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BONDS APPROVED, NEW OFFICERS NOW ON THE JOB

The commissioners court met Monday afternoon to approve the bonds of the various county officers and start them out under the new term.

All bonds were approved, and the new officers, as well as those who were re-elected, are now on their jobs, and the county's affairs are running along as though no changes had ever been made.

There are only two new names in the list of county officers, J. D. Perkins succeeding J. P. Flynt as sheriff, and W. W. Wooten succeeding E. L. Hagan as superintendent. In the line up of the commissioners court there are two new members, J. D. Smith, of Precinct No. 3, and W. D. Meadows, from Precinct No. 2.

The bonds presented to the court for their approval, and as required by law, is as follows for the respective county and precinct officers:

M. Kleberg, judge, \$5,000; O.

CENSUS BUREAU MAKES REPORT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The census cotton report issued today stated that there had been ginned 11,624,708 bales of cotton from the 1914 crop to November 14. Last year up to the same date, there had been ginned 10,446,529 bales, or an increase of 1914 over 1913 of 1,200,000 bales.

L. Parish, clerk, \$5,000; W. T. Padgett collector, \$93,000; Mike Boyd, assessor, \$15,000; J. D. Perkins, sheriff, \$6,000; W. L. Brown, \$50,000; C. P. Shepherd, \$1,000; W. W. Wooten, superintendent, \$1,000; J. E. Powell, \$1,000; Miss Mary Phillips, district clerk, \$5,000; Feb. McWilliams, commissioner, \$3,000; J. D. Smith commissioner, \$3,000; W. D. Meadows, commissioner \$3,000; Paul Trimmier, justice of the peace, \$1,000; Ben Allen, constable, \$1,000; Frank Stuart, public weigher, \$10,000.

BOLD ATTEMPT TO ROB GROCERY CO.

About the boldest "stunt" ever pulled off in Ballinger by burglars was that of two burglars who attempted to break in the store of Scroggins & Son Tuesday night shortly after 9 o'clock.

Quite a number of people on the down town streets were attracted to the store when the burglar alarm was given but the burglars escaped.

The negro janitor at the Ballinger State Bank was in the basement of the bank looking after his work when he heard the crash of the window and rushed out just in time to see the burglars running away from the building.

Scroggins & Son store is located next to the bank building, with an alley between the bank and the store. The alley is closed at each end by an iron fence. The burglars prying this fence open and made their way to a side window and breaking the glass. The bank janitor was attracted by the noise and appeared on the scene to find two men, one standing at the end of the alley watching and the other trying to break in the window. The two burglars made their get-away in a hurry, the one at the window coming out over the high iron pickets at the front of the alley.

The window screen was cut away from top to bottom and the glass bursted out, and the burglars left their tracks, showing how they entered the alley and how they made their escape, but aside from this the officers have no clue to the attempted burglary.

COTTON RECEIPTS CLIMBING RAPIDLY

Despite the low prices of cotton and the fact that a large part of the crop is being held by the farmers at their homes over the county, the local yard receipts are piling up, and promise the largest total receipts by the end of the season for many years past. Up to noon Wednesday the two yards at Ballinger had weighed 12,053 bales, as follows:

Stuart Yard 7,903
Farmer's Yard 4,150

12,053

The local gins had tied out for the present season up to noon Wednesday, 8,674 bales, as follows:

Day gin 1,562
Gray & Ross 1,247
Oil Mill 2,329
Towler 2,495
Spoonts 1,048

8,674

The local market shows considerable improvement over last week, cotton selling on the streets as high as 7.90. It is contended by local buyers that this is the best price paid in this section of the state this week.

BOOTLEGGING PRISONER BREAKS BALLINGER JAIL

Will Baker, charged with bootlegging, and who was recently tried in district court here, made his escape from the Ballinger jail some time during Monday night. He is at large with no clue as to his whereabouts.

The case of Baker is a familiar one in the minds of the readers of this paper. He is the man who was arrested while selling booze in negro town on the same day that the grand jury convened here. At the same time Baker was arrested a negro was arrested, but the negro made his escape while being carried to jail. The case was taken up by the grand jury and an indictment returned promptly, and the case was called for trial the same week, and resulted in a hung jury.

Baker being a stranger here, and having no friends or relatives to help him, had not been able to secure his release on bond, and was being held in jail. He had proven himself an ideal prisoner, and winning the confidence of the jailer he was allowed to remain in the run-a-round and was not locked in the cell at night.

Some time during Monday night Baker used the railing out of an iron bed in prizing the bars over the jail window open, and tying the blankets from his bed together he found escape an easy matter, and was absent when the jailer carried his breakfast to the prisoners Tuesday morning.

There were three negroes in jail, but they made no effort to get out. They claimed that they did not know what time Baker left the jail. The officers are making an effort to locate Baker, and unless he is assisted in leaving the country it is probable that they will soon capture him.

Sheriff Perkins was out of town when the prisoner escaped, having gone to Temple Monday afternoon with a negro wanted in Williamson county for forgery. He returned home Tuesday and got busy on the job of locating the prisoner.

The officers have been unable to find out anything about the past history of Baker, and they are of the opinion that he is going under an assumed name.

E. D. Bowen, of the Hatchel country, was marketing cotton in Ballinger Monday.

FLYNT LANDS JOB WITH GROCERY CO.

J. P. Flynt who retired from the sheriff office Monday, after serving six years as sheriff of this county, will leave Tuesday morning, for Baird, where he goes to represent Walker-Smith Co., in closing out a stock of goods at that place.

Mr. Flynt has accepted a position with the Walker-Smith Co., and will look after collections for that company. He will be moved from place to place, and work over the large central Texas territory for the Walker-Smith Co. He will not move his family from Ballinger.

Mr. Flynt's friends will be glad to know that he has secured a good position.

ROBT. MACGREGOR IS SERIOUSLY ILL

His many friends will regret to learn that R. McGregor is seriously ill at his home on Eleventh Street. Mr. McGregor was taken sick Sunday, and was thought to be some better Monday and Tuesday, but his condition grew worse Tuesday night and the physicians announce that his condition today is serious.

Emory Williams, came in Tuesday morning with stock and farm machinery from Teague, and will go out to the Thomson farm near Old Runnels where he will make home the next year.

County Surveyor J. E. Powell, left Monday at noon for Midland on a short business trip.

SADDLE HORSE KILLED BY AUTO COLLISION

A collision between an auto and a couple of boys on horse back occurred on Hutchings Avenue near the Ballinger Lumber Co., yard early Saturday night.

J. R. Holloway and his son Archie were returning from Concho where they own a gin, and where they stay through the week, and returned home on Saturday night. They were driving their Ford car when they met a wagon leaving town, they turned out of the road to let the wagon pass and just as they turned around the wagon a couple of boys, traveling in the same direction of the wagon and meeting the auto, turned out of the road also to go around the wagon. They were both riding one horse and going at a pretty good speed, and neither the parties in the car or on the horse saw each other in time to prevent a collision.

Fortunately no one was hurt, but the car was pretty badly damaged and the horse was crippled so that it was necessary to kill him, and he was shot in a few minutes after the accident occurred.

We failed to learn the name of the boys, but understand that they reside in the Rowena territory.

N. S. Sanders of Parmer, Ellis county, who had been visiting his cousin T. M. Curbo and family near Ballinger, passed through

Judge Louis Wardlow, of Sonora, came in Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlow and family of South Ballinger.

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20,000 BALES COTTON REMAIN FOR GINNING

The government ginners report just made public, and which included all cotton ginned in this county up to Saturday night, Nov. 14th, indicates that Runnels County will produce this year more than 60,000 bales.

Up to the above date the gins in the county had tied out 39,249. Up to the same date last year the county had only ginned 15,569, which was practically the entire output for the season of 1913.

It is conservatively estimated that the county will produce more than sixty thousand bales for the season now passing. Those who have kept tab and who are in touch with the cotton fields of the county, say that one-third of the crop remains in the fields, and that the total ginning receipts will easily reach the sixty thousand mark.

B. Matthiesen, the Olfin gin man, was in Ballinger last Saturday and he reported that he had ginned in the neighborhood of 2,000 bales and that he figured that he was about two-thirds through with the work, leaving 1000 bales yet in his territory to be ginned. The same report comes from other sections of the county.

There is no question but what the 60,000 bales has been raised, but with a seige of bad weather and a continuation of low price for low grade cotton it is probable that much of the cotton will be left in the fields.

This is the largest cotton crop ever grown in Runnels County, and despite the low price that has prevailed throughout the season, it is making a great change in financial conditions of this county, and with the splendid feed crop and a great improvement in diversification the New Year will find the condition of the county as a whole in better shape than for many years.

We should be thankful.

Ben S. Long, J. M. Garlington and J. N. McKay went west Monday at noon.

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CHAPTER XXII.

The House Divided.

Alone in that strange place of silence and shadows—that den of the devil's livery, crimson and black—obtained to the invalid chair wherein, day in, day out, for years on end, he had suffered the Promethean torments of the life that would not die out of his wretched, wrecked carcass, though without ceasing sharp-beaked envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness pecked insatiably at his vitals: Seneca Trine sat waiting, with the impassivity of a graven figure waiting on the imminent hour of ultimate vengeance for the wrong that had made him what he was.

"Another hour! . . . In sixty minutes more they will be here, Judith and Marrophat and Rose—poor fools—and him! . . . In sixty minutes more they will put him down before me, bound and helpless, if not dead . . ."

A slight pause prefaced words that were a whimpered prayer: "God send that he be not dead! Have I lingered here in anguish all these weary years for the fulfillment of my revenge only to be cheated at the end by Death? God grant that Alan Law may be laid down still living here at my feet! . . . Then . . ."

A bitter smile twisted his tortured features: "Then shall my will be done to him! And then, when I have seen him die as his father did—then—Ah, God!—then at last I too may die!"

There was a long silence, then a groan of exasperated protest: "Why do they not come? Why does Judith delay, when she knows how I suffer? Why have I been put off from day to day with her telegrams that begged for more time and promised everything—but told nothing!—until yesterday. . . . Where are those messages she sent me yesterday?"

His one sound hand groped out like a claw and sought a mass of papers on the desk beside him, sorting out from among them two yellow forms. Painfully he blinked over these and slowly his pain-bent lips coned their wording:

"Alan and Rose safe with me—will bring both home tomorrow night without fail," he read the first aloud; and then the second: "Have motorcar waiting for me tomorrow morning from three o'clock till called for New Bedford waterfront—Judith."

"No!" he affirmed with the fervor of one persuaded by his own desires: "I must not doubt the girl! She has promised, she has performed:

So still was he, indeed that he seemed to sleep, but so deceptive was that semblance that he was alert for the least sound. The girl entered softly, as if fearful of disturbing his slumbers; but she found him with head erect and eyes ablaze.

"Judith!" he cried, his great voice vibrating like a brazen bell. "At last! Where is he? You have brought him? Where is he?"

With no more answer than a sigh, the girl drooped her head and let her hands hang limply with palms exposed.

After an instant of incredulous disappointment the man shot a single, frigid question at her:

"You have failed?"

"I have failed," she confessed.

"Why?"

She shrugged slightly. "Who knows why one fails? I did my best: he was too much for me, outwitted me at every turn. Time and again I thought I had him, but always he escaped, either by his own wit and courage or with another's aid. Only yesterday night they were all three in the hollow of my hands—but now I bring you only Rose."

She faltered, awed by the glare of his infuriated eyes. "Let me explain," she begged.

He snapped her short: "You cannot explain. The thing is impossible, that you should have failed. There is something beneath this, something you will not tell me."

She endeavored to speak, but he enforced silence with a sonorous "No!" His hand sought the row of buttons on the desk and pressed one long.

Almost instantly a servant glided noiselessly into the room.

"My daughter Rose—have her brought here to me at once!"

In another moment the replica of his daughter Judith was ushered into his presence.

Upon this one he loosed the lightnings of his wrath without ruth.

Rose suffered him in silence. His most galling recrimination edged no more from this one.

In a lull in Trine's tirade, Judith chose to interject: "Don't be so hard on the silly fool: she's not responsible; she's sick with love for that good-looking simpleton!"

"And you!" Rose turned on her passionately—"what about you? If I love Alan Law, at least I love him openly. I am not ashamed to own it—and I don't pursue him, as you do, pretending I mean to sacrifice him to a wicked family feud, and then spare him every time I meet him, to lead him to believe I haven't the heart to injure him—as you do, hoping to work upon his sympathies and earn a kindly word and a pat on the head from his hand!"

Fiercely she leveled a denunciatory arm at her sister. "There!" she cried to her father—"if you need to know—there stands the daughter who has betrayed your faith—as I have not, who have never even pretended to approve your villainy!"

"I think," Trine announced in a voice of ice—"I have learned now what I needed to know."

