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Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

CHANGING DRILLS IN TALPA OIL WELL WORK

(Talpa Post.) As some folks seem fearful about the future operations at the Talpa Oil Well we are glad to inform the public in general that work at the well is only suspended until the big drop drill can be moved from the Trickham field to the well. This moving will take place just as soon as the roads are in condition to haul heavy machinery. This drill weighs consider-

able more than fire poker, making it necessary to avoid weak road culverts, and before this can be done the ground will have to dry up considerable. But Mr. Clemenger who is here on the ground tells us that this machinery will be brought here just as soon as possible, and will be put to work at once. The drilling crew is still here and everything is in good condition except the roads.

LOOKING TO AMERICA FOR PROTECTION

By United Press: WASHINGTON, March 17.—The administration has received notice that foreigners are appealing to the American warships at Progreso for protection, following Carranza victory at Yucatan.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—With the United States Cruiser Des Moines sailing the stars and stripes over the Progreso Bay, Carranza today abandoned his blockade of that port.

Two American ships sailed from Progreso Saturday.

An unconfirmed rumor reached here that a Mexican gunboat had fired on the Des Moines. This has not been confirmed up to a late hour.

TOO MANY CHILDREN FOR TENANTS

By United Press: DALLAS, March 17.—The tenantry hearing before the Federal Industrial Commission was continued today. An "Economically submerged tenant" family was exhibited before the commission.

A man from Waxahachie testifying before the commission said that tenants have too many children.

R. A. Williamson left Wednesday morning for Coleman to look after the interest of the Jean's Produce Company a day or two.

F. Bloominritt, of the Miles country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

U. S. WILL INSIST FOR HER RIGHTS

By United Press: WASHINGTON, March 17.—The administration announced today that plan to protest against England's German embargo would not be dropped but will be pushed, and the United States will insist that her rights be granted.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The official text of the English "Order in Council" blockading Germany was received here today. President Wilson and his cabinet all agree in the belief that the plans of the English blockade violates the rights of the United States under the rule of international law.

Southern senators today registered a strong protest against England's embargo on cotton consigned to German ports.

It is given out by the administration that there is no danger of serious break with Allies and there will be no haste about the United States making protest.

LONDON, March 15.—The long expected "order in Council" detailing plans of the allies to starve out Germany was made public today. The plans as announced are unprececedent in international law.

Drastic restrictions have been placed upon all neutral commerce and prohibits Germany from importing or exporting any commodities through Holland or Scandinavian countries.

Warning has been given to the world that no vessel of any nation which sailed for Germany since March 1 will be allowed to continue to German ports.

GERMANY'S CLAIM IS NONSENSE

By United Press: VALPARAISO, Chile, arch 17.—British Lieutenant Commander here denies that the Dresden was sunk in neutral waters and says the claim by the Germans is nonsense.

Washington, March 16.—A statement issued by the German embassy here tonight declared that the German cruiser Dresden, sunk by a British squadron off the coast of Chile Sunday "apparently was attacked while in shelter of neutral waters."

The embassy's information came in cablegrams yesterday and today from Valparaiso, Chile.

NEW TERMINAL FOR SAN ANTONIO

Special to The Daily Ledger: SAN ANTONIO, March 18.—A new terminal will soon be under construction in this city for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway. Through is subsidiary, the San Antonio Belt & Terminal Railway, rights of way for the roped tracks and buildings have been secured, and the City Council will soon be asked for a franchise. An expenditure of \$1,500,000 is involved. The road has been using the terminal of the Southern Pacific.

PREVENTS MOUNTING NEW GUNS

By United Press: LONDON, March 17.—The French flotillas shells are preventing the Turks from mounting new guns at the Dardanelles. The British cruiser Amethyst is reported badly damaged and twenty of her crew killed.

Judge Snodgrass of Coleman, who had been looking after legal business in the District Court the past few days, returned home Wednesday morning.

TORPEDOED NEUTRALSHIP; SIX DEAD

By United Press: LONDON, March 17.—It is officially announced here that the Germans torpedoed the Atlanta and the Fingal. Six of the Atlanta crew were drowned. The Atlanta reached port.

Judge C. O. Harris of San Angelo, came in Wednesday morning to look after legal business in the District Court.

Look! Look! ...The... Fair Special SATURDAY Now on display in window. Beautiful Towels 25 cent values for 15 Cents THE FAIR

WE ARE GROWING. That is sufficient proof to us that we are filling a place of usefulness in the Winter scountry. 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. Responsibility \$300,000.00 D. M. Hillyard, Cashier. WINTERS BANKING COMPANY (Unincorporated)

STATEMENT OF GONDITION OF ...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER MARCH 4th, 1915. RESOURCES: Loans and discounts \$313,582.30, U. S. bonds 101,500.00, Banking house furniture and fixtures 25,000.00, Real estate 20,192.31, Stocks and bonds 20,200.00, Stock Federal Reserve Bank 4,500.00, Acceptances, cotton 86,534.23, Cash and Exchange 151,103.91. LIABILITY: Capital stock \$200,000.00, Surplus and profits 45,644.08, Circulation 100,000.00, Bills payable 50,000.00, Deposits 326,968.87. Total \$722,612.75.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for the nice business given us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement. Not a dollar of interest bearing public money in the above statement.

The Depositors Credit Credit Makes Profits for Merchant and Farmer. It Takes Money to Make Money. Build up your credit by being a depositor in the bank. We loan to DEPOSITORS first. Every dollar deposited builds up three to four dollars credit. The credit advantages are always in favor of the depositor who can borrow money when others cannot. Start an Account with Us---Start it Now! BALLINGER STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY Ballinger, Texas.

Comparative Statements of Increase in Individual Deposits: March 5, 1911 \$58,338.07, March 5, 1912 \$97,959.03, March 5, 1913 \$99,845.25, March 5, 1914 \$117,393.44, March 5, 1915 \$192,001.77. No Depositor Ever Lost a Dollar in a State Bank of Texas. Grow With Us. Winters State Bank "Guaranty Fund Bank"

Japan Must Respect U. S. Chinese Treaty

By United Press: WASHINGTON, March 18.—It is officially admitted today that the United States has asked Japan to respect China's territorial integrity.

This does not mean that the United States will join the allies, although the United States know they made the representations,

but were acting independently.

The United States informed the Japanese government that certain of the Japanese demands were not in harmony with the treaty agreements between China and the United States.

It is reported that the Mikado will modify Chinese demands.

TENRNTY APPROACHES SLAVERY

By United Press: DALLAS, March 18.—Evidence being introduced before the federal industrial commission today tries to show that tenantry conditions in Texas approaches slavery. Small courts throughout the state are severely attacked.

J. M. Garlington left Wednesday morning for Brownwood on a collecting trip for the Guin & Franks business at Wingate.

F. F. Moore of Selina, came in Monday night to look after business interests in Ballinger and to visit friends a few days.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. C. Richards and babe, came in from Abilene Tuesday and will visit his parents in our city a few days.

30 COUPLE CAUGHT IN HIGH LIFE

By United Press: HOUSTON, March 18.—The police made a wholesale raid on the Road house last night and captured thirty couples. It is reliably stated at police headquarters that some of the girls caught in the raid are members of prominent families. It is alleged that many were drunk.

TEMPLE MAN CUTS THROAT WITH KNIFE

By United Press: TEMPLE, March 18.—W. A. Hickman, a prominent farmer residing near here is in a dying condition as the result of slashing his own throat with a knife. Hickman committed the deed in the presence of his son and daughter. No cause is assigned for the suicide.

No Repairs In Three Years

When you buy a piece of equipment, an automobile, a tractor or a gas engine, the price you pay for it is only a part of the cost. There are the repairs, the depreciation and the replacements to be considered.

Did you ever consider how much of this CONTINUAL COST depends on the oil?

Here is some evidence on the point:

ALL CONTRACTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE HOME OFFICE

J. A. BEL LUMBER COMPANY, LTD.

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STORE DEPARTMENT
J. M. McCain, Manager

Meeting P. O. La., Nov. 17th, 1914

Mr. Joe Satalee, Agt.,

Texas Oil Co.,

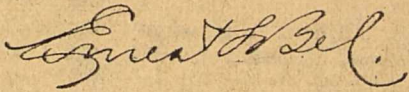
Lake Charles, La.

Dear Joe:-

Today my Hudson 33 Roadster is three years old, and have never had the valves ground, or any part of the engine worked on, except cleaning of Plugs once.

I have used your Texaco Motor Oil, and Gasoline, on this car all together, and have saved an average of Ten Dollars per month on Garage bills, and know your oil is the cause of it.

Sincerely,



The "Made in Texas"

TEXACO QUALITY AND SERVICE

did this, the same quality and service which are to be secured in your town. Our Agent is there to serve you—get in touch with him.

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

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COURT COMPLETES CRIMINAL WORK

The jury for criminal court week was discharged Friday morning, the last case on the docket for the present term having been disposed of.

The county is left with the cleanest criminal court docket for many years.

The charge against Richard Green, colored, for assault and attempt to murder one negro "Raz", was reduced to aggravated assault and Green plead guilty, and the jury fixed his punishment at \$25 and costs.

The jury in the Smith seduction case was discharged late Thursday afternoon, having announced to the court that it would be impossible for them to agree upon a

verdict.

This case will probably come up again next term of court. The verdict was a surprise to many, as the defense failed to introduce any testimony to break down the evidence introduced by the state, only one witness being placed on the stand for the defense.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

J. D. Maxwell had business at Rowena between trains Monday.

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.

POISONED FAMILY BETTER.

The Caldwell family, of whom three died last week, are still in hard circumstances. There are five still sick and two are dangerously so. The community and the county are both giving every attention that can be given and it is hoped all those who are sick will soon be better.—Paint Rock Herald.

A Specific Against Colds.

"If there is such a thing as a specific against colds, it is to be found in the sleeping porch or the open bed room. Next to that comes the cold sponge bath in the morning," says the Youths Companion. Be as careful as you can you will occasionally take cold and when you do you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a great help in enabling you to get rid of it. Try it. Obtainable everywhere.

NEGRO CAUGHT HERE IS WANTED IN THE PENITENTIARY

Among a number of prisoners that escaped jail at San Angelo last week was a negro who had been sentenced to the pen, and was being held awaiting the arrival of the transfer agent.

This negro was caught by City Marshal Jack McKay Friday, and has been returned to the officers at San Angelo. City Attorney Cox, of San Angelo, who knew the negro, came down Saturday morning and identified the negro, and carried him back to San Angelo, saving the officers there a trip.

Mr. McKay had received notice to watch out for the negro and had a description of the escaped prisoner, and notwithstanding that the negro had disguised himself since breaking out of jail, by shaving off his mustache, clipping his hair and dyeing himself as black as it is possible to make a negro.

The negro is of a mulatto color but he had blacked himself, and it required an officer who knew him well to identify the negro, and this brought the San Angelo city attorney to Ballinger.

Marshal McKay got on the negro's trail and located him at the Dr. Fowler farm six miles south of Ballinger. He had just arrived at the Fowler farm when Mr. McKay appeared on the scene and placed the negro under arrest.

City Attorney Cox stated that the escape of the prisoners from the jail at San Angelo was a mystery, in that the opening that gave them their freedom was only 11x13 inches, and seemed impossible for a man to crawl through.

In some way the prisoners secured something to saw with and cut an opening in the cell where they were confined and escaped through this small hole. The negro weighs 170 pounds. His body contained scratches supposed to have been made in working himself through the ragged opening in the cell bars.

EAT CABBAGE, FISH, SAUSAGE, NEW BREAD

"Pape's Diapepsin" digests food when stomach can't—Cures indigestion.

Do some foods you eat hit back—taste good, but work badly; ferment into stubborn lumps and cause a sick, sour, gassy stomach? Now, Mr. or Mrs. Dyspeptic, jot this down: Pape's Diapepsin digests everything, leaving nothing to sour and upset you. There never was anything so safely quick, so certainly effective. No difference how badly your stomach is disordered you will get happy relief in five minutes, but what pleases you most is that it strengthens and regulates your stomach so you can eat your favorite foods without fear.

Most remedies give you relief sometimes—they are slow, but not sure. "Pape's Diapepsin" is a quick, positive and puts your stomach in a healthy condition so the misery won't come back.

You feel different as soon as "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach—distress just vanishes—your stomach gets sweet, no gases, no belching, no eructations of undigested food, your head clears and you feel fine.

Go now, make the best investment you ever made, by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, peptic or any stomach disorder.

E. W. Gray of the Pony creek country, and G. M. Maynard of the Crews country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and Mr. Gray divided his cash with us on his subscription to the Banner-Ledger.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

For Reliable Abstract Work See SECURITY TITLE CO.

"Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

Dr. Fred Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil for Man and Beast.

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.

Walker Drug Co., Ballinger Tex.; Owens Drug Store, Winters, Tex.; City Drug Store, Miles, Tex.; Palace Drug Store, Rowena, Tex.; Middleton Drug Store, Bradshaw, R. L. Sides, Hatchel, Texas; J. D. Miller, Norton, Texas; Rainwater Bros., Crews.

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

To Our Country Friends LEACH AUTO WORKS

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.
PHONE 69

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

DELICATE APPETITES

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

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

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

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.
PHONE 66

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.

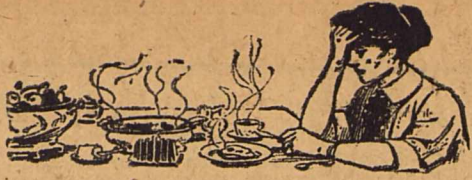
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Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills
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Hall Hardware Co.

Can't Eat—Stomach Out Of Order



You are losing strength and vitality. That listless, languid feeling is due to the weak condition of the system.

These are sure signs of a breakdown. Check same quickly and effectively by using Electric Bitters, greatest of all tonics. If you feel worn out and run down, it is time for a tonic. Use Electric Bitters early—do not wait until you are worse. It will tone up your system and restore you to your old time vigor and health.

H. E. BUCKLEN & CO. PHILADELPHIA. ST. LOUIS

Keep your stomach in order, increase your appetite, restore your system to a healthy condition by taking Electric Bitters. All Druggists.

Miss J. E. VandeSande, Kirkland, Ill., writes:—"On account of nursing a relative through three months serious illness, I was run down, exhausted, nervous, could hardly eat or sleep. That I did not break down, I am convinced was due to several bottles of Electric Bitters I then took. I am never without them in the house and recommend them to others."

Get a bottle to-day. Helps every time.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SELL CARLOAD FOWLS

Poultry raisers of the Runnels County Diversification and Marketing Association are endeavoring to collect a carload of old fowls to be shipped to the market if the right prices can be commanded for the same. A number of poultry breeders are anxious to clear their barnyards of all old stock, replacing it with younger blood. This, it is stated by the raisers, is essential to the life of the poultry industry in Runnels County, which from all indications, will be a most important factor in the welfare of the people.

Before shipping the car of old poultry, the raisers declare that they will give all local dealers an opportunity to make the same price as the concerns of other parts of the country.

This movement is following the plan of the marketing association of Comanche County, which has gained a name over the entire state of Texas, for the excellent prices which are commended.

Keep Your Bowels Regular

As everyone knows, the bowels are the sewerage system of the body, and it is of the greatest importance that they move once each day. If your bowels become constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets just after supper and they will correct the disorder. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. David Holliday of Hatchel were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Stallworth, of the Pony Creek country, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

White Man With Black Liver

The liver is a blood purifier. It was thought at one time it was the seat of the passions. The trouble with most people is that their liver becomes black because of impurities in the blood due to bad physical states, causing Bilioussness, Headache, Dizziness and Constipation. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clean up the liver, and give you new life. 25c at your Druggist.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS



Roadster \$479.00
Touring Cars \$529.00
F. O. B. Ballinger

When the Ford needs repairing, Bring it to the Ford home, and talk to our expert Ford mechanics

Harwell Motor Co. Ballinger Texas

SCHOOL BOARD REDUCING DEBT; PAYS OFF \$1,500

The school board retired another batch of bonds Monday of this week, issuing a voucher upon the sinking fund for \$1,500.

The Ballinger Independent District issued bonds to the extent of \$40,000. This money was used in building and furnishing the school buildings, which together with the land owned by the district is valued at about \$60,000.

The bonds retired Monday reduces the indebtedness to \$30,500, \$9,500 worth of the bonds having been paid off. This makes it an easy matter for the school board to maintain the present tax rate and at the same time take care of the additional bond issue that is contemplated for the purpose of making the needed improvements in the Central School building.

In view of the fact that the new bonds can be issued without increasing the tax rate it is the opinion of many that there will be no opposition to the new bonds. With \$9,500 bonds retired, it will in fact, not take as much money to create the sinking fund from now on as it has on years past, and the new bonds can be issued without extra cost to the tax pay-

ers.

