

# THE BANNER-LEDGER

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## SENATE REFUSED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

AUSTIN, Feb. 23.—The senate today refused to adopt a resolution to adjourn on March 15 or April 1st.

Governor Ferguson approved the bill prohibiting the betting on elections.

R. Simons, of Cleburn, who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harle and family the past day or two, left Tuesday at noon for Fort Stockton.

## CITY ELECTION TO COME BEFORE COMMISSION

A petition with 106 names attached, calling for a vote on the commission form of government was presented to me as mayor, this Friday, February 19th, by Judge A. K. Doss. I at once set March 22nd, the earliest day possible, as the day on which said election should be held, and directed Judge Doss, as city attorney, to prepare the notices ordering the election and I would have them published, etc.

After considering the matter further I called Judge Doss' attention to some complications that would arise by having this election on March 22nd, and the regular election on April 6th, and he agreed with me that under the law we should hold the regular election first, and the commission form of government election will be made at this time.

Respectfully,  
J. W. POWELL, Mayor

W. D. Martin, of Dublin, who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Jesse Stroble and family the past day or two, returned home Monday afternoon.

## Ginning Notice

We will gin on March 1st, and 2nd, and again on the 5th and 6th of March.

**C. W. Towler and Co.**

## DESTRUCTION OF U. S. STEAMER BY MINE IS NO CAUSE FOR TROUBLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—President Wilson said that he had been informed that the steamship Evelyn's captain disobeyed instructions, and was traveling out of advised course when the ship struck a mine. Mr. Wilson does not regard the incident with alarm.

The Evelyn was loaded with cotton and was blown up by a mine in the war zone last Sunday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The sinking of the American steamship Evelyn in German waters yesterday will not cause trouble, as the United States claim that it is difficult to establish responsibility for the mine.

It is officially announced here that there will be no replies at present to Germany and England in war zone and flag situation. It is only stated that the United States will stand pat on the original warnings sent to warring countries.

Bremen, via London, Feb. 22.—The American steamer Evelyn, from New York January 29, with cotton for Bremen, struck a mine off Borkum Island in the North Sea yesterday and sank. The captain and twenty-seven of the crew were saved. The nationality of the mine has not been learned.

The Evelyn is the first American vessel to meet with disaster as a result of the sea warfare of the European nations. She did not sink within the war zone included in the German admiralty's decree of February 4, which went into effect Thursday. Borkum Island lies directly off the German coast at the mouths of Ems river and is German territory.

Maritime records give the complement of the Evelyn at twenty-five men, so that it is possible that all on board the vessel were rescued.

The Evelyn was a single crew steel steamship and was commanded by Captain Smith. She belonged to A. H. Bull & Co., of New York and was chartered by the Harriss-Irby Cotton company to take a cargo of cotton to Bre-

men. She was 252 feet long and 1,185 tons net. She was built in Southampton, England, in 1883. Her home port was Philadelphia. The Evelyn was last reported as arriving at Rotterdam on February 17.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—United States Minister Van Dyke, at the Hague, cabled the first official confirmation of the destruction of the American steamship Carib.

Mr. Van Dyke said the Carib was sunk by German mine in North Sea and was on route outside of that prescribed by German instruction.

With the mining of the second American vessel, apprehension becomes serious over the developments of Germany's blockade. It is reported that the United States has reiterated that for torpedoing any American vessel in the war zone Germany will be held strictly accountable. The administration has also directed that informal inquiries both with England and Germany be made seeking freedom for American ships through foreign waters.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Another American steamer, the Carib, has been destroyed by a mine off the German coast, while a third Norwegian steamer, the Regin, has been torpedoed or destroyed by a mine off Dover. In the case of the Regin all the crew were saved by British destroyers and although not stated in the dispatches from Berlin, it is believed that the crew of the Carib also escaped.

Thus neutral states continue to be the greatest sufferers from the mine and submarine warfare. It is considered possible, however, that one or two British steamers being overdue and another being reported blown up off Rye.

As a result of the activity of German submarines, the British admiralty has announced that the Irish and North channels have been restricted for navigation from today.

## WOULD CONTEST DRY VICTORY AT SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO, Feb. 20.—Some of the leading prohibitionists in Tom Green county now believe that should a prohibition election be called, prohibition would carry. However, some are inclined to the belief that should prohibition carry there would be a contest. The reason for this is said to be that S. H. Jenkins, San Angelo's tax collector, stated publicly that he would not open his office for the payment of poll taxes Sunday, Jan. 31. Later he changed his mind and his office was opened and receipts issued. Most of those who said on Sunday are said to be prohibitionists. Some claim that this would be valid grounds for a contest.

John Anderson, an experienced irrigation man came in from Dallas Monday and is prospecting in our county with the view of locating, if he finds some one needing his services in that line. He comes highly recommended with reference to irrigation work.

Bert Fletcher, the Maverick gin man, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

## HICKMAN MURDERER IS REFUSED BOND

(San Angelo Standard)  
T. A. Griffith, who is charged with the killing of Will Hickman, ex-sheriff of Coke county, is to receive a habeas corpus hearing in San Angelo before Judge J. W. Timmons of the Fifth-First district court on Thursday, March 4. On its own motion, the district court of Coke county during the past week ordered a change of venue for the case from the Coke county court to that of Tom Green.

In the proceedings, bond was refused the defendant and it is to fight for this right that the attorneys of Griffith are to appear before Judge Timmons on the 4th. Griffith will be removed to the local jail before that time. Hickman was shot and mortally wounded in the office of E. G. Walton, a notary public, in Bronte on Saturday, February 6. He died the following Tuesday in a local sanitarium.

Wm. Tolliver, of the Valley creek country, who had been quite ill for some time past, was able to be on the streets of Ballinger Monday for the first time in a month, which his many friends will be glad to learn.

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The kind you want, plain, old-fashioned and safe; yet progressive enough, with the proper regard for the need of its depositors; the kind our fathers knew; the kind that is within the limits of time-proven methods; the kind you can depend on today, tomorrow, and may feel secure in recommending to your children.

Money left with this strong state bank does three-fold service: It strengthens your credit, helps general conditions, and places funds safely at your disposal, to be drawn at your will. Give us a chance to show you what our service really means.

We are never too busy to be courteous.

**The Winters State Bank**

Winters, Texas.

Capital \$50,000.00

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## MEXICAN WOMAN SHOTS HUSBAND

The officers here were notified by the San Angelo officers, Sunday morning, to watch out for a Mexican woman wanted at that place upon a charge for shooting her husband. The woman was arrested here by Marshal McKay and carried back to San Angelo by Mr. McKay Monday at noon.

The shooting took place Saturday night, and the woman came to Ballinger on the nine-thirty train Sunday morning, and was arrested at the A. & S. depot where she was waiting for the afternoon outgoing Abilene & Southern train, and it is supposed that she was trying to make her way to friends or relatives.

When arrested the woman readily told the officers that she was the woman wanted and admitted that she shot her husband, and told why she did it. In searching her the officers found a .32 S. & W. pistol, full loaded, and she stated that the gun was one she

## NAMES INTERSTATE TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—President Wilson this afternoon announced the interstate trade commission as follows: Joseph Edward Davies, Madison, Wis.; Edward Nash Hurley, of Illinois; William Julian Harris, of Georgia; William H. Perry, of Seattle; George Rublee, of New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hadley, of the Dry Ridge neighborhood passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon en route home from a visit to her parents at San Angelo.

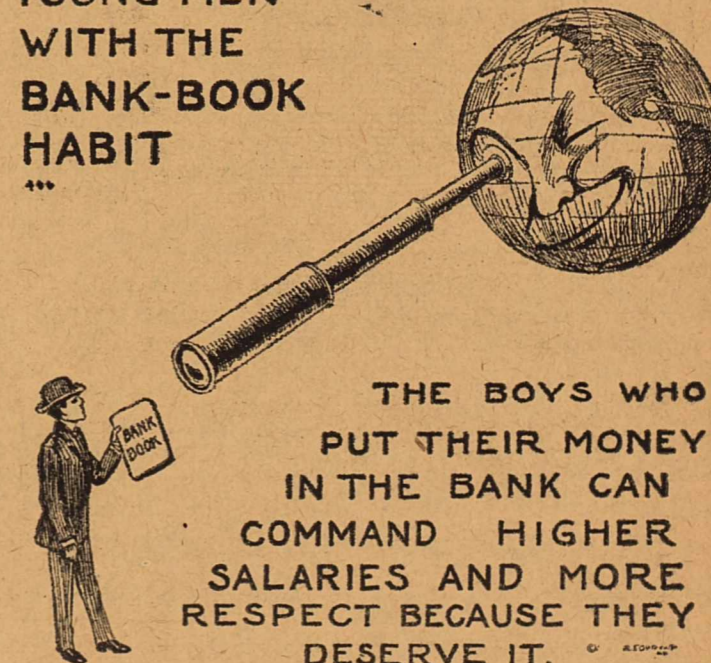
used in shooting her husband. According to her story she shot her husband because he was in love with another woman, and because he came home drunk Saturday night, and came into her home after she had told him to stay out. The man was not seriously wounded, the ball striking him in the arm.

## WE ARE GROWING.

That is sufficient proof to us that we are filling a place of usefulness in the Winter country. If you have not taken advantage of our facilities we most cordially invite you to come in and talk it over with us. We are here to serve you in every way in keeping with conservative banking.

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**WINTERS BANKING COMPANY**  
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THE WORLD IS LOOKING FOR YOUNG MEN WITH THE BANK-BOOK HABIT



THE BOYS WHO PUT THEIR MONEY IN THE BANK CAN COMMAND HIGHER SALARIES AND MORE RESPECT BECAUSE THEY DESERVE IT.

Every employer is anxious about the men whom he employs. He will grow to like them and take an interest in them. When he sees a boy who doesn't keep his eye on the clock, who is the first there and the last away, and finds that boy BANKS HIS MONEY, it's THAT BOY for the top job. Why not? He deserves it. You begin by banking yours; nothing can stop you. Make OUR bank YOUR bank

...THE...  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER**

# BANKERS SPEND DAY IN SUCCESSFUL MEET

While a brief one, the bankers convention here this afternoon (Saturday) was one of the most successful ones in the history of the Sixth District Association. The work to come before the convention was handled with dispatch and there was not a dull moment during the day's proceedings.

Coleman and San Angelo were presented as next meeting place, but after some discussion, and in view of the fact that the convention met at San Angelo since Coleman had the honor of entertaining the association, those insisting the banker to meet at that place next year, withdrew that city's name, and Coleman was the unanimous choice.

For the ensuing year Chas. Powell, of San Angelo, was elected president, and L. L. Shields of Santa Anna, vice-president and W. B. McGhee, of Lampasas, secretary.

The annual meeting of the Sixth District Bankers' Association convened in Ballinger Saturday morning at ten o'clock. There were about seventy-five bankers, and men connected with banks present when the convention was called to order, and quite a number of visitors.

The convention was called to order by W. B. Silliman, of Eldorado, chairman and Rev. T. C. Jester, pastor of the First Baptist Church invoked the blessings of God upon the convention, and the success of the men assembled and their business, financially and spiritually.

Mayor Powell, in his usual and impressive way, extended to the bankers the hospitality of the city. "I know that you are a set of busy men, and that you were looking for a busy city to meet in and talk business," said Mayor Powell, "and I present to you Ballinger as that kind of a city." Mayor Powell referred to the fact that men who were here when the town was first placed on the map were present in the audience. He told of the civic attractiveness of Ballinger and of the success of the town in winning first prizes in state clean town contest, and that Ballinger was made up of business men who stood for cleanliness, and whose reputation for hospitality was known all over the country. He called on the visitors to remember that Ballinger bankers were in the forefront in their work, and that the principal industries of the countries found in them a leader. "If you want to find out something about sheep and wool business of this country," said the mayor, "go to R. G. Erwin, cashier of the First National Bank. If you want to find out something about how to build up a bank on silos, hogs and livestock go to Jo Wilmet of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. If you are interested in land matters, and want to know what Runnels county has back of her in real estate, go to Chas. S. Miller of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co."

Col. C. C. Walsh, of the Central National Bank, of San Angelo, responded to the address of welcome in behalf of the Sixth District Bankers' and F. M. Law of First National Bank of Houston responded in behalf of the out of the "Flying Squadron."

Col. Walsh stated that he had

tasted of the hospitality of Ballinger people, and that he realized that the welcome just extended to them was sincere and from the heart. He illustrated his response with a number of humorous jokes and in the wind up stated that the hospitality so frequently referred to as the western hospitality in this country meant more than western hospitality in Ballinger.

Mr. Law stated that to see and know the people of Ballinger soon acquainted the visitors with what made this great state. He stated that his party was indeed glad that Ballinger was included in their itinerary, and that it was a great pleasure for them to come here.

The principal speaker for the convention was Hon. Clarence Ousley, of the Extension Department of the A. & M. College. His address followed that of the welcome address and the responses. The chairman of the convention, Mr. Silliman called on Judge Jno. I. Guion to introduce Mr. Ousley. Judge Guion being a member of the board of regents of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and being familiar with the work of Mr. Ousley.

Judge Guion briefly told of what a great part the agricultural department of this college was doing towards making for success the agricultural interest of the state by educating the people in agricultural methods, etc. He pointed to the peculiar fitness of Mr. Ousley for the work he was doing.

Mr. Ousley spoke for about one hour. His address was the great feature of the convention and brought forth a most hearty endorsement of the convention.

"Financing the Farmer" was the subject Mr. Ousley selected for his remarks, and he emphasized the curse of the one crop idea. He stated that the fault with the bankers of the country was the fact that they had fallen into the habit of making cotton the chief money crop, and basing all loans upon that crop. He stated that the experience just passed through should teach the bankers a lesson. The speaker stated that where the farmer relies upon cotton and cotton alone to make his living that the crop will cost for the best farmer not less than 9 cents and for the poorest farmer not less than 12 cents. This is where the farmer does not raise the things his family needs at home and depends entirely upon cotton. Where the cotton is made the surplus crop and the other crops are made first, the cotton crop is then profit regardless of whether it brings six cents of sixteen cents.

"The tenant class in Texas has increased from 38 to 52 per cent within the last thirty years," said Mr. Ousley, "and I charge this to cotton, and I declare that all cotton farming is unsafe credit for any bank. Let that condition continue for another thirty years and you will wake up some morning and find all your property confiscated."

Mr. Ousley stated that not more than one farmer in fifty calculated the cost of his business. He stated that the bankers have more power for good farming than all other agencies combined. That they should set up a standard of credit and compel the farmers

and merchants to live up to it. He told how the bankers could break down the prejudice that existed between the farmer and the banker and business man by getting out and helping the farmer by visiting him on his farm and bringing him in closer touch with the financing problem of the crop.

"The bankers are nothing but the servants of the people," said the speaker. "You bankers do not produce anything. The railroads do not produce anything. The manufacturers do not produce anything. You only furnish the agency to help carry on business. Everything comes from the earth. The farmer realizes this and knows that he is producing the wealth of the land. He knows that the wealth of the land is not equally distributed, and if the conditions that have increased for thirty years continue for another thirty years he is going to revolt. It is the duty of every banker and every citizen to see that conditions are made better, and it can be done by setting up a better standard of farming."

In closing Mr. Ousley stated that every man of wealth owed something to the society in which he lived. He told how that society protected him with good laws, and protected his property. "This debt need not be paid in dollars and cents," stated the speaker. "The best way to pay it is by helping your fellowman."

Following the address of Mr. Ousley, the chairman introduced Mr. D. B. Harris, vice-president of the National City Bank of New York, who addressed the bankers, and Mr. Harris was followed by our own Geo. P. McLelland who told the visitors something of the progress made in this county along diversified farming lines. Mr. McLelland said:

"In response to the crying need of Texas feeding herself, I have this to say to the bankers, business men and farmers of Texas: To you Gentlemen of the convention as I have been asked to give you a brief comparison of Runnels County in years that have passed and gone with Runnels County of today. It affords me great pleasure to serve you in this capacity. I was chosen and endowed with power from Washington to champion the gospel of the illustrious Seaman Ashel Knapp. To declare the truth, the whole truth and the farmer who is down and out. When I arrived in Ballinger on the first day of September 1913 I found practically all cotton and was told that feed would not do here and was not a safe proposition, therefore we must raise plenty of cotton to pay our debts and buy what other things was necessary for the family use. I am content to say that through the instrumentality of the farm demonstration work or some providential cause we escaped bankruptcy by the sudden changes made by diversification. We are making wonderful progress along the line of good planting seed through the aid of the government and the G. C. & S. F. Railroad Company. I have introduced vetch, rape, emma, barley, clover, etc for winter cover and grazing crops for hogs. We are urging the planting of more feed and raise plenty of livestock to consume it like they do in Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and other states. We have experienced the same thing as Kansas did on their grain crop when the green bug put them out of business. We have gone up against a rock wall on cotton. I am pleased to declare to you that by taking the statistics of Runnels County that

## 'CASCARETS' ALWAYS STREIGHTEN YOU UP

Tonight! Clean your bowels and end Headaches, Colds, Sour Stomach.

