understood that no age limit will be set for the league. Any member of a class who can play ball and is willing to enter the league will be eligible for membership in the clubs.

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:

- Deeds,
 - Bills of Sale,
 - Notes of all kind,
 - Mortgages of all kind,
 - Warranty deed, ruled and typewriter.
- The prices are the lowest. The forms are the best.

The Ballinger Printing Co.

J. F. Smith of Miles, came over Monday morning to attend District Court, which convened in the regular March term Monday.

Miss Rose Cervenka, of Rowena, who had been the guest of her friend, Miss Mary Peacheck the past few days, left Monday at noon for her home.

L. S. Evans, one of the successful truck farmers of South Ballinger, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

T. W. Whiddon of the Eastern part of the county near Ballinger was transacting business in the city Saturday afternoon.

Louis Castor has accepted a position with the West Texas Telephone Co., to succeed Alva Jackson who has accepted a position to represent a firm with headquarters at San Angelo.

WINTERS AND BALLINGER SCOUTS TO MEET

Plans are being perfected for a meeting of the Winters and Ballinger Boy Scouts. It is the purpose of the two scout masters to meet on half way ground between Ballinger and Winters and pitch camp, where the different patrols of the scouts will be tried out in various ways. In reply to a letter from Chas. T. Grant, scout master at Winters, Scout Master Smith has accepted a challenge, and the dates are being agreed upon and agreements are underway for the meet. Following is the letter from Mr. Grant to Rev. Smith:

Dear Sir: We would be pleased to meet you and try our boys out in a few games. Say, meet about half way some Friday evening, stay all night and pitch camp in about one quarter mile of each other, and try a few night games. The following day have the boys to meet on mutual grounds and spend the day together. Let me hear from you, and if it can be arranged will meet you when the weather gets a little warmer."

Best Family Laxative
Beware of constipation. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and keep well. Mrs. Charles J. Smith, of West Franklin, Me., calls them "Our family laxative." Nothing better for adults or aged. Get them today, 25c. All Drug-gists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

E. Koenig of the Pony neighborhood, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

E. B. Walker of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised, March 7, 1914.

- Berwick, Ralph E.
- Berwick, R. E.
- Duhan, Juan.
- Green, Mrs. Lillian.
- Hill, Mrs. Temple.
- Lynn & Brown.
- Martin, Mrs. S. C.
- Smith, J. L.

When calling for the above letters please say "Advertised" and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead-letter-office.

James J. Erwin P. M.

L. M. Bales, one of the substantial citizens of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROSS'S TASTELess chills TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

Report of The Condition of

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK, at Ballinger in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Mar. 4th, 1914:

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$278,477.60
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	4,937.03
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	100,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings.....	1,500.00
Ronds, Securities, etc.....	1,523.65
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....	25,000.00
Other Real Estate owned.....	8,353.74
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	9,813.34
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks.....	1,618.56
Due from approved Reserve Agents.....	47,053.82
Checks and other Cash Items.....	7,612.17
Exchange for Clearing House.....	NONE
Notes of other National Banks.....	6,035.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents.....	370.90
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$26,407.55
Legal-tender notes.....	500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	5,000.00
Acceptances.....	96,736.47
TOTAL.....	\$619,939.83

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	200,000.00
Surplus fund.....	23,500.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid.....	18,264.78
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	7,600.00
Due to other National Banks.....	3,886.26
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers.....	59.06
Dividends Unpaid.....	
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	210,964.18
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	9,620.49
Cashiers Checks Outstanding.....	45.25
Postal Savings Deposits.....	999.81
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	55,000.00
Reserved for taxes 191.....	
TOTAL.....	\$619,939.83

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss:
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. G. Erwin, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Mar. 1914. J. Whit Patterson, Notary Public.
Correct Attest: H. Giesecke, J. Y. Pearce, D. M. Baker, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$283,414.63
U. S. Bonds.....	101,500.00
Banking House, F. & F.....	25,000.00
Real Estate.....	8,353.74
Stock and Bonds.....	1,523.65
Bills of Exchange ().....	96,736.47
Cash in Vault and with Banks.....	103,411.34
Total.....	\$619,939.83

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock (paid in).....	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	41,764.78
Circulation.....	37,600.00
Reserved for 1913 taxes.....	
Bills Payable.....	55,000.00
Dividends unpaid.....	
Deposits.....	225,575.05
Total.....	\$619,939.83

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

W. F. Atmip one of the prosperous citizens northeast of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and reports his late oat crop looking green and fine, though the early volunteer oats have been damaged to some extent.