No one who has visited the Central school will dare say that the bonds should not be issued and the building remodeled and made safe for the several hundred children who spend the greater part of their times in this building every year.

Some of the school patrons do not seem to understand why the school board can not use this money they have been paying off bonds with for continuing the school, or making the improvements, instead of retiring the bonds.

The law does not give the board authority to transfer the money from the sinking fund to any other fund. In fact it is a violation of the law to do so. The money is provided for the specific purpose of paying off the bonds, and must be used for that purpose. As the fund for this purpose is being created from year to year, the money is not idle, as the board appoints a custodian for the fund and receives under sealed bids the highest rate of interest for it, and this in a measure augments the fund from year to year.

SMALL POX VICTIM COMES TO BALLINGER

A negro who was confined in a small pox detention camp near Winters, escaped and came to Ballinger last Sunday night.

The negro developed the case of small pox at Winters, and the authorities at that place notified the county judge. The judge informed the Winters authorities that they would have to provide some way to take care of the patient and keep him under quarantine. The negro was provided with a tent and placed off to himself.

It is presumed that things were a little too lonely for the negro, and when he began to dream about the white cap notices that were recently posted in Winters he decided that he was not too sick to travel, and he hit the road for Ballinger.

The sick negro is being cared for here and Winters will probably be called on to take care of the bill.

"TIZ" EASES TIRED, SORE, SWOLLEN FEET

So tired of burning, aching, calloused feet and corns? Use "TIZ."



Why go limping around with aching, puffed-up feet—feet so tired, chafed, sore and swollen you can hardly get your shoes on or off? Why don't you get a 25-cent box of "TIZ" from the drug store now and gladden your tortured feet?

"TIZ" makes your feet glow with comfort; takes down swelling and draws the soreness and misery right out of feet that chafe, smart and burn. "TIZ" instantly stops pain in corns, callouses and bunions. "TIZ" is glorious for tired, aching, sore feet. No more shoe tightness—no more foot torture.

I. A. Currie of Miles was a visitor here this week, being a jurymen in district court for the week. Mr. Currie says that conditions in the Miles country are greatly improved, and that vacant houses there now consist of only small cheap shacks that few people would live in.

Rev. I. W. McDonald of Coleman, pastor of the Nazarene Church, who had been at the bedside of his friend at the Sanitarium, and visiting Rev. Bost, left for his home Tuesday afternoon.

The Secret of A Happy Life

By W. Bion Adkins

1. Don't worry. Do your best and unanxiously leave the rest to God. It is not so much hard work as fret and worry that kills men. Let your troubles be turned from stumbling blocks into stepping-stones, on which to mount to higher things. This universe is not left to blind the rule of fortuitous atoms; in all its vast machinery not one delicate screw is loose, and from microscopic mote to fixed star and from faintest heart throb to singing celestial spheres. God's tender, all-comprehensive thought sleeplessly moves and blessedly sustains. If God arranges the lily in more than imperial beauty and splendor, and no sparrow falls or grass-blade goes unmatched by His careful eye, surely He will not leave your immortal nature unadorned or uncared for. Over-regard for material blessings is the secret of carking care and bootless anxiety.

2. Forget your past mistakes and look forward hopefully into the future. Like Lot's ill-fated backward looking wife, peering back too wistfully means retrogression and harm.

Don't brood too much over yesterday's failings and mistakes, but like a Corinthian athlete, with eye and limb and nerve impetuously training for the parsley-wreathed goal, so do you, with quenchless enthusiasm, press on to nobler achievements, inspired by loftier visions and holier ideals.

Tardy laggards never clutch life's golden prizes. Unavailing regrets not only unfit for action, but embitter the passing hours. Be not content with last week's perfumeless, wilted bouquets, when the earth is even now embossed with an army of sweet-eyed flowers. Don't sentimentally bemoan the past, but look upon every past distress as a reason for fronting tomorrow with hardier nerve and more magnificent bravery.

3. Enjoy life as the days go by. If you reject the little and inconspicuous chances of happiness today, tomorrow you may vainly seek to catch the shy, fickle sylph of pleasure.

Don't wait until your fresh, keen nerve of enjoyment has withered with age. The unsoiled freshness and rainbow beauty and unworn strength of youth are all too soon faded and gone. Every day has in it some golden hour that ought not to pass away unimpaired.

4. Cultivate sunny-heartedness of temper, and you will find it a priceless charm for brightening existence and hushing troubled waters into happy peace.

Form the habit of giving cheer and encouragement to others, never uttering needlessly a disheartening word. Don't quench hope, or throw cold water on reasonable enthusiasm, or chill ardor, or create an atmosphere of censure and faultfinding, but make folks tingle to the finger-tips with the heartiness of your presence and greeting. Make others happy and you can not help but be benefited. Don't let the black-pinioned raven's croak down the sky-lark's rosy note. Don't talk in a series of grunts and growls. Instead of resembling a gruff and surly thunder-cloud, try to be a flood of captivating sunshine. Learn to reflect nature's bright moods when dew-drops and liquid pearls of bird-song and gorgeous pomps of sky and sea and her thousand aspects of pure loveliness sweep the cob-webs out of the brain and make the heart sing.

Above all, let no wagging of evil tongues or barbed malice or frozen sneer or stroke of misfortune rob you of the cheerful faith that at the core of every hideous experience lies a heart of blessing and goodness.

5. Look on the Godward side of your troubles.

The gardener's sharp pruning knife in the midst of to luxuriant tendrils is not a sign of anger, but of love. It is the unchastened child that is spoilt.

Just as the grape-clusters grow more luscious and richer, flavored by the touch of the unsparing blade, so the bleeding heart develops the virtues of a saint by the keen shocks of suffering.

6. Be Christlike and live for others. If you seek enjoyment as a definite object in life, happiness will coyly elude your panting and breathless chase. Live above the sordid aims and green-eyed envy of the world, working unselfishly for God and

Keep the Children Bright and Happy

Happy youngsters must be healthy. The digestive organs of children get out of order as readily as do those of their elders, and the result is equally distressing. When the bowels are clogged with an accumulation of refuse from the stomach the child naturally becomes cross and fretful from the discomfort, and is often punished for temper when medical attention is really what is needed.

The next time your child is cross and unhappy, without apparent reason, try giving it a mild laxative. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a mild pleasant tasting combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, and is especially recommended for children because of its freedom from all opiate or narcotic drugs and its gentle action. It is sold in drug stores everywhere. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

man and you shall taste the bliss of Christ's serene and ineffable joy. Our age runs to minor strains, and the cup of nectar, instead of being delicious, smacks of gall and wormwood. Why? Because we hunt for pleasure too hotly, and lo! the gay cup bubbles with ruin; because our mad chase after excitement at last jades and bitterly reacts; because we plunge too eagerly into secular pursuits, and incessant toil is apt to breed wearing and disgust.

Living like Christ makes life divinely beautiful and joyous. Under the touch of His transfiguring presence every dark path opens up glimpses of light somewhere, every throb of pain shall ultimately rise into a pulse of gladness, every sting of misery shall be transformed into a burst of praise, every tragic loss and tear of grief shall turn into a palmy triumph and an eternal gain and every pit of sin and sorrow shall become a starting point from which to soar to Heaven.

DID CHILD WAKE UP CROSS OR FEVERISH?

Look Mother! If tongue is coated give "California Syrup of Figs" to clean the bowels

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once. When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle.

Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50 cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

Jim Henderson came in from San Angelo Monday morning to look after his cattle that he is feeding at the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill pens.

Bert Low, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to San Antonio to visit and look after business affairs a week or two.

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

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The man who thinks the government owes his children a free education is not expected to dig up to help keep the schools going.

If you are not educated in biblical matters you might learn something by attending the Bible Institute. Of course if you know all there is in the Bible it would be a waste of time.

On the day designated by the governor as clean-up day, a good part of Texas was covered with snow. The ruler of the universe did his part; now let's get busy.

The theory is now advanced that placing ice at the root of fruit trees will hold the budding in check until the danger period for frost is past. That's just like the work of some ice man.

The opposition to certain bills are threatening a filibuster in the legislature when those bills come up for passage. It is possible that Texas has some law makers that can talk a bill to death.

Lincoln Beachy, the noted American aviator, has gone the route of all birdmen. He only dropped three thousand feet while entertaining the sightseers at the Panama Exposition Sunday.

The people seem to be content to let nature take its course in the elections that are to be held within the next month. April 12th the people will be given a chance to reject or adopt the commission form of government. On April 10th the bond issue for good roads will be passed or "swatted." Which? Other counties are issuing bonds and building good roads. Other towns have adopted the commission form of government. What shall we do? Every voter should give the questions some thought and prepare themselves for casting an intelligent vote.

000 Federal building here. Senator Sheppard is impressed with the failure of Americans throughout the county to appreciate President Wilson as a deliverer of the nation from war.

"We owe him an eternal debt of gratitude," the senator said Tuesday, "for steering the country so safely to avoid war. Every day that passes without intervention in Mexico means that much blood saved and so many homes kept happy.

"I don't know how long President Wilson will keep us out of the European war, but he and Secretary Bryan are making Herculean efforts in that direction and thus far they have kept the country out of any very grave situation.

"No president since Lincoln has had to combat such emergencies as Wilson. The possibilities are grave all the time, but the country will not be in peril if the President can protect it in the future as he has done in the past?"

WINTERS HAS BETTER PAPER.

Since installing a linotype, the most modern machine made for setting type, and making other improvements in his plant, Ed Eason is giving the Winters people a better paper.

The paper came out last week almost doubled in size and full of local news, and with the new type faces made a much better appearance than the old Enterprise.

Friend Eason has been working under difficulties during the last year or two, but he has a line up now that deserves the hearty support and unanimous co-operation of the Winters business men. He has the equipment to put out a good paper every week, and one that will be a credit to the town, and we believe that he will do it if the merchants will not be "stinted" in their support.

Many a time has it been said the newspaper is an index to the town in which it is published. A live town will not put up with a sorry newspaper, and a good newspaper can not survive in a dead town.

Winters now has a printing plant that the citizens should feel proud of. There are few towns of similar size in Texas that can boast of a printing plant with a modern type-setting machine. There was a day when every

rent, but for twice its amount.—Dallas News.

The foundation for this bill was laid to stand upon while making the race for office. It served its purpose and the law makers accepted it as a platform demand, many of those voting for the bill expressing an opinion that it would not hold good. The law will be tested, and when it is it will be erased from the new statutes.

We can not believe that the law will solve the tenant problem in Texas. If the legislature had devoted as much time in studying some method for helping the homeless to secure homes as they did in passing a bill that will encourage tenantry the common people would have been better served.

Such a law, if adhered to, will set a precedent for others that would be obnoxious to the producer—the tenant. If the State of Texas has a right to fix the price of land rents it also has the right to fix the price of the products that land produces, and to fix the price of labor used in making the crop.

The law was passed with the emergency clause and is now in effect.

"Flowers for the Living."

A friend at Paint Rock, writes that a family near Paint Rock are in destitute circumstances and that while foraging along the river for sustenance they partook of sour pecans and perhaps "crow poison." Three of the children died, and all were seriously sick. The good people of Paint Rock are caring for them.

"Flowers for the living" is an excellent motto; help for the destitute and distressed, before they have starved, or poisoned themselves with unwholesome food, or deliberately planned their self destruction, would also be a grand and noble work. The Paint Rock people are as willing and ready to heed a distress signal as any set of people (we just happened to take this case for an example.) But the trouble is, especially among the most deserving, that the signal of distress is rarely displayed until fearful havoc has been wrought.

How much better it would have been if a relief committee had been waited upon this family before death had invaded their cir-

JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

We are in favor of female suffrage—in the home, where it is most needed.—West News.

If you are going to hold woman responsible for the home, and the development of the children of the home into manhood and womanhood, why not permit her to have a voice in fixing the laws that are made for the foundation of a happy home?

It may be delightful to poke fun at the State Legislature, but don't forget that it is a serious business for those who pay the freight—in other words, the taxes.—Bonham Favorite.

In selecting men for the legislature we should consider their ability to spend money. If you are going to employ a man to spend your money for you, you should see that he is a conservative spender. That's what Texas needs.

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 educating 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.—Ballinger Banner-Ledger.

The boys are quitting the harmful habit and many of their foolish pas are taking it up. It used to be that the father set the examples for the son, but judging from the conduct of many of the present day pas it is up to their sons to try to keep them in the straight and narrow way by setting the proper examples themselves.—Bonham Favorite.

That we have boys today who are intelligent enough to profit by the mistakes of their pas is proof sufficient that the world is growing better.

The Rannels county poultry industry brought the farmers of that county \$500,000 during the past year, having almost doubled the amount of the preceding year. That is a lot of money and the thing that makes it count is that it is divided up among the farm-

the county. Diversified farming and that spirit of co-operation is responsible, and we have something to crow about.

THAW LOSES HIS MOTION FOR LIBERTY

NEW YORK, arch 16.—Chief Justice Page today denied motion asking for return of Thaw to the jurisdiction of New Hampshire. Thaw has sued out writ of habeas returnable here March 19. Thaw is still in Tombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ledford of Talpa, were shopping and visiting in Ballinger between trains Monday.

R. L. Sides of Hatchel had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

RUB RHEUMATIC PAIN FROM ACHING JOINTS

Rub Pain right out with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacob's Oil."

Stop "dosing" Rheumatism. It's pain only; not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil" right in the "tender spot," and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out come the rheumatic pain and distress. "St. Jacob's Oil" is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness, and stiffness from aching joints, muscles, and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache and neuralgia.

Limber up! Get a small trial bottle of old-time, honest "St. Jacob's Oil" from any drug store, and in a moment, you'll be free from pains, aches, and stiffness. Don't suffer! Rub rheumatism away.

Severe Head Pains Caused By Catarrh Cured By Peruna



I Feel It a Duty to Mankind to Let All Know of My Cure. Peruna Did It.

Mr. W. H. Chaney, R. F. D. 2, Sutherland, Pittsylvania Co., Va., writes: "For the past twelve months I have been a sufferer from catarrh of the head. Since taking four bottles of your Peruna I feel like a different person altogether. The severe pains in my head have disappeared, and my entire system has been greatly strengthened. This is my first testimonial to the curative qualities of any patent medicine. I feel it a duty to mankind to let them know of Peruna in my estimation it is the greatest medicine on earth for catarrh." We have thousands of testimonials like Mr. Chaney's. Some of them were cured after years of suffering and disappointment in finding a remedy. Send for free copy of "Ills of Life." The Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio. Those who object to liquid medicines can now procure Peruna Tablets.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schultz, of Eden, were in the city Monday to accompany her sister, Mrs. Connell who was en route to her home near Post City.

George Spidell of Winters had business in Ballinger Monday.

A TEXAS WONDER

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

Foster Predicts Many Severe Storms for the Spring Months ONE HEAVY HAIL STORM IN FEBRUARY FELL SOUTH AND EAST OF BALLINGER. GRAIN GROWERS CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST LOSS BY INSURING THEIR CROPS WITH BALLINGER INSURANCE AGENCY, Ballinger, Texas. Office with Bennett Abstract Company. T. J. GARDNER, Manager

THE UNWRITTEN LAW.

The "unwritten law," which has hitherto been good for the liberty of all murderers who plead it, received a slight set back in Fort Worth last week. A man who had shot the day lights out of another man and then pled the unwritten law was actually given a five year sentence to the penitentiary. The evidence adduced at the trial showed that the killer's wife had written the man who was killed a letter. This was considered sufficient provocation for the taking of human life so the man who received the letter was pumped full of lead while he was at his place of business. In our desire to throw proper safeguards around the home, we of the South have turned scores of red-handed murdered murderers loose on the unwritten law plea. The killers have learned that the "unwritten law" is an open sesame to liberty and when they shoot a man to death they then manufacture pleas of the invasion of their homes.—Honey Grove Signal.

PRESIDENT WILSON A PEACEMAKER

United States Senator Morris Sheppard arrived in Fort Worth direct from Washington Tuesday just in time to deliver an address at the opening session of the joint Woodmen convention. He will hasten back to the capital to wind up departmental matters before he returns to his home at Texarkana. He has headquarters at the Metropolitan hotel. Senator Sheppard is sovereign banker of the Woodmen of the World.

While in Fort Worth he will confer with officials of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the plans for the proposed new \$800-

little cross roads town had a newspaper, turned out from the shop with a hand press and a "shirt tail" full of type. Most of such papers have long since starved to death. We are living in an age when the people are demanding more for their money, and the newspaper that is not equipped to give service can not succeed. Neither can a paper give service where the field is over crowded, and the advertisers burdened to support them.