Get a 10-cent box now. You men and women who can't get feeling right—who have headache, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath, dizziness, can't sleep, are bilious, nervous and upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have backache and feel worn out.

Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil?

Cascarets work while you sleep, cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry out waste matter and poison in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning—a 10 cent box from any drug store will keep your stomach sweet; liver and bowels regular, and head clear for months. Don't forget the children. They love Cascarets because they taste good—never gripe or sicken.

we find that we have many resources to draw upon instead of the one crop cotton. It is very gratifying to be able to give you these statistics for your careful study:

Exportation on oats, wheat, millet, maize, feterita, Kaffir corn, hay, 1093 cars. These cars are estimated to hold 15 tons each. 253 cars of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats and hogs. \$18,000 worth of cream; \$125,000 worth of poultry and eggs; 300,000 pounds of wool valued at \$60,000; 47 cars of melons valued at \$1200.

Imports: 172 cars of cattle and hogs for feeding.

Winters, Texas, put out in sixty days 35,991 pounds of dressed turkey.

I have witnessed the growth of silo from twelve to fifty and the good work has just begun. I am planning a peanut campaign to begin at once in order that we may raise them in such quantities that will justify threshers.

We will have ginned by March first 55,000 bales of cotton and it is valued at what ever you can get out of it.

Maize is bringing \$18.00 per ton or a little better.

My slogan is when you come to town farmers, bring some nice fresh eggs, butter, cream, fine fat chickens, etc and take back in return such things as you can't raise: sugar, and coffee. You can raise your flour at home. We also find upon investigation that Runnels County had never shipped hogs, poultry and feed, etc., in carload lots until this year. The future of our government depends upon the present and coming generation to save this boasted government of ours.

I have enrolled 68 demonstrators, 75 co-operators, 268 feterita club members, 308 baby beef and pig club members. 60 of my demonstrators have made good and ready to try it again. On two farms that were terraced, dry land, we made a bale and a half of cotton per acre. My club boys in the feterita, fifty of them made good and the yield was 45 bushels the lowest, and 99 11-32 bushels per acre the highest.

After attending to the routine business of the convention and hearing the report of the various committees, the convention repaired to the dining hall of the Central Hotel where the visitors were tendered a luncheon by the local bankers.

**Recognized Advantages**  
You will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has recognized advantages over most medicines in use for coughs and colds. It does not suppress a cough but loosens and relieves it. It aids expectoration and opens the secretions, which enables the system to throw off a cold. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.

Homer McKinley of Miles, who had been visiting relatives and Ballinger friends a few days returned home Monday at noon.

See us for tin and pipe work. Phone 22. DUNN & GLENN. Next door to fire station. 27-10d4w Saturday afternoon.

## THE CASH MEAT MARKET (The Globber old Stand)

Will deliver to any part of the city on short notice, the very choicest meats of all kinds, the best that the market affords. Will buy your Hides, Beef and Hogs and pay the top market prices. Give us a trial. See or call on Joe Turner or

**FRANK CHAPMAN**  
Hutchings Avenue - - - Ballinger, Texas

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The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works—a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.

Special Attention to Hurried Calls.  
**LEACH AUTO WORKS**

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Hutchings Ave. Ballinger, Texas

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

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

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

A Trial Will Convince You

## THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.  
PHONE 66

## Hall Hardware Co.

Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills  
Studebaker and Schuttler  
Wagons

## Hall Hardware Co.

## SLIGHTLY DISFIGURED BUT STILL IN THE RING.

I am able to be at the gin again, and will appreciate the return of all those who have cotton to gin. I pay the highest price for seed cotton.

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## DAY GIN

# War or No War

We are still in a position to make you farm loans and take up and extend your vendors lien notes in the future just as we have heretofore done in the past.

No informal red tape proceedings. When you get your loans through us, we handle them right off the reel.

For further particulars call on, phone or write

## C. A. Doose & Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

## CATARRH OF HEAD AND STOMACH

### Took Peruna Five Bottles Cured Me

Mr. Frank Richter, No. 309 East Second St., Winona, Minn., writes: "My catarrh was principally located in my head and stomach. I tried many remedies without success. I tried several doctors, but they were unable to cure me. I read of Peruna in the papers, and five bottles cured me."

"As a remedy for catarrh I take pleasure in recommending Peruna for catarrh of the stomach. I know what it is to be afflicted with this awful disease and consider it my duty to say a word in behalf of the remedy which gave me such relief. Peruna cured me, and I know it will cure any one else who suffers from this disease. It gives me great pleasure to testify to the curative effects of this medicine. Peruna is a well tested and frequently used remedy, and for catarrh of the stomach it is unsurpassed."

As a rule, people when ailing apply very properly to a doctor before resorting to a ready-to-take medicine. The great majority are cured by the doctor. But a per cent. of chronic cases fail to find a cure and at last begin to use ready-to-take medicines. It is very noticeable indeed the number of people among our testifiers who say that it was only after the doctor had failed to cure them that they were induced to take Peruna. Then they find to their relief, to their surprise, to their joy, that Peruna is the remedy they should have taken at first.



## BROWN CO. FARMER FOR BOND ISSUE

R. W. Smith of Brownwood, who owns a nice farm on Valley creek, returned to his home Friday after spending some time here looking after his farm. Mr. Smith's father makes his home here and looks after the Runnels county farm.

Before returning to Brownwood where the people have spent \$150,000 building good roads, Mr. Smith spoke most heartily of the move here to build good roads. He is in favor of the bond issue because he lives in a county where the method of building roads with bond issue money has been tried out.

Mr. Smith says he has his farm in fine shape, and most of his land planted in small grain, and will plant more feed stuff later. While talking about the roads, he stated that in the future he expected to market his products at Ballinger as he could make the 14 miles to Ballinger in about the same time that he could make 7 miles to Winters. He thinks the people will make a great mistake if they fail to vote the bonds and build better roads. He is willing to stand his part of the cost by such a method of building roads.

### HEROES IN THE TRENCHES

Paris, Feb. 25.—3 men in the trenches must keep incessant vigilance against sudden attacks by the enemy. The men who serve the artillery fire day and night oftentimes at an enemy that is never seen.

Medical science will save more lives this year than war will take, no matter how terrifically murderous that war may be. Then, too, the food supply is very carefully looked after by the commissariat. The food supply of the soldiers must be wholesome. Living in the open air, the men are able to digest hard-tack with great relish. Napoleon said, "An army fights on its stomach." A man with a weak stomach is pretty sure to be a poor fighter. It is difficult—almost impossible—for anyone, man or woman, if the digestion is poor, to succeed in business or socially—or to enjoy life. In tablet or liquid form Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery helps weak stomachs to strong, healthy action—helps them to digest the food that makes the good rich, red blood which nourishes the entire body.

This vegetable remedy, to a great extent, puts the liver into activity—oil the machinery of the human system so that those who spend their working hours at the desk, behind the counter, or in the home are rejuvenated into vigorous health.

It has brought relief to many thousands every year for nearly fifty years. It can relieve you and doubtless restore your former health and strength. At least you owe it to yourself to give it a trial. Sold by medicine dealers or send 50 cents for box of tablets—Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

You can have Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser of 1108 pages in cloth binding, fully illustrated with colored plates, for 3 dimes or 30 cents.

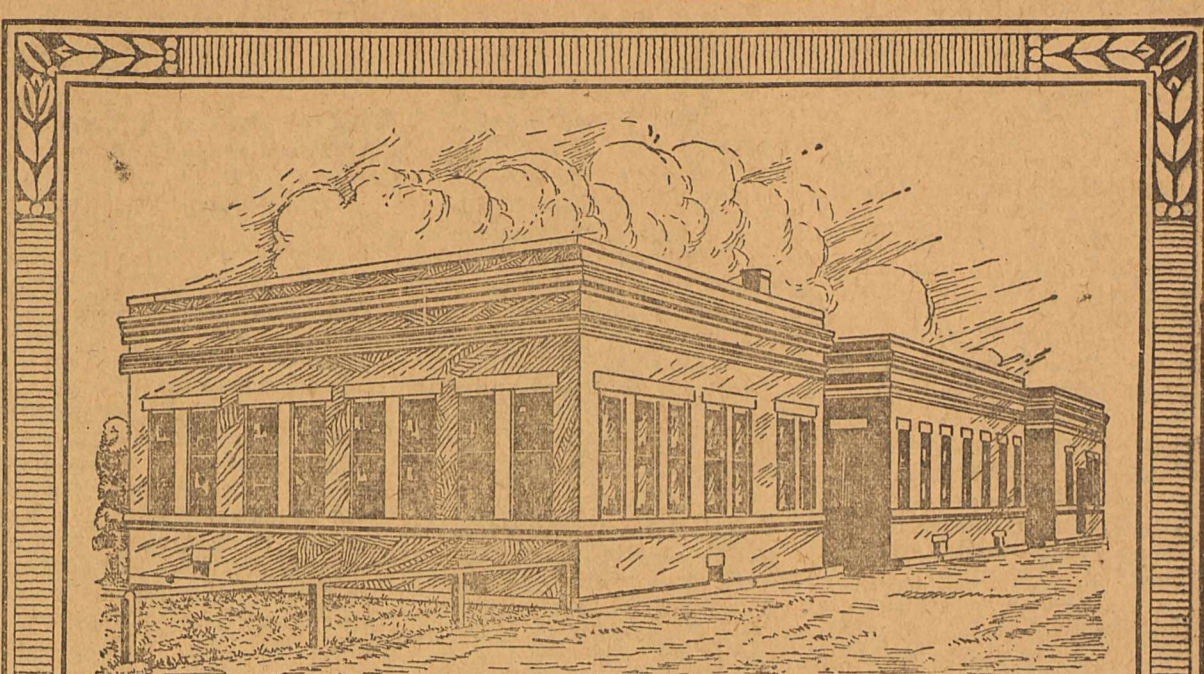
Read all about yourself, your system, the physiology of life, sex problems, marriage relations, anatomy, hygiene exercise, disease and its prevention, simple home cures, etc.—Adv.

### DAN KNOX HOME BURNED SUNDAY NIGHT

The Dan Knox home on Thirteenth street was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night about nine o'clock. The house belonging to H. E. Neas and contained four rooms. Estimated loss was about \$800 with no insurance. The supposed cause of the fire was from an oil stove, but a young lady, who was at the house at the time claims to have turned out the fire in the stove. Other members of the family think probably the fire caught from an oil lamp.

The alarm was turned in and the fire company made a quick dash to the scene but owing to the distance from the station arrived too late for efficient action. Adjacent property was not damaged from the conflagration.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take Herbine. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.



## What Rigid Inspection Means

Maintaining the quality of a number of products with a large business and varying buyer's requirements is not always a simple matter. It can only be accomplished where the most careful inspection of all products is frequently made.

At Port Arthur, Texas, laboratories are maintained to permit of the continuous inspection of Texaco Products manufactured there, so that quality, for which they are famous, will be kept up.

These laboratories have further matters to consider, for they are the places where new ideas, methods and possibilities are thoroughly tried out and investigated with the object of providing the best possible means of manufacture and the most practical value.

Port Arthur laboratories are a part of Texaco Quality and Service by which these products made in Texas have been foremost in oil manufactures.

Quality and Service are available for you in your own town. Consult our agent. He can tell you what you need.

The product will please you.

The Texas Company  
General Offices, Houston, Texas



## Road Builder's Work Is Greater than Statesman's

"The Man who can help the people build five miles of good road is a GREATER STATESMAN than he who can talk for three hours on the initiative, referendum and recall."—James E. Ferguson, Governor of Texas.

BY ED SPILL

Governor Ferguson made that assertion before the Texas Good Roads Association a short time ago. Do you fully realize the importance of his startling statement? That you, Mr. Business Man, and you, Mr. Farmer, are better statesmen by advocating and helping financially the construction of good roads in Runnels County than the man who stands in Congress or some other body and speaks for three hours on the two R's, which "are good things, but five miles of good roads better," is the idea conveyed in the message.

If you are lending your efforts to the end which means success for the bond issue for \$60,000 which will be voted upon in road precinct No. 1 of Runnels County, and if you cast your ballot for the issue, April 10, you will be a statesman worthy of the name.

Some one a few days ago, in discussing the bond issue and the good roads movement which is sweeping the Ballinger district, declared that the benefits to be derived from the building of good highways in the affected area did not correspond with the outlay of money expended. In other words, this man does not favor building permanent roads in the district because of the expense.

It has been estimated by Charles H. Davis, president of the National Highway Association, that \$7,500,000 is the amount which the American farmer and business man loses annually in transportation cost alone in their failure to construct good roads. This amount is more than seven times as great as the value of the annual Southern cotton crop.

The Runnels County cotton crop of 1914 is valued at \$2,500,000.

But there is another eye-open-

ing figure which is not estimable. It is the "increase in farm value, reduced wear and tear of vehicles, and, above all, the incalculable, inestimable worth of social, moral and educational values that can not be reduced to figures."

The valuation of the street improvement in Ballinger when macadamizing was done is inestimable. The citizens of the City have never regretted for one moment that the streets were paved. In fact, they are proud of the fact. The direct benefits which have been received from such construction have offset all expenditure in their making of them what they are today. Property fronted by the improved streets increased the minute the avenues were macadamized. Vehicles which traverse the streets from one end to the other many times during the course of a day received less wear and tear and were serviceable several times as long as formerly. And above all, the city has through her improved streets gained the name of the Little City out West with Paved Streets. The benefits received through such a name alone were worth the price paid for their improvement.

And so it is with property owned by farmers who have access to good roads in reaching the city.

The same benefits which Ballinger people received from her macadamized streets will befall those in the Ballinger road district with the issuance of \$60,000 in bonds and the ultimate construction of good highways.

A. L. Garren, a farmer who lives down the Colorado River, made 80 trips to Ballinger last year, going two miles out of the way by necessity of reaching the county site. Four miles on each trip were traversed by him unnecessarily because he didn't have a direct route to the city. During the course of the year 320 miles were traveled superfluously, or a distance equal to that intervening between Ballinger and San Antonio. At an average of four miles per hour, Mr. Garren lost 80 hours from his labor in the field. Because of bad roads between his home and Ballinger, he made the trips on days when good weather was prevailing and the roads were passable. Taking it for granted that he works ten hours a day in his field, he lost eight beautiful sunny days by traveling two miles out of the way going and coming in reaching a market for his products.

There are numerous farmers in this man's neighborhood who are similarly affected by the present road from the Pony Creek neighborhood. The time lost by these people in reaching the county site would make a startling figure. With a road running from the old Hubbard ranch to the foot of Eighth Street at Ballinger, where a bridge would be constructed across the Colorado River, would save valuable time and wear and tear of vehicles. It's worthy of your careful thinking.

### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

## WATCH OUT FOR STOLEN MONEY ORDERS

Postmaster Erwin is in receipt of information that money order thieves have been working in Alabama, and that stolen money orders have possibly been sent to this county to be cashed.

Mr. Erwin desires to caution merchants, banks and all others against cashing post office money orders for strangers. Before you accept a money order in payment of goods, the safe plan will be to know who you are dealing with.

## SEE IF THE CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED

Mother! Don't hesitate! If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat, or act naurally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the four constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative;" they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

J. H. Starr, of Morgan, Texas, came in Sunday to spend a few days prospecting in our section.

## Will Reccomend Up-Town Office

A commercial agent for the Western Union Telegraph Co., visited Ballinger last Saturday, investigated the demand that had been made here for an up-town telegraph office. He came here under the instruction of the company and his business was to go over the field and report to his company at once.

His report to the company will be favorable for the establishing of the office, stating before leaving town that he would recommend the office. He declined to say where the office would be located, but we understand that three places are in view, and one of the three will be selected, and that the office will be centrally located.

E. D. Owens of the Hatchel country was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

W. R. Oliver, of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

## WATCHING RUNNELS CO'S. ROAD MOVE

(San Angelo Standard)  
Runnels county is petitioning its court for \$120,000 road bonds. Precinct No. 1 is asking for an election on a \$60,000 issue and Precinct No. 2 is petitioning the court for the same amount.

From reliable sources it is understood that the issuance of these bonds is looked upon with much favor by the tax payers of both precincts. The people of the county are realizing the value of good roads in other counties and are aware to the situation of the benefits which would come to their own county in having first class highways.

Irion county roads are being built in a most satisfactory manner with the bonds issued last year, and if Runnels county succeeds in voting \$120,000 bond it will then be up to Tom Green county to do something to connect the links.

The question is being asked, "What will be done?"

## You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

## GARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

### MITCHELL MOORE

East of City Wagon Yard  
Blacksmith and Horseshoeing  
A Specialty.

All kinds of wood and iron work and rubber tiring etc. Carriage and automobile painting and first class work guaranteed. Give us a trial.

Sealey Ave. Ballinger

### Fresh Fruits, Fresh Cider, Fresh Gandies.

Do your Confection buying from me, We sell the good things to eat.

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**THE BANNER-LEDGER**  
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 Runnels County Ledger were con-  
 solidated January 28, 1913.