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Office at Courthouse.

J. B. Wade A. K. Doss WADE & DOSS. Lawyers.
Office over Ballinger Loan Co. Ballinger-Texas.

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Even the Treatment we Hand You. Our highest aim is to Please you. We want you to be an advertisement for us.
Give us a trial.

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A Woman's Name

Upon it hinges the political existence of a popular reformer, the fate of the "boss" of a powerful machine, the future of his own son-in-law and the reputation of his daughter.

A TELEPHONE OPERATOR is the possessor of the secret. How hard she tries to be loyal, how desperately she fights and how she is rewarded is most interestingly told in our new serial—

The Woman

A story founded on Wm. C. de Mille's famous play of that name by Albert Payson Terhune.

A tale of tense, dramatic situations from beginning to end.

Don't Miss the First Instalment!

Ready for To-morrow ?

Horses digest their feed less thoroughly than other farm animals. In order to insure thorough digestion of all the food eaten, and to make your horses readier for next day's work, add to their evening feed a teaspoonful of—

Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE

It will lessen your feed bills.
It will increase your profits.

I am using Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE with my horses regularly and find it a saving proposition on feed. It also makes them healthy, thriving and clean.

Ira Johnston,
R. F. D. No. 1,
O'Neill, Nebr.

25c, 50c and \$1. per can.
At your dealer's. P. B. 1

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Welcome All To The Opening Days Of Spring Millinery

THE HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON Co., announce its readiness to show all the newest styles ideas in Millinery for Spring. We cordially invite our customers, their friends and public in general to come to our millinery department Tuesday, and Wednesday, MARCH 17-18 and view the Spring models, they represent the latest creations. Such makes as Gage, Glanckopf, Gordon, Mannheimer, Fisk, The Hart, Ellzy and Jas. G. Johnson, New York, Chicago and St. Louis best styles—Come and enjoy the newness. Here, there and everywhere you will see evidence of Springtime. Many changes have been made in our millinery department all for your convenience and we believe you agree with us that the many changes made is solely for your benefit and conveniences. Come! You will feel well repaid for the visit. A royal welcome to all.



Exquisite Spring FOOTWEAR
1914 Spring Styles Ready For Men, Women and Children

SPRING TIME just around the corner. How about your slippers. We can fit you in the very latest styles. Every wanted style that good is here.—

- HOWARD & FOSTER Shoes for men\$4.00 and \$5.00
 - McELWAIN shoes for men\$2.50 to \$3.50
 - WICKERT shoes for women\$4.00 and \$5.00
 - THE DUTCHES shoes for Women\$2.00 and \$4.00
- SEE MRS. KING shoes for children.

New Things Ready For Your Inspection---Come

New Tailored Suits, Crepe Shirt Waists, Clever Party Dresses, New Tailored Skirts, New Street Dresses, New Mesh Bags, 1914 Shirt Waists, Latest Tango Buckles, Parasols and Gloves, Moire Silk Bags, New Muslin Underwear, New Jet Beads, New Taffeta Silks, New Silk Hosiery, New Crepes in Cotton and Silk, New Camisoles, New Wash Goods, Pretty New Guimps, New Fancy Razines, Beautiful Silk Gloves—Kayser Make—New and Pretty Laces and Bands, Colored and White Linens.