His fingers sought the row of buttons; and when a servant responded, he inquired:

"Mr. Marrophat has returned?"

"He is in the waiting room, sir."

"Conduct Miss Judith to him and tell him I hold him personally responsible for her safe-keeping. He will understand."

And for a long time thereafter the father, alone with the daughter who had been estranged from him since birth by every instinct of her nature, essayed in vain to break down her mutinous silence.

At last Trine summoned two of his creatures and had her led weeping from the rooms to be held prisoner in her bedchamber on the topmost floor of the house.

CHAPTER XXIII.

A Sporting Offer.

Some two hours later, that same evening, Mr. Alan Law, very much alive and, in spite of a complete new outfit of ready-made clothing, looking much more like himself than he had in a fortnight, issued forth from the Grand Central station, hailed a taxicab, and had himself conveyed to the Hotel Monolith.

But if he looked his proper self once more, it speedily was demonstrated that his wish was otherwise: for after learning from the room-clerk of the Monolith that a suite was being held in the name of Arthur Lawrence, that was the name Mr. Law inscribed on the register.

On the other hand, it was his true name that he gave to the person whom he called upon the telephone immediately after being spoken to his rooms. But then he was speaking to his old friend and man of business, Mr. Digby.

Within another ten minutes this last was in conference with his employer: "I think you must be out of your head," he insisted nervously, once their first greetings were over. "You might just as sensibly throw yourself from the top of the Metropolitan tower as come to New York while Trine lives and knows you're this side the water."

"Nonsense!" Alan laughed. "Remember this is New York—not the backwoods of Maine!"

Alan paused and smote his palm with a remorseful fist. "By the Eternal, I'm forgetting Barcus!"

"Barcus?"

"Chap whose boat I chartered in Portland—sheer luck on my part: he's one of the salt of the earth. First, something must be done for the boy. You've got influence of some sort in New Bedford, surely?"

Digby reflected: "Some. There's George Elaine, justice of the peace."

"The very man. The only one of his Barcus' interests immediately. And telegraph Barcus as well—send him a hundred for expenses, and tell him to join me here in New York as quick as he can!"

"Your friend's address?" Digby inquired, mildly ironic as he sat down at the desk and fumbled with the supply of stationery.

"New Bedford jail, of course!" Alan chuckled—but cut his laugh in two as something fluttered from the pack of envelopes which Digby had disturbed and fell to the floor between the two men.

Face up, it grinned sardonic mockery of Alan's confidence: it was a Trey of hearts.

With an athen face and a trembling hand, Digby stooped to pick the damned thing up; but Alan was beforehand with him, and got his fingers first upon the card.

"Now will you believe?" Digby demanded huskily.

"In what? A simple coincidence?" Alan flouted. "Not I! Who knows I'm in New York—or that the Arthur Lawrence for whom your agent engaged these rooms was Alan Law. No, my friend; it's a bit too thick for me. Take my word for it, this is nothing more nor less than a souvenir of a poker-party held by yesterday's tenant of this suite."

"Perhaps—perhaps!" Digby assented, stroking tremulous lips. "But I'm afraid for you, my boy. Who knows that Trine's spies were not watching a man when he made this reservation? Who knows but that Arthur Lawrence was too thin a disguise for Alan Law? I tell you, I'm frightened to the marrow of my old bones! Do me this favor at least, my boy: now that you've been warned, whether by accident or design—we won't argue that—do leave town—go incognito to some quiet place near by and wait

there for the sailing of the next transatlantic steamer. Oh, surely you can't deny me this one wish of my fond old heart, my boy!"

With a gesture of unfeigned affection Alan dropped a hand on Digby's shoulder.

"There's nothing on earth I would not do for you," he said: "you've been a father and a mother to me ever since I can remember, even if we were separated, most of the time, by three thousand miles of salt water. But this thing—I can't do it, even for you. I can't do it even for myself. Rose Trine is here in New York, in the hands and at the mercy of her father and sister: and you may judge what their mercy will be when you learn all that she has done for me. I won't go and I can't go until I find her and take her with me. And that is final."

"Then," Digby struck in, grasping wildly at a straw of hope, "I have your word you'll go, providing I find and restore Rose to you?"

"You have my word to that, unquestionably. Bring Rose to me, and I'll gladly shake the dust of New York from my shoes, and never return till Trine is put away comfortably in his grave."

"It shall be done," Digby promised. "It must!"

"You believe that?"

"In twelve hours Rose shall be restored to you."

"Will you make a book on it? I'll bet you something happens—and hope I lose into the bargain. If you believe you can carry out your promise, wire the White Star line to reserve the best available suite on the Oceanic, sailing tomorrow morning at ten—and make arrangements for a marriage before the boat sails."

"I'll go you," Digby agreed: "and if I fail, I forfeit the cost of the reservation. But about this marriage—"

He hesitated.

"You'll have to have a license in this state—and can't get one except

what seemed an uncommonly stubborn reluctance, and got his way.

He could not know that another skulked behind a barrier of lime barrels and overheard all that passed and, when Alan had ducked smartly into the unfinished building, rose and stole after him with footsteps as noiseless as a cat's and a face that had the savagery of a tiger's when it was transiently revealed in a shaft of moonlight.

At length Alan gained the gridiron of girders on a plane with the lighted window across the way, and crept along one of these, gingerly on his hands and knees, until he came to its end and night, if he cared to, look down a hundred feet to the sidewalks.

That view, however, did not tempt; he kept his eyes level; and was rewarded with a bare glimpse of a prettily-papered wall, framed in the lace of half-drawn curtains.

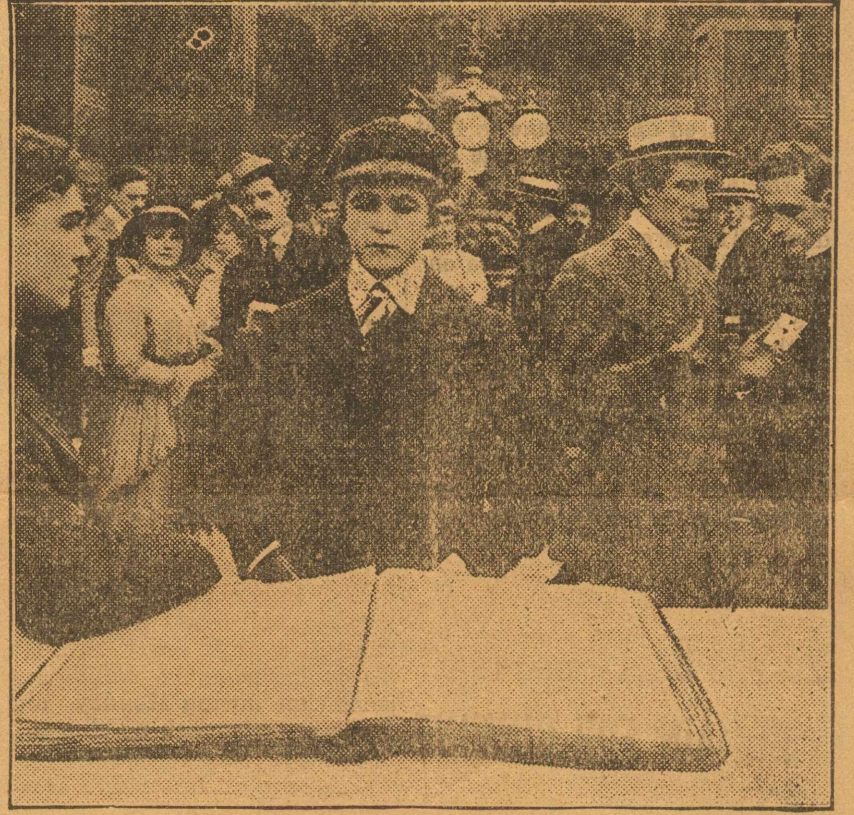
And of sudden—whether through fortuity, or instinct, or the psychological attraction of his steadfast concentration—the tenant of the room came to the window and stood there for a little, looking pensively out, altogether unconscious of the watcher in his aerial coign.

Again a horrible uncertainty harassed him. Was the woman Rose or Judith? That she was one of these he could plainly see. But which? Dared he assume his hopes fulfilled?

With difficulty he detached his hungry vision from her, and drawing from his pocket a small notebook, tore out a blank page, placed this flat on the girder, found a pencil, and with the assistance of a ray or two of moonlight scrawled a message of almost stenographic brevity.

When he looked up from this task, she had vanished.

Sitting up, astride the girder, he took his watch—a cheap affair he had picked up when reclothing himself in the garments of civilized society, at Providence, that morning—opened the



Alan's Appearance at the Hotel Monolith.

back of the case, and closed it upon the folded message.

Then drawing back his arm, he breathed a silent prayer to the god of all true lovers, and cast it from him with all his might—with such force that it almost unseated him at the end of the swing. But nothing less would have served to bridge that yawning chasm.

And the watch flew straight and true, squarely through the lighted window and to the further wall.

At that very instant of his exultation over an obstacle overcome, he heard a sound behind him of heavy breathing.

The assassin had come that close upon his prey when Alan turned and discovered his peril.

The same moonbeam which had aided Alan in the composition of his message struck across the other's face, and showed it like a hideous Chinese mask of deadly hatred, with its eyeballs glaring and its lips drawn back from the naked blade gripped between its teeth—a stiletto nothing short of a foot in length.

With a sharp, startled movement, Alan swung himself bodily about, so that, seated again astride the girder, he faced the assassin who sat up, straddling the girder, his feet hooked beneath it a stiletto poised in his right hand to strike.

But even now Alan was in little or no better case than before. If he faced the thug, he faced him with no arms other than his bare hands. He had not even a pen-knife in his pockets.

With a low cry of desperation Alan snatched off his hat, a soft and shapeless felt affair, and flung it squarely in the fellow's face.

Before he could recover—before, that is, it dropped away and cleared his vision, Alan had bent forward and grasped the wrist of the hand that held the knife.

He snatched simultaneously at the other hand, but it eluded him.

Alan had this advantage, as long as the knife might not strike—that his right arm was free, while the assassin had only his left. With this he strove persistently to reach his knife-hand and possess himself of the weapon. As persistently Alan foiled his purpose by dragging the knife-hand toward him and swinging it far out to one side. At the same time he struck repeatedly with his clenched right fist at the other's face. His blows did little damage beyond disconcerting the other, but this proved a very considerable

factor in the duel. In the end, they served together with that steady, resistless downward and outward drag, to break the grip of the man's locked legs.

Abruptly he pitched forward on his face along the girder, kicking wildly, grasping at the air. The stiletto fell from an instinctively relaxed grasp, and disappeared. And before Alan could release his hold, or ease the strain upon the right arm of the assassin, this last had slipped bodily from the girder and hung helpless in space, dangling at the end of Alan's arm—with no more than the grip of five fingers between him and death.

The shock of that unprepared turn brought Alan forward and flat on his stomach. And the strain on his left arm was terrific. He doubted if he could maintain it for another minute. Nor was there any reason why he should retain it. The end he had designed for his victim was merely his just desert.

And yet Alan could not let him go. Thus the battle began anew—but now it was a battle with a man half-crazed and struggling so madly that he well-nigh frustrated the efforts of his rescuer.

In the upshot the assassin lay like a limp rag across the girder, head and arms dangling on one side, legs and feet on the other, spent with his terrific exertions and physically sick with terror.

And in this state Alan left him: he had done enough; let the man shift for himself from this time on.

CHAPTER XXV.

Changeling.

In the vague, chill gray of that dull and desolate dawn, Judith stirred abruptly on the couch of a sleepless night, and with the rapidity of one who has arrived at a settled purpose after a long period of doubt and perplexity, rose and bathed and dressed herself in negligence.

In the adjoining room she could hear small, stealthy noises—the sounds made by her sister moving about and preparing against the unguessable moment when her rescue would be attempted, according to the information conveyed in that midnight message.

For chance had conspired with her insomnia to station Judith in the recess of her darkened window, idly viewing the gaunt framework of the unfinished building from an angle which, when Alan edged out along the girder, showed him plainly in silhouette against the sky.

In Judith's eyes his identity was unmistakable. She had hardly needed the night-glasses which presently she brought to bear upon him at the moment when he was laboriously inditing his message—while grim death stalked him from behind.

She had seen him throw the watch and had heard the double thump of its impact with the wall and floor of Rose's bedchamber.

And she had witnessed with wildly beating heart that duel in the air—able to surmise its outcome only from the fact that the victor spared the life of the vanquished.

The clock was striking six as she left her room: across the street workmen were streaming into the building to begin the labors of the day.

Brushing unceremoniously past the drowsy and indifferent guard in the corridor outside the door to Rose's room, Judith turned the key that remained in the lock on the outside, removed it, entered, and locked the door behind her.

Without any surprise she found her sister already dressed to the point of donning her outer garments.