More eggs.  
 Clean up early.  
 Don't throw a chunk in the  
 way—vote for good roads.  
 There is no preventative for the  
 fishing fever, and its catching.

With a general reduction in  
 autos and auto supplies we feel  
 encouraged.

The man that can't see the im-  
 provement in every condition of  
 life in Runnels County is indeed  
 a pessimist.

If Villa continues to fight we  
 see no reason why he should not  
 be able to qualify as president of  
 Mexico.

Filth is responsible for nine-  
 tenths of the diseases of human  
 kind. Cleanliness is an enemy to  
 germ breeding disease. Clean up.

Only one month until the city  
 election, and no announcement for  
 mayor. Is it possible that the of-  
 fice is going to have to seek the  
 man?

Landscape gardeners are in de-  
 mand in Ballinger, and home beau-  
 tifying is the order of the day. It  
 is a work that adds beauty to  
 Ballinger.

Prosperity is often placed with-  
 in the reach of a man, and his  
 failure to reach for it keeps him  
 up against the rough edge of  
 life. You must reach.

If the legislature is going to  
 quit paying the governor's punch  
 and chicken salad bill they should  
 give notice, and perhaps the can-  
 didates for that office would not  
 be so plentiful in the future.

The attendance at Ballinger pic-  
 ture shows on Saturday night  
 when compared with attendance  
 at Ballinger churches on Sunday  
 night is very favorable—to the  
 picture shows. Why it is?

Often people say nice things  
 about you when they don't mean  
 it, but the compliments paid to  
 the progress being made in Run-  
 nels county come as a matter of  
 fact, after the visitors see what  
 we have.

When the ladies become inter-  
 ested in matter pertaining to the  
 progress of an enterprise you can  
 safely predict success. The ladies  
 are going to boost the fall fair  
 through their work for a flower  
 show. The Floral Club will be  
 organized tomorrow.

Fruit growers are almost hold-  
 ing their breath through fear of  
 late call from jack frost. Only a  
 small per cent of the crop is in  
 danger up to date, and only an  
 exceptional season will let it get  
 by.

The legislature is not burdened  
 with prohibition bills this time,  
 but they are not lacking for time  
 killing. They have the Texas bill,  
 the Robinson insurance bill, the  
 one board bill, and Texas is pay-  
 ing the bills.

Co-operative marketing is the  
 best way, just as co-operation in  
 everything else is the best. The  
 town and county which is made  
 up of people who co-operate is  
 the county that ranks first in  
 everything.

The increase in the length of  
 human life during the last half  
 century indicates that the world  
 is growing better. The almost in-  
 credible improvement has been ef-  
 fected from an average longev-  
 ity of about thirty years in 1875  
 to a little over fifty years in 1915.

Nothing less than a calamity  
 can thwart the progress of Run-  
 nels County. A citizenship so united  
 and determined on pushing  
 forward will succeed in the face  
 of many seemingly great difficul-  
 ties.

The Ballinger Printing Co., has  
 just received new type and equip-  
 ment and added to the facilities  
 for handling a larger volume of  
 printing in a more rapid way. We  
 wish to remind you that we are  
 making good on our promise to  
 give service at the same old price.

With gasoline cars running on  
 steel rails from Ballinger to Dal-

las, it is claimed that the time  
 for making the trip will be cut  
 half. If that is true Dallas should  
 build that line at once. We will  
 guarantee that the people patron-  
 ize the line, and Dallas will profit  
 greatly by the increased travel.

If the lines between Uncle  
 Sam and the warring nations con-  
 tinue to tighten the time is sure  
 to come when there will be a  
 break, and when the break comes  
 great will be the fall. We can't  
 believe that the United States  
 will be easy to offend under the  
 present circumstances, but cer-  
 tain rights will be protected even  
 by peace loving President Wilson.

Great reform leaders claim that  
 cigarette smoking is greatly on  
 the decrease, and anti-cigarette  
 clubs among the boys in the cities  
 are doing a great work in educat-  
 ing the boys and teaching them  
 the harmful results of cigarette  
 smoking. Nashville, Tenn., has a  
 law prohibiting the sale or the  
 giving of cigarettes. Kansas has  
 started a state-wide campaign  
 against cigarettes.

Texas has been paying her gov-  
 ernors \$4000 salary and the legis-  
 lature has been allowing him from  
 twelve to fifteen thousand dollars  
 for incidental expenses. The  
 punch and salad controversy may  
 be responsible for cutting out the  
 incidentals. If we were in the  
 governor's office we would prefer  
 that the salary be cut out and the  
 incidental allowance made.

President Wilson says that the  
 cargo of cotton lost in the North  
 Sea should not cause alarm, as  
 the captain of the ship disobeyed  
 instructions and was out of the  
 advised course when blown up by  
 a mine. The president is emi-  
 nently correct. The mines are  
 planted for the purpose of blow-  
 ing up a ship when it strikes them  
 and the Americans should have  
 "gumption" than to take such  
 chances.

Sarah Bernhart, the famous  
 tragedienne, at the age of 70, has  
 been called upon to give up one  
 of her lower limbs in an opera-  
 tion. The operation was made  
 necessary on account of an in-  
 fection of the knee, which had  
 caused much suffering for sev-  
 eral years. Unlike most of those  
 who suffer the loss of limbs,  
 Sarah is able to buy a cork peg.

The murderer of Florence  
 Brown no doubt is winking one  
 eye in his sleep over the report  
 that the Dallas county negro  
 killed last Sunday afternoon was  
 the slayer of the young lady. We  
 do not place the least bit of cred-  
 ence in the negro's claim. This is  
 the second fiend to lay claim to  
 this awful crime, but the real  
 murderer will be heard from lat-  
 er.

Marlin road precinct No. 1 in  
 Falls county, is going just a lit-  
 tle stronger on the road question  
 than Ballinger. A campaign is  
 on in that precinct for the issu-  
 ance of a half million dollar's  
 worth of road bonds. However,  
 we can build roads cheaper in  
 this county, and what it will take  
 to give us good roads here would  
 not be a starter in that county.  
 For that reason we should be un-  
 animous for the \$60,000 bond is-  
 sue.

The question that is no doubt  
 worrying some of the candidates  
 for city office is whether they  
 will be elected if they receive the  
 most votes. Under the ruling of  
 the mayor the city election will  
 be held before the people are given  
 an opportunity to vote on the  
 commission form of government,  
 and a full set of officers will be  
 elected. If the commission form  
 of government is approved by  
 the people it means a change, and  
 only the mayor will hold over,  
 and the two commissioners to be  
 elected, together with the mayor  
 will select the men to do the real  
 work.

According to a statement given  
 out by A. W. Perkins, of Dallas,  
 a leader in the ranks of the dyes,  
 the prohibitionists of the state  
 will not attempt to inject into the  
 present session of the legislature  
 any issues that will befog Fergu-  
 son's administration. This is as  
 it should be. Whether they so in-  
 tended it or not, we must take the  
 vote given Mr. Ferguson last  
 summer by the people as an  
 endorsement of his plank to elim-  
 inate the liquor question for two  
 years, as a state issue.

The Texas legislature has re-  
 ported favorably a bill making a  
 good healthy appropriation for  
 educating the colored farmers in  
 agricultural work in certain coun-

ties in Texas. The little northern  
 paper called Life recently charg-  
 ed the Southern people with be-  
 ing oppressive to the negro in an  
 effort to keep him in ignorance.  
 The white people of the South are  
 paying taxes for the support of  
 the educational work among the  
 negroes, and Life is condemning  
 the Southern people for failing to  
 do the impossible.

The local banks, acting upon  
 the instructions of the Comptrol-  
 ler of Currency, have notified  
 their customers that they can not  
 extend further accommodations  
 to customers in the way of hon-  
 oring checks when the customer  
 has not sufficient money on de-  
 posit to take care of the check, or  
 has not made arrangements in  
 the form of a loan. If the bank-  
 ers live up to this agreement  
 they will no doubt offend some of  
 their customers. As opposition,  
 no depositor should reasonably ex-  
 pect the teller to cash a check  
 which calls for more money  
 than the depositor has to his  
 credit with the bank. The bank  
 that does business on such a  
 basis is not a good business in-  
 stitution because they will lose  
 in the transaction in the long run,  
 and the loss must be charged up  
 to the men who are responsible  
 for the financing of the institu-  
 tion. The rule adopted by the  
 banks should apply to all, and  
 we prefer to do business with the  
 bank that makes no exception to  
 the rule.

**THE LOCAL MERCHANT AND  
 THE MAIL ORDER HOUSE.**

The local merchant who com-  
 plains that the mail order house  
 is taking all the cash trade away  
 from him is found in every town.  
 It is a legitimate complaint. Too  
 many communities are trade ter-  
 ritories for the houses of the  
 North and East, who send their  
 catalogues and other literature  
 into every nook and cranny of the  
 country, offering bargains and  
 getting the money in return.

The community that has the  
 mail order disease is almost ready  
 for the morgue. The mail order  
 concern takes away from the com-  
 munity all the cash, and leaves  
 the credit business for the home  
 merchant, whose money is pro-  
 viding schools for the children,  
 repairing the roads, paying sal-  
 aries of community officials and  
 all other local expenses. The mail  
 order business as a community des-  
 troyer can not be too strongly con-  
 demned.

Many merchants, however, who  
 complain that the mail order houses  
 are taking their trade away from  
 them are in reality just as  
 great mail order friends as are  
 their friends the farmers and  
 merchant buys foreign goods that  
 mail order goods. Whenever a  
 merchant buys foreign goods that  
 could be bought in the home mar-  
 ket, he becomes a patron of the  
 mail order house in the strictest  
 sense of the term. The fact that  
 he does not himself order the  
 goods by mail does not excuse  
 him. For instance, consider the  
 case of the local grocer. His  
 fruits are raised in California, his  
 vegetables in South Texas or even  
 in another state, his brooms are  
 made in a northern city, his flour  
 is shipped to Brownwood from  
 Kansas City, his beans are matur-  
 ed in the ovens of northern manu-  
 facturers, his candy is made in  
 St. Louis, his canned goods come  
 from Boston. He ordered the  
 whole lot from his local jobber,  
 and the local jobber ordered them  
 from the manufacturers in half a  
 dozen different states. What is  
 the difference between this class  
 of long distance buying and the  
 kind the farmer does when he  
 buys a pair of shoes from a Chi-  
 cago mail order house?

As long as canned fruits from  
 California and Baltimore are  
 found on the shelves of the local  
 groceries, just so long will the  
 home canned product be looking  
 for a market, and just so long  
 will the man who cans his fruit  
 at home be unwilling to give  
 trade to the man who refuses to  
 accept his products. Just so long  
 as watermelons are shipped into  
 the Brownwood market while the  
 home grown melon rots in the  
 field, just so long will the local  
 watermelon grower feel justified  
 in buying his flour from a mail  
 order grocery house. Just so long  
 as Kansas City or St. Louis flour  
 is handled exclusively by the local  
 merchants, just so long will  
 the wheat grower of the Brown-  
 wood country feel that he is en-  
 tirely within his rights when he  
 orders his implements from a Chi-  
 cago mail order house. And so on  
 down through the whole list of  
 home products—there should be a  
 market here for all of them.

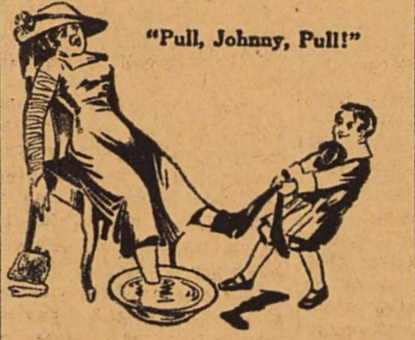
The farmer is essentially a man  
 ufacturer. He converts his labor  
 and the rains and the seeds and  
 the nourishment of the soil into

cotton and corn and beans and  
 peans and melons and fruits and  
 vegetables. In order to succeed  
 with his business he must not only  
 secure a greater product from his  
 labor than he had invested but he  
 must be able to dispose of this  
 product advantageously. Every  
 community should use its own pro-  
 ducts before going to other com-  
 munities for any thing. The only  
 things not raised in Brown coun-  
 ty are salt, coffee and tea. The  
 Bulletin ventures the assertion  
 that if Brownwood merchants  
 would provide the market, the  
 farmers would sell their stuff her-  
 e and the money received would all  
 be spent here. (The best cure for  
 the mail order business is a co-  
 operative live-at-home system, in  
 which the farmer and merchant  
 each has an equal share.

Merchants who feel the inroads  
 of the mail order houses in their  
 business are invited to look about  
 their shelves and on their books,  
 and see how much mail order bus-  
 iness they have been doing on  
 their own account. It's a poor  
 rule that will not work both ways.  
 —Brownwood Bulletin.

**AH! HOW "TIZ" HELPS  
 TIRED, ACHING FEET**

Nothing like "Tiz" for sore,  
 burning, calloused feet  
 and corns.



Ah! what relief. No more tired  
 feet; no more burning feet; no  
 more swollen, bad smelling, sweat-  
 y feet. No more soreness in corns  
 callouses, bunions.

No matter what ails your feet  
 or what under the sun you've  
 tried without getting relief, just  
 use "TIZ." "TIZ" is the only  
 remedy that draws out all the  
 poisonous exudations which puff  
 up the feet. "TIZ" cures your  
 foot trouble so you'll never limp  
 or draw up your face in pain.  
 Your shoes won't seem tight and  
 your feet will never, never hurt  
 or get sore and swollen. Think  
 of it, no more foot misery, no  
 more agony from corns, callouses  
 or bunions.

Get a 25 cent box at any drug  
 store or department store and get  
 instant relief. Wear smaller  
 shoes. Just once try "TIZ." Get  
 a whole year's foot comfort for  
 only 25 cents. Think of it.

**NORTON NEWS NOTES.**

A fine rain fell over the Nor-  
 ton country Sunday night which  
 will be a great benefit to the  
 grain crop.

The Methodist revival has been  
 in progress for the past week  
 and will continue through the coming  
 week. Rev. Singley of Corban,  
 Texas, is doing the preaching.

Mr. John Holland of Canyon  
 who had been visiting his brother  
 in-law, Mr. W. T. Dorsett left  
 for his home Thursday.

Mr. John Minshen left Sunday  
 for Carlsbad where he will be  
 under the treatment of the doc-  
 tors at that place.

Mrs. Coxy of Roscoe, is visiting  
 her sister Mrs. W. L. Williams  
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson  
 and Mrs. Luther Williams left  
 Thursday for Venus, where they  
 will be at the bedside of their  
 father, Mr. Merideth, who is dan-  
 gerously ill but reported some  
 better when they reached there.

Miss Leslie Holloway and Miss  
 Mary Joyce of Sayer, Okla., visit-  
 ed friends in Norton Thursday.  
 Queen of the Prairie.

**Try This For Neuralgia.**

Thousands of people keep on  
 suffering with Neuralgia because  
 they do not know what to do for  
 it. Neuralgia is a pain in the nerves.  
 What you want to do is to  
 soothe the nerve itself. Apply  
 Sloan's Liniment to the surface  
 over the painful part—do not rub  
 it in. Sloan's Liniment penetra-  
 tes very quickly to the sore, irri-  
 tated nerve and allays the in-  
 flammation. Get a bottle of  
 Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of  
 any druggist and have it in the  
 house—against colds, sore and  
 swollen joints, lumbago, Sciatica  
 and like ailments. Your money  
 back if not satisfied, but it does  
 give almost instant relief.

**IT'S GOOD HORSE SENSE**

ADVERTISED TRADE MARKED  
 GOODS ARE THE SAME PRICE  
 AND QUALITY AT YOUR OWN  
 MERCHANTS AS THEY ARE AT  
 THE LARGE METROPOLITAN  
 CITY STORE AND MAIL ORDER  
 HOUSE - WATCH THE ADS OF  
 YOUR LOCAL MERCHANT  
 AND SPEND YOUR MONEY  
 AT HOME - !  
 SOUTHWESTERN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER ASSN.



**LETTERS FROM THE  
 PEOPLE.**

**Miss Jessie James Writes Again.**

Denton, Texas, Feb. 21, 1915.

Dear Editor and all who are  
 interested in the N. T. S. N. C. at  
 Denton:—I shall try to bring you  
 a few words this beautiful day  
 which I hope will be interesting  
 to some of you, just as the report  
 of the Brookshire school was to  
 me. I was really glad to read  
 such a good report from the  
 school, with which my interests  
 and efforts were put forth on last  
 year.

The second term of the normal  
 closes on March the 2nd, and just  
 at the present the absorbing topic  
 among the students is term ex-  
 aminations. It is interesting to  
 note that the average grade made  
 by students under the new course  
 is higher than formerly. This fact  
 is doubtless due to the higher  
 standard of entrance require-  
 ments. Another important fea-  
 ture of the normal's progress is  
 the successful work done in the  
 training school, where prospective  
 teachers are actually trained to  
 teach under the supervision of  
 expert critic teachers. There are  
 at present eight grades in the  
 training school with seven teach-  
 ers in charge.