Special

In Dress Goods

- Tuesday and Wednesday
- 19c 40 inch Linweave, real value 25c, soft and sheer as mull, exquisite waist and dress material, very special 19c
 - 19c 32 inch kimona crepe and dress material. White and colors as well as the floral effects, 25 quality, Tuesday and Wednesday, the yard 19c
 - 25c 36 inch Rice cloth, newest dress and waist material. In white and all colors, 35c and 50c values, the yard 25c

White Quilt Special

45 beautiful WHITE QUILTS, square and cut corner effect. Values \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, and \$3.00, extra special the quilt \$1.49

Opening Special
Tuesday and Wednesday

\$1.50 ladies black silk Hose Friday and Saturday only special 95c

HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

THE STORE AHEAD BALLINGER, TEX.

Opening Special

36 inch yard wide black Taffeta, newest Spring Silk very special at \$1.00 Tuesday and Wednesday the yard 99c

MUSIC TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY FROM MR. J. Y. PEARCE'S FINE VICTROLA. COME MEET WITH US, ENJOY MUSIC

Texas Rangers Get Body; Muddle Mexican Matters

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that the body of Vergara would be delivered on the Texas side of the river at the particular place named at three thirty o'clock this morning, where he went and found it. As to who brought it across the river he does not know. He had no assistance in the transaction except from the family and relatives of Vergara, who fully identified the body."

The governor talked to Captain Sanders over the long distance telephone late tonight.

Austin, Tex., March 10.—Governor Colquitt made public the following report from Ranger Captain Sanders regarding the recovery of Vergara's body:

"I left Laredo Saturday morning, March 7, 1914, and went to Palafox with Consul Garrett. Sergeant Hines and Private Felps of my command were already there, also Constable Petty of Minera, Jim Hall, a relative of Vergara, and some others I do not know. I worked up all of the evidence I possibly could during the day. I left Consul Garrett at Coleman's ranch Saturday afternoon. I left the Coleman ranch about 7 o'clock Saturday evening and went down the river, on the Texas side, four, five or six miles. I did not go across the river at all. Vergara's body was brought across the river on a stretcher about 3:30 a. m. Sunday, March 8, 1914, and deposited on the bank on this side about four miles down the river from Palafox. This was the first time I saw the body. I do not

know who exhumed it. I turned the body over to Vergara's relatives, who were on the river bank, and took it to Laredo and put it in an undertaking establishment. I do not know that any one held an inquest, or that any medical examination of the remains has been made. There were two bullet holes in the head, and one hand was burned to a crisp, and the head looked like it had been mashed in. It is intended to bury the remains Monday afternoon. Hidalgo, where the remains were originally interred, is just south of and in sight of Palafox, on the bank of the river.

"I do not hesitate to say that the present policy of the United States Government is largely responsible for these murders and outrages," said Governor Colquitt yesterday, in speaking of the Vergara murder as one of the many instances that have been called to the attention of the Texas State Government since he took his seat as Governor.

"I am informed that President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan have authorized a statement to the effect that they will expect an explanation from me regarding the return of Vergara's body to Texas soil. No such request has been received by me at this time. My answer will be the same as heretofore.

"I take the position that each State has the right of self defense and ought to defend that right when the Federal Government does not afford the protection due by it. * * *

"I have not hesitated to pursue such course as would give Texans all the protection that this State can give."

Court Names Election Managers

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& M. Bank, as county depository, was approved.

Ordered that the ex-officio salary of the county clerk, county judge and sheriff remain as heretofore fixed.

The school trustee election for the election of two county trustees and the required number of trustees in each school precinct was ordered and the date fixed for the first Saturday in April.

The reports of the various county officers were received and approved the respective officers given credit for amount of money turned over.

The court was petitioned by the patrons of the Hatchel, Goolsby, Franklin districts to create a new district to be known as the Paramore district. The order was granted and the filed notes of the new district recorded.

It was ordered that the fire insurance to the extent of \$5000 on the jail and \$5000 tornado insurance on the jail, which expires during the months of May and June be renewed and also ordered that \$15000 tornado insurance on the court house be renewed.

Ordered that Mike Boyd be allowed \$700 on his commissions for assessing taxes for the year 1914.