YOU CAN'T RENT LAND FOR CASH.

Representative Wagstaff believes that the Land Tenant Bill, now a law, will have the effect of preventing the renting of farm land for a cash rental. The argument he makes to support this view is plausible, to say the least of it. It provides, he points out, that a landlord may not charge more than the "value of one-third of the grain or the value of one-fourth of the cotton." Now, who can fortell what will be the "value" of the cotton and corn crops grown on any farm? One must be a seer beyond the proficiency of any the world has heard of to do so. The value of cotton fluctuates, nor is corn innocent of that baneful habit, and since rental contracts must be made in advance of the gathering of the crops, even in advance of their planting, would not a landlord incur some risk in renting for a fixed cash consideration? The amount stipulated might, by reason of an over-supply of cotton or corn, be more than the value of one-fourth and one-third of the crops grown, in which case the landlord would seem to be exposed to the danger of being sued, not merely for the amount of the

cle! Then, too, if help had reached them earlier, the father could have been given work to supply their needs, which would have been cheaper and more satisfactory. We think that each community should have a committee whose duty it should be to visit the strangers within their gates and ascertain if they need help NOW, not wait until new and unsurmountable sorrows have overwhelmed them. We are prone to heed the far-off, and fully supplied ery when want is stalking in our own vicinity all unheeded.—Eden Echo.

IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN, IT'S YOU.

If you want to live in the kind of a town Like the kind of a town you like You need not slip your clothes in a grip And start on a long, long hike. You'll only find what you left behind, For there's nothing that's really new; It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town; It isn't the town, it's you!

Real towns are not made by men afraid Lest somebody else gets ahead. When everyone works and nobody shirks You can raise a town from the dead. And if while you make your personal stake Your neighbor can make one, too, Your town will be what you want to see. It isn't the town, it's you. —Climax-Madisonian, Richmond, Ky.

ers, no one person or company having a monopoly—a hen will lay as well for a poor man as for a rich one. Grayson county is doing a great poultry business, the available figures showing that \$250,000 has been spent the past year among the farmers by poultry dealers alone. This does not include poultry sold to grocery merchants, and this will bring the sum up to a much larger figure. Sherman Democrat.

The time was in this country that the average farmer scorned to meddle with such things as poultry, dairying, peanuts and small truck. And years ago the cotton seed were left at the gin to rot except those saved for seed and what the long horn cows would eat. But the boll-weevil, green-bug and war bug have brought the people to realize the vast possibilities in the smaller products, and the general awakening to the true value of diversification gives promise of a brighter era for our State.—Bonham Favorite.

Rannels County farmers are not content with the successful poultry industry. While the good ladies on the farms of this county are paying the grocery bill with eggs the husbands are raising hogs, horses and heifers, and building silos to preserve the big feed crops and make live stock a paying crop. As they do this bank accounts are rapidly increasing. Yes, Rannels is profiting by diversified farming.

The Ballinger Y. M. B. L. gets the publicity for Rannels county, and is just now shining brighter than any similar organization of which we have knowledge.—Temple Telegram.

There is a reason. Rannels county is in better shape than it was ever before in the history of

NEW PROCESS FOR CLEANING COTTON

Fort Worth, Tex., March 16.—By a novel application of air currents a cotton cleaning machine, which it is claimed, will raise the commercial value of a bale of cotton from \$2.50 to \$15 has been invented by E. E. Dickerson of this city.

The machine is easy and simple of operation, producing the largest staple in the short staple district. The cotton is fed into the mouth of an exhaust fan which after separating the coarse particles of dirt and dust, by means of an inner perforated tube, carries the cotton into the cleaner, where it is subjected to a series of circular currents of air which stretch the lock to twice its length and breadth and producing a perfectly straight, fluffy, un-curved staple.

Many of the best known cotton ginners who have viewed the machine pronounce it to be thoroughly practicable and a vast and much needed improvement over the old style of cotton cleaning. Samples of cotton subjected to this process exhibited at the Waco Cotton Palace last year were declared by the judges to have been especially carded but subsequent investigation proved it to be the actual work done by this machine.

Proper Treatment for Biliousness For a long time Miss Lula Skelton, Churchville, N. Y., was bilious and had sick headache and dizzy spells. Chamberlain's Tablets were the only thing that gave her permanent relief. Obtainable everywhere.

Josie McKenzie and Max Russell, of the Russell & Callan ranch near Leaday, were visiting in the city Monday and says they have just turned on the grass 300 head of cattle that they had been feeding during the winter, but still have 600 steers they still feeding on meal and hulls.

M. C. Taylor of Norton was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

SOLDIERS IN EUROPE BECOME SICK WITH KIDNEY DISEASES

Doan's Kidney Pills Are Being Supplied Free to The Suffering Men.

Any of Our Readers Can Try This Famous Remedy Without Expense. Just Send For a Trial Box.

Hardships and exposure in the cold, wet trenches is crippling thousands of warring European soldiers with kidney troubles and rheumatism. The foreign offices of Doan's Kidney Pills are doing a good deed in giving this famous remedy free to every soldier who wants a box. Foster-Milburn Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., makers of Doan's, state that they will be glad to send a trial of their medicine free to any reader of this paper who will write them for it.

There are many recommenders of Doan's Kidney Pills in this vicinity. Here is a list of users who have publicly endorsed Doan's.

Ballinger Endorsers of Doan's: Mrs. T. W. Morris, 11th and Pen streets; J. H. Taylor, S. V. Parrish; J. A. Maxwell, 100 12th St.; Mrs. R. F. Smith; Mrs. J. C. Orange, 505 13th street.

PAPER SHELL PECANS

When setting out your shade trees, why not use those which are highly ornamental, and will also afford you a supply of delicious and valuable food? I have young well rooted, and vigorous pecans, budded to the Halbert Paper Shell Pecans.

FOR SALE AT ONE DOLLAR EACH
Certificate of inspection by State Inspector of Nurseries and Orchards furnished with each shipment. Address, S. B. HOWARD, 107 North 12th St., Ballinger, Tex.

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(Registered, Weight 1250 lbs., Height 16 hands 1 in.)

Will stand the season at my barn on W. L. Sowell place, 6 miles north of Winters. Price \$12.50, guarantee living colt and all care possible taken to give the best of service. Also my Jack will stand at same price. I will appreciate your patronage.

J. R. SOWELL, WINTERS, TEXAS.
ROUTE NO. 4

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MY—
REGISTERED JERSEY BULL IS LOCATED AT THE UNION WAGON YARD IN BALLINGER. FEE \$2.50 CASH WITH COW. RETURN PRIVILEGE FREE. PHONE 225.

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IF YOU STAY HERE.**

Then why not eat the best at the same price.
A short lunch or long lunch, you pay for what you eat and eat what you want.

Laxson's Restaurant

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

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

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

**Farmers Drive Improved
Horses to Modern Vehicles
Over Antiquated Roads**

(By Ed Spill)

The impression seems to have gone out from some quarters unknown that a certain part of the money which would be received from the sale of \$60,000 worth of bonds in the Ballinger road district, would be used in the construction or improvement of some of the streets of the City of Ballinger. It is reiterated that this is not the intention of those behind the movement. It could not be done if the advocates of the bond issue desired it, for the reason that the petitions presented to the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County emphatically and in plain terms stated that no part of the money is to be used in improving the streets of Ballinger. The Commissioners' Court called the election with that provision as an integral part of the documents which brought forth the issue.

Instead, the petitions state specifically that the money to be received from the sale of bonds, in the event the election is carried April 10, shall be used in improving the roads of the district number one of Runnels County. The road precinct embraces all the southern part of the county, that section up the river to a distance of about four miles, nearly to Benoit and within a short distance of Old Runnels. The district is one of the richest, as far as soil is concerned, in the state. It is known from one corner of the United States to the other for its remarkable productivity. It fails in only one thing, according to those who have made a careful study of the situation, and that failure is the lack of goods roads.

During the last twenty-five years the people of this section which will have the privilege of deciding whether there will be an improvement of the roads, the elimination of the mudhole and the fostering, as a result, of morality, education and general progress, have made improvements in everything else except in roads. The ox cart of 1890 has been replaced with stout, substantially built wagons of the twentieth century. The plow of a quarter of a century ago has been superseded by a better model, one which causes the work to be not of a regretful nature. Work animals of long ago have been replaced by better breeds. Homes have been improved from the shabby house which gave the impression of indifference on the part of the owner to a comfortable dwelling of which the owner is proud. Business methods as a whole, on the farm and in the city have improved within twenty-five years time. Business men of the city have learned to stop leaks; farmers have many cases. It has been learned in Runnels County to no longer depend upon cotton as a one-crop. Farmers have learned to feed themselves and let the cotton crop take care of itself, instead of the white product taking care of the producer. In everything, with the exception of road improvement, there has been progress.

Farmers continue to pull their latest vehicles by means of improved horses, through unimproved roads to market. Indifferent as to whether the roads are put in a condition befitting their other agencies of making a livelihood or transportation, the farmers continue to lose money by traversing bad roads.

No particular section of the Ballinger road district will be improved in preference to other roads. It is the intention of the commissioner of the district to use the \$60,000 on every road of the road precinct, where it is needed. Some one has started the talk that a few miles of the roads leading into Ballinger will be macadamized, the entire amount of money to be received from the bonds sales to be used for this purpose. This is an error. No roads will be really macadamized in the right sense of the meaning of that word. They will all be improved, without an exception. There are some stretches of highway which need much improvement. Mudholes, almost impassable, in many parts of the road district will be eliminated and travelers allowed to travel to the market under the most unfavorable weather conditions. There are other stretches of the precinct's roads which need little improvement. The distance in which a little grading and surface work will be needed, may be several miles. The commissioner with the assistance of the farmers

of every part of the road district will have the privilege of looking over every road, deciding just what is needed.

No selfish interests are muddled in the Ballinger road bond issue. It was for the good of the residents living within the boundaries of the district that the issue was agitated to a head. It is for the best interests of every property owner, city or rural, that the bond issue is being championed so ardently by nearly every property owner.

If you are doubtful that the road running in front of your property will not be improved and your property value remain the same as a result, then investigate the case before the election. Keep these points in mind always:

The bond issue will mean that your property will increase in value—you can go to town when you want to, rain, sunshine or snow—you can get better prices for your cotton and other farm products—you will have more comforts—the lives of your horses and mules will be lengthened—repairs to wagons and horses decreased—you save money by taking advantage of bargains when they are offered by city merchants—the doctor can reach you in time of sickness—you can go to church when you want to—you will be much happier and more contented.

**A WONDERFUL HEALING
INFLUENCE IN KIDNEY
TROUBLES**

A year and a half ago I was taken with a severe attack of Kidney trouble that pained me to such an extent that morphine had to be given me. Was attended by a doctor who pronounced it as Stone in the Bladder and prescribed Lithia Water. I took Lithia Water and Tablets for some time and received no relief from them. I stopped taking medicines for some time, later having some Swamp-Root in the house I decided to try it and felt much relieved. While taking the second bottle commenced to pass Gravel in urine until I had passed in all at least a half dozen or more and have not suffered the slightest since—and in all have taken one bottle and a half and feel very grateful to Swamp-Root.

Yours very truly,
H. W. SPINKS,
Camp Hill, Ala.

Personally appeared before me this 16th day of August, 1909, H. W. Spinks, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

A. B. LEE,
Ex. of Justice of Peace.

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.

C. B. Armstrong left Monday for Sonora and points in that section, where he goes to buy a bunch of pigs and will have them in Ballinger the first Monday in April.

TRESPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trespass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.
GODFREY MASSEY,
w/1
Concho county, Tex

Harry Scott of San Angelo, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Go to Winters Saddle and Harness Shop for anything in leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. O. W. Jolly, Mgr. 10-t/w

**GALOMEL SICKENS! IT'S HORRIBLE!
DON'T STAY BILIOUS, CONSTIPATED**

I guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone will give you the best Liver and Bowel cleansing you ever had.

Calomel makes you sick; you lose a day's work. Calomel is quicksilver and it salivates; calomel injures your liver.

If you are bilious; feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. 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, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like working. You will be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Your druggist or dealer sells

you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it's gript or cramp or make them sick.

I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable, liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist about me.

**MEMBER HEAVIEST
FAMILY IN UNITED
STATES LIVES HERE**

Violet, Texas, lays claim to having among its citizens the champion heavy-weight family of the United States. It is composed of the twelve children of the late Joe Hoelscher, who died a few months ago at Lott, Tex., at the age of 85 years.

The twelve children, brothers and sisters, have a combined weight of 3,060 pounds, or an average weight of 255 pounds each. They have 85 children and 65 grandchildren. All of these descendants are in the heavy-weight class and give promise of coming up to the family standard in this respect.

The men of this family are not only of unusual weight, but they possess prodigious physical strength. They are all farmers and some of them have made remarkable records in crop yields. The Hoelscher family is well represented in Runnels County, F. G. Hoelscher, of Olfen, being one of the most successful German farmers and merchants in the county.

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

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

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. Gleason,
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

J. H. Tucker of Hatchel, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mrs. Ang Spill, Sr., of Winters, came in Monday at noon from Temple, where she had been to visit Mr. Spill, who is in a sanitarium in that city.

Rabbit Drivers Attention.

In order to encourage the slaughter of rabbits, that are already doing great damage to the growing crops, we will, for the following sixty days, sell shot gun shells, in case lots, at absolute wholesale cost. It is no trouble to club orders, buy a case, only twenty boxes, and save the difference in price of single boxes. We also expect to have "a man behind the gun," at every drive.
HALL HARDWARE COMPANY
5-3rd 2tw.

W. S. Harmon returned home Monday at noon from Fort Worth where he attended the state meeting of the W. O. W. lodge the past week.

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 R. W. GROVE. 25c.

**BABY FALLS FROM
BED AND CHOKES
ITSELF TO DEATH**

(Brownwood Bulletin)
The tragic death of the six-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Owens at their home three miles east of Brownwood occurred at about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The baby was choked to death by falling from a bed in such a manner as to fasten his head between a bar of the iron bed and the springs. A physician was summoned from Brownwood but the baby had expired before the doctor arrived.

It is difficult to describe the exact manner in which the baby died. The child was sleeping on the bed, while the family were in the yard. A clock watch was maintained to see that the little fellow was resting well, and it is thought that between these visits by his mother the other members of the family the baby moved about in such a manner as to fall between the perpendicular iron bars at the head of the bed. His body fell through the opening, but his chin was caught by one of the bars, throwing his head between the bars and the springs of the bed. With practically all his weight suspended from his head, the little fellow soon soaked to death, and had already expired before the boy was found. An examination disclosed that the neck was not broken, and an ugly purple mark showed where the bar had pressed against the tender throat.

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

Mrs. O. H. Dahlgren and daughters of Hatchel, passed thru Ballinger Saturday to join Mr. Dahlgren at Bellville, Texas, where they will make their future home.

**2 Drops of "GETS-IT,"
Out Comes the Corn!**

It's the World's Wonder; Never Fails. You'll make goo-goo eyes at your feet, after you use "GETS-IT," and you'll find the places where those blantky corns used to be, just as smooth as your cheek.

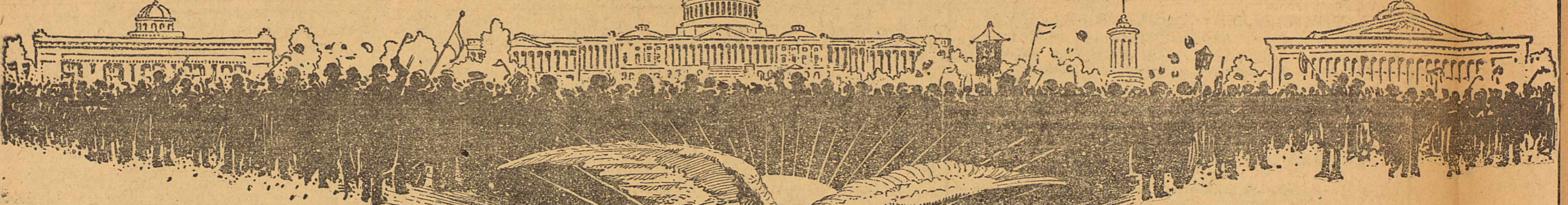


"How Wide is a 'GETS-IT' Smile? Well, a Good Deal Over 2 Feet!"

There's no corn or callus among the millions of feet in the world that "GETS-IT" will not remove—there's no escape. "GETS-IT" is the new way, the simple, common-sense, sure way. It does away with greasy ointments, salves, pads, cotton rings, harnesses, knives, scissors, razors, files, and the limping and the painful pigeon-toe walk of so many corn-pestered people. All you do is put 2 drops of "GETS-IT" on the corn shrivels up—and good bye. Nothing else in the world like "GETS-IT." Millions are using it. There's no pain, no trouble, no changing shoes because of corns. "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by R. 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.