There are forty-two Seniors on  
 roll, one hundred ninety-three  
 Juniors, two hundred fifty Soph-  
 omores and one hundred twenty-  
 two Freshmen; and one hundred  
 thirty-two in the training school,  
 making a total of seven hundred  
 and thirty-nine. Also some still  
 coming for the last term.

Plans are being made for the  
 formal opening of the new man-  
 ual arts building which although  
 not yet furnished is completed,  
 and makes a valuable addition in  
 account with structures.

The musical organizations are  
 doing excellent work now which  
 is greatly enjoyed and appreciat-  
 ed by the school as a whole. The  
 band furnishes music for all the  
 athletic games, etc., as well as giv-  
 ing frequent numbers in chapel.

We are today having beautiful  
 sunshine, after rain, yesterday.

Sincerely,  
**JESSIE JAMES.**  
 171 West Hickory St.

**EGGS WANTED—at once 325-  
 164 dozen; The highest spot cash  
 prices paid. THE GLOBE, phone  
 320. 24-2dltw**

**RABBIT HUNT.**

J. H. Webb, of the Pony creek  
 country, was in the city Wednes-  
 day and requested us to announce  
 a rabbit hunt in his neighborhood  
 on Thursday, March 4th to begin  
 at the Feb McWilliams ranch  
 east of the river and to hunt on  
 down to the G. W. Wilson and J.  
 W. Bigby farms down the river  
 and dinner will be had at the  
 Pecan Mott near the Preston  
 Dunn farm. A cordial invitation  
 is extended to everybody to come  
 and bring your gun and assist the  
 neighbors in exterminating the  
 rabbits. A good dinner will be  
 served and all neighbors are re-  
 quested to be present and to  
 bring well filled baskets.

Be sure to see me for your mil-  
 linery. Mrs. W. A. Breedlove, at  
 Wilkes' store. 24-2dltw

W. A. Glenn, the Marie Gir-  
 man passed through Ballinger  
 Tuesday at noon en route home  
 from a visit to relatives at Pal-  
 estine, Texas. Mr. Glenn says  
 that section looks pretty dull com-  
 pared to Ballinger and Runnels  
 county.

**Tom Hal and Black Sam**

Tom Hal, the Lon Mapes horse,  
 and Black Sam, the Wilks Whit-  
 aker Jack, will make the season  
 at my place eight miles East of  
 Winters. Fee \$10 to insure living  
 fold. Free pasture for mares from  
 a distance. J. A. King, Route 3,  
 Winters, Texas. 18-11tw pd

**WHAT HAPPENED TO A BALE  
 OF TEXAS COTTON.**

William S. Cates, one of Lime-  
 stone county's leading cotton  
 planters and a prominent member  
 of the Farmers' Union who has  
 for several years been studying  
 marketing methods employed by  
 Texas farmers, has unearthed  
 some mammoth inequalities in  
 our system of selling cotton, our  
 leading farm commodity. Last  
 July when Mr. Cates marketed  
 his first bale of 1913 cotton, it  
 brought 11 cents and he enclos-  
 ed a note inside the bagging, re-  
 questing that the spinner write  
 him fully regarding the final  
 disposition of the staple. Recent-  
 ly Mr. Cates received a letter  
 from August Tetrue, owner of  
 the largest cotton mill in Schwe-  
 izerth, Saxony, stating that the  
 cotton was purchased by that com-  
 pany at 19 1-2 cents per pound,  
 that it would be manufactured in  
 to yarn, woven into hose and sold  
 back to Texas and other American  
 trade at a price to the ultimate  
 consumer many times in excess of  
 the original price of 11 cents. The  
 letter also requests information  
 regarding the number of cotton  
 mills in Texas and asks for data  
 pertaining to a location for a  
 mill in this state.—Crockett, Tex-  
 as, Courier.

G. W. Caswell of the Norton  
 country, was transacting business  
 in Ballinger Tuesday and renew-  
 ed with the Banner-Ledger the en-  
 suing year.

**SOME DON'TS**

**For Stomach and Liver  
 Sufferers.**

Don't take medicine for your  
 Stomach ailments morning noon  
 and night, as usually such medi-  
 cines only give temporary relief  
 and simply digest the food that  
 happens to be in the Stomach.

Don't permit a surgical opera-  
 tion. There is always serious  
 danger in operations and in many  
 cases of stomach, liver and intes-  
 tinal ailments the knife can be  
 avoided if the right remedy is  
 taken in time.

Don't go around with a foul  
 smelling breath caused by a dis-  
 ordered stomach and liver to the  
 discomfort of those you come in  
 contact with.

If you are a stomach sufferer,  
 don't think you can not be helped  
 probably worse cases than yours  
 have been permanently restored  
 by Mayr's Wonderful Remedy.

Most Stomach ailments are  
 mainly caused by a catarrhal con-  
 dition. Mayr's Wonderful Rem-  
 edy not only removes the catarrh-  
 al mucus, but allays the chronic  
 inflammation and assists in ren-  
 dering the entire alimentary and  
 intestinal tract antiseptic, and  
 this is the secret of its marvelous  
 success.

Don't suffer constant pain and  
 agony and allow your stomach  
 ailments to physically undermine  
 your health. No matter how se-  
 vere your case may be or how long  
 you have suffered—one dose of  
 Mayr's Wonderful Remedy should  
 convince you that you can be  
 restored to health again. Mayr's  
 Wonderful Remedy has been taken  
 and is highly recom-  
 mended by Members of Congress,  
 Justice of Supreme Court, Educa-  
 tors, Lawyers, Merchants, Bank-  
 ers, Doctors, Druggists, Nurses,  
 Manufacturers, Priests, Ministers,  
 Farmers and people in all walks  
 of life.

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 Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is  
 sold by leading druggists every-  
 where with the understanding  
 that your money will be refunded  
 without question or quibble if  
 ONE bottle fails to give you ab-  
 solute satisfaction.

# The Master Key

By John Flemming Wilson.



## CHAPTER IX.

Master of the "Master Key" Mine.

**W**HEN Ruth Gallon did not call upon him and he found himself unable to locate her Charles Everett was at a loss what to do. He had wired Dorr of his anxiety about her and had received word in reply that the young engineer had received conflicting messages.

Unhappily for the girl, Everett was called out of town. And so when he found himself forced to make a hurried trip to San Francisco her predicament became the more pronounced. The false Everett, George Drake, took it upon himself to call at the Ritz for her mail, and, returning with word that there was none for her, Ruth felt a strange premonition that matters were not progressing as they should.

Mrs. Darnell found her gazing out of the drawing room window, huddled in a pathetic little heap, dejection stamped on features and form.

"Dearie," purred the hostess, "you look as if you had lost your last friend on earth. Do cheer up. What is the trouble?"

Ruth turned her head, but remained in the same queer little attitude, replying in a plaintive voice:

"I do not understand why Mr. Dorr has not written or wired me. Really, Mrs. Darnell, I am beginning to fear that something has happened to him."

Mrs. Darnell looked at her searchingly, but recovered quickly under the questioning return gaze.

"Do not worry, Ruth. Everything will come out all right. Supposing we take a drive. The air and sunshine will do you a world of good."

Every minute was one of delight to the unsophisticated girl, and each new sight and vista opened a new world to her inexperienced mind. After a stop at Grant's tomb they speeded downtown, reaching Columbus circle after a run through Central park. A blowout of one of the tires caused a delay. Ruth tired of sitting in the car, and, jumping out, she opened a flower's window. Before Mrs. Darnell could think of the possibility of a miscarriage of her well laid plans the girl was inside. She purchased violets for both and was on her way out when she saw a telephone. Intuitively, rather than from any other motive, she hastily called up Mr. Everett's office. To her amazement she learned that he had gone west.

Her news was even more startling to Mrs. Darnell than it had been to Ruth. Quick action was needed, and, leaving Ruth in the car with a prevaricated excuse, the older woman was soon phoning to Drake, telling him to go west at once and instructing him to meet them in San Francisco, where he was to pose as Everett and continue carrying out the plot to secure possession of Ruth's mining property.

And thus it came about that five days later found them in the metropolis of the Pacific coast, where they were met by Drake, still posing as Everett.

The greatest difficulty lay in reconciling Ruth's mind to the mystery of Everett's sudden departure after she had seen him at Mrs. Darnell's the night before. But the cleverness of the schemer counterbalanced all doubts, and the girl was therefore persuaded to hasten to San Francisco to carry out her plans.

Accordingly she wired Dorr, but again "the wires crossed," for, although he learned that she was going to the western city, he again learned that Everett had failed to connect with her.

Ruth had been gone many days when John Dorr received another telegram from Everett that made his heart stop its regular beat. Alone in his cabin he pored over it as if there must be some hidden meaning beneath the words. It was unbelievable. After all his pain and his very careful forethought for her comfort and safety something had gone wrong. Everett was brief:

San Francisco, April 2.  
John Dorr, Silent Valley, Cal.:  
Have been unable to find Miss Gallon.  
EVERETT.

For awhile his mind refused to work logically. All that he could think of was little Ruth Gallon, she of the slender hands and pure eyes, lost in the great city and pitifully seeking a familiar face. But he pulled himself vigorously together and called up the agent at the station.

"Bill," he said over the telephone. "This is Dorr. I want to get a wire through to San Francisco."

"All right, John; what is it?" John thought a moment and then dictated this message:

Charles Everett, Call Building, San Francisco:  
Miss Gallon was to have gone to the St. Francis, as I wired you before. DORR.

The Quinine that Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

Mrs. McMillan of Dallas, who had been visiting her father J. V. Havenor and family of the New Home neighborhood passed thru Ballinger en route home Saturday.

After mulling over the problem he felt that he must confide in some one. Of all the men in the mine he trusted only Tom Kane. He strode down the hill to the cook shanty and found the old man engaged in his task of preparing the noonday meal.

"Look here, Tom," John said abruptly, holding out the telegram. "I haven't said anything before, but Ruth is lost in San Francisco. I've wired Everett before. He can't find her."

Without a word the cook reached for the yellow slip and read it slowly. He glanced up and said with the utmost simplicity, "I reckon you'd better catch this evening's express."

"But my work here—somebody has got to look after the mine and Wilkerson!"

Tom Kane glanced at him and then at the bit of paper. "I know how you feel," he muttered, "but I've cooked years enough to know that if you leave

bridge of considerable height. It was midafternoon when Harry Wilkerson threw the bridle rein over his pony's head and climbed down the hill slope till he was directly under the bridge. Then he pulled the little saw out of his shirt bosom and began work. Fifteen minutes later he climbed up to the road, broke the saw in two, flung the pieces into the brush and rode away. He did not go far.

From his place of vantage halfway up the hill he waited. The hour that elapsed before he heard the coughing of the motor seemed an endless succession of deadly seconds, each marked by a stabbing breath. Then he saw the truck emerge from the cut and commence to rattle heavily down the slope. John Dorr was driving. With him was one of the hands.

The heavy truck bumped upon the bridge, and in the desert silence the man on the hill saw it quietly sway to one side and then plunge downward to the rocks below. Before the sound of that crash could reach his listening ears he saw a sudden burst of flame shoot up a dense swirl of smoke. Then, like the faraway crackling of a fire, came the noise of the yielding timbers, followed by a dull boom.

"My God!" whispered Wilkerson to himself. "The gasoline tank exploded and the car is on fire!" He crouched in the brush, waiting to see whether any one emerged from the gulch. No one did. The bridge burned fiercely. At least no one would ever know the cause of this catastrophe, and John Dorr would not go to San Francisco.

Instinct told him to flee the scene. But a stronger passion overcame him; he must see for himself what had happened. He mounted his horse and rode swiftly down the slope.

The truck had turned completely over and lay broken and smoldering across the waterworn boulders. Wilkerson could not see two forms; all he discerned through the eddying smoke was the body of John Dorr, flung some distance from the truck, his pallid face turned to the blazing sky.

"Dead!" muttered Wilkerson, chilled with the horror of the thing he had done. It bit into his very soul, that scene, until he could not stand it longer and rode furiously away toward the other side of the divide. He must go on his supposed errand about the wood and know nothing of this.

On the crest of the mountain he halted and looked back. Far below him a thin curl of gray smoke marked the site of the disaster. Knowing that he was safe, Wilkerson experienced a tremendous reaction.

He raised himself exultantly in his stirrups. He was now master of the "Master Key" mine.

## CHAPTER X.

In the Heart of Chinatown.

**W**ITH quick decision Wilkerson turned his horse toward Valle Vista. He felt in his pockets to see how much money he had. He discovered that through an oversight he had put into his pocket before leaving the office the last San Francisco mint check for something like \$3,000. There was besides this a couple of hundred dollars.

He pulled this out, stared at it, laughed and went on. "Frisco for mine," said he.

The evening sun was pouring a pale blue light through a high Pacific fog when John Dorr came to his senses.

Twenty feet away the machine was smoldering and the smell of oil and varnish lay like a miasma in the gulch. He could hardly breathe. He struggled painfully up the slope toward the road and then lost consciousness again. It was only for a moment, for Tom Kane, desert wise, traveling in the cool of the evening, stopped his burros at the top of the declivity, wondering what the fire was. He saw that the bridge was gone. This might be due to tramps camped in the dry bed of the creek, not attending to their blaze. He led the burros off the road and down the slope, only to stop with an exclamation such as he had not used in years. John Dorr lay there with his fingers clutched into the gray marl.

He stooped over and saw that the body, bulking heavily in the misty light, still held its vital spark.

"Where is Hickman, the driver?" The cook peered around and then once more bent over the motionless form of the young engineer. With great exertion he managed to lift him up and place him across one of the pack saddles. John's arm automatically clamping the little animal's neck. Seeing him secure, and coming to his senses, Kane went down to the smoldering remains of the machine to search for his companion. One glance was sufficient. He quietly went back and started his journey toward the mine. His old hands, seared by years of cooking, patted the almost inanimate form of Dorr.

They were almost to the "Master Key" mine when Dorr came to himself, slipped off the pack saddle and stood up weakly.

"What happened?" he muttered.

"Nothing much," said Kane, putting his arm about him. "You had a bad fall. That bridge never was any too strong."

"Bridge?" said Dorr. "The bridge is gone?"

"Sure," said old Tom Kane easily, whistling to his burros again. "You just come along with me."

"But I haven't got my coat." The cook looked at him with swift understanding. His coat had been in the seat of the machine and was burned. "I'll get you another coat when we get back to camp," he said confidently. So they progressed the long and dusty road back to the "Master Key." It was dark when they ar-

ived, and Kane was able to take his dazed and much bruised charge into the cook shanty without being observed by any of the miners. Dorr was still but half-conscious and willingly submitted to being put to bed, though he still protested that he wanted his coat.

"What do you want your coat for?" demanded Kane.

John opened his eyes widely, for the first time cognizant of his surroundings. Then he leaped from the bed. "All my money is in it!"

Tom Kane sat on the chair beside him, dish towel in hand, as a sort of emblem of authority, and demanded in his careful tones, "There wasn't anything else in the coat, John?" He bent his white head as if to catch a whisper. Instead Dorr gave a raucous shout:

"There was that check from the mine!"

"I saw you myself give that check to Wilkerson," said the cook soothingly. "But that doesn't change matters any. You've got to get to San Francisco, and you're busted." Tom Kane pulled out an old deerskin poke and from it spilled on the table a few hundred dollars.

"Just as soon as you get able, John," he said huskily, "you take this money and get to Frisco. Find Ruth. That's all that matters—find that little girl."

"Hurry!" he whispered. "Wilkerson is gone. He's been gone since mid-afternoon."

"But I am badly hurt," said John Dorr stupidly. Then Kane understood that he must take desperate measures.

Fifteen minutes later Dorr was pounding down the road toward Silent Valley. His head was roughly bandaged, his chest had been tightly strapped with the ripped woolen blanket, and in his nostrils was the pungent odor of ammonia. He was at last awake and knew that in his pocket was a thousand dollars in gold. An hour later he boarded the Sunset express and automatically paid his fare, bought his Pullman ticket and, notwithstanding the porter's earnest inquiry as to his injuries, went to bed as silently as he arrived in San Francisco a day later.

Exultant in his triumph, Wilkerson stifled the small voice of his conscience and strode on. One thought now mastered his every action—he must reach San Francisco and Jean Darnell.

Jean Darnell! The woman who stirred him to the depths of his innermost soul.

Jean Darnell and the "Master Key!" Arrived at the station he sent her a wire telling of his coming. Two minutes later he was aboard the train. As he gazed backward a bend of the rails drew a curtain to his musings, and he turned and entered the car.

Upon their arrival in San Francisco Mrs. Darnell acted upon her decision made during the journey—that they would stop at a less pretentious hotel than the St. Francis, where the chances of her plans being spoiled by chance meetings with the real Everett or perhaps John Dorr were too great. And so they took a taxi to the Manx.

A word with Drake and the older woman stepped to the desk and in a firm, bold hand wrote:

"Mrs. Darnell and daughter, New York."

Quickly she turned to Ruth and, following the lead of the bellboy, escorted her toward the elevators.