Rendered half-frenzied by this unexpected interruption, threatening as it did the perilous scheme that Alan had proposed, Rose greeted her sister with a countenance at once aghast and wrathful.

"What do you want?" she demanded tensely.

"To come to an understanding with you," Judith told her coolly.

"There is no understanding possible between us: you know that as well as I."

"Yet one there must be."

"I insist that you leave this room at once!"

"Insist by all means—and be damned! I may leave this room—and I may not, dear little sister. But one of us will never leave it alive."

With a start of terror, Rose shrank back from this strange, wild thing that wore the very shape and semblance of herself.

"What do you mean? You cannot mean to murder me in cold blood, Judith?"

"Not I!" Judith laughed harshly. "But, since it has pleased Destiny to decree that we must both love one man—let Destiny decide between us and bear the blame of murder!"

"Judith!"

"One moment!" Crossing to a side table, Judith took up a glass from a tray that held a silver water-pitcher, and returned with it to the table that occupied the middle of the floor. At the same time she opened a hand till then fast clenched and disclosed a small blue bottle with a red label shrieking the warning "POISON!"

"Strychnine," she explained composedly, "in solution." And emptied the bottle into the glass.

A measure of courage returned to Rose. "Do you expect to be able to make me drink that?" she demanded contentiously.

"The one who gets the Trey of hearts will drain that glass. Is it a bargain?"

"Never! Oh, now I know that you are altogether mad!"

"Perhaps. Are you ready?" And Judith made as if to deal.

"No—never! I tell you I refuse!" Rose chattered, terrified.

"You dare not refuse."

"Why?"

"Because of this."

Whipping a small revolver from another pocket of her dressing-gown, Judith placed it on the table, ready to her hand.

"You will shoot me if I do not consent?"

"Not you—but him. If you refuse, little sister, I will shoot Alan Law dead when he comes to keep his appointment with you."

"Ah!" Rose cried in mingled fright and amazement. "How did you find out?"

"Never mind. Is it a bargain, now, about the Trey of hearts? Remember, I shall keep my word about this pistol."

With a shudder Rose bowed her head.

"Deal," she muttered fearfully, "and may God judge between us!"

One by one she stripped the cards from the top of the deck, dealing first to Rose, then to herself.

One by one they fluttered to the table on either side the glass of poison, and fell face uppermost.

The Trey of hearts fell to Judith. There was an instant of silent dread, ended by Rose, as Judith's hand moved steadily toward the glass.

"Judith!" she implored. "Don't—I beg of you—I didn't mean it—I take back my consent—"

"Too late!" said Judith, lifting the glass and eyeing its contents with a strange smile.

"Judith! you cannot mean to drink it?"

"Can't I, though?" the other laughed mirthlessly. "Just watch me!"

With a strangled cry Rose covered her face with her hands to shut out the sight, stood momentarily swaying, and dropped to the floor in a complete faint.

Delaying only to recognize this phenomena with a pitying smile for the weakness of spirit that caused it, Judith's glance darted through the window and saw that which caused her to stay her hand an instant longer.

On the topmost tier of girders of the building opposite, Alan Law stood amid a little knot of amused and animated laborers, one foot in the great steel hook of the hoisting tackle, both hands clasping the chain that linked it to the gigantic block.

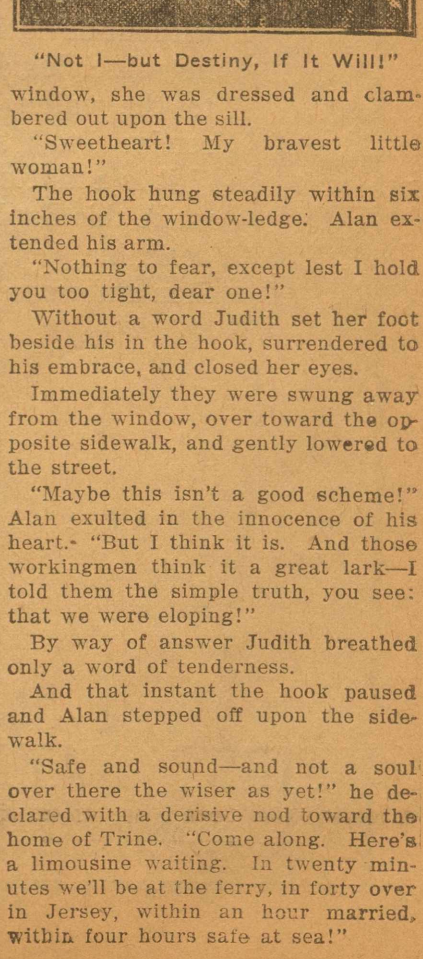
And as Judith stared, he smiled at something said by one of those about him, looked back, and waved a hand to some person invisible.

Immediately the arm began to lift, the tackle to move slowly through the blocks. Very gently he was swung up and outward.

With a cry Judith flung the poison heedlessly from her, leaped across the room, and snatched up the street garments Rose had dropped at her sister's entrance.

In another moment she was struggling madly into them.

Before the shadow of Alan, clinging to the hook and chain, fell athwart the



(Continued)

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**NAZARENE PEOPLE HOLD
SUCCESSFUL ASSEMBLY**

The Nazarene Assembly of the San Antonio District came to a close in Ballinger Sunday night after a four day's successful session. The delegates returned to their respective homes Monday. There were about two hundred delegates in attendance, and it was the most enthusiastic religious gathering ever assembled in Ballinger.

The assembly opened with devotional services, and the visitors were welcomed in a short address by Mayor Powell and Rev. Rives, after which Dr. Reynolds, of Kansas City, was elected chairman and the assembly immediately took up the transaction of business.

The most interesting session of the Assembly of the Nazarene church since the assembly opened was the afternoon session Friday, when the assembly took up the subject of "Rescue and Orphanage Anniversary." Especially was this service made interesting by the presence of three orphan girls, who are here from the Pilot Point home and who are taking an active part in the devotional services of the assembly. These children are an example of the splendid work being done by the Nazarene people. The singing by these girls are a great feature of the evening services.

The assembly was disappointed in the announcement made that on account of illness, Mrs. Eaton, a returned missionary, could not be present, and bring the little India child widow, as had been announced.

The Thursday's session closed with a splendid sermon by Dr. W. W. Benson, of Peniel, Texas. The house was crowded with people Thursday night, and the services was a very successful one.

The work of the assembly Friday closed with a sermon by Rev. Prof. J. E. L. Moore. The house was filled to its seating capacity and the service was one of the most interesting held during the assembly. The songs by the large choir and the songs by the three orphan girls, Sadie, Nora and Ola, and the singing of Master Gerne Roberts is an impressive feature of the evening services.

The closing hours of Friday afternoon's session were devoted to rescue work. Dr. W. W. Pinson, of Peniel, discussed the duty of parents and preachers to rescue work.

Mrs. J. R. Roberts, who spent several years in missionary work in Africa, told of rescue work in Africa. Mrs. Roberts also worked in the slums of New York and Chicago, and her experience in working with fallen women was an interesting part of the afternoon's session.

"Has the Evangelist any Part in Rescue Work?" was a subject for a splendid address by Mrs. J. O. West. Mrs. Grace Roberts, one of the most prominent ladies attending the assembly, talked on orphanage work, giving her experience in working for the orphan children.

"Does Orphanage Work Pay?" was discussed in a most able manner by Mrs. Nettie Hudson, and those who heard her were well impressed with the great work that is being done in caring for the fatherless and motherless children of the land.

Founders of Orphanage and Rescue Home in Attendance.

Among the prominent visitors here attending the assembly are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts, founders of the Pilot Point Orphanage and Rescue Home, and the present superintendents of that splendid institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts founded the Rescue home at Pilot Point about ten years ago. More than 600 fallen girls have been taken in the home and cared for until they could find homes among good people and get employment that would enable them to live right in the world.

The orphans home was also founded by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and has been under their direction for six years and during that time more than 400 fatherless and motherless children have been cared for in the home and through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts many children have been placed in homes where there were no children, and where they are today being cared for and trained to make true men and women.

The little Roberts boy who sang his way into the hearts of

the large crowd that is attending these meetings is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Roberts, who are also here attending the assembly.

The Saturday morning's session opened with devotional services conducted by J. T. Carpenter and a good part of the day was devoted to educational work, and a continuation of the subjects under discussion Friday afternoon.

At one o'clock street services were held in the down town district and a large crowd heard the singing and the preaching and testimonials by the different speakers.

On account of some of the delegates failing to register we are not able to give a complete list of those here attending the assembly, but the following is a partial list of the names of those here:

Rev. H. F. Reynolds, general superintendent, Kansas City, Mo., Rev. Wm. E. Fisher, district superintendent, San Antonio; E. H. Sloan, wife and four children, Pearl, L. W. French, Mullin, J. O. West and wife, Glen Cove, Rev. Mrs. Bessie Williams, Lockhart, Rev. T. L. and Etta Mulanax, Brownwood, Mrs. S. B. Riggs, Brownwood, Miss Elva Henderson, Brooksmith, Mrs. Myrtle Marcus, Glen Cove, Mrs. E. M. George Brooksmith Rev. W. W. Sulton, McGregor, Rev. L. D. Wright, Brooksmith, J. E. Terrell and wife Coleman, Ida Staley, Belton, Mrs. Lula Hayes, Temple, Mrs. R. T. Jones, Bee House, Rev. S. D. Athans, El Paso, missionary to Mexico, Rev. M. E. Rogers and wife, Waco, Rev. Oscar Hudson, Rev. Mrs. Nettie Hudson, Rev. John Roberts, Rev. Mrs. Grace Roberts, of Pilot Point, Sadie, Nora and Ola, orphan girls from Pilot Point Orphan Home; Rev. Wm. E. Fisher, San Antonio, Rev. Chas. A. McConnell, Kansas City, Johnnie Haywood Placid, Walter Dodge, Austin, Mrs. Stella Kay, Santa Anna, J. G. Hudson, Phoenix, Ariz Rev. W. F. Jerregan, Peniel, Rev. John N. Cooper, Hillsboro, Rev. P. M. Cox, Meridian, H. E. Thurston, Bangs, W. B. Sprouse, Driftwood, Rev. J. T. Page, Rogers, Paul Peterson, Meridian, Rev. M. D. Robertson, San Saba, W. H. Buckmeyer, Waco, Rev. W. O. Self, San Antonio, N. A. Harper, Flat, E. L. Barnard and wife, Grove, J. H. Jones, Grove, Miss Myrtle Harper, Flat, S. H. Shakelford, Magdalena, N. M., Rev. W. F. Rutherford, Arlington, Rev. L. L. Jennings, Santa Anna, Rev. P. C. Nelson, Tairy, T. L. Tarver, Whitney, Rev. T. J. Carpenter, Pearl, Mrs. T. J. Carpenter, Pearl, Rev. I. W. McDonald, Coleman, Miss Emma Harrison, Goldthwaite Mrs. Laura Ervin, Goldthwaite, T. H. Humphries, Goldthwaite, Rev. W. F. Gillmore, Pilot Point, C. A. Davis, Pearl, W. A. Davis, Peal, Rev. Thomas D. Dunn, Waco Jim Price and wife, Eden, Rev. J. W. Bost, Meridian, Rev. G. W. Sawyer, Norman, Ok., L. M. May, Jarrel, Rev. Dr. Penson, Peniel, Rev. M. W. Burgess, Tyler.

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First—It is economically unsafe. When the production fails or the market falls the country is in distress.

Second—It does not permit the proper crop rotation for the maintenance of soil fertility and therefore, short yields are the consequences.

Third—It does not give proper opportunity for the live stock industry as part of the complete system of farming.

Fourth—It fails to give opportunity for wise plans of farm management in which teams and tools may be given the maximum of days of use per annum and labor may be properly distributed.

Fifth—Such a system limits knowledge, narrows citizenship, and does not foster home building, but does promote commercial farming.

With a proper system of diversified farming the south will get away from the economic weakness of its present system. It may be asked why has not the southern farmer produced other cash crops, and why has he not gone in for diversification? The answer is very

simple—first, because the system has been against him. If he wanted to borrow money to produce a crop he had to borrow on a basis of acreage in cotton or some other single crop fixed as a measure of credit. Second—If he raised any other crop besides the one produced by the community there was no market for it.

The southern states at the present time do not produce sufficient food and feed crops to supply their own necessities. Unless they have an increased acreage in these crops they cannot hope to establish the live stock industry in the south.

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John Alexander of Miles was among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday and Sunday, making the trip in his auto.

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Modern warfare means brutal
 death for the soldiers.

There never was a time when
 Runnels County people had more
 to be thankful for.

The low price of cotton will
 prove a blessing to the Southern
 farmer. The experience is worth
 more than the cost.

Some time when you hear a
 man referred to as a good natured
 fellow, it means that he is a lazy
 loafer.