A NATIONAL CELEBRATION



March 22nd -- 27th

Good Housekeeping Magazine Co-operating

The Satin That Has Served Women for 67 Years

It is the favorite of a hundred thousand women. It is a beautiful, soft, lustrous fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century. It is the only fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century.

Skinner's Satin

It is the favorite of a hundred thousand women. It is a beautiful, soft, lustrous fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century. It is the only fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century.

Beech-Nut Tomato Catsup

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So simple and so delicious

Just take a can of Campbell's Tomato Soup and you have a delicious meal. It is the favorite of a hundred thousand women. It is a beautiful, soft, lustrous fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century. It is the only fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century.

As simple as a housewife's cake

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LIQUID VENEER

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WIZARD

The One Mop With the Human Elbow

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It Might Have Been Worse

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EVERY man, woman and child in Ballinger is invited to take in this big event in honor of merchandising methods that have put into your hands goods that are safe to buy and protect you from loss of money. There was a day, not long ago, when you knew little of what you bought, who made it or where it came from. Oat meal was just oat meal; cooking utensils just pots and pans; glassware had no special identifying name; you bought simply furniture; and toilet preparations were orphans. And the buyer in the small towns did not get the improved and better things that were only for the city dwellers alone. But it's different now. You order by name—to-day you ask for Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Wear-ever Aluminum Ware, Holeproof Hosiery, Hart, Shaffner & Marx Clothing Colgate's Preparations—You know who makes them, you know where the factory is, you know what goes into the goods and what they will do for you. Advertising tells you. The goods are guaranteed to us, by the country's biggest and most successful manufacturers, the makers of **Nationally Advertised Goods**.

Nationally Advertised Goods

Through advertising you know all about what they are made of and you can be sure of getting what you want because there's a brand name for every line. That brand name is the manufacturer's signature and shows you he is back of his product and is willing to make good any defects that may possibly appear. Magazine advertising has enabled you to buy wisely, efficiently and economically. Advertised goods must be first grade or the public would soon condemn them and put the advertiser into bankruptcy. Further, such reliable magazines as **Good Housekeeping** will not advertise a product unless they know it is good for the readers. So join in the national celebration.

High Standard--Safe Buying--Quality First

This week a great exposition has been arranged for you at this store. The National advertisers have cooperated with us by furnishing samples of their goods, instructive and educational displays, booklets and other features to make you more intimately acquainted with their products which you have seen in the advertising pages of your favorite home magazines. Come in and take advantage of the excellent opportunity offered, to get goods that are guaranteed to give you complete satisfaction and full 100 cents for every dollar spent.

This is a different sale than has ever been held in Ballinger. Quality is the first consideration, for quality is the firm basis of satisfaction to yourself and to your pocketbook. If you are pleased with our goods we know you'll come again. Therefore, you will always find a high standard here, goods your kiddies can come for, or you can order by phone and get as good as if you did the buying in person. One class of goods is always dependable and that's what we offer, **Nationally Advertised Goods**. When it's advertised in your magazines come to us for it.

By specializing in Nationally Advertised goods we believe we are rendering a valuable service to the people of Ballinger. But the service in the sale, the part that makes buying a pleasure, is as strong a feature of this store as quality. We'll make you feel welcome, your inspection of goods is invited and there's always courtesy behind our counters. With prompt deliveries this store offers an ideal place for you to shop.

NATIONALLY ADVERTISED--SOLD HERE

- In the border of this page are reproductions of some advertisements of products that you will be pleased to learn we carry. You will recognize them. The following are all Nationally Advertised Guaranteed Goods and ARE SOLD HERE.
- Crisco Bon Ami Rubens Baby Shirts Kellogg's Toasted Corn Flakes Minute Tapioca Underwood Deviled Ham Welch Grape Juice Packer's Tar Soap
 - Campbell's Soups Domino Sugar Knox Gelatine National Biscuit Scot Tissue Towels Alabastine Globe Wernicke Sectional Book Cases Burson Fashioned Hose
 - Armour's Lard Florida Citrus Exchange Lea & Perrins Sauce None Such Mince Meat Shredded Wheat 1847 Rogers Silver Ware De Long Hook and Eye
 - Baker's Cocoa Ivory Soap Libbey's Canned Fruits Old Dutch Cleanser Swift's Premium Bacon Jap-a-Lac Lakeoleum Floor Coverings
 - Beech-Nut Products Jello Lowney's Coca Sopolio Three-In-One Oil Liquid Veneer Wear-Ever Cooking Utensils Perfection Oil Heater Koh-i-noor Dress Fastners

ATTEND THE BIG CELEBRATION---WE INVITE YOU.
 This Carnival is a New Kind of Sale, Full of Interest and Opportunities
Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Phone 36 and 96 Ballinger, Texas

Cherry Cream

It is the favorite of a hundred thousand women. It is a beautiful, soft, lustrous fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century. It is the only fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century.

Bon Ami

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FLORENCE KEEPCLEAN BRUSHES

It is the favorite of a hundred thousand women. It is a beautiful, soft, lustrous fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century. It is the only fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century.

The Odorless Dress Shield

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Advertised Goods
 Guaranteed by GOOD HOUSEKEEPING MAGAZINE
 On Sale Here

Baker's Cocoa Is Delicious

It is the favorite of a hundred thousand women. It is a beautiful, soft, lustrous fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century. It is the only fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century.

Value Received!

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CRISCO

It is the favorite of a hundred thousand women. It is a beautiful, soft, lustrous fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century. It is the only fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century.

HABIBCO

It is the favorite of a hundred thousand women. It is a beautiful, soft, lustrous fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century. It is the only fabric that has been made in the same way for over a century.



AT ZAPPE'S STORE Just Received New and Complete Line of Ladies', Misses and Children's Millinery.
 ALSO A FULL LINE OF SPRING DRESS GOODS, ETC. INVESTIGATE OUR PRICES BEFORE BUYING

EDUCATION AND DELINQUENCY

"In countries where compulsory education laws are completely enforced, as in Germany, almost never is a child committed for delinquency." This statement from the Tenth Annual Report of the New York Education Department is considered by the National Labor Committee, which has been watching with interest the Texas campaign for a compulsory education, to suggest the whole argument for compulsory education.

"The child who has attended school regularly," says Owen R. Lovejoy, general secretary of the Committee, "is rarely found in the reformatory, and the state is doubly benefited, for compulsory education not only produces law-abiding intelligent citizens, but saves the state millions of dollars in the number of institutions necessary for the care of juvenile delinquents and adult criminals.

"If the compulsory education bill which has already passed and will become a law, the 563,476 children of scholastic age who did not enter any public school last year will be returned, and the percentage of those enrolled who did not attend regularly (44 per cent)

will be considerably reduced. This will mean an added expense to the state for the establishment of adequate school facilities, but in the end prevention is always cheaper than repair.

"The principle of compulsory education is half a century old for the first law was enacted by Massachusetts in 1852. Since then 41 other states have followed her lead, and no state that has enacted such a law has ever been known to repeal it except to substitute a better one. The south has invariably used the negro problem as an excuse for being the black spot on the map, of compulsory education, or, as the State Superintendent of Education, W. F. Doughty puts it, 'The negro for more than a generation has been our scapegoat for backwardness in educational statistics.' Superintendent Doughty shows, however, that this very desire to keep the negro illiterate is defeating its own ends, because negro illiteracy is decreasing in Texas far more rapidly than white illiteracy. In the decade 1900-1910 illiteracy decreased 13.6 per cent among the negroes, and 1.8 per cent among the whites.

Notice Of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that W. A. Ogle, whose postoffice address is Ballinger, Texas, did on the 11th day of March A. D. 1915, file an application in the office of the board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas in which he applies for a permit to appropriate 2.12 cubic feet of water per second of time, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the Colorado River by means of pumping plant, located on the S. C. Cleveland Surveys Nos. 354 and 355, on the north bank of the Colorado River, six miles west of the Town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

You are hereby notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are described as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of Survey No. 354; thence N. 30 E. 741 varas; thence South 80 East 528 varas; thence South 58 1-2 E. 226 varas; thence South 82 East 320 varas; thence S. 30 W. 120 varas; thence S. 30 W. 500 varas; thence up the river with its meanders to the place of beginning, containing 100 acres out of the S. C. Cleveland Surveys Nos. 354 and 355, and situated in Runnels County, Texas.

A hearing on the said application of the said W. A. Ogle will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 3rd day of May, A. D., 1915, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said board, in Austin, Texas, this 13th day of March, A. D., 1915.

(SEAL)
 J. C. NAGLE,
 JOHN WILSON,
 E. B. GORE,
 Board.
 Attest:
 W. T. POTTER,
 Secretary.

SID CASKEY RETURNS TO BALLINGER

Sidney Caskey, the popular young barber, who moved with his family to Winters last fall where he engaged in the barber business, has disposed of his interest at that place and has returned to Ballinger to make his home.

Mr. Caskey and family arrived in Ballinger Thursday much to the delight of their many friends. Mr. Caskey has accepted a position with Messrs. Rhodes & Lane of the City Barber Shop, and says he is in Ballinger for keeps. Sid is a splendid workman and his many friends here who will be glad to know that he is back at his old stand, and they will with him.

SOME DOPE ON CHICKEN CULTURE

Where only a few chicks can be reared each year, the natural method is perhaps the best. A hen hatches nearly all of the fertile eggs. The incubator is not doing so well, and can only be hoped to do as well when perfected. However, the statement one often hears that hen hatched chicks are stronger than incubator hatched chicks is not invariably true. These experiments have proven that incubator chicks are about as strong as hen hatched chicks.

Just what method of incubation to use depends largely upon each individual. Each method has its merits and demerits. I have often made the statement that if I had to hatch by natural means I would go out of the poultry business tomorrow.

Remember that not all hens make good sitters. A good many are so ugly, nervous and clumsy, that they break many eggs and kill quite a few chicks by stepping on them. Some hens leave the nests for various reasons. Some stay off the nest too long and some do not stay off the nest long enough each day. The theory that "whatever hens do is beneficial for the eggs" works all right in theory, but very unsatisfactory in practise. If you doubt it, try it and see. I have hatched several thousand eggs by the natural method and about one hundred thousand by the artificial method, and have hatched these in all parts of the United States—North, South, East and West. If I should make any statement in regard to which method to use, I would state just the reverse of a statement made by John Robinson, Editor of Farm Poultry. I would say the use the hen when for some reason or other you can not use the incubator. The hen has her lace (producing eggs) and the incubator its place (hatching eggs). I think the time will come when people would as soon think of an incubator producing eggs as a hen hatching eggs. In fact, the time of the modern hen is too valuable to be used in incubating eggs when we have a machine that will do the work.

FAUOUS OUTLAW IS HIDING IN OKLAHOMA

By United Press:
 TULSA, Mar. 18.—Hiding in the Osage hills, northwest of Tulsa, with a price of \$1,000 on his head, is Henry Starr, descendant of "Belle" Starr, the most dashing woman outlaw of western pioneer history. Starr is specifically charged in the state's offer of the reward with having robbed the Carny State Bank of \$2,853 last December.

Seventeen bank robberies, daring in the highest degree, have been perpetrated in Oklahoma and other nearby states within a year and the hunt for Starr is the beginning of a determined effort by the authorities to wipe out this class crime.

Starr was convicted of murder in the early Indian Territory days and afterward spent his time at the Leavenworth federal prison until pardoned by President Roosevelt. Starr served prison terms in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado. In 1913 he was paroled from the Colorado penitentiary. He broke the parole and resumed his career as a bank robber, detectives claim. They assert he could explain the robbers in Kiefer, Carney, Keystone and Baxter Springs (Kan.). Oil town gambling houses have also been a fruitful scene of his robbing activities.

GOV. FERGUSON BEFORE INDUSTRIAL HEARING

Dallas, March 16.—The Federal industrial commission inquiry into the American land question opened here this morning.

The governor blamed absentee landlordism for tenant farm troubles. The landlord that looks after his tenants himself do not create the trouble among tenant farmers that the landlords who have their farms rented out by agents.

TEACHER RESIGNS; WILL GO TO AUSTIN

Miss Alpha Caperton will leave Ballinger Saturday afternoon and will go to Austin where she has accepted a position in the Austin public schools.

Miss Caperton tendered her resignation this week, and in view of the fact that school is so near out and the position at Austin being permanent, the board felt it would be an injustice to this splendid teacher to decline to accept the resignation. She was released and Ballinger has lost one of the best primary teachers that ever taught in the schools here.

For ten years Miss Caperton has been teaching primary in the local schools. She could no doubt have taught here for as many more years if she had so desired, but the position at Austin offers a better salary, and other inducements caused her to accept the Austin place, and she will go at once to take up her work in the capitol city schools.

Miss Caperton stated that she would not move to Austin until next fall. The Austin schools close on June 4th, and she will return to spend the summer here, and after the vacation will move with her mother to Austin.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner and Mrs. W. S. Fleming have agreed to complete Miss Caperton's work here for the present term. Both of these ladies are experienced primary teachers. They were not applicants for the place, and under no conditions would they accept a permanent place in the schools, and it is only in order that there might not be a break in the work do they serve as temporary teachers until the close of the present term.

Miss Caperton has scores of friends, not only in Ballinger, but throughout the county, who will regret to know that she is to leave Ballinger.

ADVISE THREE CHILDREN TO EACH FRENCH FAMILY

HENRY WOOD Staff Correspondent.

PARIS, Feb. 27: (BY MAIL TO NEW YORK)—The Academy of Moral and Political Sciences has just asked the French government to take up at once its most serious problem that will result from the war—that of the population of Europe.

The Academy has pointed out that when the war ends a minimum of 2,000,000 men at the very least will have been killed. The crisis which Europe will then face for its repopulation will be without a parallel in the world's history.

The Academy has already pledged the government its most profound and exhaustive study of the situation. While it is the intention of the members eventually to take up the problem in its application to all countries stricken by the war, they for the moment will confine their efforts to the problem as it is presented in France.

That France will be the country that will face the most serious phase of the situation is already recognized. For years even before the war France's birth rate had decreased to a point where it was exceeded by the deaths. Now with hundreds of thousands of her men most capable of reproducing their kind being killed, the situation is recognized to have been aggravated to a degree where only the most radical, unanimous and exhaustive measures on the part not only of the French government but of the entire French people are going to be necessary to order to insure the continuity of the French race.

As yet the Academy has suggested no measures to the government except the immediate revision of all legislation on the subject. The academy, however, from the superficial glance which it has already given to the subject declares that the minimum motto which France can adopt and hope to prevent the gradual obliteration from the face of the earth of the French people is "Three children for every family." The condition entailed by the war renders this an imperative necessity.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS HEARING AT DALLAS.

Dallas, Tex., March 16.—Land tenantry and the distribution of labor during and following the cotton picking and other harvests in the Southwest will be investigated by the United States Commission on Industrial Relations at a series of public hearings here today.

There are more rent paying farmers in Texas than the farming kind and the problem of landlordism and tenant, especially of absentee landlordism, have become the leading political and economic issues in the State.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised March 13, 1915:

Andrews, Dave; Boyd, Archie (2); Bryant, Deshey; Bost, Rev. W. H.; Caldwell, Miss Jenks; Collins, Miss Mary; Colbert, J. M.; Cox, Mrs. Mahaley; Cooper, J. B.; Canton, Miss Myra; Diamond, Joe; Dromgoole, Felix; Dyess, Albert, (2); Howland, Mrs. Georgia; Jones, T. W.; Jones, Miss Ola; Jones, Clifton; Lavoie, Rev. J. M.; Odom, S. W.; Patrick, J. J.; Parish, Wm. L. (2); Parks, Tom D.; Parker, Miss Ella; Post Co., Ballinger; Rogers, Henry; Shepherd, H. E.; Townsend, J. J.; Williams, I. C.; Witherspoon, W. W. (2).