No sooner had they removed their

was worth while. He would win the mine and the woman also.

The mine! The Master Key! The thought brought him back like the snapping of a whip.

"Where is the girl?" he asked almost brusquely.

"In there," and Mrs. Darnell pointed to the curtains dividing Ruth's room from the other.

Wilkerson started toward the archway.

"Harry!" He turned.

"You mustn't go in there."

"Why not?"

"She's sleeping—you'll awaken her."

"Oh, all right!" He paused and looked off to Ruth to Mrs. Darnell. "Well, let's get down to business. Where are the papers? Have you got them yet?"

"Ssh! Not so loud!"—and Mrs. Darnell looked apprehensively toward the heavy push hangings.

"Oh, that's all right, Jean. But we must hurry this thing up."

In her bed Ruth stirred. The murmur of voices came to her as in a troubled dream. Whose were they? Where had she heard that voice before? The

heavy one? She turned on her side and the moonlight shone on her in a white light.

"I tell you, Jean, you must do as I say! If we want to get possession of those papers and secure the mine we must act!"

"Will you be quiet?" Mrs. Darnell's eyes blazed in angered resentment.

What were the voices saying? Ruth sat up, listened, slipped from the bed and tiptoed to the curtains.

"You'll do as I say or—" "Harry!"

"Oh, come, old man. What's the use of all this argument?" and Drake laid his hand on Wilkerson's arm restrainingly. Their eyes met. Wilkerson calmed himself.

"Oh, all right. As you say." And he stepped to Jean and turned her around to him.

Slam! Bang! "Hello, hello!"

With one rush the trio were upon her. Mrs. Darnell seized the affrighted girl and dragged her from the phone. She screamed.

"Stop her yelling! Stop her!" commanded Wilkerson.

"George, for God's sake, do something!"

With her hand over the girl's mouth, Mrs. Darnell held her by sheer strength, while the always cowardly Wilkerson screamed his commands in a louder tone than those of the girl had been.

Her head fell back, and her body became limp.

"She's fainted! Call a taxi at once! We must get her out of this hotel!"

In less than five minutes they were shooting down the elevator. Another quarter minute and Wilkerson, with the unconscious form of the girl in his arms, her face covered by the cape of the maid, was rushing across the lobby, preceded by Drake. Mrs. Darnell stopped at the desk long enough to throw down a twenty dollar bill.

"The girl is sick, and we must hurry her to a hospital!"

They sighted the first taxi as it rounded the corner of Powell and Bddy streets.

"Keep that car in sight, and catch it if you can!"

The chauffeur made answer with his foot.

As the detectives saw the course the other car was taking they both murmured, "Chinatown!"

Into the realm of the yellow man shot the auto.

Before a doorway Wilkerson stopped. Rap! Pause—rap! Rap! Pause—rap! A face appeared as the door creaked open, the face of a Chinaman, deeply lined, the almond shaped eyes scarcely visible through the nearly closed lids.

A signal and a whispered word from Wilkerson, and the door widened the opening, and all passed through.

With a whisk it closed.

Around bends and corners and down

steps, another bend and another sign of stairs. Then along a long corridor, where scarcely a ray of light was visible. All the time the shuffling feet of the little yellow man could be heard in the advance.

Then a door stopped the procession. Another series of signals. Another long wait. The door opened with a peculiar rumbling sound. They entered a queerly arranged room. At first glance it seemed very small, but as the eye traveled around its walls its strange shape gave one a feeling of fearsome apprehension. It was completely cylindrical.

Wilkerson at a sign from the Chinaman laid Ruth on the floor and a Chinese woman shuffled to her at the beck of the yellow man. Leaving her in the charge of the oriental, the others returned the way they had come.

On the arrival of Dorr in San Francisco he was met by Everett at the ferry, and together they started the search for Ruth. First they began a round of the hotels. Failing to locate her at any of the smaller hotels, first inquiring at the St. Francis, where she was supposed to stop, they arrived at the Manx.

Wearily and sore from his narrow escape of the night before, Dorr was ready to retire to his room, intending to purchase wearing apparel the next day.

Desiring to put some of his personal effects away, he tried to open the dresser drawers and discovered them to be locked. He sent for a key, and to his amazement, on opening one of the drawers he discovered Ruth's papers to the mine.

He made speedy inquiry at the office and from the clerk and the detective learned of the getaway of Mrs. Darnell and her party.

Drake in the interim secured quarters for the quartet, and still leaving Ruth in secure hiding, well guarded by the watchful Wah Sing, a former smuggling partner of Wilkerson in the days of the "opium ring," they walked to the lodging house and settled themselves to await further developments.

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**TRESSPASS NOTICE**

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

GODFREY MASSEY,  
w/1 Concho county, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crews and baby of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon en route to San Marcos to visit relatives a week or two.

**CASTORIA**

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C. J. Doerr, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

**How To Give Quinine To Children.**  
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Miss Mary Morgan, of Sterling City, came in Monday afternoon on a visit to her cousin Mrs. Andy Gustavus.

When the bowels become irregular you the uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. by the Walker Drug Co.

M. M. Boynton was in Ballinger Sunday, having been there on account of the illness of his cousin, Mrs. Maggie Boynton. He returned on the afternoon 2:35 train, accompanied by J. H. Gravin of this city, relative, who had been at Ballinger for several days.—Sawgelo Standard.

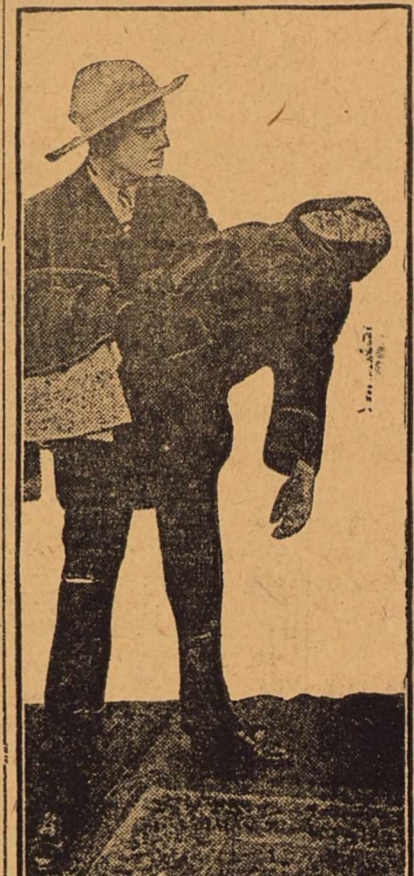
We make tanks, water flues and do all kinds of work. DUNN & GLENN door to fire station. 27

H. C. Fletcher, local relative of the Hendersons returned home Saturday from Dallas and brought him a beautiful Buick roadster, which he sold to Speck and also sold a foreigner auto to another party.

Chickens, eggs, and wanted at Central prices paid.



Something Had Gone Wrong.



Before a Doorway Wilkerson Stopped.



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H. A. Mitchel, one of the prominent pioneer citizens of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

P. J. Baron and W. A. Hamalick, two of the prominent business men of Rowena had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

Corns Bunions Ingrowing Nails  
**W. M. CARTER**  
 Chiropodist  
 Ballinger, Texas  
 If you are down and out visit my bath room at the City Barber Shop.

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 Pay the highest Market Price for  
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For Reliable Abstract Work  
 See  
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 It is an external remedy for wire cuts, wounds of any nature, eczema and all skin troubles. You can get it at the undesignated drug stores, use it and if not satisfied, bring the empty bottle back and get your money. If it pleases you, tell your friends.  
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**CO-OPERATIVE FARMING;  
 CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING**

Plans were outlined at a meeting of farmers and business men held at the court house Friday afternoon, which, if properly carried out, means the beginning of a new era for diversified farming in Runnels County.

The meeting was called for the purpose of forming a co-operative marketing association and to foster diversified farming, and bringing the farmers together on those crops that are especially adapted to this country, and by a unity of selling those crops after they have been made, realize a better price for them.

The meeting was called to order by Geo. P. McLelland who briefly outlined the object of the meeting and introduced the visiting speakers who were here to assist in the organization and explain how the work was being successfully carried on in other counties where diversified farming is responsible for the prosperity of the citizens.

J. L. Quicksall of the United States Department of Agriculture made a short address and told of the appropriation made by the United States to carry on this work, and that it did not cost the farmers one cent to take advantage of it.

O. L. Williams of the Extension Department of the A. & M. College explained how that department was furnishing free its experts to visit the various counties where the farmers were organized and assist the men dealing with problems pertaining to disease among livestock, crop problems, etc. All that is necessary to get this help is for the organization in each county to report the A. & M. College, notifying the department what they want.

As a result of the advertising that had been given the meeting, and despite the fact that the farmers are very busy the association was perfected with about thirty members, and promises to be of great benefit in this county. It is the purpose of those being plans. For instance, if peanuts can be raised successfully here to recommend them, and such kind the work to organize clubs, or precinct associations, and these will be affiliated with the county association, which will be known as the Runnels County Diversification and Marketing Association.

Jo Wilmeth was elected president; Jno. F. Dean, vice-president; N. J. Wardlaw, second vice-president; Ed Spill, treasurer. F. T. Rushing, E. Ballou and J. H. Taylor were appointed a committee to be known as "Crop Method Committee." The duty of this committee will be to determine what are the best diversified crops to be planted here for handling by co-operative market, other crops as can be successfully marketed in large quantities, or by co-operative selling.

Max Zieschang, Paul Michaelis and W. W. Wygile were appointed as livestock committee.

Marketing committee, Mrs. Walter Parker, N. J. Wardlaw and Ed Spill.  
 Organizing committee, W. W. Wooten, Geo. P. McLelland and Judge M. Kleberg.

No cost is attached to maintaining the organization, and no membership fee or dues will be charged. This work will be handled through the Young Men's Business League with Ed Spill, the secretary looking after the work, assisted by the other officers of the association.

**Farm Credit and Co-Operation.**  
 Austin, Tex., Feb. 20.—Practical suggestions for the solution of the farm credits problem in Texas are made in an article by Prof. Lewis H. Haney, chairman of the School of Economics in the University, prepared by request. The organization of a body of field workers among the farmers to show them how to establish co-operative credit organizations and a new state officer—"Commissioner of Co-Operation"—were urged by Prof. Haney. The Professor is one of the leaders of economic science circles in Texas and his statement should prove of interest to every legislator, agriculturist and student of Texas affairs.  
 Professor Haney said: "Anyone who knows the facts will admit that the farm credit situation is one of the most serious parts of the agrarian problem in Texas. With interest rates of from 10 to 20 per cent, and loans so short in time as to keep the tenant farmer continually in debt

profitable farming and improved methods of agriculture are difficult if not impossible. What, then, is the remedy?"

"There is no one cure-all, just as there is no one remedy for diseases of the body. To begin with, credit depends upon two bases: ability to pay and will to pay. Or to put it in other words, credit depends upon property or productive power, and upon integrity. No law is going to remedy the situation which does not serve to strengthen these foundations of credit. What we, the people of Texas, must do is to set about patiently building foundations.

First, we must make our farmers more productive and enable them to get both a larger and a more regular and certain crop per acre. The regularity and certainty of the crop is specially to be emphasized, for as long as Texas farmers are liable to the extreme ups and downs that at present afflict them, they will be "poor risks," and their credit will not be good. What good does it do to get valuable crops for two years and little or nothing the third year? We must take some of our eggs out of the cotton basket and put them into corn, hogs, etc., just as a matter of insurance. In this way, the ability to pay basis of credit can be improved. Not only the farmers but the banker needs to be educated on this point.

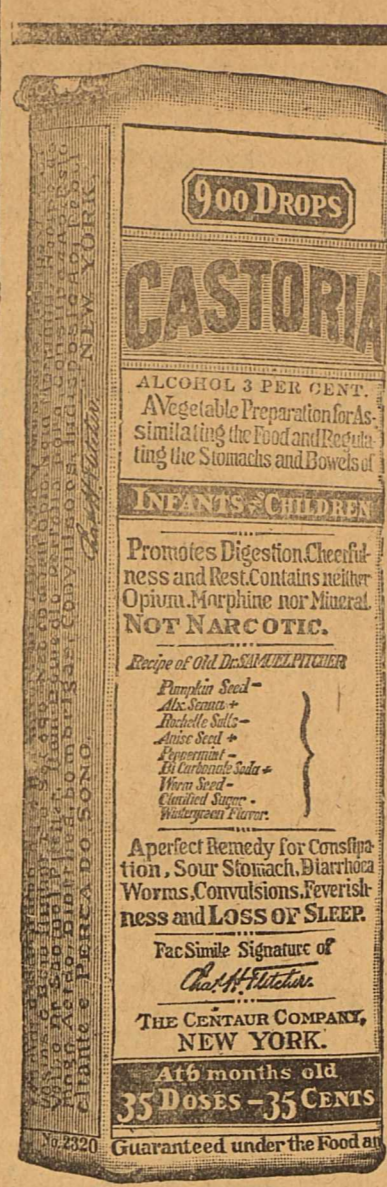
Second, the productivity or property basis may be improved by better marketing. Until we can use the same good methods used in Europe, how can anyone expect that we can get the good credit that European farmers enjoy? To this end, we must have practical systems of co-operative marketing more widely used, and the general adoption of a system of warehouses for the storage of cotton so as to equalize the marketing of what will always be our chief crop. These are no untried projects. They can be used, for they have been used with success.

Third, the farmer's property must be made as easily transferable as possible. Lenders will always rightly insist on having "liquid" assets as security, that is, assets that can be sold on short notice without in some organization, the farmer's assets, consisting of land, crops, and such personal property as mules and machinery, are not liquid enough. Common sense, therefore, shows that farmers should organize to make their assets liquid.

"Co-operative credit is the only practical business organization that is known, that can accomplish this end. It has worked everywhere, from Ireland to India. It can work in Texas, though not under our present law. The two main features of the plan should be: (1.) The use of chattel mortgage security by local organizations which would pool the security of the members. (2.) Assistance given at the outset by the State in the shape of a large body of skilled organizers and the establishment of a central bank. To establish this bank the State would subscribe for a part of its stock, the local organizations talking the rest.

"Say there are 25 members, each of whom borrows \$300 in the course of the year. Their aggregate notes secured by chattel mortgages amount to \$7,500. Instead of going to the store-keeper, who now acts as a credit middleman between the banks and the farmers, charging 20 percent for his services, these members give their secured notes to their local credit society. This society then, secures the loan direct from the local banks or from the central bank. If the members were a select group who had agreed to go one another's security, they could get the full \$7,500 at the lowest commercial rate of interest. If not willing to assume unlimited liability, they would not be able to get a loan equal to the full value of their security, but they could get reasonable amount and get it at the same rate that other business men pay for funds. Similar organizations could be used to make land a better basis of credit, but this will be difficult as long as our homestead exemption law remains in its present form.

These means will also serve to strengthen the integrity, or will to pay, of the farmer, without which the credit of even the wealthiest man is limited. In the first place, the integrity of the co-operative group can be raised above the average, by limiting



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**SAN ANGELO LOSES  
 4 CITIZENS FRIDAY**

Transfer Agent Cunningham, of the Texas penitentiary passed through Ballinger Friday en route to the pen with four citizens from San Angelo. As is the usual custom the men were yoked together with a chain, this being done to make the transfer agent's job an easy one.

The men who are being forced to leave San Angelo, or who are moving through a matter of choice, preferring penitentiary life to living in that city, are Arthur Fairbanks, sentenced to two years for the burglary of Bob Harper's saloon; Andres Jaramillo, former owner of the "Coney Island" Restaurant, must serve three years for burglarizing Baker-Hemphill's dry good store; John Borders goes for two years for the burglary of L. S. Compton's store; and Willie Bowman, alias "Son" will serve two years for the burglary of Tom Grimes' saloon.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Paul Best, C. S. Duncan, Roy Deason, Jack Howden and Charlie Worsham left Monday afternoon for Abilene where they go to stand examination to enter the U. S. navy.

**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.

John Q. McAdams and Mr. Hilliard, the Winters bankers, who attended the Sixth District Bankers' Association in Ballinger Saturday, returned home Sunday morning.

**AH! BACKACHE GONE!  
 RUB LUMBAGO AWAY**

Rub Pain from back with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacob's Oil."

Ah! Pain is gone. Quickly?—Yes. Almost instant relief from soreness, stiffness, lameness and pain follows a gentle rubbing with "St. Jacob's Oil."

Rub this soothing penetrating oil right on your painful back and like magic, relief comes. "St. Jacob's Oil" is a harmless backache, lumbago and sciatica cure which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin.

Straighten up! Quit complaining! Stop those torturous "stitches." In a moment you will forget that you ever had a weak back, because it won't hurt or be stiff or lame. Don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle of old honest "St. Jacobs Oil" from your druggist now and get this lasting relief.

**ROUSE JEANES IN RUNAWAY**

Rouse Jeanes' team became frightened Friday at noon on the hill on Eighth street and ran to the railroad, when the tongue, which was dragging, stuck up and turned the wagon over. The team got lose and passed on down the street with no serious damage, though it was almost a miracle that Mr. Jeanes escaped without serious injury.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**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.