The report of Dr. T. E. Mangum county health officer, was approved and the clerk authorized to issue warrant for \$320 for said service.

The usual quarterly accounts were approved and ordered paid.

FORT WORTH NEGRO PAYS DEATH PENALTY

Fort Worth, Tex., March 9.—Tom Lee, negro, was hanged at 11:30 this morning. A large crowd surrounded the jail and filled the gallows space in the pail. The widow of policeman Ogletree and his sister, the slain officer's father and three brothers witnessed the hanging.

Lee's hanging is for the death of Moore and is said to have been first time a negro paid the death penalty for killing one of his own color.

WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN BASE BALL GAME

The Ledger carried a notice Monday stating that the Sunday schools of Ballinger were perfecting plans for the organization of a base ball league, and that games would be arranged between the various Sunday schools of the town. Rev. E. W. Wells, pastor of the Nazarene church, in a phone message to the paper Tuesday Morning stated that we were in error about his Sunday school being connected with the move, and requested us to correct same. "We will not participate in the base ball move," said Rev. Wells, "and we don't know anything about it. Will you please correct the statement." The reporter that wrote the news item was misinformed, and we gladly make the correction.

TEXAS TOWNS SUFFER HEAVY FIRE LOSS MONDAY

Monday was a bad day in Texas for fire insurance companies. A compress and 6000 bales of cotton were destroyed at Waco, causing a loss of \$500,000. Hillsboro suffered a \$30,000 loss when a large department store and other buildings burned. Big Springs suffered a \$10,000 loss when a section of a business block was destroyed.

HOG ASSOCIATION.

J. H. Taylor, of the New Home community, was in the city Monday and asks that we suggest that the farmers in a radius of ten miles of Ballinger appoint some date and place to meet and organize a Hog Association.

The poultry business of the county is a big thing but the hog business is a bigger one and if taken hold of right will cause more hogs to be raised and by organizing better shipping facilities can be obtained. Think about the subject and let us hear from you.

DON'T FORGET

The Rabbit Hunt Saturday, March 14th, to begin at the W. T. Ward or Jack Nichols place down the river, a large crowd and a general good time is expected and a splendid dinner will be served at the noon hour.

FORMER BALLINGER MAN GETS POST OFFICE JOB

Maxey McCrary, formerly a citizen of Ballinger, and the son-in-law of J. W. Francis, of this place, has been appointed postmaster at Calvert, Texas. There were quite a number of applicants for the Calvert job and the friends of Mr. McCrary in Ballinger will be glad to know that he knocked the persimmon.

T. M. Curbo, one of the successful farmers down the river, left Tuesday afternoon on a short business trip east.

R. Wilson, of Coryell county, a former citizen of our country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday of this week.

J. B. Cooper, of the New Home neighborhood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. F. C. Miller left Tuesday afternoon to visit friends at Winters a few days.

FIRE VICTIMS REDUCED TO THIRTY.

The total number of dead in the fire that destroyed the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis at three o'clock Monday morning is not known, but it is thought the list will reach thirty. It will require several days to make up a correct list of the dead. The property loss is estimated at half million dollars.

One of the dead, L. R. Ruff, has quite a number of acquaintances in Ballinger, having been a frequent visitor to this town. Mr. Ruff was with the Simmons Hardware Co.

J. L. Atwell, Sam Farmer, Judge W. D. Jennings and Mayor H. W. Bigler, of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and the latter two gentlemen here to attend District court on legal business.

Ebb Cathey left Monday afternoon for Winters on a short business trip.

Spring is the Time to Repair

Mr. Farmer, if your house or barn needs screening, painting or repairing, come to see us, we can supply your wants. We keep a full supply of paints, screen doors and all kinds of building material.

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.



Henry Ford saw it first--and the others followed. The left-hand drive was built to meet American, not European, traffic conditions. It's just one reason why the Ford stands first in public opinion. Other reasons? One model, light weight, economy.

Five hundred dollars is the new price of the Ford runabout; the touring car is five fifty; the town car seven fifty—all f. o. b. Detroit, complete with equipment. Get catalog and particulars from

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