THAT SUMMER VACATION

Young men and women desiring to achieve a success should not waste their summer vacation. One vacation properly spent will protect them against poverty and enable them to earn a respectable living. There is no use in idling away the summer months. Business men and farmers alike, work during the summer. Ambitious boys and girls would rather spend their vacation with a large and enthusiastic student body, mastering a course of bookkeeping and shorthand or telegraphy or business administration and finance, that they might use this practical knowledge in paying their way thru some university or with it secure a good paying position in a business office. He who cares more for success than heat, goes a long way ahead of him who waits until cool weather to study. Many a young boy or girl who at the close of school last year, entered the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, to spend their vacation, are either in one of our large universities, paying their own way, or holding a splendid position, or are in business for themselves. Where there's a will there's a way. Cowardice sits and whines 'I can't.' Courage forces success. If you desire to obtain a knowledge for which the business world readily pays cash, write for large illustrated free catalogue of the Tyler Commercial College, read the advantages of their splendid courses of instruction and what those who have graduated and are now holding good positions, say of their efficient training. Read how some worked their way thru school, how others borrowed the money and made it pay them big dividends, how others quit jobs at small salaries, completed their courses and went back to the same firm at two and three times their previous salary. Get a salary raising education. It is yours if you are willing to make the effort. Write today for catalogue and make arrangements to enter as soon as your school closes. The U. S. Government has held two examinations here in Tyler this Spring enabling our graduates to go into nice civil service positions at entrance salary of from \$900 to \$1020. The Tyler Commercial College building is one of the largest, most sanitary, best lighted and ventilated, in the state; it is an ideal place for summer work.

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IN THE WEEKLY BANNER-LEDGER
 One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.
 Black face type double regular rate.
 Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.
 Call Telephone No. 27.

WANTED

IF YOU OWN property in Ballinger and you are a non-resident, call up 545 or drop us a card. We will look after your interests in any real estate line promptly for reasonable commission.
 J. S. COLLINS & SON
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Chickens, eggs, and produce wanted at Central Hotel. Top prices paid. wtf

FOR SALE

COTTON SEED—Pure Mebane, selected from good crop, well matured, best for planting. Oscar Routh, Ballinger, Phone 436. 26-44w.

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

Horse 16 1-2 hands high, 7 years old, works well single or double. 3 inch Peter Schuttler wagon used but little. J. M. London, 407, 6th St., Ballinger d2tw3tpd

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

FOR SALE—Toulouse Goose Eggs \$1.00 per dozen. Mrs. J. T. Russell. Phone, rural 3804. 1-wtf

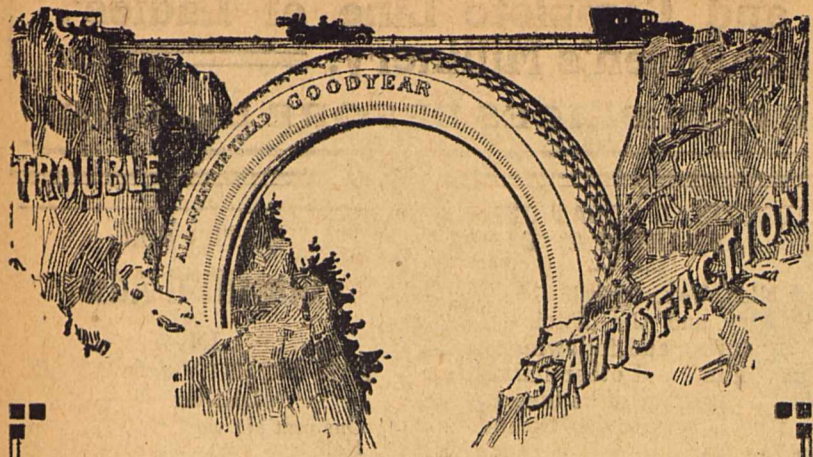
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PRINCESS THEATRE
 SATURDAY, MARCH 20th
 Starting 2:00 P. M. and Continues Until 12:00
"The Spitfire"
 A Melodramatic Farce of Laughs and Thrills
 In Four Parts
 featuring
Carlyle Blackwell
 The Popular Photoplay Star.



Also
3 Big Reels of General Program
 Music By
PRINCESS ORCHESTRA
7,000 FEET
 Admission Only One Dime

Poultry! Poultry! Poultry!
 We will have a Poultry Car on the **Abilene Southern Track** Monday & Tuesday March 22-23
 We will pay a fancy price for poultry on this date. Take advantage of this opportunity and be on hand with your poultry not latter than **Tuesday noon - March 23rd** as the car will leave at 1:30 p. m.
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Fortified Tires

Span the Way from Trouble

Goodyear tires have bridged the way for countless men to less trouble and tax. And those men, by their endorsement, brought our last year's output up to 1,479,883 tires.

Why do you suppose that Goodyear holds top place—you who use other tires? They have held that place for years, outselling any other.

The only reason, as you must know, is that Goodyear's average best. And that's how they are bound to win you.

The Super-Tire

They are not trouble-proof. Mishaps come to them, misuse affects them, much like other tires.

But Goodyears are Fortified Tires. They protect you in five ways employed by no other maker. They combat five major troubles in unique

ways, exclusive to Fortified Tires.

These five extra features cost us fortunes. One alone—our "On-Air" cure—costs us \$450,000 yearly. But they save Goodyear users millions of dollars yearly. They avoid countless troubles for them.

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GOVERNMENT ISSUES WARNING AGAINST "HALF AND HALF"

WASHINGTON, March 12.—During the last two years the attention of the Department of Agriculture has been directed to the fact that active campaigns have resulted in the introduction into portions of Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas of a variety of cotton called "Half-and-Half." It is reported that the seed has been sold for as much as \$5.00 per bushel, under the representation that it is an exceedingly prolific variety, yielding fifty per cent of lint, or a five-hundred-pound bale from one thousand pounds of seed cotton. Many inquiries have been received from planters throughout this section asking for advice concerning this cotton.

The Department's representatives have examined sample of "Half-and-Half" cotton from these states and have grown it in experimental plantings, and have found it far inferior to cotton ordinarily produced in this section.

The Department's field tests on numerous varieties have shown that "Half-and-Half" does not maintain a high rank in total lint yield per acre. The large proportion of lint to seed apparently results from the fact that the seeds are very small and light. The danger of judging cotton by lint percentages has been explained in Bureau of Plant Industry Circular No. 11, and the caution has been repeated in U. S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 60.

The lint of the "Half and Half" variety is of poor character, irregular, waxy and very short, a large portion of the samples examined being less than seven-eighths of an inch in length, and therefore buyers will penalize it whenever discovered.

The Department is informed that many persons who grew this variety have succeeded in selling it at prevailing prices, but this can not long continue. When cotton of less than seven-eighths of an inch in length sells for full market price, it is because its true character was not detected. When ever cotton firms find a large part of the cotton in any community falling to seven-eighths of an inch or less in length, buyers will be withdrawn from the district or they will scale down the prices on all grades to meet the lower prices which must be expected for such short staple.

Many interior buyers, as well as practically all the larger cotton firms, have declined to handle this cotton at any price. They state that its lint is far inferior to that commonly grown in their territory and is not acceptable to their regular customers.

Competent spinners have stated that this variety as ordinarily grown produces so short a fiber as to render it wholly unsuitable for the class of work which now consumes the great bulk of the cotton of the western belt.

Before this agitation became general, a high-grade sample of this cotton was submitted by the Department to two prominent members of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, who, on the first attempt to pull the staple, stated that the fiber was so short that it would be rejected as "perished staple" by their classification committee and would not be tenderable on New Orleans cotton contracts. Two members of the New York Cotton Exchange, to whom samples were submitted, made practically the same remarks.

Various cotton exchanges in the Southwestern States have taken official action to prevent the delivery of this cotton on contracts made between their members.

As grown in Texas, it is lacking in storm-proof quality, as the cotton drops from the bolls very easily and the individual seeds often fall apart.

Repeated complaints are received from English spinners of the number of "mixy" bales of American cotton. This condition arises largely through the introduction of short staple into long staple cotton territory, or of long staple into communities growing short staple cotton. Any serious mixing of varieties which have fibers of different lengths results in serious losses in waste whenever the cotton is spun upon machinery adjusted for the longer varieties. Spinners will be quick to discover any serious admixture of shorter and inferior cotton, and the grow-



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ers will suffer if such varieties become popular in their territory.

In view of these facts the Department warns the farmers of Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas that the introduction of "Half-and-Half," or any other variety of cotton producing fiber of less than seven-eighths of an inch in average length, will be likely to seriously damage the reputation of their local markets, and may result in a few years in basing the price in such markets on this inferior cotton. These same districts are now receiving a slight premium over the regular quotations for short staple. It will be a matter of particular regret to see the result of such a policy must result in very been carried on by the Department in these States in behalf of pure, big-boll varieties (Triumph and Lone Star) jeopardized by the promiscuous introduction of cotton of greatly inferior staple. Such a policy must result in very serious losses to all the growers in the communities where the poor er types become common.

As the seed is the primary factor in determining length of staple and there are early maturing prolific varieties with staple of at least an inch in length, every cotton farmer should secure and plant such seed.

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A household remedy of the French peasantry, consisting of pure vegetable oil, and said to possess wonderful merit in the treatment of stomach, liver and intestinal troubles, has been introduced in this country by George H. Mayr, who for twenty years has been one of the leading down-town druggists of Chicago and who himself was cured by its use. So quick and effective is its action that a single dose is usually enough to bring pronounced relief in the most stubborn cases, and many people who have tried it declare they never heard of anything to produce such remarkable results in so short a time. It is known as Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and can now be had at all leading drug stores. It is sold with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.

Mrs. M. E. Freeman, of Abilene, came in Sunday on a visit to her son, J. A. Freeman, and family. Her son "Shorty" Freeman of Abilene came in Monday at noon to join his mother on the visit in our city.

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URGES PRODUCTION OF INFERTILE EGGS

Geo. P. McLelland, Runnels County farm demonstrator of the department of agriculture, has issued a proclamation asking that all poultry raisers of the county put on the market only the very best of eggs this year. He points out that one of the best ways to produce the best is by causing all eggs to be infertile, thus doing away with all possibilities of the consumer securing bad eggs. Mr. McLelland declares that Runnels County can gain a name all over the United States by her infertile egg production, that people of the North will demand the Runnels poultry product in preference to all others, that the stamp "infertile—Runnels County" on the egg will be sufficient proof that the egg is the very best. At the same time he points out that the price of eggs per dozen will increase and the producer will be the better for his having adopted the infertile egg plan.

A PROLIFIC COW

Abe Mulkey, the cattle buyer, says that about 16 or 18 months ago he was at the home of J. T. Parish down the river 12 or 14 miles, and Mr. Parish had a cow that had brought two heifer calves and this week he had occasion to be at the same place on stock business and saw the same cow with a young calf and also noticed the twin heifers each with a young calf, the heifers being less than 18 months old when they brought the calves. Mr. Mulkey says he never saw such a cow before in his experience and the one old cow and her calves and their calves make 5 head which he thinks is a pretty prolific cow.

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BOYD STOCKS VIC-TIM SMALL POX

Boyd Stocks, who has been sick for several days with small pox, is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected today.

Mr. Stocks is at his home north of the oil mill, and is under quarantine and all necessary precautions are being used to prevent the spread of the disease.

N. W. Gray, one of the highly esteemed citizens of South Ballinger, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and had his figures on the Banner-Ledger set up into 1916.

GIRL HURT IN DALLAS HAS RELATIVES HERE

The Dallas paper published the account of the finding of Miss Mayne Knight, a young lady on the streets of Dallas about seven o'clock last Friday night, in an unconscious condition.

The young lady is a niece of Mrs. L. K. Parr of the Spring Hill community, and lives about five miles South of Ballinger, being the daughter of the widow of Mrs. Parr's brother. The young lady is a stenographer and was the bread winner for the family consisting of herself, her mother, and two other children.

According to the newspaper reports the young lady was picked up on the street in an unconscious condition and remained unconscious until about 11 o'clock Sunday night when she regained consciousness sufficient to tell in an incoherent manner that she was struck on the head by a negro who attacked her.

Miss Knight left home to go to the city to pay some bills, and had planned to spend the night with a friend. She had paid the bills, and was found near the street car line a short distance from where she was to spend the night, and it was first thought she had been struck by an auto after she stepped off the street car, but the cause of the tragedy could only be based on suppositions until the young lady told in a disconnected way of the attack made upon her by a negro. It was gathered from the incomplete story told by the young lady before she again lapsed into unconsciousness, that she was attacked by a negro and that she attempted to protect herself with a hat

pin when the negro knocked her down by a blow on the head.

Mr. Parr was in town Thursday morning, and the latest report he had from Dallas was to the effect that the young lady was still unconscious and in a critical condition.

WITH THE FRENCH WOUNDED

The Woman's Sacrifice

Paris, March 18, 8:30 p. m.—Away from the battlefield one sees war stripped of its glamour. We see the heroic work of nurses who are on duty day and night. There is devotion, self-sacrifice, suffering, patriotism—qualities which only a great war and its terrible consequences can inspire to the highest development. The women everywhere are helping and everywhere one sees self-sacrifice and devotion to country.

The women of the United States do not know how fortunate they are. Here there are plenty of women who suffer in silence, whose strength is out of proportion to their ambition. Their hands are tied by some chronic disease common to womanhood; that weak back, accompanied by pain here or there, extreme nervousness, sleeplessness, maybe fainting spells or spasms, are all signals of distress for women. She may be growing from girlhood into womanhood, passing from womanhood to motherhood, and later suffering from that change which leaves so many wrecks of women. At any or all of these periods of a woman's life she should take a tonic and nerve, prescribed for just such cases by a physician of vast experience in the diseases of women. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has successfully treated more cases the past fifty years than any other known remedy. When you feel dull, headachy, back-ache, dizzy, or perhaps hot flashes there is nothing you can accomplish, nothing you can enjoy. You can find permanent relief in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is sold by medicine dealers, or trial box by mail from Dr. Pierce, Invalid's Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., on receipt of 50 cents, or one dollar for large box.—Adv.

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The Master Key

By John Flemming Wilson.



CHAPTER XV.

The New Plot.

THE morning brought John Dorr, Ruth Gallon and Thomas Kane together to discuss the problems before them. The papers so necessary for the consummation of the deal that Everett had proposed were again lost. Where they were gone, whether they had indeed fallen into Wilkerson's hands, none could tell. But more immediate yet was the need of extricating John. Two plain clothes men already sat nearby, ready to take him to prison on a charge of killing Henry Pell.

"It's really only a formality," said the manager of the hotel. "The man was a robber and Mr. Dorr tried to capture him, as he had every right to do, and the man was killed."

This failed to comfort Ruth. To her mind the presence of the burly officers, the fact that John Dorr was under arrest in a strange city, made her feel that her burdens were too great to bear. She sat holding the old cook's hand till Everett should come. He had already telephoned, and she tried to be brave till he should come.

Everett arrived, and the moment she saw him she heaved a sigh of relief. He was so capable looking, so cool, so genuinely cordial to John that even Tom Kane softened his grim visage a little.

"I'm under arrest," John told him. "The officers were good enough to let me stay here till you came. Now I must be off. Let me introduce you all around."

"This done, John Dorr went on, "They can tell you all about things, and when you've learned the worst come down and get me out, if you can."

Everett agreed, and Dorr rose, and with a smile said goodbye to his companions. As he left the hotel with an officer on either side of him Ruth broke down and cried. Tom Kane comforted her as best he could till Everett suggested that they had best go to some more private place and discuss matters.

In Ruth's room she and the cook explained affairs briefly, Everett following their narrative carefully up to the incidents of the night before. When Ruth had finished and the cook was silent Everett thought a moment, then he laughed.

"I don't mean to make fun of all this," he apologized, "but I've known John Dorr for years and this is precisely the kind of trouble he revels in."

"But he's in jail!" Ruth protested tearfully.

"True enough," was the reply. "That is the first thing I must do, get him out. I'll be off now and see the district attorney and bail him out."

"Please hurry!" Ruth pleaded.

"Don't worry," was the cheerful response. A moment later he was gone, promising to bring John back with him.

"What do you think of Mr. Everett?" Ruth demanded of Tom Kane.

The old man lit his pipe and scrutinized the ceiling. "Well," he said judicially, "considering the looks of them on Wilkerson's side and them on John's side, I should think that this Everett was on the right side."

With this judgment she had to be content. But she insisted that he tell her all about the conditions at the "Master Key" mine. "I know you have not told me all the truth," she said.

"Well," he answered her, "there's not much to tell one way and a heap in another. The mine's practically shut down. You know first you went away, then John and then Wilkerson. Pretty much all was left was me and Bill Tubbs. Bill, he kind of represented Wilkerson, and I stuck up for John.

The result was that things went to the bad, and the boys they come to me and want to know how long they've got to lay off.

"I suppose ye mean how long before a pay day," I says to 'em. "So far as I know nobody has laid you off."

"They agreed with me, but said they couldn't feed their folks without money, and if they got no money for it why work?"

"They haven't been paid, then?"

"No. And Wilkerson cut off all credit at the store. I guess I got in bad with Tubbs when I divided up a lot of four and spuds that was in the cook shanty among the worst off ones. There was some ugly talk, and before I could kind of settle the boys' minds they treated Bill pretty roughly. So I just told myself that I would come to San Francisco and explain things—how Wilkerson deserted the camp and the mine was closed down and your people were starving."