Ball and Ferguson are now on
 speaking terms. May be the gen-
 tlemen have repented of the ugly
 things said about each other dur-
 ing the late unpleasantness.

We hope Uncle Sam will not
 demand a salute from Turkey and
 then be forced to back down like
 he did at Vera Cruz. The old man
 should begin now and get use to
 insults.

An ammunition factory in Illin-
 ois has just received orders for
 four million dollars worth of car-
 tridges. Wonder how many sol-
 diers that much shooting stuff
 will kill?

The Methodist Church of Amer-
 ica is pushing a campaign to raise
 \$250,000 for European war suf-
 ferers. It is a worthy work, pro-
 vided the money is wisely distrib-
 uted and goes towards the purpose
 for which it is raised.

Neighboring towns are holding
 public clean-up-days. Ballinger
 needs a public clean-up-day and
 several private clean-up-days. The
 leaves are about through falling,
 and a clean up day might help to
 keep the doctor away.

The farmer who is planning to
 drive 70 turkeys to the Ballinger
 market is not worrying about six-
 cent cotton. He has turkeys to
 worry about, but he gets more money
 for his trouble than the man
 with an equal cash amount in cot-
 ton.

The fighters in Europe have
 nothing on our next door neigh-
 bors when it comes to real down
 fabrication. Carranza and Villa
 issue a statement one day that
 they are ready to make peace, and
 the next day they are fighting.

The price of cotton tumbled
 with the opening of the cotton ex-
 change and so did the hopes of
 some of the farmers who were
 waiting for the exchange to take
 their cotton off their hands at a
 big price.

The nearer the holiday season
 approaches the greater will be the
 demand for ready cash, and we
 see no hopes for a better market
 before after Christmas. The man
 that can get along without the
 cash is unwise to sell now. If
 you have your debts paid you
 should experiment a little in cot-
 ton speculation.

2000 bales of cotton burned in
 Washington County, and press
 reports said that little of it was
 insured. Just another instance
 where the farmer used poor judg-
 ment. Your cotton may not be
 worth much, but if you have gone
 to the expense and work of put-
 ting it in bale shape it is certain-
 ly worth taking care of.

The Washington officials say
 they are confident that Villa will
 soon dominate Mexico. That means
 to be the chief over all, and that is
 what Villa has been fighting for.
 We are proud that we are not a
 citizen of Mexico, but it is high
 time that Villa or some other out-
 law was gaining possession of the

government and running it to suit
 himself.

There was preaching all day and
 shouting on the grounds in Ballin-
 ger last Saturday. Three different
 denominations held services on the
 streets Saturday afternoon, and
 closed with preaching by a negro
 man and woman about sun down.

The irreligious man of Ballinger
 and the man who claims kin with
 no church can't give an excuse
 that he can't find a bunch that
 suits him, for they were all here.

Governor Ferguson has passed
 the pie plate around to the first
 table, and if you are not satisfied
 with the way he has started
 things you should write him now,
 and tell him you will never vote
 for him again. He has more time
 to answer your letter now than he
 will have when he gets in office.

There is a good many things
 about this old world that we do
 not understand, but one which
 often perplexes the thinking man
 is, why will one man spend all he
 owns and will borrow all that he
 can in search of health that his
 life might be prolonged, while an-
 other will go to the drug store
 and buy a dime's worth of poison
 to end it all, or will take a cheap
 revolver and blow his brains out.
 Why?

The number of orphan children
 in the world has increased one
 hundred per cent since the war
 was declared in Europe, and with
 the increase come renewed activ-
 ity in the interests of the helpless.
 It is shown clearly that those tak-
 ing the most interest in the work
 and contributing the greatest
 amount to the work in dollars
 and cents, are parents. This is
 ample argument in favor of a law
 placing a heavy tax on bachelors
 to help care for the fatherless.

The American Brewers' Assoc-
 iation in session at New Orleans,
 spent a good part of the time in
 discussing plans to uplift the sal-
 oon and putting it on a basis
 with all other lines of legitimate
 business. When that is accom-
 plished there will be no argument
 for prohibition. Plans for popu-
 larizing beer were also discussed.
 Its popularity is already well es-
 tablished, but for some reason the
 Allison law will not recognize it.

The state pure food inspector is
 headed towards Ballinger. We
 are not going to say whether there
 is anything here for him to do or
 not, but we are glad to offer the
 tip, and may be the tip will light-
 en his work when he reaches here.
 Everybody is charitable to-
 wards the farmer, and are devot-
 ing a great deal of their time in
 giving him advice about what to
 plant next year, and how to han-
 dle his cotton in order to get the
 most out of it. Free advice for
 the farmer is abundant at this
 particular season.

We are in receipt of a letter
 from the State Fair Association
 expressing appreciation for the
 many kindnesses and courtesies
 extended by the press of Texas.
 The report of the association
 shows that while the recent fair
 did not net the stockholders of
 the fair a profit, it was a success
 in that it paid its way and served
 as a boost for the great state of
 Texas. The Texas fair has long
 since passed the experimental
 stage, and it is the greatest state
 fair in the United States and a
 credit to Texas.

SUDDEN DEATH IN A SILO

A recent fatal accident in Ohio
 calls attention to a danger to
 farmers which can not be too wide-
 ly circulated. Since 1875, when
 the first American silo was built
 by Dr. Manly Miles, this meth-
 od of preserving forage for live-
 stock has been generally adopted.
 Although the Department of Agri-
 culture has frequently called at-
 tention to the danger of carbon
 dioxide gas accumulating in silos
 under certain conditions, no fat-
 alities have been reported here-
 tofore. On the morning of Septem-
 ber 19, four workmen on the
 farm of the Athens (Ohio) State
 Hospital, ascended the ladder on
 outside of a silo to an open door
 about twelve feet from the top
 and jumped down one after an-
 other onto the silage, the top of
 which was about six feet below
 the door. About five minutes af-
 ter two other workmen following
 them found them unconscious.
 Although a large force of work-
 men were immediately summoned
 and the bodies of the four men re-
 moved at once through a lower
 door, the physicians of the hospi-
 tal who were at once on the
 ground were unable to resuscitate
 any of the four men. Evidently

the carbon dioxide gas had accumu-
 lated during the night, filling the
 silo up to the level of the door and
 forming a layer of carbon dioxide
 gas six feet deep. Such accidents,
 says The Journal of the American
 Medical Association might easily
 be repeated on any modern farm.
 Agriculture journals should call
 the attention of the farmers to
 this danger and should urge that
 silos be carefully ventilated be-
 fore being entered.

NEGRO COTTON PICKERS AND THE FARMERS.

The negroes imported to this
 county to help pick the cotton are
 returning to their homes in other
 parts of the state as fast as they
 are released. In most cases they
 have served the purpose for which
 they were brought here well, and
 given their employers no trouble.
 The farmers of this county would
 have suffered heavy loss if these
 people had not been brought here,
 and the price of cotton picking
 would have been pushed almost to
 prohibitive rates.—Ballinger Led-
 ger.

From what we can learn it
 seems that the negro cotton pick-
 ers were not very well received in
 Runnels County; however, that is
 no fault of the negroes. There is
 this fact that seems to us unman-
 werable: the farmers needed cot-
 ton pickers at once and since they
 could secure the negroes, who ar-
 in most cases expert pickers they
 were forced to take them in pre-
 ference to white pickers, who ap-
 parently could not be secured.—
 Abilene Reporter.

The negro cotton pickers receiv-
 ed a hearty welcome in Runnels
 County. In fact the scenes depict-
 ed at the station when the special
 trains arrived with the hundreds
 of negroes warrants us in saying
 that the negroes were received
 with open arms. The report that
 the negroes were not wanted here
 grew out of an attempt of two or
 three white men to frighten a
 bunch of negroes in the northwest
 part of the county, and this is a
 common occurrence in Texas, even
 in the thickly settled negro coun-
 ties. The disturbance was not as
 bad as first reported, and the ne-
 groes have not been molested.
 Without the help of the negro cot-
 ton pickers the farmers of this
 county would have found them-
 selves in a pretty plight, and pay-
 ing an exorbitant price for cotton pick-
 ing. The negroes have done their
 work, and are now being returned
 in large numbers to their homes. A
 South Texas planter brought 1.5
 negroes here to help pick the cot-
 ton, and last Saturday he came
 after them, and returning it re-
 quired over \$360 to pay transporta-
 tion for the bunch. The citizen-
 ship of Runnels County is as law
 abiding as any in Texas, and we
 can not see where it has lowered
 the standard of morality any by
 having for a few months several
 hundred negro cotton pickers,
 while their presence here saved
 the farmers thousands of dollars.

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 County, Texas, will receive propo-
 sals from any banking corpora-
 tion, association or individual
 banker of the county aforesaid
 that may desire to be selected as
 the depository of the funds of
 said county.

Said institutions or persons desir-
 ing to bid, shall deliver to the
 County Judge, on or before Feb-
 ruary 8th, 1915, at ten o'clock a.
 m., a sealed proposal, stating the
 rate of interest that it or he of-
 fers to pay on the funds of the
 county for the term between the
 date of such bid and the next
 regular time for the selection of
 a depository. Said bid shall be
 accompanied by a certified check
 for the sum of \$250.00.

Dated this 16th day of Novem-
 ber, 1914.

M. KLEBERG, Jr.,
 County Judge of Runnels County,
 Texas. 20-27-4

Joe Cavanaugh, Brick and Rock
 Mason, expert chimney builder,
 R. R. No. 3-Box 11.—Ballinger,
 Texas. 23 1td ltwpd

RUNNELS GETS HER SHARE OF PLUMS

Runnels county came in for her
 share of the plums distributed by
 Governor-Elect James E. Fer-
 guson, when he made his selections
 of the office holders under his ad-
 ministration. A partial list an-
 nounced late Saturday night con-
 tained the name of W. R. Hen-
 drickson, who lives in the western
 portion of Runnels county, ap-
 pointed as inspector of masonry for
 Texas. Another large batch of
 appointees will be forthcoming
 within the next few days, and it is
 generally expected that other Run-
 nels county men will be included
 in the list of office holders for
 the next several years, two at least
 with a possibility of four.

Irregular bowel movements lead
 to chronic constipation and a con-
 stipated habit fills the system
 with impurities. Herbine is a
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 fies the system, vitalizes the blood
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 the like, you lessen the chances
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 its enlargement, gives generous
 space to this matter of athletic
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 first-rate pitcher, how to train for
 a race, how to learn the newest
 strokes in swimming—these and a
 hundred other topics of the great-
 est interest to boys—girls, too,
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 ters. It has points of contact with
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 panion as it is today, let us send
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 ly issues of 1915 will receive free
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 Companion Home Calendar for
 1915.

THE YOUTH COMPANION
 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.
 New Subscriptions Received at
 3td Itw this office.

Notice of Trustees Sale.

Notice is hereby given that on
 the first Tuesday in December,
 1914, the same being the 1st day
 of December, 1914, the undersig-
 ned trustee in the deed of trust
 hereinafter mentioned, will in ac-
 cordance with said deed of trust
 sell at public outcry to the highest
 and best bidder for cash in hand,
 all those certain lots and tracts of
 land lying and being situated in
 the County of Howard and State
 of Texas, known and described as
 all of lots No. six (6), seven (7),
 in block six (6) of the town of Big
 Springs in said county and state,
 as shown by the map of the plan
 of said town on file and of record
 in the county clerk's office of said
 county, reference to which is here
 made for further description. Said
 sale will be made between the
 hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4
 o'clock p. m. pursuant to certain
 deed of trust of date February
 23rd, 1911, made to secure eight
 notes of that date, each in the
 sum of one hundred dollars made
 by R. E. Seogin and payable to
 the order of Emma Seogin; res-
 pectively, each three months af-
 ter date, each bearing interest
 from date at the rate of ten per
 cent per annum, and providing
 for 10 per cent attorneys fees if
 placed in the hands of an attorney
 for collection or if collected by
 suit; the first four of said notes
 having been paid, but four re-
 maining unpaid, which deed of
 trust is recorded in Vol. 10, pages
 306 to 308 of the real estate Mort-
 gage Records of said Howard
 County, Texas, reference to which
 record is here made for further
 description, in which the under-
 signed is made trustee. Said sale
 will be made at the date and in
 Runnels County at the door of the
 court house thereof.

Witnessed my hand as such
 trustee, this 9th day of Novem-
 ber, A. D. 1914.
 J. W. POWELL,
 Trustee in said deed of trust.
 9-1d w 13-20-27

NO ALUM in
Dr. PRICE'S
 CREAM
BAKING POWDER

PROMINENT BRADY MAN SUICIDES

E. R. Sayle, aged sixty years,
 and for many years a prominent
 citizen of Brownwood and Brady,
 ended his life at Brady early
 Thursday morning. Mr. Sayle had
 been connected with a prominent
 dry goods firm of Brady for sev-
 eral years, but recently retired
 from the firm, and it is claimed
 that he had been very despondent.