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## SOME LIGHT ON INTERURBAN LINE

Jo Wilmeth accepted an invitation to attend the semi-annual banquet of the Coleman Chamber of Commerce last Friday night and was one of the speakers for the occasion.

Among the business to come before the Coleman Chamber of Commerce on this occasion was the proposition from the Dallas Southwestern Traction Co., to build an interurban line from Dallas to Coleman. This is the proposed line to extend from Dallas to San Angelo, passing through Ballinger.

E. P. Turner, one of the principal officers of the company was present and discussed the proposition in the most optimistic way over the proposed line and left the impression that the road will be built at an early date, or as soon as the preliminary work can be carried out.

We understand that he called on the Coleman citizens to subscribe for \$5000 of the treasury stock, and that the cash being raised would be appropriated for the expense of making the preliminary survey.

The equipment used by the company will be the most modern made. The motive power will be derived from gasoline or gas-electric tractors, and no power stations and trolley wires will be required. The cars used are very large, accommodating 72 passengers and 15 tons of freight each, and the trains will have sufficient power for a speed of more than a hundred miles per hour.

### Great Opportunity Here.

"I intend to devote the remainder of my life to the development of this territory," said Mr. Turner when interviewed. "I know of no better opportunity; there is no better land than that lying along the proposed route of our line, and I know of no better developer than the interurban. Our company does nothing but an interurban business. Our modern equipment is now used on the lines from Dallas to Paris and Dallas to Sherman and there has been a rapid development of all the territory along these two lines. I met with great success in my work in the Toyah Valley, and the opportunity here is a hundred fold greater. After our line has been built the farmer will have all the advantages enjoyed by the city many the trade of every town will be increased; farm land values will climb ten dollars to two hundred dollars per acre; time will be saved, both in the city and in the country; the country will be brought in touch with the city and the interests of the country man and the city man will become identical.

"Our company is making a bonafide effort to establish this line. We are in the interurban business and to succeed we must seek out and develop new fields. Since this is the most promising field available, we have determined to build into and develop it. We are sure the people of this country will appreciate our efforts, and it will be our pleasure to serve them."

Mr. Wilmeth reports a very suc-

cessful meet of the Coleman business men. The meeting had not adjourned when he left as he had to leave early in order to catch the night train home.

## INTERURBAN CO. ASKS INFORMATION

Ed Spill, secretary of the Business League, is in receipt of a letter from the Dallas & Southwestern Traction Co., seeking information about Ballinger and Runnels county, with a view of selecting Ballinger as one of the towns to connect with by an interurban car line.

Mr. Spill is busy compiling the data and will supply the necessary information, and forward it to Dallas at once. When this information has been supplied the interurban people will no doubt send representatives here to look over the field and take further steps towards building the proposed line.

### UNCEASING MISERY.

Some Ballinger Kidney Sufferers Get Little Rest or Comfort.

There is little sleep, little rest, little peace for many a sufferer from kidney trouble. Life is one continual round of pain. You can't rest at night when your kidney backache. You suffer twinges and "stabs" of pain, annoying urinary disorders, lameness and nervousness. You can't be comfortable at work with darting pains and blinding dizzy spells. Neglect these ailments and serious troubles may follow. Begin using Doan's Kidney Pills at the first sign of disorder. Thousands have testified to their merit.

E. G. Smith, farmer, twelve miles south of Ballinger, says: "I had soreness in my back and was troubled by my kidneys for two years. I had trouble in passing the kidney secretions. I felt miserable in every way and my health was very much run down. Soon after taking Doan's Kidney Pills I felt their beneficial effects and when I had finished one box, I was completely cured."

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

J. T. Snellgrove, of the Maze-land neighborhood was marketing oats in Ballinger Tuesday and says he had just marketed a carload of oats and has 700 or 800 bushels left for home use and also made 292 bushel of wheat on 10 acres and has plenty flour and home made meat and is not worrying about the low price of cotton or the effects of the European war.

Judge R. S. Griggs, representative of this district, came in from Austin Wednesday at noon to look after business affairs a day or two before returning to duties in the legislature.

Wm. Roberts, Sr., of the Talpa county was in Ballinger Wednesday.

### RATES FOR Classified Ads

IN THE WEEKLY BANNER-LEDGER  
1 insertion, per line . . . . . 5c  
Each additional insertion, per line . . . . . 2 1-2c  
Classified Ads will be taken over the telephone and are payable on presentation by collector.  
Call Telephone No. 27.

### FOUND

FOUND—A pair of two year old mules, one sorrell mare mule and one brown horse mule, branded circle on left shoulder. Owner can get same by paying for this notice and other expenses from John Finck, Miles, Texas. 12-2dlw

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Six Jersey cows, fresh in milk, \$50 to \$75. Phone No. 3303. L. H. Hamilton, 26-2w

COTTON SEED—Pure Mebane, selected from good crop, well matured, best for planting. Oscar Routh, Ballinger, Phone 436. 26-4tw

FOR SALE—Jersey cows and heifers at Street & Middleston's barn, 10th street, Ballinger. 24-3t dlw

FOR SALE—Indian Runner Duck eggs. 50c per setting. Address Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Ballinger, Texas, Phone 3302. 17-3td 2tw

JERSEY COWS AND HEIFERS—Just received carload, some fresh in milk, for sale very reasonable. Apply to W. W. Embry, Route 1, Ballinger. 19-6dlw

COW FOR SALE—Fresh in milk. Ring 321. 1-wtf

Barred Rock Eggs \$1 per setting of 15 eggs. Mrs. R. L. Wylie, Route 4, Ballinger, Texas. w 4t pd

Hens and Toms for sale. Mrs. G. M. Milliken, phone 4605, rural. Full Blood Bourbon Red Turkeys Ballinger. w 4t pd.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS—Pure bred, pullet mated; eggs \$1.00 for setting of fifteen. R. P. Crouch, Box 271, Ballinger Tex. 18-w6t pd

FOR SALE or TRADE—One Percheon and French Coach Stallion, eight years old. Very quiet, any lady can harness and drive him. Address Box 218, Bangs, Texas. 18-w2t

### WANTED

WANTED—To buy work-horse and soil milch. cow. J. K. Hut-ton. 24-2td 1tw

WINDMILL WANTED—second-hand. See Ed. C. Pape or phone rural 4604. 3tdwpd

Chickens, eggs, and produce wanted at Central Hotel. Top prices paid. wtf

CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE RANCHERS: Club together and buy our fence posts. Save dealers profit by buying car lots All kinds of cedar fence, telephone posts and blocking. 6. A. PAT-w tf

TERSON, Belton, Texas. 8-tfw

WANTED—Work plowing, hauling, planting or moving. Price reasonable. Apply to G. R. West, Phone 550. 5-4tw

### LOST.

LOST—One black Poland China male pig about six weeks old. Finder please notify J. H. Hadley, Ballinger, route 2. 26-1twpd

### REPAIRING

WATCH and Jewelry Repairing—Mail to me your watch. I will put it in good repair for \$1.00; no matter what the trouble is. Gold rings and pendants repaired for 25 cents. All other work in proportion, and guaranteed. J. H. Powell, Jeweler, Liberty Hill, Texas. 15-tfdw

### DISSOLVED

The firm of Drs. Halley, Love & Mangum having dissolved on the 31st day of December, 1914, I take this method of announcing that I will no longer be associated in the Sanitarium work, but will devote all my time to general practice, with special attention to diseases of children. My office will be over J. Y. Pearce Drug Store, and I will be associated with same. Principal office hours 1 to 4 p. m.

DR. THOS. E. MANGUM. Office Phone 61 Residence Phone 470. tfdw

### CITY ELECTION ORDER

By authority vested in me, as Mayor, of the City of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas. I call an election to be held April the 6th, 1915 in the City Hall of said city to elect the following officers: mayor, secretary, marshal, treasurer, attorney and two aldermen as officers of said city.

I appoint C. R. Stevens as presiding officer of said election. J. W. POWELL, Mayor. 26-6tw

### Children's Coughs—Children's Colds Both are Serious.

When one of your little ones shows symptoms of an approaching Cold, give it Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey at once. It acts quickly, and prevents the Cold growing worse. Very healing—soothes the Lungs, loosens the mucous, strengthens the system. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your Druggist. Buy a bottle today.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for sores.

F. F. Schmidt and O. Voglesang of the Hatchel country, were supplying in Ballinger Monday.

## Sudan Seed

Proclaimed by A. & M. College and some of the seed houses as among the very best in the state. Nearly 100 percent cream-hulled.

Free from Johnson Grass or weed seed. Many planters and seed houses are advertising this seed at \$1.00 per pound.

I have what you want, at home at from 50c to 35c per pound. Every farmer should plant Sudan for pasturage and hay. But—Be sure it is pure.

W. W. FOWLER, M. D.

## SEVENTH CAR EGGS IS SHIPPED OUT

162,000 eggs were shipped from Ballinger Wednesday. The shipment made a solid car containing 450 cases, and was consigned to New York and a result of the shipment made a solid car containing 450 more cash than they had a week ago.

This is the seventh car of eggs shipped by the Jeanes Produce Co., from this place since January first, or an average of one car per week. The total income from the seven cars of eggs amounts to more than fifteen thousand dollars, and the money has been distributed among the small farmers of this county.

Mr. Jeanes reports that the receipts from the sale of eggs and poultry for this year promises to almost double last year's receipts. At least this is proving true up to date. He is of the opinion that the demand for eggs will hold up throughout the summer, with a ready market at a fair price.

The eggs shipped from Ballinger does not constitute the entire output of eggs from this county. Winters, Miles and Rowena are shipping large quantities by express every week, while Winters has shipped out in car lots since the first of the year. It is true that the Jeanes Company at Ballinger have concentrated eggs here from all of the above named places, but they have not received the entire output of the other towns in the county.

### WANTS BANNER-LEDGER

A letter received Wednesday from Aug. F. Hoelscher of Lott, Texas, says he wants the Banner-Ledger and can't hardly keep house without the old reliable home newspaper and reports that he is well pleased in his new location, but often thinks of Runnels county and his many friends in this section and that the paper is like a letter each week. He also says he hears more complaint in that section about hard times than he ever heard in all the dry years he lived in Runnels county.

Mr. Hoelscher reports that it rains once or twice a week where he is now living and farm work is very far behind. He has missed the paper the past two weeks and says it is such a nice paper he can scarcely wait until Saturday when it comes to his office, so he can read the news about Ballinger and Runnels county which interests him greatly since he left this county and sends best regards to all old friends who reads the Banner-Ledger.

J. W. Mead, a Valera merchant was here Wednesday on business Mr. Mead is figuring on launching a newspaper at Valera and called on the Ledger to get some information and to figure on having the paper published here.

Jno. A. Loomis of Concho county, passed through Ballinger Wednesday at noon en route home from a short business trip East.

\$25 suits, made to measure, for \$15. THE GLOBE, phone 320. 24-2td 1tw

### A DAY WITH BURBANK.

Luther Burbank is in his sixties. He is spry physically, alert and keen mentally. He still refuses to see about a hundred people a day limiting his interviews to a constantly reducing minimum. He adopted the policy of denying interviews several years ago, because he found it interfered with the productivity of his labors. Save for the time consumed in his short automobile trips from his empowered home in Santa Rosa to his horticultural laboratory and proving grounds in Sebastopol, Burbank's day is devoted entirely to his work. When he is not delving deep into the mysteries of nature, or conducting experiments, he is dictating to a corps of stenographers, all of whom he keeps busy tabulating his records and answering correspondence. He answers every letter he receives and they stack up in formidable piles several times a day.

Burbank's little home in Santa Rosa has been the scene of more notable interviews than any other dwelling house in this or any country. Thousands of world-noted men who have visited California have made the pilgrimage to Santa Rosa. Political potentates, scientists of international fame, the world's writers and artists, business magnates, the men famous in transportation and commerce, all have done Burbank homage. Many of them, recalling the pleasant hour or less than was spent with him, frequently send their host of other days a message of good wishes, and none of these messages goes unanswered. With a few men Burbank corresponds regularly. They are as a rule scientists in other fields than his own. They are, to his mind of his own family.

The world is always interested in the phenomenal, yet strange to say, that thought has never dominated Burbank's intent. He is primarily invested with a desire to produce that which will serve a useful worldly purpose, and when the man's life work is written in its entirety, the good that he has done for mankind, the betterment that he has accomplished in living, will be the signal strokes in his biography.

All garden lovers will be interested in an illustrated lecture upon "Luther Burbank, the man and his methods," which will be presented on Tuesday evening, March 2 8 o'clock at Princess Theatre.

This lecture is illustrated with many natural color reproductions of Burbank's Creations and describes simply and interestingly the methods followed by the great plant experimenter in arriving at his wonderful results.

A nominal admission of twenty-five cents (children free) will be charged, and the proceeds will be devoted to furthering the commendable work of the Carnegie Library. Admission tickets may be secured from Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

All up-to-date millinery, dress and street hats, etc. Mrs. W. A. BREEDLOVE at Wilke's store. 24-2td 1tw

\$25 suits, made to measure, for \$15. THE GLOBE, phone 320. 24-2td 1tw

**Quickly Relieves  
Without Distress**

The congestion of waste and refuse from the stomach, fermenting in the bowels, generates poisonous gases that occasion distress and invite serious illness. Health and comfort demand that this congestion be speedily relieved and the foul mass expelled.

The well-founded objection most people have to the violence of cathartic and purgative agents is overcome by using the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that is sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A dose at night brings relief next morning, without discomfort or inconvenience. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

**GETS \$1 FOR MAIZE  
AND PROFITS ON HOGS**

H. F. Buscher, who lives west of Winters, was here Friday en route home from Fort Worth where he went to market a shipment of hogs. While here we heard him relate his first experience with hogs in this county.

Mr. Buscher went to Llano first of the year and purchased a lot of hogs and shipped them to this county, and placed them on feed at his farm. He only kept the hogs 40 days and in that length of time he added 41 pounds to their weight, bringing them up from an average of 177 pounds to an average of 218 pounds.

Despite the fact that he struck the market on a bad day, suffering a decline of 45 cents per hundred from the two days previous, he realized a handsome profit on his investment. He sold for \$6.85 per hundred, or an average of about \$15 per hog, and \$2,175 for 145 head.

Mr. Buscher kept an account of the expense of handling these hogs, and after allowing \$1.00 per hundred for the maize he fed them he made a net profit of \$1.25 per hog, and he turned his money in less than two months. He expected to feed the hogs longer than he did, but with maize bringing such a good price, and the hog market being good now he decided to market his hogs and sell the remainder of his maize.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

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

My new stallion, Suffolk, and same Jack will make the season at the Joe Routh place one mile east of Ballinger. Fees \$10 insure live colts. L. H. Hamilton, 26-2w

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Whittington of the Token country, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Whittington reports his section in good shape as to farming operations, and but for the low price of cotton would be in better shape than for several years past.

S. P. Hale, of Talpa, passed thru Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route home from a business trip to Abilene.

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK**

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS

**1500 ANGELO MEN  
WANT PRO ELECTION**

*Special to The Daily Ledger:*  
SA NANGELO, Feb. 25.—At a mass meeting held here Tuesday night over 800 men signed up as members of the Tom Green County Prohibition Club, and more than fifteen hundred voted in response to call for the voters to suppress the liquor traffic in this county.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the advisability of petitioning the commissioners' court to order an election, and when the question was put to a vote of the men assembled in the mass meeting over 1500 men voted in favor of holding the election.

Petitions were prepared for the purpose of securing the required number of signers to order the election, and while only 250 names were required, 350 men signed the petition in less than twenty minutes.

Before the meeting adjourned the following petition was circulated and over 800 names signed to it:

"San Angelo, Tex., Feb. 23, 1915. We, the following signed persons, agree to form ourselves into a prohibition club of Tom Green County.

We further agree to cast our votes and use our influence for the banishment of the saloons from the county."

The mass meeting of men only was held at the tabernacle, and at the same hour the women met in mass meeting at the First Presbyterian church, and banded themselves together and organized a Women's Prohibition Club.

The pros are enthusiastic and claim that the county will go dry. The petition containing many names will be presented to the commissioners' court on March 8th.

**Not Paint**

The worst mistake in painting is not putting-off. That costs about 10 percent; you keep your money a year and pay 10 percent for it.

Paint would have to come down 25 percent to make 10 percent on the job, for wages do not go down.

The worst mistake is "cheap" paint. It costs from 50 percent to 100, first costs, and another in wear.

What a liar "cheap" is! "Put-off" is bad-enough; "cheap" is ten times worse.

DEVORE.