"Oh!" mourned Ruth, agast at the blunt story. "And I seem to have been

Miss Ruth Fletcher of Mullin, who had been at the sanitarium in our city, left for her home Wednesday.

S. P. Hale of Talpa had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Mr. Suggs, the Wingate druggist was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

unfortunate all around, but I know that John will fix things."

Tom Kane fixed his honest old eyes on the girl and shook his head. "I don't want to discourage you, Ruthie," he said quietly, "but until that man Wilkerson is out of the mine for good you can't do more than patch matters up temporarily."

Meanwhile Wilkerson and Jean Darnell were anxiously awaiting news from Henry Pell. It was getting along in the forenoon, and the woman insisted that if he had succeeded in getting the papers he should have been on the ground long before. Her companion



"I don't want to discourage you, Ruthie."

ion was worried, but laid the delay to Pell's habits and the necessity possibly of avoiding the police.

But when Drake arrived with the morning papers and said nothing articulate and only pointed to the headlines on the first page both Wilkerson and Mrs. Darnell knew that something had happened again to spoil their plans. It was Wilkerson who snatched up the paper and read the news:

HOTEL THREE HURLED TO DEATH.

Guests of the Manx Hotel Have Fierce Struggle With Hotel Robber.

Shortly before midnight last night Miss Ruth Gallon, a guest at the Hotel Manx, entered her room to find a masked man looting her desk. Her cry for help frightened the thief, and he made for the fire escape, followed by Mr. John Dorr, another guest, who heard Miss Gallon's call. Mr. Dorr pursued the man to the roof, and in the ensuing struggle the desperado was either flung or fell to the street below. He was instantly killed.

Shortly afterward the body was identified by the police as that of Samuel Price, alias Henry Pell, an ex-convict and drug fiend.

Wilkerson read no further. He turned his ghastly face on Mrs. Darnell and said huskily, "He's dead!"

"Well, he won't tell any tales," was the cold response. "The question is, did he get the papers?"

To this question there was no satisfactory answer until Wilkerson read down further and learned that nothing of value had been found on Pell's body.

"So he didn't get the deeds, and Ruth still has them," Mrs. Darnell said bitterly. "That is the way all your plans succeeded."

Wilkerson flushed. "There is one comfort," he said in an ugly tone. "Dorr is to be held for killing him."

"For how long?" sneered Jean. "Until his friends get him out. And meanwhile you do nothing!"

She continued in this strain for some time, Drake and Wilkerson moodily listening. They knew that if she once threw the affair up they would be helpless and all their time and work and money would have gone for naught. Wilkerson was thinking quickly. Suddenly he interrupted Jean to ask for pen and ink. She got them, and he sat down at the table to write. Drake and Mrs. Darnell kept up a desultory conversation until he had finished.

There was a queer look in Jean's eyes as she took the sheet he handed her and glanced at the writing. "I see you still can do it," she murmured.

"Read it!" he growled.

Mrs. Darnell read it through silently and then aloud:

Dear Ruth—I hate to ask you to come down and see me in the jail, but I have something very important to tell you. Bring the papers too. JOHN DORR.

"Are you sure he is in jail?" demanded the woman when she had finished.

"And what is the idea of getting the papers into his hands?"

"He'll just turn them over to Everett," muttered Drake.

Wilkerson smiled slyly. "The idea is that Drake here will disguise himself as a chauffeur, take this note to the hotel, see that it reaches Ruth and then drive her supposedly to the jail, but really to where I'll meet him."

They discussed the plan and at last agreed that it was feasible. Drake himself saw nothing dangerous in it so long as Wilkerson was to meet him and take Ruth off his hands. He promptly proceeded to dress himself as a chauffeur and went whistling away to a garage after receiving explicit instructions as to what streets he was to take and where he was to meet Wilkerson.

It was an hour later that Drake drove his rented car up before the hotel and delivered his note. It found Ruth still deep in conversation with Tom Kane and yet anxious for the return to Dorr and Everett. On the presentation of the note which Wilkerson had forged she instantly took alarm.

"Humph!" said Kane. "That sounds funny to me."

Ruth nodded, looking at the note. Then she said, more cheerfully: "I'll dress anyway. Maybe he needs me. Now, you old dear, leave me awhile."

Kane departed, and Ruth quickly changed into street dress. While she was doing this the bellboy returned to say that a machine was waiting for her.

"The one that brought the note," he said. "He says he was told to wait."

"Oh!" she exclaimed. "Tell him I'll be right down."

When the boy had gone she called Tom Kane on the telephone and told him that she was going. "John sent a car for me," she added.

"All right," came back the answer. "I'll just travel along. Maybe I might help John myself."

So it was agreed, and they met in the lobby, where Ruth showed the note to the clerk in her impulsive way. Something in that official's expression made the old cook unobtrusively take out his revolver and see that it was in good condition. He followed Ruth to the street and into the waiting machine.

This move disconcerted Drake. He had not intended to have two passengers, but he saw no help for it and merely nodded when Ruth ordered him to take her to the city prison. He started his engine and they sped off up the hill.

They rode for some time and as netter of them was acquainted with the city it did not occur to them that they were being rapidly conveyed into a part of town only partly built up and now veiled in dense clouds of swirling fog.

"It's a long way," Ruth remarked several times, but Kane merely grunted. He was busily pondering over some method of extricating John Dorr.

Suddenly the car swerved around a corner, dived down a steep hill and came to a stop before a big gray building—the boarded-up residence of an absentee. Reaching back, Drake opened the door, and Ruth sprang out. A figure darted across the sidewalk, and she felt herself clutched by the arm.

She looked into the gleaming, cruel eyes of Wilkerson.

"I've got you now!" he said triumphantly.

"Oh!" moaned Ruth, shrinking back in terror.

"Yes, indeed," Wilkerson taunted her.

But at that moment he heard another voice, stern, commanding and familiar. He looked around into the muzzle of Tom Kane's revolver.

For the moment they faced each other, while Ruth shrank back still farther. The old man's eyes gleamed, and his trigger finger seemed to rest on the trigger with a precise and delicate touch.

"You here!" said Wilkerson with an oath.

Suddenly the old man's temper flared up. The other saw death in his eyes, turned on his heel and ran as fast as he could up the street.

Without a second's hesitation Kane swung his weapon round till it covered Drake, covering at his wheel.

"Now you drive us back to the hotel," he thundered. "And if you make a false move I'll drill ye as sure as God gave me good shooting eyes."

Drake saw that he was helpless and sulkily waited till they were in and then turned his car back toward the center of the city. Tom Kane sat grimly just behind him with his gun ready. And his mind was piecing things together. Suddenly he saw a policeman on his beat and realized that luck was playing his cards for him.

He ordered Drake to halt and hailed the officer. To that somewhat astonished individual the cook explained briefly that he had just foiled an abduction plot and that the chauffeur was in it. Though Drake strenuously denied the charge the policeman decided that it was a case for the captain.

"I'll just ride in front here, and we'll go to headquarters," he remarked. "You can put up that gun, old fellow, for I'll see that young fellow doesn't cut up any monkey shins."

In the meantime Everett had successfully managed Dorr's business, and he had been released on nominal bail for a hearing. "And I guess you won't find us very anxious to make it hard for you," said the prosecuting attorney.

Free again, John insisted on taking the quickest route back to the hotel. Everett, sympathetic in this, agreed, and in a few minutes they were at the hotel inquiring for Ruth.

"Why, she left only a little while ago to see you in the prison," said the clerk. "She had a note from you."

"I wrote no note," said John.

"Here it is," was the response. "She left it on the desk in her hurry."

Eagerly John snatched the sheet of paper, but the instant his eyes lit on it he turned a furious face to Everett.

"It's a forgery, a trick," he said. "I never wrote it!"

CHAPTER XVI.

Too Late!

TOGETHER John and Everett went outside, and from the starter they learned that a car had driven up, that the chauffeur had delivered a note and that later Ruth Gallon had come down and been driven off. "There was an old gentleman with her, Mr. Kane, I believe," the starter added.

John heaved a sigh of relief. "At any rate, Tom will see that she doesn't come to harm," he said.

After a few more questions, which showed them the futility of trying to find Ruth, they re-entered the hotel and settled down to a discussion of business. They were interrupted by

the return of Ruth and the cook, who recounted their adventures.

"I'll get Wilkerson," John Dorr said quietly when they had finished. Meanwhile we must get ahead with our fixing up of the affairs of the 'Master Key' mine."

Wilkerson's last failure had driven him furious. He did not know what to do, and he especially dreaded returning to Jean Darnell with the news. He walked the streets for a long time, lunched in a cheap house and then doggedly started downtown. On the way he bought an evening paper and read of Drake's arrest. With scowling brows he perused this minutely until he was sure that his tool had not betrayed him so far. But he knew that minutes were precious. He must get into communication with the young man and assure his silence. He could not do this without Mrs. Darnell's help.

As he expected, she flew into a towering rage, but her keen mind saw that Drake must be pacified, and she managed to control herself at last. She read the account carefully and then looked through the rest of the paper for some item about John Dorr. Her eye lit upon an advertisement, which she read twice before speaking; then she pointed it out to Wilkerson. He, too, read it:

FOUND—Deeds to certain mining property. On proof of ownership same will be returned. Reward expected. S. J. C. 201 Hill street.

"They must be the papers," he acknowledged. "Pell probably threw them away for fear of their being used as evidence against him, and some one picked them up."

"This time I shall see to the matter," Jean said sharply. "Whether they are the papers or not, we must be sure."

"Other people will see that ad.," he suggested.

"All the more reason for hurry," she snapped. Then she called her maid.

"Estelle," she said, "I want you to dress for the street and go on an errand for me. It is very important, and you must hurry."

"Yes, madame."

"And if you show good judgment you shan't be sorry. You know how



A Glance Told Her That They Belonged to Ruth.

Miss Gallon dresses and acts. I want you to impersonate her for a little while."

"But, madame—"

"There is no danger at all," Mrs. Darnell went on. "All you have to do is to go to this address and get those papers."

The maid looked at the advertisement and finally consented to go to the Hill street address and see if they were really Ruth's deeds and if so recover them. In a few moments she had departed on her errand, and Wilkerson and Jean once more resigned themselves to waiting.

Estelle tripped along the street to a car line and took the first car that came along, which, the conductor informed her, crossed the street she sought.

Arriving at her street, she got off and found herself in a neighborhood inhabited by very poor people. She looked with disgust at the tumbledown shanties and dirty shacks that littered the rubbish heaped yards. Two blocks up from the car line she found her number, a house slightly better kept than most. But she noticed in the yard an uplitted ash man's cart. In the rear was a rickety stable. She entered the gate and rang the bell.

A very large, ill dressed Italian woman opened the door, letting out a tremendous odor of garlic and cheese. She surveyed her caller with suspicion and then beamed.

"Oh, you come looka de papas?" she demanded.

Estelle merely showed a copy of the advertisement.

"Yes, my husband be put that in de pape," the woman said, losing her smile.

For some moments Estelle tried to get a glimpse of the documents. The Italian himself came on the scene and demanded a full description. When Estelle said that they had been lost from the Manx hotel he nodded and explained that he had been removing the ashes therefrom when his eye had been caught by the folded papers, but he still insisted on an accurate description, which the maid could not give. At last she said quietly, "The papers are of no value to you, and I am authorized to pay a good reward for them."

At the word reward there was a change, and the woman demanded to know how much it would be.

Estelle thought rapidly. It had been impressed on her that haste was necessary. She decided on offering a goodly sum, yet not enough to make the ash man and his wife think they were in possession of papers of extraordinary value. She pulled out her purse and held out \$5. The man was taking it. His wife intervened.

"Twenty dolla," she said cunningly. Estelle bargained for some moments and then said in a tone that was decisive, "If you show me the papers and they are the ones I want I'll give you \$15 and no more."

The deeds were produced, and a glance told her that they belonged to Ruth. She paid the money and hurried away.

Everett and Dorr had gone over the situation thoroughly together, and the broker agreed that he would help out in putting the "Master Key" mine on its feet again.

"I think I can do it tomorrow," he said. "Just let me have all the papers, and I'll go over them tonight."

"Ruth has them," John replied. "We'd best get up and get them now."

Ruth received them cheerfully and promptly went to her trunk for the deeds. Her first search was not rewarded, and she lifted a puzzled face to John. Then she once more went through all her belongings. It was fruitless. She then remembered the desk and searched it with the same result.

"They're gone!" she stammered.

"Impossible!" said Dorr. "They must be somewhere here."

"No," she mourned. "I've looked everywhere."

Everett was the first to suggest that no time should be lost in locating the missing property. He sent for the evening papers and delved into the "Lost and Found" columns, with the result that he very soon handed a paper to Dorr and pointed out the advertisement which had attracted Wilkerson's attention.

Half an hour later John Dorr turned away from the ash man's door and said to Everett: "I'll bet that was one of Wilkerson's crowd. We must notify the police before he can get away."

They had soon told their difficulties to the sympathetic ear at headquarters and started back for the hotel. John was in the dumps.

"It seems as if everything goes wrong when I try to do something for that little woman," he groaned.

"I begin to think myself that you are playing in hard luck," was the reply. "But I always did like a good fight, and this promises to be one. I'll stick, John."

They shook hands.

They found Ruth and Tom Kane anxiously awaiting them. John simply stated the case and then turned to comfort Ruth. He was startled to see how white she was.

"Ruth, Ruth," he cried in alarm. "What is the matter?"

There was no answer. She had fainted away.

All else was forgotten for the time being. A maid and a doctor were quickly summoned, and presently Ruth revived. Old Tom Kane was seated beside her patting her hand.

"The papers!" she moaned.

"Don't you worry about the papers," he said promptly. "We'll look after them."

"But the folks at the mine—who will look after them?" she pleaded.

The old cook swore that he would do so himself with John's help. At

He Was Startled to See How White She Was.

this point the doctor interfered with orders that she was to be perfectly quiet.

In the other room they held a consultation. The physician listened to their explanation of what the girl had been through and then said gravely: "She must have an absolute change of scene for a time. Get her away from here instantly."

"But where?" Dorr demanded.

"Why not take her to the southern part of the state for a little while?" he suggested. "But whatever you do, do it quickly. Her nerves won't stand much more."

"I know just the place," Kane said. "Take her to Los Angeles and then out

into the hills to some quiet hotel. You can catch the night train."

"Nonsense!" Everett said quickly. "All of you go with her. I'll look after matters here for a week. If need be I'll go down to the mine myself."

With the papers safely in her possession at last Jean Darnell became once more the guiding spirit and told Wilkerson that there was only one thing for them to do—get out of town immediately.

"Drake is in jail, and we'll have to bail him out through some third party. We daren't trust ourselves in the hands



"We must save ourselves first."

of the police. You can trust Dorr to be looking for those papers right this minute."

"I promised Drake by a messenger that we would have him out before night," he responded.

"We must save ourselves first," she said angrily. "And we must be disguised."

After some argument Wilkerson agreed, and they decided to go south. "It will give us time to plan things out, and you can work things out at your leisure," Jean told him.

"But how shall I disguise myself?" he demanded.

Mrs. Darnell's eyes gleamed maliciously. "You must go as an old man," she told him—"my father, you see."

He rebelled, but finally acquiesced, and within a short time Jean and the maid had transformed him into a very presentable old man.

"Now, go and buy our tickets," she ordered. "Estelle and I will pack up while you are gone."

"Tickets to where?"

"Tickets to Los Angeles," she snapped.

So he departed, to return in an hour with the tickets and an expressman.

When the trunks were gone Mrs. Darnell sat down with Wilkerson, and they went over the situation again, with the result that she took his advice and disguised herself and made Estelle also do the same.

After a hasty supper they then called a taxi and went to the station. Mrs. Darnell and her maid immediately entered the drawing room reserved for them, and Wilkerson fed the porter to make up his berth in the body of the car immediately.

"Safe!" he muttered to himself as the wheels began to turn and he saw the faces of several plain clothes men on the platform.

Neither he nor Mrs. Darnell was aware that in another car Ruth and her maid and John Dorr and Tom Kane were also heading for the south.

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Required for Health and Beauty

It is surprising that it is necessary to repeat again and again that the health and beauty of the skin require that the blood shall be pure. If the arteries of the skin receive impure blood, pimples and blotches appear, and the individual suffers from humors. Powders and other external application are sometimes used for these affections, but will never have the desired effect while the causes of impure blood remain.

The indications are very clear that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the most successful medicine for purifying the blood, removing pimples and blotches, and giving health and beauty to the skin. It gives tone to all the organs and builds up the whole system. Insist on having Hood's Sarsaparilla when you ask for it. Don't take anything else.