The night before he killed him-
 self, and before he retired, he asked
 his wife what she would do if
 he died that night, and other ques-
 tions and remarks similar to this
 had been made by the man, but
 little attention was paid to them
 until he had committed the act.

He got up and made the fire as
 usual Thursday morning, and af-
 ter dressing he went to the dresser
 in his room and taking a revolver
 from the drawer he placed it at
 the back of his head and pulled
 the trigger.

Sayle is survived by a wife and
 little girl. He was well known in
 Brady and Brownwood where he
 had lived for many years and his
 death created sorrow among his
 friends.

It Really Does Relieve Rheumatism.

Everybody who is afflicted with
 Rheumatism in any form should
 by all means keep a bottle of
 Sloan's Liniment on hand. The
 minute you feel pain or soreness
 in a joint or muscle, bathe it with
 Sloan's Liniment. Do not rub.
 Sloan's penetrates almost im-
 mediately right to the seat of
 pain, relieving the hot, tender,
 swollen feeling and making the
 part easy and comfortable. Get a
 bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25
 cents of any druggists and have
 it in the house—against colic,
 sore and swollen joints, rheuma-
 tism, neuralgia, sciatica and like
 ailments. Your money back if not
 satisfied, but it does give almost
 instant relief.

ANOTHER CASE OF DIPHTHERIA REPORTED

The little three-year-old child
 of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gressett is
 reported to be ill with diphtheria.
 The case developed Tuesday morn-
 ing, and the physicians adminis-
 tered the serum, and the proper
 precautions are being used to pre-
 vent other children coming in
 contact with the sick child.

This is the fourth case to de-
 velop in Ballinger, and they
 all have been located in different
 sections of the city.

What Will I Do With Them Cotton Stalks?

Tell your troubles to L. S.
 Evans of Ballinger and place
 your order with him for a ma-
 chine that will strip your stalks
 of limbs and burrs, cut the stalks
 in small bits, three rows at a
 time. A machine that will crush
 your clods, smooth the land and
 mark off three rows at the time.
 A machine that will drill, har-
 row 20 to 30 acres of crop per
 day until it is 8 or 10 inches high.
 Will it cut green or wet stalks,
 no sir, nor no other stalk cutter
 that we ever saw.
 20-4w

TEACHERS EXAMINATION

An examination for teachers'
 certificates will be held at the
 courthouse on Friday and Satur-
 day, December 4th and 5th. Ex-
 amination to begin at 8:45 a. m.

W. W. WOOTEN,
 County Superintendent.

In damp chilly weather there is
 always a large demand for Bal-
 lard's Snow Liniment because
 many people who know by experi-
 ence its great relieving power in
 rheumatic aches and pains, pre-
 pare to apply it at the first twinge
 Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bot-
 tle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Dr. Carroll of Brownwood,
 passed through Ballinger Monday
 en route home from the State
 Baptist convention at Abilene.

MAN WHO KILLED RUNNELS TEACHER GETS \$6000 BOND

(Brady Standard)
 At the examining trial of Gary
 Atkinson, charged with the killing
 of Eli Brown at Stacy two weeks
 ago, held yesterday before Justice
 of the Peace T. J. King, the de-
 fendant was granted bail in the
 sum of \$6000.

The trial consumed the entire
 afternoon and until 8:00 o'clock
 last night, during which time four
 witnesses testified to the details
 of the killing, the work of reduc-
 ing the testimony to writing proving
 a rather slow process. Archie
 Johnson, Aaron Bowen, Tom Man-
 es and Mr. Spillers were the only
 eye witnesses put on the stand, and
 at the conclusion of Spiller's testi-
 mony, the state's attorneys an-
 nounced that they would not con-
 test the matter of bail further. Af-
 ter consultation between the at-
 torneys, a statement was made to
 the court that the amount of bond
 could not be agreed upon. Judge
 King then announced his judg-
 ment by granting the defendant
 bail in the sum of \$6000.

More than thirty witnesses had
 been summoned in the case.

The defense was represented by
 Judge Joe A. Adkins of this city
 and Judge J. O. Woodward of
 Coleman, early District Attorney
 Walter Early, County Attorney C.
 C. House and Judge Stamberfield
 of Eastland represented the state.

Arrangements for filling the
 bond are being made by Atkin-
 son's father, and he will probably
 be released from custody within
 the next few days.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kid-
 ney and bladder troubles, dis-
 solves 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 sel-
 dom fails to perfect a cure. Texas
 testimonials with each bottle. Dr.
 E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St.
 Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

J. D. Humphreys and son, of
 Cuero, Texas, who had been spend-
 ing some time with his brother-in-
 law A. Hall and family near Pony
 creek, and assisting in gathering
 the crops on the place, left Mon-
 day afternoon for home. Mr. Hum-
 phreys says Runnels County farm-
 ers are in much better shape this
 year than South Texas.

Corns Quit, Pains Stop, With "Gets-It"

Quit Plasters, Salves and What-Nots.
 After using "GETS-IT" once you
 will never again have occasion for
 asking, "What can I do to get rid of
 my corns?" "GETS-IT" is the first
 sure, certain corn-ender ever known.



Why "Suffer-
 Yet" With
 Corns? Use
 "GETS-IT."
 They'll Vanish!

If you have tried other things by the
 score and will now try "GETS-IT,"
 you will realize this glorious fact.
 You probably are tired attacking on
 tape that won't stay stuck, plasters
 that shift themselves right onto your
 corn, contraptions that make a bun-
 dle of your toe and press right down
 on the corn. Put two drops of
 "GETS-IT" on that corn in two sec-
 onds. The corn is then doomed as
 sure as night follows day. The corn
 shrivels. There's no pain, no fuss.
 If you think this sounds too good to
 be true try it tonight on any corn,
 callus, wart or bunion.
 "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists
 everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent
 direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chi-
 cago.

Gets-It" sold in Ballinger by J. Y.
 Pearce, The Walker Drug Co. and City
 Drug Store.

PORT ARTHUR MAN FINDS HEALTH IN WONDERFUL STOMACH REMEDY

Suffer Is Restored and Makes Remarkable Gain in Weight on Few Doses.

J. F. Stoneburner of Port Arthur, Texas, suffered from stomach ailments for a long time. He fell off in weight and took treatment without apparent benefit. He tried physician after physician until he almost lost hope.

He took Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy, then wrote:

"I have taken all of your wonderful stomach remedy and got results from it. I have gained in weight since starting on your remedy—twenty-one pounds so far. I was under the care of five doctors for about six months before I got your medicine. I am entirely well."

Mr. Stoneburner's experience is typical of that of the thousands who have taken Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy. Thousands

of letters from people who have appreciated its wonderful benefits come from all parts of the country.

Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy clears the digestive tract of mucoid accretions and removes poisonous matter. It brings swift relief to sufferers from stomach liver and bowel troubles. Many say that it has saved them from dangerous operations and many are sure it saved their lives.

We want all people who have chronic stomach trouble or constipation, no matter of how long standing, to try one dose of Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy—one dose will convince you. This is the medicine so many of our people have been taking with surprising results. The most thorough system cleaner we ever sold. Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy is now sold here by all druggists.

W. W. Poe, of the Winters-Wingate country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

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

TRESSPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,
wtf Concho county, Tex

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty.
E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.
12-1mon d&w.

For Sale.

One five passenger car in good shape, will take stock are cash. Apply to Ballinger Auto Co., G. W. Dean. 28-wtf

Go to Winters Saddle and Harness Shop for any thing in leather goods, also shoe work and general repairing.

O. W. JOLLY, Mgr.

wtf.

For Sale.

My place on 5th street, small cash payment, balance like rent. G. R. LAY, Waco, Texas. 28-4tw 4td sat

WANTED—One large or medium size young mule. Must be reasonable. J. J. POPE, Ballinger, phone 6611. 2w

LOST—One small yellow horn Jersey Cow, six years old, no mark or brand. Finder will get liberal reward for return. Phone or write M. L. Mitchell, Winters, Texas. 20-1tw pd.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

Fortune Telling Lady Finds Many Victims

Local officers were called on last Saturday by Lampasas officers to help locate a "lady," who was wanted at Lampasas upon a swindling charge.

The woman made her way over the county by reviewing the past history of man and revealing to him the hidden secrets of the future. Learning something of a man's past life, unawares to her, it was an easy matter for her to arouse his faith in her mysterious wisdom when she called on him. After telling his past the woman would proceed to tell him what was in store for him in the future, and when she found an easy victim, she would tell his fortune in a manner that would make his future a very prosperous one, provided he could locate the hidden treasures and get in touch with rich kinfolks who were ready to divide with him. Striking the keynote the itinerant "lady" would propose to locate for her victim the expected legacy for a stipulated sum. This

work she proposed to do for so much cash down, and so much to be paid when the hidden treasures were recovered. Receiving the cash payment the fortune teller would start out on the hunt for the riches, and while it is reported that she has often gone in search of riches for her clients she has never returned with the goods. A Lampasas man dug up to the tune of \$100 with a promise to pay \$200 when the job was completed. The Lampasas victim became suspicious after parting with his \$100, and reported the matter to the officers. The chase followed, and through the assistance of the Ballinger officers the woman was located at Hamlin. She was arrested and carried back to Lampasas. When arrested the woman had \$1500 in cash on her person. She passed through Ballinger a few days ago, and spent some time here, but if she found a victim here that victim is taking his medicine and keeping very quiet.

U. S. SOLDIERS LEAVE VERA CRUZ

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—General Funston in a message to the war department this morning announced that all of his troops were on board the United States transports and were ready to sail from Vera Cruz at noon for Galveston.

Two thousand marines are on a separate transport, going to Galveston where they will be quartered temporarily at Texas City, across the bay from Galveston.

Secretary Garrison said that their stay would be determined largely by the events in Mexico.

General Funston said in his message that he is bringing a million dollars in custom's receipts. This will be deposited in some bank in the United States until the administration recognizes a stable government of Mexico.

Despondency Due to Indigestion.

It is not at all surprising at persons who have indigestion become discouraged and despondent. Here are a few words of hope and cheer for them by Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa. "For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them, did I find the right treatment. I soon began to improve, and since taking a few bottles of them my digestion is fine." For sale by all dealers.

Gus Prusser, of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

C. N. Craft, of Miles, J. M. Adams of Wingate and Edgar Jayroe of Crews, came in Monday to attend the call session of the commissioners' court to pass on the bonds for the newly elected county officers.

Stops Rheumatic Pain Right Now

It is astonishing how quickly Hunt's Lightning Oil relieves pain. Rub it on and the hurting fades away almost instantly. That's why many people keep it in their home for one never knows when they will need this excellent liniment. For Neuralgia, headache and the like there is nothing better. Sold by all Druggists in 25c and 50c bottles.

SANITARY MEAT MARKET.

We have our place of business in a perfect sanitary condition, and in compliance with the pure food laws of the State, have just built a perfectly sanitary slaughter house, complete in every respect, and will keep it in splendid shape at all times.

We will buy your stock and hides from you at top prices, and will always supply you with the best the market affords. We will appreciate your patronage.

CITY MEAT MARKET,
Phone 185.
ffdw Stanley Cameron, Prop.

Let me show you my cutter. Let me try it on your farm. Satisfaction guaranteed or no sale. Will cost less than a one row cutter and do three times the work and better. Home invention, home made. Place your order today, so your machine will be ready for you when you need it. L. S. EVANS, R-1-4 Ballinger, Texas. 20-4tw

War Bulletins

By United Press-

ROME, Nov. 25.—A naval engagement, say dispatches received here, is taking place in the Adriatic Sea. No details have been received.

By United Press-

DEVONPORT, Eng., Nov. 25.—The American "Christmas ship" Jason arrived here today. The vessel was enthusiastically welcomed by the citizens of this port. From here the Christmas toys and nuts will be sent to the war sufferers of war-torn Europe.

By United Press-

PETROGRAD, Nov. 25.—In an official announcement issued this morning, heavy losses to a retreating German infantry corps were claimed by the Russians. Driven into the swamps in the vicinity of Lodz, the Germans met one of the most serious defeats of the great battle which has been raging in that vicinity for the past several days, in the manner in which the report reads.

Continued successes against the Austro-Germans also were claimed by the Russians.

By United Press-

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 25.—According to reports received here, Germans in the vicinity of Newport were caught between the fire of the British troops and the naval guns of the allied ships off the coast of France, and heavy losses were suffered.

One of the most serious losses sustained by the enemy was given the fleet destroyed two German batteries at Westend.

By United Press-

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The Indian troops retook the trenches they lost to the Germans yesterday, says the press bureau this morning.

They captured three German officers and over a hundred men. Three machine guns and one mortar were also taken by the Indians. The general situation in France and Belgium is unchanged, says the report.