C. E. Landers, of Concho county was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

**GO TO—**Battinger 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.

**D. Reeder Sale  
A Great Success**

The Sale Extraordinary, inaugurated by D. Reeder for the purpose of reducing a \$20,000 stock of dry goods that Mr. Reeder recently bought at Ennis, Texas, has attracted a great many people this week, and Mr. Reeder says the sale has been very satisfactory to him, and that his sales force have had about all they could handle throughout the day. However, his warehouse is still packed with goods, and the display room is so arranged that buying is easy, and the price is moving the goods very rapidly. Dry goods, laces, hosiery—in fact the ladies department contains some of the greatest bargains ever offered in Ballinger. The shoe department, and the men's ready-to-wear department is affording an opportunity for men to supply their needs at ridiculously low prices. 1tw

**Colds and Croup in Children.** Many people rely upon Chamberlain's Cough Remedy implicitly in cases of colds and croup, and it never disappoints them. Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I have found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best medicine for colds and croup I have ever used, and never tire of recommending it to my neighbors and friends. I have always given it to my children when suffering from croup, and it has never failed to give them prompt relief." For sale by all dealers.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
HAS EASY JOB HERE**

District court convenes at Ballinger March 8th. The first week will be devoted to grand jury work and the trial of criminal cases. Heretofore the first week has been civil docket week, and the grand jury empaneled for the second week.

The criminal docket for the March term this year only contains eight cases, and the civil docket about forty cases. Of the eight criminal cases, most of them are old cases, while on the civil docket thirty cases have been filed since the last term of court.

It is probable that most of the criminal cases will be continued for various reasons, and it will not require much time to dispose of the criminal docket, and it seldom requires more than one week for the grand jury to investigate all matters brought before them.

Following are the cases on the criminal docket:

State of Texas vs. Bill Griggs, charged with rape.

State of Texas vs. Richard Green, charged with assault with intent to murder.

State of Texas vs. Matt McKinney, charged with driving cattle from their accustomed range.

State of Texas vs. Sam Smith, charged with seduction.

State of Texas vs. Wallace Johnson, charged with burglary and theft.

State of Texas vs. J. T. Baker, charged with unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor.

State of Texas vs. Frank Morris, charged with unlawfully delivering liquors in local option county.

State of Texas vs. C. A. Parker, charged with passing as true a forged instrument.

All of the above parties are out under bond except J. T. Baker. Baker made his escape here last fall by breaking the bars to the jail window and making a rope from his bed clothes lowered him self to the ground.

**TO CITIZENS OF  
RUNNELS COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given by the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, to all interested parties that hereafter the court will not allow or pay any account or accounts for provisions, or other expenses, in taking care of quarantined patients, except as to paupers, and will only allow accounts duly itemized and verified incident to the enforcement of the quarantine laws.

M. KLEBERG.

County Judge of Runnels County, Texas. 1tw

**MANY DISORDERS COME  
FROM THE LIVER**

Are You Just at Odds with Yourself? Do You Regulate Living?

Are you sometimes at odds with yourself and with the world? Do you wonder what ails you? True you may be eating regularly and sleeping well. Yet something is the matter! Constipation, headache, nervousness and bilious spells indicate a sluggish liver. The tried remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Only 25c at your Druggists.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve for skin eruptions.

Try the new barber shop, 25c at Scroggin's Store, east side State Bank, Ballinger. 26-1tw

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

List of letters advertised February 20, 1915:

Byerly, Tom; Childress, Mrs. J. C.; Clark, Robert; Hawkins, J. C.; Robertson, Willie; Woods, Mrs. E. P.

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

JAMES J. ERWIN, P. M.

Mrs. A. A. Sheppard, of Zephyr who had been visiting her son Elmer Sheppard and family and other relatives in Ballinger left for her home Monday afternoon.

Tom Brown, one of the prominent and successful citizens of Hylton country was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Walter J. Gardner of the Winters country, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Granbury where he goes in response to a message stating that his father was quite ill.

**Wilke's Closing Out Sale**

Not going out of business, but closing out certain lines, such as Hamilton Brown, Selby, Ralston and Julia Marlowe Shoes, Ladies' Tailor-made Suits, etc. Many of these, I am offering at less than half price. Some rare bargains in Men's and Boy's Clothing and Hats. In fact you will get a genuine bargain in each and every article during this sale. Be your own judge.

Ladies' \$25.00 suits, sale price.....\$10.00	2 dozen safety pins......5c
Ladies' \$20.00 suits, sale price.....\$8.50	5 papers pins......5c
Ladies' \$15.00 suits, sale price.....\$7.00	2 papers gold eye needles......5c
Men's \$25.00 serge suits, sale price.....\$14.98	Men's work gloves......7c
Men's \$17.50 serge suits, sale price.....\$12.49	7 spools crochet cotton......25c
Men's \$15.00 suits, sale price.....\$9.49	O. N. T. machine thread......4c
Boys' suits as cheap in proportion.	\$1.00 watch, sale price......79c
1 lot men's dress shirts, value 50c to \$1.00 your choice......29c	\$1.00 alarm clocks, sale price......74c
Job lot of shoes, less than one-half price.	Best oilcloth, sale price the yard......17 1-2c
Lot of men's \$3.50 hats, sale price.....\$2.29	Pepperell sheeting......21c
1 lot ladies' shirtwaists, values \$1.00 to \$2.50 sale price......49c	9c bleached domestic......6 3-4c
All 5c laces, sale price......3c	27 inch Birdseye cloth, 10 rds......84c
50c work shirts, 38c; 75c dress shirts......49c	65c silence cloth, the yard......47c
2 dozen pearl buttons......5c	All Winter underwear must go; also few blankets at special Bargains.
2 cakes toilet soap......5c	Special prices on tailor-made suits during sale. Limited number of \$15.00 suits at \$11.95.
25c bottle peroxide......10c	
1lb can talcum powder......10c	

Come and get Your Share of the Bargains

Sale Begins Feb. 27 Closes March 6th. **H. C. WILKE** Successor to J. H. WILKE

**WILL PROTECT FRUIT  
WITH SMUDGE POTS**

Reports from the fruit belt south of Ballinger say that the fruit crop is in great danger of being destroyed again this year. Due to the past few days of warm weather, and the moist condition of the ground the sap has come to the front in a hurry and many trees are budding.

In order to prevent a loss on their orchards again this year some of the fruit growers have supplied themselves with smudge pots, or orchard heaters, and will watch the weather signals and try to keep the temperature in the orchards above the freezing point. W. A. Taylor purchased 500 smudge pots and H. M. Lincoln purchased 150 and are perhaps the largest buyers.

It is possible that freezes are a thing of the past for the present season, but no one will dare make such prediction, and those venturing to express an opinion think there is some real winter in store yet.

**BOX SUPPER**

W. T. Hill of Benoit, was in the city Monday and requests us to announce a box supper at Benoit, Saturday night, Feb. 27th, proceeds to go toward buying an organ for the school house. Everybody invited to come and bring a box. 19 2tw-22 1td

Spring millinery at same old stand. Wilke's store. Mrs. W. A. Breedlove. 24-2td1tw

**CHARGES MAN HIT  
HIM WITH SHOVEL**

Tuesday afternoon about three o'clock a short distance from Benoit an altercation was engaged in between W. W. Lewis and Ralph Phillips in which W. W. Lewis claims to have been struck over the head with a shovel by Phillips.

Both men were working on the Benoit section under C. C. Robinson and had never had any trouble before, according to the version given by Lewis.

The dispute arose over the place where some dirt was to be taken and loaded on the hand car. Lewis came in Wednesday and filed a complaint against Phillips in the justice court, charging Phillips with simple assault and battery and a warrant was turned over to the officer for the arrest of Phillips Wednesday morning.

Robbie, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. London, was operated on at the Halley & Love sanitarium, Wednesday morning, for appendicitis. At a late hour this afternoon the young man was reported to be getting along nicely.

R. L. Harwell, the Ford auto dealer, left Tuesday afternoon for Coleman and will return overland with a five-passenger Ford which he has just sold to County Superintendent W. W. Wooten.

E. L. Rogers, of Miles, was among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday attending the bankers' meeting.

**WILL ASSIST IN  
FIGHTING BLACK LEG**

To The Stockmen of Runnels County:

I am planning to get Dr. Harkey to come to Runnels county for two or three days and give us the needed information on Black Leg. The time of year is fast approaching when we will likely be heavy losers, by this dreaded disease. Now if you already have trouble of this kind or if you do have trouble let me know and I will get you the vaccine at what it actually cost the government or perhaps nothing to you.

Now if this appeals to you confer with me and I will get busy and get Dr. Harkey here as soon as possible. He can tell us all about the disease and show us what to do with the same. Now is the time to get busy as this man will be in demand along this line. I have asked him in making up his itinerary to put me in the first bunch, provided the cowmen here wanted his services.

Very truly yours,  
GEO. P. McLELLAND,  
Agent.

We are glad to learn that the little Master Kenneth, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fletcher, of the Maverick country, who was operated up Monday is doing nicely Wednesday and hopes are now entertained for his speedy recovery.

R. L. Holland of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

**WHEN YOU FEEL BAD**

If you are bilious, languid, constipated, suffer from indigestion, sour belching, bloated feeling, bad breath, headache, wind in the bowels, dizziness, you need

**PRICKLY ASH BITTERS**

The Great System Cleanser and Regulator.

A few doses will open and purify the bowels, tone up the stomach, stimulate the kidneys and liver and impart a feeling of strength and vigor. It transforms a tired, nervous, half-sick man or woman into one of bright, ruddy good health, energy and cheerfulness.

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

Sold by Druggists.

Price \$1.00 per bottle.



## UGH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

Just once. Try "Dodson's Liver Tone" when Bilious, Constipated, Headachy—Don't lose a day's Work.

Liven up your sluggish liver. Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmful Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my per-

sonal money-back guarantee that guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working; headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of Calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

## WOMEN USE CLUBS IN FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT AT CREWS

Considerable trouble occurred at Crews Tuesday night when a bunch of boys undertook to break up a show that was exhibiting at that place. C. E. Meyatt and his company of players were giving an entertainment at Crews, having exhibited Monday night, and were billed to show again Tuesday night.

From a report reaching Ballinger it seems that a bunch of boys, or young men, numbering about fifteen, planned to break up the show, and trouble started before the show performance began, but was quelled and the free-for-all followed immediately after the show. One of the boys attacked the manager of the show, and the outcome of the fight was looking a little ugly for the show man until a couple of ladies with the show came to his rescue and armed with tent stakes and with well directed blows they laid the boys out.

The matter was reported to the officers, and of course there will be a reckoning and some will have to pay for the after show put on.

Have it ginned at Ira L. Sims' Gin, at Pony, as he has a boiler and cleaner in connection with new huller gins now being installed. Ready about January 25th. wtf

Bob Holmes, of Miles, who had been under treatment at the Sanitarium in our city for some time past, was able to return home Monday.

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

## USES SHOT GUN TO AVENGE DAUGHTER'S CHARACTER

Sheriff Pewett, of Concho county, brought T. G. Simmons to Ballinger Friday afternoon and placed him in the Ballinger jail to await the examining trial in which Simmons will answer to the killing of C. A. Bengtson.

The killing occurred Thursday morning at Lightner, a little station on the Frisco South of Eden, in Concho county. After shooting Bengtson to death with a single barrel shot gun Simmons telephoned to Paint Rock and requested that the sheriff come and get him, and he went to Eden and surrendered to the officer.

When called on in the local jail by a Ledger reporter Saturday morning, Mr. Simmons was brooding considerably over his trouble, and between sobs, with tears flowing down his cheeks he told in detail how the killing occurred and what led up to it. He stated that he was the father of thirteen children, was fifty-six years old and was never in jail before in his life and never had any business in court before.

According to the story as told by the unfortunate man, he shot Bengtson because Bengtson had ruined his home and the life of his daughter, who is now an inmate of the Carlsbad sanitarium, near San Angelo. Following is the substance of the sad story, as told by Simmons:

The man killed, owned considerable land at Lightner, and employed Simmons to work for him last year. In September Simmons had considerable sickness in his family, three or four of his children being down sick at one time, one child, a daughter eighteen, dying and his wife came very near dying with pneumonia. Simmons became hard pressed for money, and having a daughter that was in bad health, he made an effort to get her in the Carlsbad sanitarium. Dr. McKnight, in charge of the sanitarium, wrote Simmons that he had an opening for his daughter. Simmons did not have the money to send his daughter to the sanitarium, and he went to Bengtson to borrow it, and Bengtson agreed to let him have ten dollars, stating that he did not have the money at home but that he had it in Brady. On the day that the young lady was to start on her journey to the sanitarium, Bengtson went to Brady, going down on the train that leaves Lightner at 11 o'clock, with the understanding that he would get the money for Simmons and would meet the train that leaves Lightner at seven o'clock when it arrived at Brady, and supply the needed cash, which he did.

When the train upon which the young lady was traveling arrived at Brady, Bengtson met the young lady and after buying her ticket to Brownwood and checking her trunk he gave her the remainder of the ten dollars, and told her good bye. It seems that Bengtson did not leave the train

after telling the young lady good bye, but went into another car, and after the train left Brady for Brownwood he returned to the car where the young lady was, and traveled with her to Brownwood, and going with her to a hotel committed the crime responsible for the killing.

The father through friends learned that Bengtson accompanied his daughter to Brownwood, and rumors reached him that caused him to make the trip to Carlsbad last Sunday to see his daughter, and the daughter told the story of her ruined life. The father returned to his home with his mind fully made up to kill the man that had ruined his home. When he reached home he learned that Bengtson was in Brady, and learning when he was expected to return, he secured his gun, a single barrel shot gun and went to the postoffice and waited for the arrival of the train. The train arrived at Lightner at ten o'clock and Simmons met Bengtson in the road a few minutes later with the gun drawn he said, "I've got you treed, and I am going to kill you," and he shot Bengtson, as Bengtson turned to run. The first charge of shot struck Bengtson in the arm and as he threw up his arm. As quick as Simmons could place another shell in the gun he shot Bengtson again. By the time the second shot was fired Bengtson was perhaps thirty or forty feet from Simmons, trying to make his escape. He fell when the second charge of shot struck him, and Simmons loaded his gun the third time and kept going towards Bengtson. By the time he got within a few feet of Bengtson the man had gotten up and was advancing towards Simmons, when Simmons stepped back and fired the shot that ended the man's life.

This is the story as told by the man in jail, and is no doubt some of the facts that will be brought out by the defense in the trial of the case.

Quite a number of letters were exchanged between Bengtson and the young lady after she went to Carlsbad.

The man killed leaves a wife but no children, and at the time of the killing the wife was visiting in Travis county. Deceased had been living in Concho county about four years, and the Simmons family moved to that county a little over a year ago.

Telephone message received today stated that relatives of the man in jail would arrive here tomorrow to help him in his trouble. Simmons states that he has employed Judge Hayne P. Young of Paint Rock, to represent him.

A daughter of Simmons passed through Ballinger Friday at noon en route to Carlsbad to be with the daughter who is sick in the sanitarium at that place.

Mrs. Kate Woodward left Monday at noon for San Angelo to visit relatives a few days.

## ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF CONCHO KILLING

The Brady Standard gives an account of the killing at Lightner, in Concho county, in which T. G. Simmons shot and killed C. A. Bengtson. Simmons was brought to Ballinger and an account of the killing as given by him, was published in The Ledger Saturday, and tallies itw the Brady paper as to how the killing occurred. However, the Brady Standard says:

"Simmons made no statement to the officers which would throw any light on the cause which led to the killing, but told two traveling men who passed through Lightner a few minutes after the occurrence of the tragedy in an automobile en route to Brady, that the dead man had wronged his daughter several months ago, and that he had only learned of it Monday, and determined to kill him at the first opportunity.

"Deceased came to this country about four years ago from Travis county, where he was born and reared, and where his parents, several brothers and sisters and other relatives at present reside. He was a man of an unassuming, inoffensive nature, big hearted and jovial, and made friends readily with those with whom he came in contact. He made frequent business trip to this city since locating at Lightner, and had a host of friends among all classes of citizens of the town and those who knew him most intimately are unwilling to believe that he was guilty of the conduct with which Simmons charged him, but are rather inclined to the belief that the trouble may be traced to some business transaction between the two men, over which a dispute arose last week."

Jess McAdams of Ballinger, was one of the traveling men who talked with Simmons before he was arrested.

The Brownwood Bulletin in giving an account of the killing says: "Local traveling men today state that they saw Simmons shortly after the shooting, and that he is the same man who was in Brownwood Tuesday at the Southern Hotel, and while here examined the hotel register for entries made on December 22nd. These traveling men state that they heard Simmons state to officers that the deceased had registered at the Southern Hotel here with his daughter, and it is supposed that this was the cause of the killing. If Bengtson had stopped at the hotel here it was under an assumed name, since his name does not appear on the register."

It is desired to know the acreage of peanuts in the county this year, so that a working basis might be formed. Those who are interested in any way in the raising of peanuts are earnestly requested to be present at the meeting.

Ira L. Sims Gin at Pony is equipped to do it properly. New huller gins with a boiler and cleaner insures your securing a higher grade on your bolls or gathered cotton. wtf

Zack Snell, who is doing some road grading in the Winters-Crews precinct spent Saturday with home folks. We understand Mr. Snell is doing some splendid road work coming on down to the line of precinct number.