NEW BARBER SHOP

Messrs. Hugh and P. E. Griffin and Julius Bauman and Will Stom have formed a copartnership and bought out the Ideal Barber Shop fixtures on Hutchons Ave., and will take charge of the same about April the 1st., or as soon as the former owners of the Ideal Shop move to their new quarters in the Currie building. These four gentlemen are no strangers to the citizens of Ballinger and are masters of the tonorial art and they have a host of friends who will wish them success in starting business on their own account.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

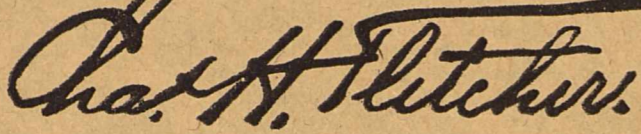
The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. **AR Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.**

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. **The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.**

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SUDAN GRASS BEST MOST POWERFUL HAY CROP IN U. S. BATTLESHIP IN WORLD IS LAUNCHED TODAY

In a bulletin on Sudan Grass just issued by the Experiment station system at the A. & M. College, results of experiments to determine the comparative feeding value yield per acre of this forage and other leading hay crops shows Sudan grass to be undoubtedly the best hay crop in the United States. The bulletin gives all information on this crop which was first planted under the direction of the Texas Experiment station system and which has leaped into popularity insuring fame of the Texas system.

In comparison with Johnson and Bermuda grass, the most common hays in this State, Sudan yields 7655 pounds in feeding value per acre as compared to 4000 pounds for each of the other crops. Timothy hay is the great hay of the Central and Northern States yet in Ohio where Timothy flourishes best the bulletin shows that Sudan yielded 8500 pounds while Timothy grown on the same experiment farm yielded only 3,367 pounds.

The new bulletin, which was prepared jointly by B. Youngblood, director of the Stations and by A. B. Conner, agronomist to the stations and who grew the first Sudan grass in the United States at the Chillicothe station, is ready for distribution and may be had on application to Director Youngblood. It deals with history, types of soils, preparation of the soil, methods of cultivation, harvesting and every other phase of the growth of the grass.

Newport, News, Va., March 16.—Sponsored by Miss Elizabeth Kolb of Germantown, Pa., the giant U. S. dreadnaught Pennsylvania slipped from the ways today and took her place as the most powerful machine yet launched.

In the presence of Secretary of Navy Daniels, and other officials, solemn ceremonies were conducted. While sailors and marines salute guns boomed forth, Miss Kolb dashed a bottle of champagne over the bow and christened stood at attention, and as big Uncle Sam's 38th battleship, the Pennsylvania.

As the enormous fighting machine plunged into the ocean, she presented a strange contrast to the Delaware launched in the same yards—the Newport News Shipbuilding Company's yards in 1909.

Where the Delaware had a displacement of 20,000 tons, the giant Pennsylvania had 31,400. Mammoth black guns, bristling from her sides were 14 inch, type—twelve in number—against the Delaware's ten 12-inch guns.

In addition to her larger guns, the Pennsylvania carries four submerged torpedo tubes, through which she can shoot underwater at an enemy; and 22 5-inch caliber rapid fire guns, four three pounder saluting guns, two one pounders, for boats, two three inch field pieces and two 30 caliber machine guns.

She will carry 65 officers, a crew of 863, and a marine detachment of 74.

Thirteen million dollars was the cost to Uncle Sam of this latest addition to the navy she is far and away better than anything the navy has ever asked before. From top to bottom he equipment is strictly modern. Oil burning Curtis turbines instead of coal engines will propel her, and she is fitted to carry 694,839 gallons of fuel.

Other figures showing what a giant she is follow: length over all 680 feet, breadth, 97 1-2 feet; speed, 21 knots. The keel was laid down in February, 1913.

The Pennsylvania, in some respects will be the most powerful vessel afloat. While not as speedy as the greatest British warship, the "Queen Elizabeth," which hurled its projectiles with deadly effect in the Dardanelles bombardment, the Pennsylvania's weight of broadside is 3,000 pounds heavier than the British rival, and her protective armor is three inches thicker.

PAINT NOW

If you ought to have painted last year and waited, how much do you think you made?

You'll buy an extra gallon this year. There's \$5 or \$6 for paint and labor. You think you won't but you will; you can't stretch paint.

It is always so; the longer you wait, the more paint and wages. Besides what paint is for. What is it for?

DEVOTE

Ballinger Lumber Co. sells it. Mrs. J. L. Smith of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Brownwood to visit a few weeks.



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

J. R. Sowell, of the Winters country and J. R. Stubberfield, of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Stubberfield renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

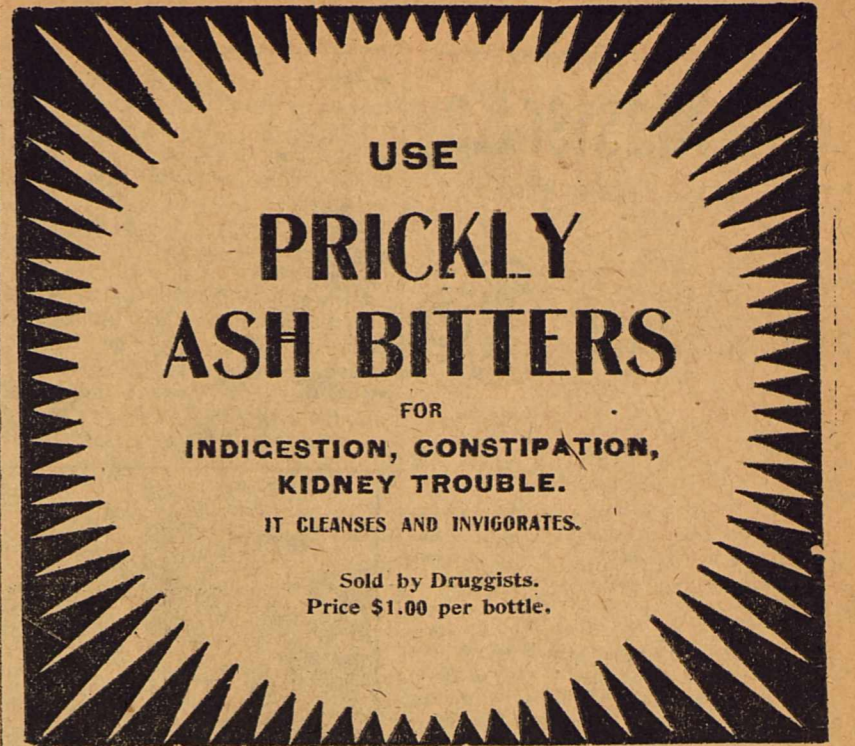
Curtis Norman and sister, Miss Myrtle, of Paint Rock came in Tuesday to meet their sister, who came in from Fort Worth at noon.

Have You?

Got your Free chance on the Saddle, Bridle, and Spurs at H. L. Wendorf's, the Busy Shop? dwf.

Sudan Grass!

Three-fourths of my Sudan Seed is sold and gone. Those who want pure Rannels County grown seed, come soon. DR. W. W. FOWLER wit



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GRAND JURY RETURNS 30 TRUE BILLS AND ADJOURNS

The grand jury completed its labors for the present term of court and were discharged by Judge Goodwin at noon Tuesday. The report is published herewith and speaks for itself.

Court convened Monday at noon and the cases on the civil docket will be disposed of this week. The case of T. M. Morris, vs. Cameron & Co., of Coleman, was called and has been on trial for two days. This is a case in which Cameron & Co., levied on a stock of goods belonging to Morris, and Morris is suing to recover damages. The plaintiff is represented by Judge R. B. Truly, and the defendant is represented by Judge Snodgrass of Coleman.

Grand Jury Report.

To The Hon. John W. Goodwin, Judge of Said Court:

We, your grand jury for said term beg to submit the following as our report. We have been in session eight days and have investigated all violations brought to our knowledge that we considered worthy of investigation.

Some matters have been called to our attention that we have given but little investigation after being satisfied that sufficient evidence could not be obtained in justifying us in finding a bill.

There have been found by us twenty-five true bills for misdemeanors and five for felonies.

We have given no more time to the investigation of misdemeanors than we thought was absolutely necessary. These misdemeanors investigated by us in some instances having been formerly investigated by local precinct officers who were unable to get the required evidence for complaint.

We are glad to say that we find the local option law being well enforced in our county and compliment our local officers for their

Man Takes his own Medicine, Is an Optimist

He has absolute faith in his medicine—he knows when he takes it for certain ailments he gets relief. People who take Dr. King's New Discovery for an irritating Cold are optimists—they know this cough remedy will penetrate the linings of the throat, kill the germs, and open the way for Nature to act. You can't destroy a Cold by superficial treatment—you must go to the cause of the trouble. Be an optimist Get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today.

H. K. Reid, Mr. Skaggs and W. P. Hawkins of Winters, were among those attending district court in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Dovie Pipkin, who had been attending school at Fort Worth, finished her course and returned home Tuesday at noon.

Dr. Shiller, George Predecker, G. and Johnnie Schuhmann, of Rowena, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

The Court of Last Resort.

Around the stove of the cross roads grocery is the real court of last resort, for it finally overrules all others. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been brought before this court in almost every cross roads grocery in this country, and has always received a favorable verdict. It is in the country where man expects to receive full value for his money that this remedy is most appreciated. Obtainable everywhere.

in this particular. In some localities we find crime is on the increase in our county, but generally speaking we find the law is fairly well observed except in petty matters.

We find that some of the precinct officers have failed to report to this body, but think this is due more to their thinking it unnecessary to report and thinking their quarterly report, which they have made to the Commissioners' Court is all that is necessary.

We have visited the jail and we find therein eight prisoners, we find the jail in good sanitary condition, but some repairs are needed in replacing window lights and recommend a better system of heating therein.

We find the court house and grounds in good condition for which we wish to commend our janitor for his faithful service.

On account of some new matter being called to our attention, on last Saturday we were forced to extend our session two days longer than we would have, for investigation of those matters, which we consider could not be passed over.

We wish to thank your honor, the District and County Attorney, and other officers for their courtesy and assistance rendered us during our session.

Respectfully submitted this the 16th day of March 1915.

R. T. WILLIAMS,
Foreman of the Grand jury.



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NOTICE TO COTTON FARMERS

To The Farmers of Runnels County:

I wish to call your attention to a letter published by the Department of Agriculture, calling your attention to a kind of cotton known as the "Half and Half". It is reported that the seed has been sold for as much as five dollars per bushel. The lint of the "Half and Half" are of poor character irregular, waxy and very short, large portion of samples being less than seven eighths of an inch long. Therefore, renders it unfit for future contracts made under the provision of the United States Cotton Future Act. This

cotton has been selling at prevailing prices but is being apprehended in the markets and the location being sought out and where ever found the producer will have to pay the penalty. Please let me urge you to get rid of it as fast as possible if you have it, and if not, be careful not to get it, and listen, I want to drop a thought, the higher the lint yield the weaker the fiber, remember this and be cautious.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. P. McLELLAND, Agent.

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BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of Mar. 1915, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 16th day of Mar. 1915.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or Collateral	\$220,023.22
Loans, real estate	
Overdrafts	2,523.27
Real Estate (banking house)	89,000.00
Other Real Estate	4,650.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	67,358.18
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	3,072.90
Cash Items	1,554.89
Currency	12,930.00
Specie	4,758.93
Interest in depositors guaranty fund	3,107.16
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	65,736.39
Other Resources as follows Guaranty Assessment Fund	300.17
TOTAL	\$431,994.11

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus Fund	6,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	10,895.60
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	34,959.75
Individual Deposits, subject to check	232,520.93
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,617.75
Demand Certificates of Deposit	
Cashier's Checks	
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	45,000.00
Certificates of Deposits, issued for money borrowed	
TOTAL	\$431,994.11

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

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 16th day of Mar. A. D., 1915.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
H. M. Josey, Notary Public, Runnels County.

Correct Attest: J. L. Chastain, J. F. Currie, G. G. Odom, Directors

RECAPITULATION

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$220,023.22
Overdrafts ()	2,523.27
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixtures	50,650.00
Other real estate	
Bills of Exchange	65,736.39
Interest in Guaranty Fund	3,407.33
Cash and Exchange	89,644.90
	\$431,994.11

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	16,895.60
Bills Payable	45,000.00
Total Deposits	270,098.51
	\$431,994.11

10 CENT "CASCARETS" STRAIGHTEN YOU UP

Tonight! Clean your bowels and end headaches, colds, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box now.

Turn the rascals out—the headache, biliousness, indigestion, the sick sour stomach and bad colds—turn them out with Cascarets.

Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never know the misery caused by a lazy liver, clogged bowels, or an upset stomach.

Don't put in another day of distress. Let "Cascarets" cleanse your stomach; remove the sour fermenting food; take the excess bile from your liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels. Then you will feel great.

A Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep. A 10 cent box from any drug store means a clear head, sweet stomach and clean, healthy liver and bowel action for months. Children love Cascarets because they never gripe or sicken.

G. F. Crim of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and had his figures set up on the Banner-Ledger.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

J. M. LONDON MOVING TO WINTERS

J. M. London, who moved to Ballinger from the Norton country a short time ago, coming here to send his children to school, has accepted a position as assistant postmaster at Winters, and left for Winters Wednesday morning. He will move his family from Ballinger to Winters later, and will permanently located at that place.

Mr. London made many friends during his short residence here, and we regret to lose him, but are glad to know that he is to remain a citizen of this county. He spent five or six years in a post office in Hill county, before moving to Runnels county, and has had experience in such work.

Tom Hal and Black Sam

Tom Hal, the Lon Mapes horse, and Black Sam, the Wilks Whitaker 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

Report of the Finance Committee of the City of Ballinger

TO THE HON. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:—In compliance with your request, we have audited the books of the city secretary and treasurer and beg to submit herewith our report, showing the condition of the various accounts:

TREASURERS' BOOKS	
S. W. W. Fund	
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1914.	\$ 961.91
Received of secretary	\$ 7,914.26
Paid out on vouchers	\$ 8,618.73
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1915.	\$ 257.44
	\$ 8,876.17

General Fund.	
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1914.	\$ 446.27
Received of secretary	\$ 4,161.41
Paid out on vouchers	\$ 4,552.22
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1915.	\$ 55.46

Street and Bridge Fund	
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1914.	\$ 1,519.00
Received of secretary	\$ 4,473.60
Interest on daily balances	\$ 568.14
Paid out on vouchers	\$ 6,457.45
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1915.	\$ 103.29
	\$ 6,560.74

Salary	
February 1st, 1914 overdrawn.	\$ 13.90
Paid out on vouchers	\$ 1,785.54
Received of secretary	\$ 1,800.00
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1915.	\$ 56
	\$ 1,800.00

TREASURER BOOKS	
W. W. Fund.	
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1914.	\$ 12,012.19
Received of secretary	\$ 3,777.50
Paid interest on bonds	\$ 4,139.55
Paid water works bond	\$ 5,000.00
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1915.	\$ 6,650.14
	\$ 15,789.69

Secretary's Report February 1st, 1915.	
S. W. W. Fund	
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1914.	\$ 50.45
Amount collected water rent.	\$ 7,994.15
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1915.	\$ 97.54
	\$ 8,044.60

General Fund.	
To balance on hand Feb. 1st 1914.	\$ 591.20
Amount taxes and fines collected.	\$ 4,254.94
Paid treasurer	\$ 4,136.10
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1915.	\$ 710.04
	\$ 4,846.14

W. W. Fund	
To balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1914.	\$ 54.73
Amount collected taxes	\$ 3,944.66
Amount paid treasurer	\$ 3,790.00
Balance on hand	\$ 209.39
	\$ 3,999.39

Street and Bridge Fund	
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1914.	\$ 3.17
Amount collected taxes	\$ 2,362.59
Amount paid treasurer	\$ 2,476.10
Amount overdrawn	\$ 110.34
	\$ 2,476.10

Secretary's Finance Ledger	
S. W. W. Fund	
Balance Feb. 1st, 1914	\$ 1,002.66
Cash received	\$ 7,873.51
Errors	\$ 1.33
Vouchers issued	\$ 8,620.06
Balance Feb. 1st, 1915.	\$ 257.44
	\$ 8,877.50

General Fund.	
Warrants outstanding Feb. 1, 1914	\$ 790.47
Warrants issued	\$ 4,635.22
Cash collected	\$ 4,289.60
Balance	\$ 1,136.09
	\$ 5,425.69

Street and Bridge Fund.	
Balance Feb. 1st, 1914.	\$ 1,379.70
Cash received	\$ 5,042.24
Vouchers issued	\$ 6,364.00
Balance February 1st, 1915.	\$ 57.94
	\$ 6,421.94

Salary	
Vouchers outstanding Feb. 1, 1914	\$ 13.90
Vouchers issued	\$ 1,799.94
Cash received	\$ 1,800.00
Balance	\$ 13.84
	\$ 1,813.84

W. W. Fund	
Balance February 1st, 1914.	\$ 12,012.19
Cash received	\$ 3,777.50
Vouchers issued	\$ 9,139.55
Balance February 1st, 1915.	\$ 6,650.14
	\$ 15,789.69

ASSETS	
Water works system	\$ 53,122.00

80 acres land	2,500.00
Blocks 77 and 79	1,000.00
City Hall	2,000.00
Rasbury Park	250.00
Fire Department	3,000.00
Street machinery and tools	4,000.00
Delinquent taxes (estimated)	3,000.00
Cash in treasurer's hand	7,066.89
Cash in secretary's hand	906.63
	\$ 76,845.52

Liabilities.	
Bonds water works	\$ 40,000.00
Bonds street	20,000.00
Balance due on street machinery	3,585.00
Warrants outstanding	1,251.30
Accrued interest on bonds and machinery	830.00
Open account for pump	1,600.00
Assets in excess of liabilities	9,579.22
	\$ 76,845.52

The above report we respectfully submit as being true and correct as shown by city books:
C. R. STEPHENS,
R. W. BRUCE
L. H. WARD.