ATHENS, Nov. 23.—Christians Greeks and Armenians at Trebizond have been killed and their shops sacked by Turkish soldiers, according to a report received here today.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 24.—Making special targets of the most populous parts of the port, the Germans have again started a fierce bombardment of Libau.

The shelling of the seaport caused hundreds to flee to safe quarters after many had been killed. Among those who suffered loss of life in the bombardment are numerous women and children who happened to be in the path of the death-dealing shells from the Germans' great and terrible howitzers.

NOTICE FARMERS UNION

The Runnels County Farmers' Union will meet in called session at Winters, on the 2nd day of December, 1914.

All locals are urged to take notice and be fully represented.

Measures of great importance will be up for consideration and a good attendance is very necessary.

T. F. Ragsdale, president; R. B. Worthington, Secretary-Treas.

Jno. A. Loomis, the big ranchman of Concho county, had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

FOR TRADE—A quarter section of plains land, for cotton or stock. Cotton on 10c basis.

G. E. KEMP, Ballinger.
2td pd

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.
The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Look at Me I am Well.

"I cannot say too much for Peruna. It has entirely cured me of my trouble. My eye lids were thick and red nearly all the time. My eyes were especially sensitive to light. Catarrh was my trouble. I had had my eyes treated and took a great deal of medicine, but nothing seemed to help me until I tried Peruna. I always use Peruna when my family need it. Always find it very good. It helps wonderfully. You can use my testimonial anywhere you wish to." So says Mrs. C. Skehan, No. 614 S. Leavitt St., Chicago, Ill.



MOBS LOOT STORES IN MEXICO CITY

By United Press-

VERA CRUZ, Nov. 25.—Mobs swarmed through the streets of Mexico City last night, looting stores and harassing citizens according to reports received here today.

It was also stated that a band of civilians and ex-federal soldiers were sworn in during the rioting as special police to restore order in the Mexican capital.

It is declared here among Mexicans who are familiar with the situation in Mexico City that Zapata can enter the city without opposition from the hands of any one.

By United Press-

EL PASO, Nov. 25.—Conflicting reports received here from the interior today declare that General Carranza has evacuated Guadalajara and that the attack by 15,000 soldiers under the standard of General Villa, commanded by General Angeles, is still in progress in the second city of importance in Mexico.

Telegraph wires have been cut in many places in Mexico and it is a difficult matter to receive reports as to the situation concerning the attack on Guadalajara.

The presence in Guadalajara of General Villa with his 15,000 men, as the report says, is causing considerable opinion here. If he has taken the large city, then the work was accomplished in a reasonably short period of time. It was generally understood that the attack would be a rather long-drawn out affair and that General Carranza's forces would resist indefinitely.

Carranza's headquarters announced this morning that thousands from the command of General Obregon, rushed to the aid of General Carranza in Guadalajara.

Troops have been sent by Carranza, the headquarters also stated, to Tampico and Sonora state.

The vanguard of Villa's main army is rapidly nearing Mexico City.

An Active Liver Means Health

If you want good health, a clear complexion and freedom from Dizziness, Constipation, Biliousness, Headache and Indigestion, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They drive out fermenting and undigested foods, clear the Blood and cure Constipation. Only 25c at your druggist.

J. J. Yerby, the cotton man, left Monday morning to take up a list of cotton at Talpa.

How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

Joe Oliver, of the Hatchel country, was supplying in Ballinger Saturday and took a year's supply of the Banner-Ledger.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no others. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

THE USUAL
**Christmas
Holiday
Excursion
Rates**
will be in effect
VIA

To the South Eastern States to St. Louis, Chicago, Etc.
And to Points in Texas Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Etc.
When planning your Holiday Trip consult T. & P. Ry. Agent or write
A. D. BELL GEO. D. HUNTER
Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. Gen. Pass. Agt.
DALLAS, TEXAS

THE UNIVERSAL CAR
Roadster \$479.00
Touring Cars \$529.00
F. O. B. Ballinger
When the Ford needs repairing, Bring it to the Ford home, and talk to our expert Ford mechanics
Harwell Motor Co. Ballinger Texas

COTTON! Don't Sell Your Cotton at Present Prices
You can realize more money by shipping your cotton to us where it will be properly stored and insured against loss by fire and you can hold for higher prices. If you need money to pay off some of your obligations take out Bill Lading and draw on us for as much as you need not to exceed \$20.00 per bale. We have warehouse space for 20,000 bales cotton and until this number is reached we extend to you a helping hand. We make a customary charge of \$1.00 bale commission which includes weighing, classing, selling charges and one month's free storage and insurance. After first month fifteen cents per month storage, and insurance at current rates which is now ten cents bale month. Shipping tags furnished on request. Ship now before your cotton damages. Satisfactory sales and prompt returns can be relied on.
WALKER & CO., Cotton Brokers Galveston, Texas.

Beef and Milk A-plenty
Cattle are kept for two purposes: for beef production and for milk production. To do either right they must be healthy. There is nothing better to keep them in continued good health, or to make them well quickly when sick, than a few doses of—
Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE
Any time any of my cattle get anything wrong with them I give them a few doses of Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE. They soon get well.
John S. Carroll, Moorhead, Miss.
Stirs up the liver—Drives disease poisons away.
25c, 50c and \$1. per can. At your dealer's.
P. B. 2

Help the Stomach Digest Your Food

When the stomach fails to digest and distribute that which is eaten, the bowels become clogged with a mass of waste and refuse that ferments and generates poisons that are gradually forced into the blood, causing distress and often serious illness.

Most people naturally object to the drastic cathartic and purgative agents that shock the system. A mild, gentle laxative, positive in its effect and that will quickly relieve constipation is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, sold by druggists at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle. It does not gripe or cramp but acts easily and pleasantly and is therefore the most satisfactory remedy for children, women and elderly persons. For a free trial bottle write to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 451 Washington St. Monticello, Ill.

SEVERE CASE OF DIPHTHERIA REPORTED

Harold, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stubbs is reported to be quite ill with diphtheria. The child was taken sick Friday, and Friday night the physician was with him all night. The little fellow is no better this afternoon. The case is under quarantine and every precaution is being used to prevent the disease from spreading.

Don't Delay Treating Your Cough.

A slight cough often becomes serious. Lungs get congested, Bronchial Tubes fill with mucus. Your vitality is reduced. You need Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It soothes your irritated air passages, loosens mucus and makes your system resist Colds. Give the baby and Children Dr. Bell's Pine Tar-Honey. It's guaranteed to help them. Only 25c, at your Druggist.

G. W. Houston of the Temnyson country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Dr. G. L. Lewis

EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT. GLASSES FITTED.

Office Over Findlater Hardware Co. San Angelo, Texas

AGENTS WANTED

AN OPPORTUNITY TO AID YOUR INCOME

We want a good representative in every neighborhood to represent our value, quick selling specialties.

Write for particulars. **SPECIALTY SUPPLY CO.** Box 252 Valley Mills, Texas

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

We have a few thousand of the famous Red Bird and Everbearing Strawberry Plants for sale cheap. The best all purpose berry known.

LANGDON & ROBINSON Benoit, Texas.

Are You a Woman?

Take Cardui

The Woman's Tonic

FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

LAW PARTNER OF B. B. STONE DEAD

W. T. Bartholomew, member of the law firm of Bryan, Bartholomew & Stone, died at his home, 1650 South Adams street, Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock. The funeral will be held from the family residence at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be had in Greenwood cemetery. The funeral ceremony will be conducted by Rev. Dobbs, Methodist Episcopal church, South.

Members of the Tarrant County Bar association will attend the funeral in a body and upon the request of the association the Tarrant county courts will be adjourned during the hour of the funeral.

Bartholomew has been a resident of Fort Worth for the past two years, coming here from San Angelo, where he was a member of the law firm of Wright, Wynn & Bartholomew. He was a member of the Elks, and of the Julian Field lodge No. 908, Masons.

The deceased was born in Franklin, Robinson county, and was 36 years of age. He graduated from the law department of Texas University in 1903 and two years later was elected a member of the Texas legislature. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at the state university.

Bartholomew is survived by a widow and two children—Fort Worth Record.

Mr. Bartholomew was associated with Judge B. B. Stone, formerly of Ballinger, in the law practice at Fort Worth. He had many friends over this section of the state who will be made to grieve upon learning of his death.

It is not known what caused the death of Judge Bartholomew, but he recently had an attack of pneumonia, and it is supposed that death was due to complications following that illness.

W. T. BARTHOLOMEW FUNERAL

Having attended the funeral of W. T. Bartholomew in Fort Worth Wednesday, Ham H. Hill, W. B. Sayers and J. D. Sugg returned to San Angelo on the Orient Thursday morning. Sam Crowther was also a member of the party, but had not returned Thursday afternoon.

"The funeral was largely attended, and it seemed that all Ft. Worth paid tribute to Bartholomew's memory," said W. B. Sayers Thursday afternoon. "The local courts adjourned their sessions and the members of the Fort Worth bar attended in a body."

Mr. Bartholomew had resided in Fort Worth only two years.—San Angelo Standard.

A WARNING TO MANY

Some Interesting Facts About Kidney Troubles.

Few people realize to what extent their health depends upon the condition of their kidneys.

The physician in nearly all cases of serious illness, makes a chemical analysis of the patient's urine. He knows that unless the kidneys are doing their work properly, the other organs cannot readily be brought back to health and strength.

When the kidneys are neglected or abused in any way, serious results are sure to follow. According to health statistics, Bright's disease which is really an advanced form of kidney trouble, caused nearly ten thousand deaths in 1913, in the state of New York alone. Therefore, it behooves us to pay more attention to the health of these most important organs.

An ideal herbal compound that has had remarkable success as a kidney remedy is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy.

The mild and healing influence of this preparation, in most cases, is soon realized, according to sworn statements and verified testimony of those who have used the remedy.

If you feel that your kidneys require attention, and wish a sample bottle, write to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Mention this paper, enclose ten cents and they will gladly forward it to you by Parcel Post.

Swamp-Root is sold by every druggist in bottles of two sizes—50c, and \$1.00.

Joe Spill came in from Winters Saturday night to visit his family and look after business affairs in Ballinger a few days.

WAREHOUSE IS READY

The Ballinger warehouse is now a reality. The house was finished Saturday and is now ready for the storage of the first bale of the white staple. The warehouse bids to become one of the most important factors of the Ballinger territory.

Constructed by a score or more business men of Ballinger and the country abutting the city limits, the Ballinger Warehouse Association is distinctly a home affair, incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and operating according to the warehouse laws of the state and the insurance laws. The last dollar on the capital stock which constructed the warehouse was paid in Saturday by Ballinger merchants.

The only difference between the Ballinger Warehouse Association and the warehouse of the Farmers Union is that the receipts issued at the former are good anywhere, regardless of the place or the distance from the locality in which the structure is located, in the state. The Farmers Union warehouse receipt is good where the man is known and in some cases in other parts of the state, but is not quite as broad and unlimited as the warehouse incorporated under the laws of the state and insured according to the mandates of Texas authorities. The storage price for a bale of cotton in each warehouse is about \$3.15, the bale to be left twelve months. Therefore, it is pointed out by the officers of the Ballinger association, that there will be no competition with the Farmers Union house, the price in both houses being the same, although the former organization can afford to operate cheaper than the price levied upon each bale, if it desired.

Farmers next week are expected to take advantage of the new warehouse by storing their cotton within it.

6 Percent Money 6 Percent Money 6 Percent

Loans may be obtained for any purpose on acceptable Real Estate security; liberal privileges, correspondence solicited.

A. C. AGENCY COMPANY, 758 Gas, Electric Bldg., Denver Colorado. 446 Pierce Bldg. St. Louis.

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DIED

Ballinger, Texas, 11, 6, 1914. Sister M. A. Clendenen died on the above date from 15 years illness. She was the wife of Bro. J. M. Clendenen who departed this life October 16, 1914. She was born in the State of Arkansas, A. D. 1847 and she professed Christ when she was 22 years of age and joined the Missionary Baptist Church and after united with the Primitive Baptist Church and died in that faith. She departed this life, leaving perfect evidence that she has gone to rest with Jesus forever.

She leaves two brothers and one sister to mourn her death, also two sons and three daughters.

The body was laid to rest in South Ballinger cemetery by the side of her deceased husband.

Funeral services by A. Primix of Hylton, Texas.

A BROTHER IN CHRIST.

A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short dry cough, indicates an inflamed condition in the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size Ballard's Horhound Syrup; you get with each bottle a free Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest. The syrup relaxes the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

BROTHER DIED

Jap N. Adams received the sad message Friday stating that his brother, Rev. J. T. Adams died at Carleton, Thursday. He received the word too late to reach that point in time to attend the funeral. His brother had been in bad health for some months past, and his death was not unexpected but came as a shock to Mr. Adams.