## TAKES OFF DANDRUFF HAIR STOPS FALLING

Girls! Try this! Makes your hair thick, glossy, fluffy, beautiful.

Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine you cannot find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.

Wm. Stevens, the gin man of Wilmeth, who has been in Ballinger the past day or two, informed us Saturday that he had rented the R. W. Bruce home on Broadway and will move his family here to make home as soon as Mr. Bruce's residence is completed on his farm southeast of the city, which will be about the 15th of March.

## Sprains, Bruises Stiff Muscles

Sloan's Liniment will save hours of suffering. For bruise or sprain it gives instant relief. It arrests inflammation and thus prevents more serious troubles developing. No need to rub it in—it acts at once, instantly relieving the pain, however severe it may be.

Here's Proof  
Charles Johnson, P. O. Box 105, Lawton Station, N. Y., writes: "I sprained my ankle and dislocated my left hip by falling out of a third story window six months ago. I went on crutches for four months, then I started to use some of your Liniment, according to your directions, and I must say that it is helping me wonderfully. I threw my crutches away. Only used two bottles of your Liniment and now I am walking quite well with one cane. I never will be without Sloan's Liniment."

All Dealers, 25c.  
Send four cents in stamps for a TRIAL BOTTLE

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Inc.  
Dept. B. Philadelphia, Pa.

## SLOAN'S LINIMENT



Kills Pain

## Peanut Meeting Called Saturday

For the purpose of organizing a club for the proper growing of peanuts in Runnels County, a meeting has been called by George P. McLelland, county demonstrator of the department of agriculture of the State, for Saturday, February 27. All farmers of the county who are interested in the culture of this product are requested by Mr. McLelland to be present at the auditorium of the Young Men's Business League, 2 o'clock, Saturday.

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## Try "GETS-IT," It's Magic for Corns!

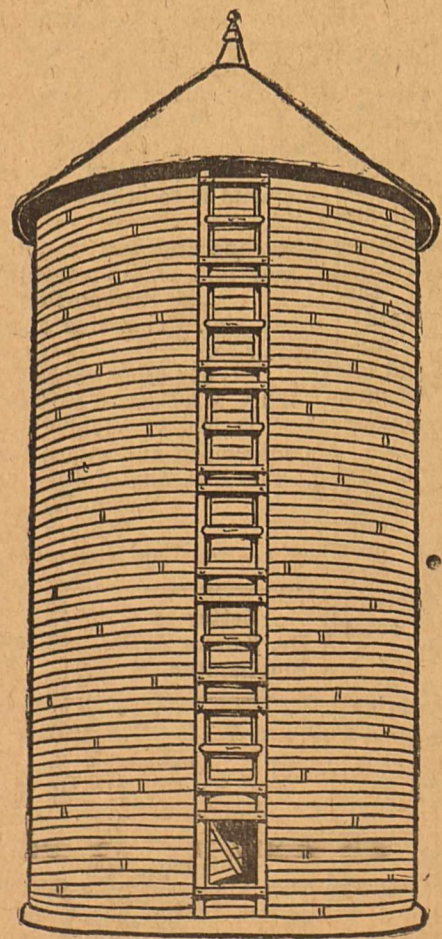
New, Simple, Common-Sense Way.  
You will never know how really easy it is to get rid of a corn, until you have tried "GETS-IT." Nothing like it has ever been produced. It takes less time to apply it than it does to read this. It



Kiss-It! Corn-pains in Every Nerve! Use "GETS-IT," It "Gets" Every Corn Surely, Quickly!

will dumfound you, especially if you have tried everything else for corns. Two drops applied in a few seconds—that's all. The corn shrivels, then comes right off, painlessly, without fussing or trouble. If you have ever made a fat bundle out of your toe with bandages; used thick, corn-pushing cotton-rings; corn-pulling salves; corn-tessing plasters—well, you'll appreciate the difference when you use "GETS-IT." Your corn-agony will vanish. Cutting and gouging with knives, razors, files and scissors, and the danger of blood-poison are done away with. Try "GETS-IT" tonight for any corn, callus, wart or bunion. Never fails.  
"GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.  
Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn cure by Walker Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce and City Drug Store.

## CRANE SILOS--



In Our Office We Have on File the Following Letter from H. W. Ammon, of Jordanvill, N. C. as Follows:

Gents:

In reply to yours of October 10th, will say, I have one of the Crane Silos that was built about 12 years ago. It has given perfect satisfaction in keeping ensilage, and it is in a perfect state of preservation today.

Yours very truly,

Signed H. W. AMMON,  
Jordanville, N. C.

We also have numbers of other letters from some of the largest breeders and dairymen in the country who are all high in their praise of this silo. A good silo will buy an automobile, but an automobile will eat up a silo. On a visit to our office you will be shown one of the Crane Silos you have just read about.

Wm. Cameron & Co.  
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

# ANNOUNCEMENT!

For the benefit of our customers Mr. Bradley a celebrated Chicago Foot Specialist, will give a two day **Free Demonstration of Scholl's Foot Comfort Service** at our store

**MONDAY, MARCH 1ST**

If you have any foot troubles, if your feet ache or pain, if you tire easily, if you have any foot deformation, consult him. There will be **No Charge** for his services nor will you be obliged to purchase your shoes here.

## This New Department is for Your Benefit

For months we have been preparing for this new feature of added service to our customers and to people who have experienced difficulty in being fitted, or whose feet have been tortured, in order to bring relief to all foot sufferers.

Our salesmen have been under special training not only in fitting foot gear but also in the proper methods of correction of foot troubles by Dr. Scholl's methods and with his appliances which are recognized as the greatest scientific discovery in the history of foot ailments. We aim to have this store known as the store of this city where perfect foot comfort service can be had.

### Henceforth This Store Will Give Scholl's Foot Comfort Service There's a Scholl Appliance for Every Foot Ailment or Deformity

No matter what your foot trouble may be, no matter what remedies you may have tried no matter how hard you may have sought to get relief you can now come to this store knowing that your foot troubles are at an end. Even if you have been wearing arch supports come in and show your feet to the specialist. Here are some foot troubles and the proper Scholl devices and preparations for their correction:

**Broken Down Arches**—Scholl's Tri-Spring Arch Supports correct this trouble and even the most severe cases of flat-foot.  
**Cramped Toes and Hammer Toes**—Scholl's Foot-Easer, properly fitted, holds up foot arch, prevents crowding forward and cramping of toes. Scholl's Hammer Toe Spring for hammer toes.  
**Corns**—Scholl's Absorbo Pads—a shape and size for each toe. Scholl's Fixo Corn Plasters remove corns in 48 hours.  
**Over and Underlapping Toes**—Scholl's Toe-Flex Prevents this trouble by holding toes straight.  
**Weak Ankles**—Scholl's Foot-Easer firmly holds up the weakened ankle by supporting the arch correctly. For children or adults.

**Extreme High Insteps**—Scholl's Tri-Spring Arch Supports are fitted to equalize and distribute the weight. Take pressure off the ball and make shoes fit better.  
**Severe Bunions**—Scholl's Bunion Right straightens the toes during the daytime while you wear Scholl's Bunion Spring at night which acts as a lever to bring them back into place. Scholl's Bunion Reducer is a shield of antiseptic rubber which takes the pressure off the enlarge joint and reduces the inflammation.  
**Callouses on Soles of Feet**—Scholl's Anterior Metatarsal Arch Support holds up the transverse arch of the foot, relieves callouses, metatarsalgia and Morton's Toe. Absorbo Pads relieve pressure and stop the pain.

### Take Advantage of this Specialist's Free Advice

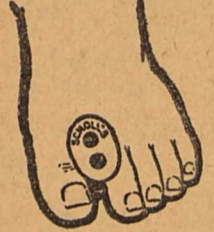
Don't hesitate to take advantage of this Foot Specialist's **FREE** demonstration whether you are one of our customers or not. He is here to help foot sufferers and his services and advice are free with no obligation on your part to buy your shoes here.

## Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. Ballinger's Greatest Store

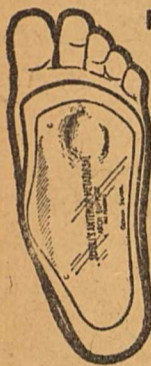
**SCHOLL'S FOOT-EASER**  
FOR TIRED ACHING FEET, WEAK ANKLES AND TO REST THE FEET



**SCHOLL'S BUNION RIGHT**  
STRAIGHTENS CROOKED OVERLAPPING TOES, THE CAUSE OF BUNIONS



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FOR CRAMPS AND PAINS IN TOES AND BALL OF FOOT, FOR MORTON'S TOE



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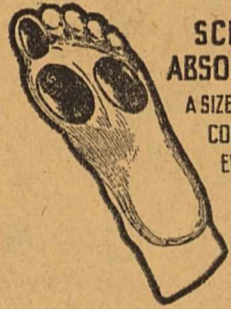
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A SIZE FOR EVERY TOE—CORN AND FOR EVERY CALLOUS ON BOTTOM OF FOOT



**SCHOLL'S BUNION SPRING**  
ACTS AS A LEVER FOR DRAWING CROOKED BUNION TOES STRAIGHT



## THE TRUE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ROAD QUESTION

Mr. A. Blank, a prominent farmer from Iowa, moved to Texas a few years ago and purchased a farm near Ballinger. Mr. Blank was a high-class farmer and has accumulated a small fortune by close attention to business. His farm back north was located on a good pike road and consisted of one-fourth of a section of land. His farm in Runnels

County consisted of 640 acres and was bounded by bad roads. Here and there on the highway to Ballinger there was a good stretch of road but the general opinion in Mr. Blank's mind was that the road was strictly on the blink.

Mr. Blank philosophized as follows: It's a long lane that's full of mudholes. Good roads save the horse, the house and humanity. The line of least resistance—an improved highway. The tax levied by the mud-hole greater than the tax on the good roads. Besides you get some-

thing for your money. The man who is contemplating the purchase of a farm rarely takes time to paddle through the mud and slop to reach the location. The tax levied by the mud-hole is three times greater than the tax paid towards maintaining the mudhole. The entire amount lost in Texas would build three state capitols. Runnels County people are losing enough to construct her part of the state building. Good roads are as important as water on the farm. A farmer drills his own well; his neighbor helps him construct the highway to the city. Do your part in helping the bond issue to pass April 10 and you'll be good. More happiness, morality and prosperity will rebound after the expenditure of a dollar for good roads than any other form of investment.

## AUSTRIANS DECLARE ADRIATIC WAR ZONE


PARIS, Feb. 22.—Reported here from Geneva that the Austrians have declared that the Adriatic Sea is "war zone" territory, and have given warning that they will sink every merchant man found in the Adriatic.

## INDIGESTION ENDED, STOMACH FEELS FINE

"Pape's Diapepsin," fixes sour, gassy, upset stomachs in five minutes.

Sour, gassy, upset stomach, indigestion, heartburn, dyspepsia; when the food you eat ferments into gases and stubborn lumps; your head aches, and you feel sick and miserable, that's when you realize the magic in Pape's Diapepsin. It makes all stomach misery vanish in five minutes.

If your stomach is in a continuous revolt—if you can't get it regulated, please for your sake, try Pape's Diapepsin. It's so needless to have a bad stomach—make your next meal a favorite food meal, then take a little Diapepsin. There will not be any distress—eat without fear. It's because Pape's Diapepsin "really does" regulate weak, out-of-order stomachs that gives it its missions of sales annually. Get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. It is the quickest, surest stomach relief and cure known. It acts almost like magic—it is a scientific, harmless and pleasant stomach preparation which truly belongs in every home.



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**ADOLPHUS BUSCH WROTE TEXAS BREWER'S ASSOCIATION: "Will give \$100,000 Extra to Your Campaign Fund." Home & State, Dallas, Texas, wants 100,000 Texans to read the "personal" and "confidential" letters seized by the State for suit, exposing conspiracy of liquor interests to control Texas. Story suppressed by daily papers.**

**FORMER ELECTIONS IN RUNNELS COUNTY DISCUSSED**

Publication begins March 1st. Order today—One year, one Dollar.

## Y. M. B. L. PLANNING TRADE EXCURSION

That a trade extension committee will be named soon and plans outlined for an excursion of the business men of Ballinger over Runnels County, is the statement made this afternoon by Ed Spill, secretary of the Young Men's Business League of the city. The committee will determine the sentiment of the business men of Ballinger as to reaching out after new business following the wave of prosperity which is sweeping Central West Texas.

"Information received from Dallas," said the Secretary, "is to the effect that the Chamber of Commerce there is arranging a schedule in which Ballinger will be visited by the jobbers and manufacturers as well as the retail merchants of that city. These Dallas people are realizing the conditions which are prevalent in Runnels County and will make a strong effort next spring to increase their business by catering to the residents of this good section.

"It's up to the merchants of Ballinger to realize their own condition. The farmers of Runnels County, without a doubt, are enjoying life due to the diversification movement which has swept the county for the past eighteen months. If Dallas business men realize the conditions here, it stands for reason that the Ballinger business men should be first to study conditions in Runnels and after an examination, join in a movement for the purpose of increasing trade in the county site."

According to the secretary, either late spring or early summer is the most logical time for promoting a trade extension. Careful consideration will be made by the board of directors of the Young Men's Business League, of the men of the city who have the greatest pep and boosting qualities in them for such an endeavor as a trade excursion committee.

The present plans would call for a trip over Runnels County in automobiles by the merchants of Ballinger. Advertising matter of the city and the businesses represented would be distributed in person by their representatives accompanying the trade evangelists. A personal appeal would be made by the excursionists to the farmers to do their business in Ballinger.

"In the event the bond issue passes, of which the League is almost confident," said Secretary Spill, "the merchants of Ballinger will have no cause whatever to fail to bid for trade from every section of old Runnels."

The matter will be brought up at meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Business League, March 9, Tuesday.

**How to Prevent Bilious Attacks.** "Coming events cast their shadows before." This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail, you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three of Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as these symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

## WILL NOT BURDEN RAILROAD

Austin, Tex., Feb. 23.—The large number of bills directed against railroads seem destined to die in this session of the legislature. The two-cent fare bill attracted no serious attention, with the railroads' cry of poverty reaching to heaven. Even the full crew bill appears to have little chance of passing. The railroads are making capital out of the defeat of a similar measure recently in Missouri by popular referendum.

The legislature, however, shows a disposition to make a special appropriation to aid the State Railroad Commission in the preparation of its side of the freight rate increase case and to defend its attitude that existing rates should not be increased.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge destroys and expels the worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. R. W. Nunn of Old Runnels, after a visit to relatives at San Angelo, returned to her home Monday afternoon.

## No Use to Try and wear out your cold—it will wear you out instead.

Thousands keep on suffering Coughs and Colds through neglect and delay.

Why make yourself an easy prey to serious ailments and epidemics as the result of a neglected Cold? Coughs and Colds sap your strength and vitality unless checked in the early stages. Dr. King's New Discovery is what you need—the first dose helps. Your head clears up, you breathe freely and you feel so much better. Buy a 50c bottle to-day and start taking at once.

Mrs. David Moore, Saginaw, Ala., writes: "My husband had a Cough for fifteen years and tried a number of other remedies without success, a sample bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery gave relief, and after taking several bottles was sound and well."

Excellent for Children's Coughs. They like Dr. King's New Discovery, it's so pleasant. Trial bottle mailed on receipt of 4c in stamps.

For a laxative use Dr. King's New Life Pills. Mild, don't gripe. H. E. BUCKLEN & CO. 639 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## SHORT ON MONEY; LOADED WITH JEWELRY

The officers picked up a professional hobo in the western part of the city Tuesday morning and made some investigation to learn how he was "getting by." When apprehended by the officers the weary Willie was going from house to house begging, and putting up a pitiful tale of how cruel the world had been to him.

When searched the officers found a handful of finger rings. These were pronounced by a local jeweler as being cheap goods—worthless, and it is presumed that the man had been peddling those. After securing a promise from the man that he would move on the officers released him, and he left town.

## Stop The Child's Colds They Often Result Seriously

Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough are children's ailments which need immediate attention. The after-effects are often most serious. Don't take the risk—you don't have to. Dr. King's New Discovery checks the Cold, soothes the Cough, allays the inflammation, kills the germs and allows nature to do her healing work. 50c at your Druggist. Buy a bottle today.

J. W. Moreland of the Millar neighborhood was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

## Effects of Great Kidney Remedy is Soon Realized

I feel it my duty to let you know what Swamp-Root did for me. I was bothered with my back for over twenty years and at times I could hardly get out of bed. I read your advertisement and decided to try Swamp-Root. Used five bottles, and it has been five years since I used it, and I have never been bothered a day since I took the last bottle of it. I am thoroughly convinced that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root cured me and would recommend it to others suffering as I did.

My husband was troubled with kidney and bladder troubles and he took your Swamp-Root and it cured him. This was about five years ago.

Very truly yours, MRS. MATTIE CAMFLEED, R. F. D. No. 3 Gobleville, Mich. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1909. Arvin W. Myers, Notary Public, for Van Duren Co., Mich.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

## Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidney and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Ballinger Weekly Banner-Ledger. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.