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, 1915.
R. G. Erwin
Notary Public, Runnels, Co. Tex.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
County of Runnels.
On this, the 12th day of February, 1915, this court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of J. W. Bigby and more than fifty other persons, praying that bonds be issued by Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, in the sum of sixty thousand dollars, bearing 5 per cent rate of interest, maturing forty years from date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property taxing voters of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, and that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, on the 10th day of April, 1915, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of sixty thousand dollars, bearing 5 per cent rate of interest and maturing forty years from date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be levied on the property of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper in said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, for four successive weeks before the date of said election.

Said election shall be held at the following designated voting places within said Road District No. 1, namely: at Olfin in election precinct No. 22, at Pony Creek School House in election precinct No. 23, at Court House in Ballinger in election precinct No. 1, and at the Court House in Ballinger in election precinct No. 24; and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, namely: C. R. Crews in Ballinger, voting precinct No. 1. Wm. Halfmann in Olfin voting precinct No. 22; John Bigby, in Pony creek precinct No. 23 and W. A. Tally in Ballinger voting precinct No. 24.

All qualified property tax paying voters residing in Olfin voting precinct No. 22 shall vote at Olfin. All qualified property tax paying voters residing in Pony Creek voting precinct No. 23 shall vote at Pony Creek School House; and all qualified property tax paying voters residing in Ballinger voting precinct No. 1 within said Road District No. 1, shall vote in the south end of the court house in Ballinger; and all other qualified property tax paying voters residing in said Road District No. 1 shall vote in the north end of the court house in Ballinger in voting precinct No. 24.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of the Road Improvement District Act, passed at the first called session of the Thirty-first Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property taxpayers of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballot the words: "For the Issuance of Bonds and Levying of the Tax in Payment Thereof; and those op-

Mrs. Walter Parker left Sunday afternoon in company with others from Bronte, Winters, and Concho county as a delegate to the Odd Fellows meeting at San Antonio.

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.

Mrs. George Kearney and son Master Dan, of Belton, who had been visiting relatives in Ballinger the past several weeks, returned home Saturday.

W. L. Bell of Winters, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty.
E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.
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CASTORIA
For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

G. W. Mathews, the cotton buyer, came in from the west Saturday afternoon to spend a while with home folks.

Mrs. M. E. Long came in from Sweetwater a few days ago and is the guest of her son E. L. Long and family.

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,
26-6tw Mayor.

No. 3533
Report of the Condition of THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, of Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business 4th day of March, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$313,574.81
Overdrafts	7.49
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$100,000.00
Other securities deposited to secure circulation (book value)	\$100,000.00
U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal saving (par value)	\$ 1,500.00
Other bonds, securities, etc. owned unpledged (other than stocks), including premiums on same	\$ 20,200.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	\$13,600
Less amount unpaid	\$ 9,100
All other stocks, including premium on same	\$ 4,500.00
Banking house, \$20,000.00; furniture and fixtures, \$5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Other real estate owned	\$ 20,192.31
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 5,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents in central reserve cities	\$ 40,508.43
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	\$ 55,001.10
Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 13)	\$ 8,879.40
Outside checks and other cash items, \$4,443.38; fractional currency, nickles and cents \$309.13	\$ 4,752.51
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reported bank	\$ 968.97
Notes of other national banks	\$ 11,030.00
Specie	\$ 19,963.50
Legal-tender notes	\$ 19,963.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	\$ 5,000.00
Acceptances cotton	\$ 86,534.23
TOTAL	\$722,612.75

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund	\$ 25,500.00
Undivided profits	\$ 24,205.34
Reserved for	\$ 24,205.34
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	\$ 4,061.26
Circulating notes	\$100,000.00
Less amount on hand and in Treasury for redemption or in transit	\$100,000.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 5 and 6)	\$ 10,331.87
Individual deposits subject to check	\$291,828.04
Certificates of deposit in less than 30 days	\$16,734.35
Cashier's checks outstanding	10.00
Postal savings deposits	\$ 259.64
Deposits requiring notice of less than 30 days	\$308,832.03
Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	\$ 7,804.97
State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by item 8 of "resources"	\$ 7,804.97
Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed	\$50,000.00
State bank circulation outstanding	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$722,612.75

State of Texas, county of Runnels, ss: I R. G. Erwin, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1915.
ANNIE VAN DOREN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
J. Y. PEARCE,
J. MCGREGOR,
D. M. BAKER, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES	LIABILITY
Loans and discounts	Capital stock
U. S. bonds	Surplus and profits
Banking house furniture and fixtures	Circulation
Real estate	Bills payable
Stocks and bonds	Deposits
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	
Bank	
Acceptances, cotton	
Cash and Exchange	
\$722,612.75	\$722,612

Herbine cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Winter Is Passed---Spring Will Soon Be Here

Is Your Wardrobe Ready For The Coming Warm Spring Weather?

Bright Spring Days Bring Out All The Beauty Of Your Costume

THE BEAUTY of design—the beauty of color—the beauty of fabric and they'll also bring out all the defects. Why not buy your attire at **Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.'s Store** and thus make sure that every line, every color combination, every minute detail is correct. Our buyers spent several weeks in New York, Chicago and St. Louis buying our immense spring stock and we earnestly believe that it will pay you to come here and see what we have to offer you in the way of spring merchandise. Come.

Charming Frocks For Been In To See All The

Early Spring Wear

There is something bewitching about these frocks. Perhaps its the handsome, unusual materials or the distinctive style touches, such as the new soft, blousy waists. That's why the frocks are so becoming so thoroughly lovely. One hundred or more beautiful frocks here to select from at \$4.95 to \$25.00.

Splendid Spring Suits?

Some new ones have just arrived and they are most spring-like. The smart effects testify to that. Models for both street and dress and are designed along the very newest, graceful lines. Suits you'll be pleased with; in Silk Poplin, Black and Checks of wool material and the new Sand and Putty shades. Prices range \$7.50; \$10.00; \$12.50, \$15.00 and up.

Wonderful Showing of New Silks, Wash Goods, Clothing, Furnishings and Shoes

Silks

Tub Silks, Dress Goods of every description here to select from. Truly a wonderful assortment in the new colorings at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 the yard.

Wash Goods

New voiles, new lingerie, new plisse new crepes, new shantung, new mulls, new gingham. In fact everything that's good in wash goods,

Clothing

500 new men's and young men's suits in 2 and 3 piece garments. Serges and worsted in all wool and guaranteed at prices \$10, \$12.50 \$15.00 and up.

Furnishing

- New Neckwear
- New Shirts
- New Collars
- New Hats

Ready Spring Slippers for Men, Women and Children

Our shoes have won a reputation as the better than ordinary shoes which is a fact because we are able and willing to pay more for a shoe to sell at a certain price than most merchants are. Our stock has all the new things in store for you. See the new Tipperary and the late strap effects. Ladies slippers range in prices \$1.50 to \$5.00. Childrens 50c to \$3.50. Mens' oxfords \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Specials All This Week

Thread Lace, worth 10c and 12 1-2c only 5c

36 inch Hope Domestic, absolutely worth 12 1-2c the yard. This week the yard 8 1-3c

House Dresses, all size, values up to \$2.00 choice only 98c

Muslin Gowns, easily worth 75c, open and slip over effects 49c

20 Brass Fern Hangers worth \$2.50 and \$3.50, while they last only \$1.95

WE DEVOTE OUR WHOLE TIME TO THE BUYING AND SELLING OF DRY GOODS AND EVERYTHING TO WEAR.

BALLINGER, LAMPASAS, TEAGUE, TEX.

Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.

"THE STORE AHEAD"



MILLINERY

Splendid Showing of Distinctive Millinery

Every lady who likes style, beauty, quality and low prices will be delightfully pleased with our superb showing of new Spring millinery. Over 500 trimmed hats ready for you to inspect at \$2, \$3, \$3.50, \$5 and up to \$10.00.

SMART HEADGEAR FOR THE KIDDIES

We wont over look the little tots. You will find here some 300 or more childrens hats. These pretty hats are extremely low in price, ranging 50c 75c, \$1.00 to \$3.50.

MAKE THIS STORE YOUR SHOPPING PLACE YOU WILL PROFIT.

YOUNG BANKER TO LEAVE BALLINGER

The announcement that John Thurman will leave Ballinger will be read with regret by his hundreds of friends throughout this county. It has been known for some time by his closest friends that Mr. Thurman was entertaining a business proposition which, if accepted, would take him away from Ballinger, but this announcement was not made public until this week, when it was announced that Mr. Thurman had tendered his resignation as assistant cashier of the First National Bank.

Mr. Thurman has become associated with and is one of the organizers of the First State Bank of Santa Anna, and has been elected active vice-president of the new bank.

He will leave Ballinger about the middle of April and will cast his lot with the good people of Santa Anna, and Ballinger's loss will be the little mountain city's gain.

Coming to Ballinger six years ago Mr. Thurman accepted a position with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. He was with that institution for more than three years when he resigned to accept the assistant cashiership of the First National Bank, which position he has filled with credit to himself and to the highest satisfaction of the board of directors of that bank.

There is not a young man in Ballinger who stands higher among all classes of people than John Thurman. He is strictly business and his life is above reproach. He is active in the religious and social life of Ballinger, being a teacher of one of the largest Sunday School classes in the city, a class in the Eighth Street Presbyterian church made up of young men and ladies. Ballinger can ill afford to lose such a citizen, and while his many friends

regret to see him leave Ballinger they will rejoice to know that he is making good in his business career and is to receive the promotion.

A. J. Thorp has accepted a position with the First National Bank, and will succeed Mr. Thurman. Mr. Thorp formerly held a similar position with the First National Bank, but resigned to engage in the cotton business. The cotton season is about over and he will be ready to relieve Mr. Thurman when the new position at Santa Anna calls him.

Mr. Thorp is an expert accountant and an experienced young banker, and his friends, as well as the friends of the bank, will be glad to know that he is to be connected with the bank again.

Some Forms of Rheumatism Curable.

Rheumatism is a disease characterized by pains in the joints and in the muscles. The most common forms are: Acute and Chronic Rheumatism, Rheumatic Headaches, Sciatic Rheumatism and Lumbago. All of these types can be helped absolutely by applying some good liniment that penetrates. An application of Sloan's Liniment two or three times a day to the affected part will give instant relief. Sloan's Liniment is good for pain, and especially Rheumatic Pain, because it penetrates to the seat of the trouble, soothes the afflicted part and draws the pain. "Sloan's Liniment is all medicine." Get a 25c bottle now. Keep it handy in case of emergency.

Walter L. Bailey, one of the stockmen of Miles had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

F. G. Hoelscher, the Olfin merchant, and Mr. and Mrs. Silbel, of Hatchel, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Claud Little of Maverick, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

MID-TEXAS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEET

The Teachers' Association for Middle Texas will hold its convention at Brownwood on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27.

Superintendent Wooten of this county is busy mailing out letters to the teachers and trustees of this county urging them to attend this convention.

An effort is being made to secure a special coach for the teachers who wish to go from Runnels County, and this coach will leave Ballinger at 9:35 on the morning of the 26th and will return on Saturday night. A rate of \$1.25 for the round trip has been secured.

The hotels of Brownwood have fixed a low rate for teachers and the Chamber of Commerce and the local committee on entertainment have provided a very attractive program for the occasion and the program for the institute is made of subjects that will be discussed by the most able educators in the state, and every teacher who can attend will no doubt be well paid for their time.

The schools in the county will give a holiday on Friday in order that the teachers may attend the institute.

The Mid-Texas Association is made up of a number of the best counties in the State, and counties that are live to the interest of higher rural education, and it is expected that many trustees will attend the institute.

Superintendent W. S. Fleming of Ballinger is vice-president of the association and Superintendent W. W. Wooten is a member of the executive board. Both of these gentlemen are on the program for addresses, Prof. Fleming being assigned the subject, "The High School Principal," and Prof. Wooten being slated for an address on "Perplexing Problems of the County Superintendent."

Poultry Crop Will Bring In Half Million Dollars

Declaring that the prospects even surpass those of last year at this particular season, that the farmers and business men of the cities of Runnels County are being stared at by prosperity and that there remains unlimited work for the various agencies which are striving for the up-building of this county, George P. McLelland, Runnels County government demonstration agent of the department of agriculture today declared that he felt very optimistic over conditions prevailing in Central West Texas.

"Without a doubt, Runnels County today stands at the head of the list of Texas counties. No other part of the state is blessed with so many good things as this county at this particular time of the year," said Mr. McLelland.

"The seasoning in the ground today is equally as good as that of the corresponding month of last year when bumper crops were raised all around," continued the demonstrator. "Farmers in every nook and corner of the county are very optimistic over the 1915 prospects and I have joined in the chorus. Barring unforeseen calamities, Runnels County is destined to make another wonderful grain yield, which will mean much to the citizens of the county."

"The poultry industry will mean a great deal. It has been estimated that the 1915 poultry crop will be valued at a round half million dollars. If the plans which the Young Men's Business League and myself are working on, are consummated, the valuation of the crop will be increased before the year is completed. Our plan is to interest every farmer who is raising poultry and that includes nearly every one of the county, to produce nothing but infertile eggs for the market. I

am interested in the plan because it will mean additional money for the farmers of Runnels. Secretary Ed Spill of the Young Men's Business League is interested in the infertile egg campaign for a dual purpose—namely, it will increase the value of the eggs 10 cents per dozen and by stamping "Infertile—Runnels County," will give this county unlimited advertising. The name of Runnels County, famed for its infertile egg production, would be heralded from one corner of the United States to the other. Runnels County eggs would be sought by produce men in every city, town and hamlet of the country. The stamp as is proposed, would make the Runnels County egg a product in demand. Standing orders would be made by northern buyers for the famous infertile egg of Runnels."

It was explained by Mr. McLelland that every effort is being utilized by both himself and the Young Men's Business League to arouse the greatest possible interest in the method of egg production. Many farmers have already started the good work in many parts of the county and are reaping the benefits.

J. W. Freeman of San Saba, an up-to-date tonsorial artist, came in Monday and will hold a chair in the Bank Barber Shop in Ballinger.

Rev. A. E. Turney of Rock Springs, came in Wednesday at noon to look after business in Ballinger a day or two.

We are glad to report the little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sheffy much better Wednesday morning after a right serious spell of bad cold.

FLOWER SHOW HERE FOR THREE DAYS

In order that they might advertise their business through a method of showing their goods, and at the same time help in a worthy cause, the Nussbaum Floral Co., of San Angelo, have arranged to place on display a lot of flowers, plants, bulbs, etc., and these will be brought here and placed on display at the Hall Hardware Co. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The plants will be for sale, and the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church are to share in the proceeds.

In view of the fact that the Ballinger Floral Club are planning to give a show this fall, the display to be made this week should attract considerable attention and create interest in the work outlined.

TONE UP THE BLOOD

Hood's Sarsaparilla, a Spring Tonic—Medicine, is Necessary.

Everybody is troubled at this season with loss of vitality, failure of appetite, that tired feeling, or with bilious turns, dull headaches, indigestion and other stomach troubles, or with pimples and other eruptions on the face and body. The reason is that the blood is impure and impoverished.

Hood's Sarsaparilla relieves all these ailments. Ask your druggist for this medicine and get it today. It is the old reliable medicine that has stood the test for forty years,—that makes pure, rich blood—that strengthens every organ and builds up the whole system. It is the all-the-year-round blood-purifier and health-giver. Nothing else acts like it, for nothing else is like it; so be sure to get Hood's.