Important.

Bear in mind that Chamberlain's Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all dealers.

COTTON PICKERS RETURNING HOME

With the greatest cotton crop Rannels county has ever raised almost gathered, many pickers who flocked to this section of the state a few weeks ago to help gather the white staple, are now returning, leaving the partially white to the help which will remain here the year round. Almost every out-going train carries a few of the pickers, while on Saturdays the crowd is unusually large.

That Rannels county will gather 60,000 bales of cotton this year is now almost an assured fact, according to many men of this city who have been making a study of the situation for the past several weeks. The last ginner's report gave the county slightly over 32,000 bales and this amount was gained prior to November 5. Another report is now being arranged by the government reporter on the number of bales produced, and it is expected that the number will be past the 40,000 bale mark.

It is pointed out that had it not been for the influx of laborers in Rannels County at the opportune time, the farmers would have suffered untold damage. Cotton would have been left in the fields for the want of people to gather it, and prices for pickers would have soared beyond the reach of the producers or the amount justified by the prevailing prices for the white staple when placed on the market. Over half of the 1914 crop has been gathered by outside help and in many cases is still being gathered by this class of people. There are some farmers of the county who have yet large quantities of the staple in their fields to be picked. They calculate that with the home force, the remnant of the crop can be gathered. School children will be worked in the fields after study hours and on Saturdays along with the help necessarily carried the year round.

Expressions heard by many of the pickers on the streets are to the effect that never before in their lives have they worked in such a pleasant environment as in Rannels County. They are pleased with the reception which has been given them in the county by all people, and they intend, doubtless, to leave and spread the glad news among their friends of other sections of the state.

ON THE FIRING LINE.

What it means to most men.

There are many true heroes that have perished in the European war who "never smelled powder" but who succumbed to sickness after hard campaigning—coupled with bad water and lack of food. The sick and debilitated man is as much out of place in his struggle for life and existence as he would be on the firing line. On the other hand the strong, vigorous man, his veins filled with rich, red blood, has an enormous advantage in whatever position he may be fitted to occupy, in war or business.

The prompt and certain action of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in driving all harmful germs and impurities from the blood, sets in motion the repair process which works actively on the diseased membrane where Catarrh flourishes unchecked or where the skin gives warning of the bad blood beneath by showing pimples and boils, also the skin clears up and becomes wholesome and ruddy.

Thus by building up a new and perfect covering and carrying out of the system the Catarrh infested matter by way of the blood, liver and kidneys, Catarrh is overcome and permanently conquered.

There is not a drop of alcohol or any narcotic in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, but in this safe vegetable remedy there is a mighty alternative power which by replacing the blood impurities with pure, rich blood, not only ends Catarrhal conditions wherever located, but vitalizes the kidneys, stomach, liver, bowels and every organ of the body. People who suffer humiliation and mental misery because of pimples, skin rash, blotches, eruptions, boils, carbuncles, are especially benefited. It is not a secret remedy for its ingredients are printed on wrapper.

Send for free book on the blood to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

Roy Griffin, of Coleman, who had been visiting Ballinger friends the past few days, returned home Monday morning.

Rheumatism Sprains Lumbago Sciatica

Why grin and bear all these ills when Sloan's Liniment kills pain?



"I have used your Liniment and can say it is fine. I have used it for sore throat, strained shoulder, and it acted like a charm."—Allen Dunn, Route 1, Box 88, Pine Valley, Miss.

"I am a painter and paperhanger by trade, consequently up and down ladders. About two years ago my left knee became lame and sore. It pained me at nights at times till I could not rest, and I was contemplating giving up my trade on account of it when I chanced to think of Sloan's Liniment. I had never tried it before, and I am glad to state that less than one 25c. bottle fixed me up apparently as good as ever."—Charles C. Campbell, Florence, Texas.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT

All Dealers 25c. Send four cents in stamps for a free TRIAL BOTTLE. DR. EARL S. SLOAN, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa. Dept. B

Mrs. Tom Watkins and baby of Brady, came in Saturday and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen and family and Ballinger friends.

Rev. W. J. Hicks, of Miles, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from Abilene where he attended the Baptist State convention.

Ernst Graves and J. O. Philps, of the Hatchel country and R. B. Hambright and family of the Norton country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c.

M. C. SMITH, Attorney-at-Law, Office up-stairs in C. A. Dooze Building, Examining Land Titles a Specialty.

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

HARRIS & HARRIS, Attorneys-at-Law, Corporation, Collections and Land Litigation Specialties, Office over Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

Q. VICTOR MILLER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Office with Security Title Co. Will Practice in all the Courts.

Office with Security Title Co. Will Practice in all the Courts.

The Country Trade, Receives our very best attention and we ask you to visit us when in town, and we guarantee to give you a good shave, a neat hair cut and courteous treatment.

City Barber Shop, H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor.

Do Your Building Now! It Will Never Cost You Less.

Are you going to build a store, a house, a barn, a fence, or anything at any time in the near future? Take our advice, and do it now. Lumber and other expenses will never be lower than they are now. See us about your lumber, lath, shingles, casings, cement, lime and anything else you need. We Carry Them All In Stock.

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G. P. Shepherd, County Attorney Rannels Co. Civil Practice Solicited, Ballinger, Texas.

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Prompt Service

Your Business Solicited. Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's office. Phone 215.

SEE ME

M. KLEBERG JR., Attorney-at-Law, Office at Courthouse.

YOU'VE GOT TO EAT IF YOU STAY HERE.

Then why not eat the best at the same price.

A short lunch or long lunch, you pay for what you eat and eat what you want.

Laxson's Restaurant

ALL WOMEN

Who suffer with the ailments of their sex are in need of the great strengthening, cleansing and regulating properties of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It puts the liver, stomach and bowels in fine healthy condition, builds up the nervous system, strengthens the body, clears the complexion and changes a poor, tired, discouraged woman into one of sparkling good health and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists.

Price \$1.00 per bottle.



TO FARMERS AND STOCKMEN OF RUNNELS CO.

It is my duty, and pleasure as well to keep a vigilant eye ever open to the possible good, and approaching evils that may come to Runnels County, and for this reason I am warning you now of a dreadful disease among cattle known as Foot and Mouth Disease, which is not only creating a great financial loss, but I am afraid the further interest in cattle raising will be lessened to a considerable extent.

Below I am giving you a brief outline of the symptoms of this disease, as prepared by one of the County Agents of Kentucky:

"There is not a disease known that is more highly communicable from one subject to another than this one. The disease is transmitted by direct contact, and through the medium of infected feed, litter, watering places, stables, cars and attendants. It is possible that the contagion may be carried a short distance in the air. The period of incubation, or the time that elapses between exposure and signs of the development of the disease, usually is short, but may vary from 24 hours to 20 days. Most cases develop within two or three days after exposure. Foot and Mouth Disease usually starts with a chill. The animal remains by itself, the back is arched, hair erect, flanks tucked up, and there is shivering or twitching of the muscles. A sick animal moves with reluctance, and there is stiffness or marked lameness in the gait. A thick, yellowish secretion collects at the inner corners of the eyes, and about the edges of the nostrils.

More active symptoms may be noticed by blisters which are in mouth, about the feet and on the udder. The blisters vary in size from the size of a pea to the size of a quarter of a dollar, and are filled with a watery fluid. There is a profuse salivation of the mouth. The saliva is at first normal, but later becomes thick andropy. This disease is not ordinarily fatal, but causes very serious loss in the milk flow and prolonged, unthrifty condition and seriously diseased feet. The mouth is so sore that the animal is unable to partake of solid food, and apparently loses all sense of taste, and is generally of no value thereafter. One attack of the disease does not confer immunity, as an animal may have it several

times. Destruction of affected animals and thorough disinfection these are the only methods that have ever proved effective in dealing with this disease."

This will help you to identify the disease, if it should break out in your county, in which case of course you will immediately notify me by telephone or telegraph. And at the same time you should isolate the affected animal as much as possible to prevent the spread of the disease to other animals. Respectfully yours,

GEO. P. McLELLAND
Agent.

OUR CITIZEN'S DEMAND

Fully Complied with.—A Ballinger Resident Furnished It.

There are few items which appear in this paper more important to Ballinger people than the statement published below. In the first place, it is from a citizen of Ballinger and can be thoroughly relied upon. In the second place, it indisputably proves that Doan's Kidney Pills do their work thoroughly and not temporarily. Read this carefully:

S. V. Parrish, tinner, Box 11, Ballinger, says: "A sharp pain took me suddenly in my back and I was obliged to lay off from work. My kidneys were also troubling me and I was completely used up until Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention. They worked like magic. After two days' use, I began to feel well enough to go back to work and I have not had any symptoms of kidney complaint since."

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

R. L. Maddox left Monday at noon for Miles to look after business interests for a few days.

Remarkable Cure of Croup.

"Last winter when my little boy had croup I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. B. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for what this remedy has done for him." For sale by all dealers.

T. J. Gibson of Novasota, who had been with a bunch of negro cotton pickers left with them for home Saturday afternoon. The return railroad fare was \$360.50 and besides these pickers quite a number of others left making one of the largest crowds seen at the Santa Fe depot in many years.

Regulate the bowels when they fail to move properly. Herbine is an admirable bowel regulator. It helps the liver and stomach and restores a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Uncle Warren Williams came in from Miles Monday morning to visit his daughter Mrs. Tom Livey and family and Ballinger friends.

MOORE-NASH

Rev. T. C. Jester spoke the beautiful and impressive marriage vows Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock p. m., that made the two hearts of Mr. Fred Moore and Miss Jessie Routh Nash, beat as one. It was a quiet wedding at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma Nash on Eighth street, only a few intimate friends and relatives of the bride being present.

Mr. Moore is a prominent young cotton buyer and while his stay in our city has been short he has made many friends by his sterling worth and noble integrity and is highly esteemed both in the business and social circles of Ballinger and he is truly fortunate in securing for his life partner so rare a jewel as Miss Jessie Routh Nash.

The bride is the lovely and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Emma Nash, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families in our entire section, whose ancestors are truly of noble lineage, and the bride will no doubt make the happy groom a true helpmate over life's rugged pathway.

They will make home in Ballinger for the present and the Ledger is proud to be numbered among the large circle of friends who offer congratulations and best wishes for a happy, prosperous married life for the young couple.

Best Cough Medicine for Children

"Three years ago when I was living in Pittsburgh one of my children had a hard cold and coughed dreadfully. Upon the advice of a druggist I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it benefited him at once. I find it the best cough medicine for children because it is pleasant to take. They do not object to taking it," writes Mrs. Lafayette Tuck, Homer City, Pa. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

G. L. Bright left Monday at noon for Water Valley to attend the funeral of his little nephew who died at that place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Allen are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl, born at their home Sunday night, Nov. 22nd.

The Wonderful Magic Washing Stick

The Magic Washing Stick, the greatest helper woman ever had with her washing and I have been singing its praise to my neighbor, writes Mrs. Mollie Martin, Route 3, Apache, Okla. It is truly a wonderful article, saving all the washboard labor on washday. Three Magic Washing Sticks for 25c. Enough for fifteen big washings. Makes clothes white as snow. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

J. P. Belvin and wife came in a few days ago from the East and will make their home in Ballinger again. They had been gone three years and found no place like Ballinger and Runnels County.

MOVIES WILL SHOW WHITE PLAGUE FILMS



As an aid in the Red Cross Christmas Seal Sale and the Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign, a motion picture dealing with the problem of tuberculosis in children has been prepared by Thomas A. Edison, and beginning next week it will be shown throughout the country. The film was produced in co-operation with the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The plot of the picture, which is entitled "The Temple of Moloch," is laid in a small village, the chief industries of which are some potteries, owned by Harrison Pratt. He also owns a group of dilapidated tenements, in which most of his employes live. Dr. Jordan, health officer of the village, is struck with the prevalence of tuberculosis and on investigation finds that the unsanitary working conditions in the Pratt potteries; together with the unhealthy state of the tenement homes of the workmen have most to do with the spread of the disease. He calls the matter to the attention of Pratt, who rebuffs him and tells him it is no use to try to do anything in the matter.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jordan has fallen in love with Eloise, the daughter of Harrison Pratt, and she has become interested in his work, particularly that at the preventorium for children from tuberculous families. Three times Jordan appeals to Pratt, and each time he is rebuffed. Finally, in despair between his love for Eloise and his duty, he exposes the conditions he has discovered through articles in the newspapers, in which he calls the Pratt potteries and tenements "Temple of Moloch," in that they feed young children to the God of Greed. When Eloise, who is ignorant of conditions in the factory, sees the paper she immediately resents what she considers an insult to her father and returns her engagement ring to Dr. Jordan.

A week later Pratt's daughter and son are found to have tuberculosis. When Eric Swanson, a former employe of Pratt's who had been discharged because he had contracted "potter's rot" in the mills and was no longer able to work, hears of it, he exults over the calamity, which he views as a sort of personal vengeance. He musters all of his strength and steals away to the Pratt home, where Eloise and her brother are taking the cure for tuberculosis on the porch and there denounces Pratt gloating over him and telling him that his son and daughter were originally infected as young children by Cora Swanson, when she served as nurse-girl for the Pratts several years ago. So struck is Pratt by this denunciation and the graphic story of Swanson, which is affirmed by Dr. Jordan, that he decides to clean up conditions in his potteries and tenements at once.

The story ends with a Christmas scene, in which the engagement ring is returned to the hand of Eloise, and Dr. Jordan receives as a present a liberal check for the employment of visiting nurses, the establishment of open air schools and other antituberculosis agencies in the town.

A sixteen year old boy studied shorthand three months and then began working for the Santa Fe R. R. at \$70.00 per month. An elder brother has worked, for years for the same road as an unskilled laborer, and gets only \$40 per month for his services. If you were in the condition of the elder brother, what would you do? Let us suggest you go right now and take a course of bookkeeping, shorthand business administration and finance or telegraphy, at the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, the largest and best school of the kind in America. If you can't go, write for full particulars of their correspondence course.

Tom Miller, of Austin, one of the State Cotton Warehouse Inspectors, who had been in our city a day or two, left for the west at noon Monday.

ARRESTED AS "VAG" BEGGAR IN FUNDS

A beggar, making his way by selling shoe strings, pencils, etc., made his way through Ballinger a few days ago, and as all beggars do, no doubt found business pretty good here, was arrested when he reached Brownwood on a vagrancy charge.

After being arrested the beggar soon convinced the officers that he was amply able to take care of any fine imposed upon him, and dug up deposit slips showing that he was well "fixed."

W. I. Hunt was the man's name. He spent several days in Ballinger a week or ten days ago, and occupied the street corners during the day where he spent the time singing and listening to the nickles and dimes as they "jingled" into his tin cup. The man claimed to be blind in one eye and "could not see out of the other one."

The Brownwood Bulletin in giving an account of the arrest of Hunt, says:

An interesting bit of personal history was brought to light today with an examination by county officers of W. I. Hunt, and alleged blind man who has been singing, selling shoe strings and begging on the streets of Brownwood this week. Charges of vagrancy and disturbing the peace were filed against Hunt, this afternoon in justice court.

Hunt admits owning assets as follows: Deposited in banks, \$1,148.50 in bank of Lancaster, Texas \$45 in Brooke Smith & Co.'s bank in Brownwood, deposited yesterday; \$35 in First State Bank, Hillsboro; \$25 in State Bank & Trust Co., Snyder; \$50 in bank at Halleyville, Okla.; \$35 in Atoka State Bank, Atoka, Okla.; \$35 in Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Claremore, Okla.; \$50 in Logan County Bank, Okla. Hunt admitted to the officers that he owned good notes to the value of about \$2000. A slip attached to the Lancaster bank book noted a deposit of \$550 in a bank not named.

His Record in the Courts.

Hunt gave the officers the following court record: He paid a fine of \$26.10 in Greenville, and spent a night in jail there. At Snyder he spent 31 days in jail, the case cost him \$100 and he appealed to a higher court, where the charge of vagrancy was affirmed. He was fined \$35 in Walker county and spent three days in jail. One night he spent in jail at Giddings. He paid two or three fines in Dallas and was jailed six times. Two days were spent in the Fort Worth jail. Three or four in jail. One night he spent in jail and one day at Crockett. At Tulsa, Okla., he was fined \$25 and given a 16 day jail sentence. The fine was reduced to ten provided that he would leave town, which he did as soon as the jail sentence expired. One day was spent in jail at Grand Saline, and three days in Palestine. Other court affairs could not be recalled by him.

Officers Held Him Up.

When asked why he deposited his money in the banks Hunt said: "The officers hold me up wherever I go, and I put the money in the banks so they can't get it." Most of the deposits made by Hunt bear interest varying from 4 to 6 per cent. Hunt says he is 64 years old."

Hard Cough? Bad Cold? Head Stuffed? Nose Stopped?

Get instant relief with Dr. King's New Discovery. Pleasant, Healing, Soothing.

We know Dr. King's New Discovery will help you because it has helped so many cases just like yours. For over 45 years it has been the standard household remedy for Sore Throat, Sore Chest, Bronchitis, Coughs and Colds. It combines Pine Tar with the soothing, healing balsams. It is anti-septic—Kills the Cold Germs. It is soothing to the irritated and inflamed Throat and Lungs. Buy a 50c bottle of your Druggist to-day, begin taking at once. You will be gratified and thankful for the benefit received.

N. C. Tiffany, Nicholson, Pa., writes: "I consider Dr. King's New Discovery the most wonderful remedy for Coughs and Colds. Twenty years' experience has proven its merit and I always recommend it to my friends." Excellent for Children and Delicate Women. It is Mild, Pleasant and effective.

Trial bottle on receipt of 4c in stamps.

H. E. BUCKLEN & CO. 639 North Broad St. Phila., Pa.

OPERATION PERFORMED SATURDAY; MAN'S HAND REMOVED

Chas. Busch, who had the misfortune to get his hand caught in the former at the local oil mill about a week ago, submitted to an operation Saturday afternoon, and the hand was amputated. The wound had been under treatment since the accident with the hopes of saving the hand, but its condition necessitated amputation. The man is getting along today as well as could be expected.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by condition of the mucous lining of the ear is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Miss Virginia Wood, accompanied by her father, W. B. Wood, went out to the Pearce school neighborhood Sunday morning and began her school at that place Monday.

Rub a sore throat with BALLARD'S Snow Liniment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Jim Morgan left Saturday afternoon for Austin to visit relatives a few days.

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I

would die. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get today.

RHEUMATISM IS SLOW POISONING

because the entire system becomes permeated with injurious acids.

To relieve rheumatism Scott's Emulsion is a double help; it is rich in blood-food; it imparts strength to the functions and supplies the very oil-food that rheumatic conditions always need.

Scott's Emulsion has helped countless thousands when other remedies failed. No Alcohol. Refuse Substitutes.



—wherein the very warm weather turns worthwhile saving your way. \$10,000.00 stock of shoes to select from.

WONDERFUL STOCK OF SHOES. Many Lines Greatly Reduced For Quick Selling



Offering a splendid collection of stylish new footwear for men, women and children at most marked price savings, this is indeed an event worthy of your most careful consideration.



—especially attractive are these new styles in
Ladies' Footwear

Remarkably under-priced for Quick Selling
1 lot Ladies' fine Patent Kid- and Vici-leather Shoes, size 2 1-2 to 5, values up to \$4.00. extra special **\$2.50** price

Ladies' all leather Shoes, plain and patent tip toes, worth \$2.00 at **\$1.50**
250 pairs Ladies' leather Shoes best

—men will appreciate these unusual values in
Men's Footwear

Because the reductions represent very big savings
Howard & Foster Patent, Gunmetal and Russia leather Shoes, priced at \$4.50 worth \$5.00. For quick **\$3.99** selling

Stacy Adams
All Stacy Adams, \$6.00 and \$6.50 shoes at **\$5.00**

Mammoth Stocks of Men's, Boys, Women and Childrens Shoes

styles in Patent Leather, Vici Kid, and Gunmetal. Best and newest styles, all sizes from 2 1-2 to 8, real value, a pair **\$2.50**

50 pairs Ladies' Vici Kid Shoes, tan leather, \$3.50 and \$4.00 quality, size 3 to 7, special **\$2.98**

100 men's shop made boots, also lace booties plain and cap toes, really worth \$8.00 the pair, marked for quick selling **\$6.99**

You will find here one of the most complete line of shoes in this portion of Texas and you will do well to visit our shoe department.

—during this special event is a splendid time to buy winter

Footwear For Children

1 lot Children's Shoes, patent, white top. lace, prices up to \$2.25 at \$1.50 and **\$1.75**

150 pair children and misses leather shoes 8 to 12 and 12 1-2 to 2 worth \$2.00 and \$2.50 going at \$1.50 and **\$1.98**

Sole Agent for Mrs. Kings' Shoes

MEN'S WORK SHOES
100 pairs Men's Work Shoes, scout styles, real worth \$3.00, extra special, a pair **\$2.65**

—some very unusual
PRICE CUTTING ON MENS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING

100 Men's all-wool Suits, newest styles, sizes 34 to 42, values up to \$15.00 at **\$9.95**

100 Boys' double-breasted Suits, very special at \$3.50 ages 8 to 16. Choice **\$2.50**

Beginning December 1st

We will have on display over one thousand five hundred dollars worth of Xmas goods, including Toys, Dolls, Ivory Sets, Brass Ware, Chinaware, Hand Painted Dishes, Manicure Sets, Traveling Sets. In fact everything that's good for mama, papa, grandpa, grandma, sister, brother and sweetheart too. Watch for announcement.

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.--Shoe Sale

FIRES ARE WITHIN 4 MILES OF ARK. CITY

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 24.—The forest fires which have been sweeping Arkansas for the past day, are today within four miles of this city. A rainfall which fell today slightly checked the fires in south eastern Arkansas and portions of Oklahoma and Louisiana.

STORM PARDONED BY THE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—O. P. Storm, sentenced to a year and one day in the Leavenworth penitentiary by a federal court for shipping liquor labeled "floor sweep" into Old Indian Territory will leave that prison at once, following a commuting by President Wilson.

Mrs. Storm worked for two months to secure the pardon which came today from the President.

She is the daughter of L. C. Craddock, of Dallas, Texas, a leading liquor dealer, who himself, was fined \$5000 for the same offense as his son-in-law was charged, four months ago.

P. B. Reynolds, of Mullins, who bought the T. M. Curbo place a few miles down the river, came in Monday to locate at his new home. He brought with him a wagon load of fine hogs, all sizes from the pig up to the 500 pound porker. He is starting life right in the west.

J. L. Atwell of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

We Wonder

How Many Women Will Be Wise Enough to Attend This

Special End Of Month Sale of Suits, Coats and Millinery Which Commences FRIDAY

THIS announcement that we begin at once a special selling of most all garments and head wear in stock at prices that have just been re-adjusted should crowd the ready-to-wear floor for days. It will be our mid-season clearance, effecting hundreds of dollars worth of apparel. Everyone who makes a purchase here now will realize a considerable saving in price and secure a suit, coat or hat with our label, which has come to be a sign of superior quality and distinctiveness.



Suit Values Up to \$15.00 \$9.95

In almost all shades principally serges, and rip ple cloth. sizes 14 to 42.

SUITS, VALUES UP TO \$22.50 going \$14.97

Really a wonderful suit at this price. 50 new ones, first showing Friday. See them!

100 Long Coats Values Up to \$6.50 \$3.45

This lot consists of fancy black and white coats, are black caricules and novelty styles. Every wanted style and color.

Sizes 14, 16, 18, 34, 36, and up to 53.

Half Prices On Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery

This means all, positively none reserved. All go at half and less. See regular price then note the sale price. The saving means much to you. COME!

50 NEW SUITS CAME TODAY. SEE THEM

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Company

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8c For Your **Cotton**

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. will pay you 8c for your Cotton in trade. Grade must be middling or better

Make this Your Shopping Place

If your cotton does not grade middling we will pay you 100 points or \$5.00 the bale more for it. For instance if your cotton is worth 5c, we pay in trade 6c. If 6 1-2c, we pay 7 1-2c. This is a bonafide offer made in good faith and we expect to live up to it, in order to benefit those who want merchandise for cotton. Many have taken advantage of this wonderful offer. Why Not You?

The Store With The Merchandise

The policy of this store is absolutely one price. Here you will find a wonderful stock of merchandise to select from.

Higdon-Melton Jackson Co.

RUSSIANS SAY THEY HAVE WON NUMEROUS VICTORIES

PETROGRAD, Nov. 24.—Continued success for the Russians was claimed this morning in an official statement of the war office, with reference to the operations of troops in the Caucasian Mountains. The Turks, it is declared, have been routed in numerous cases by the large force of Russians operating in that vicinity.

Claiming also successes in the battle which has been raging for the past several days between the Vistula and Warthe rivers, the statement is very optimistic over the eastern operations. The Germans have been defeated, the announcement runs, between the two great rivers made famous by the terrible conflict now raging between them, and caused to be forced back twenty-five miles to Sadek.

Two German regiments are reported to have been captured by the Russians in this battle.

BOMB SHATTERS THE WINDOWS OF WARSAW CONSULATE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—A bomb dropped from a German airship exploded near the American consulate at Warsaw, breaking the glass in the office windows. Several persons were killed and injured in the street by the explosion. This was the news brought today to the state department in an official statement from the consul at Warsaw.