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BALLINGER, RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1915.

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## WE CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU with everything necessary for the sustenance and comforts of life. Phone 37.



A. M. Poole, of Abilene, who four hours. life boats and landed at Cardiff. German ambassador have recom- had been to San Angelo on a The government has taken

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in general and all individvals we offer our unlimited banking facilities. We have a prodigious capacity

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When the great opportunity knocks be ready, for

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work with. To accumulate he must save. To save

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Are You Going to Be Ready?



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**Opportunity**.

for handling large commercial accounts. Yet we truthfully say that we always give the same careful attention to small depositors' Give us a

Texas.

June.

lended to their governments that AMSTERDAM, May 18.-It is the trouble between the United Ballinger Wednesday and will eliabily reported here that Ger- States and Germany brought spend a week or so in Ballinger der guards. many's reply note to the United about by the sinking of the Lusi- with relatives. States will not agree to stop tania, be handled in a way that submarine warfare. will pacify the United States.

## WORK ON COMPRESS **MYSTERIOUS DEATH** STARTED WEDNESDAY OF ANGELO LADY

Claypool & Price, who have the Concord, Mass., May 17.-Mrs. ontract for building the tower Harriette Benson of San Angelo, for the new compress, began Texas, was found dead in a house work on the new structure Wed-at No. 2 Sudbury road by Miss nesday morning. Most of the Elizabeth Dwyer, who went to material has arrived and the work the house to perform household will be pushed to completion. ill be pushed to completion. The big wharfs will be built Tuesday night.

during the summer months and Mrs. Benson had spent the win everything made ready for the ter in the south with her daughcoming cotton season. It is not ter, Mrs. George Bird, of San An known when the material for gelo, Texas. She came here last his will arrive, but the entire job Sunday. Tuesday night she atof replacing the big compress tended a supper at the First Parwith one that will more than take ish church and was apparently in the place of the old one will be good health. well under way by the middle of

O. Hasten and little, son of the Crews country, were supplying in Ballinger Wednesday.

SANTA FE OFFICER

Mrs. Benson before marriage was MissHarriette Giles of Somerville, where she was born about

75 years ago. Her husband who died two years ago was for many years in the treasurer's office of the New England Telephone company. The authorities are investigat-

Just as he stepped off the train at Lometa Monday afternoon, Santa Fe detective Berchfield was shot and seriously injured by a man whose name we failed to learn.

arriving here from Triste, Por-This news reached here Tues- tugal, say that hundreds have day morning, but the particulars been killed in that city and hunof the shooting are lacking. dreds and houdreds wounded in

Berchfield was shot in the hips, the new revolution in that counand while it is not thought he is try. The populace of the country fatally wounded he lost much is angered as troops shoot womblood and his condition is seri- en.

ous. He was carried to Temple Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Kubela and last night. The man doing the shooting used a pistol. He was two children, of Rowena, were caught by Lampasas officers and among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon. placed in the jail at Lampasas.

hort business trip, returned to and tunnels have been placed un-

## PREACHING NOTICE.

Mrs. J. W. Jones, of Miles, We are requested to announce that Rev. G. W. Newman will came in Wednesday morning to perach at the Bethel school house be at the bedside of her father, next Sunday, May 23rd and a cor-Uncle Johnnie Shaffer, who is dial invitation is extended to the again seriously ill. entire neighborhood to be present.

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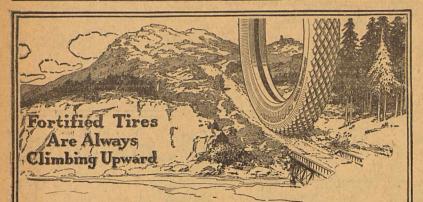
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## 104,000 Men

In the jungles and fields, in three conspicuous improveour factories, etc., 104,000 men are employed to meet the demand for Goodyear tires.

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No other tire commands anywhere near such favor. And this spring has shown, in sales to dealers, an increase of 52 per cent.

ments. Some Goodyear supremacies can be seen at a glance. Compare size and thickness

pare number of fabric plies. **Prices Down** 

Goodyear has made in about

two years three great price

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cent. The last was on Feb-

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put enables a value which no

Goodyears mean less trou-

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ble, less upkeep. That is proved

by our exclusive features, our

other maker can duplicate.

with the average tire. Com-

## **Extra Values**

The reason is, we fortify our tires. We give the best that others give, plus five exclusive features. In costly ways, employed by no one else, we combat:

**Rim-Cuts** Insecurity **Punctures** Blowouts Loose Treads Skidding

And we never skimp. De- dominant place, and the swellspite all price

reductions, Goodyears are better than ever. Lately wehaveadded

tide. Weurge TOOD YEAR you to join this AKRON, OHIO army. Any **Fortified Tires** dealer will No-Rim-Cut Tires-"On-Air" Cured With All-Weather Treads or Smooth supply you.

**Goodyear Service Stations---Tires in Stock** Leach Auto Works S. L. Henderson **Nearby Towns** Winters---.A. L. Bean, Winters Saddlery and Harness Shop.

## **CONCHO** REPORTS TWO ARE DEAD AND **3 SERIOUSLY SICK BIG LAND DEAL**

T. K. Wilson sold recently to Archie Five of the family of L. L. Barnes at Doole were taken seriously ill about ten days ago and it developed into dipth-eria. Two of the family died; the Wilson ranch for \$130,000. The cash

### THE BANNER-LEDGER: FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1915.

## **Farm Tenancy in Texas** Bordering Upon Serfdom 7

Following is the first of a series of articles dealing with "Farm Tenancy in Texas." The articles are being prepared by Prof. C. B. Austin and G. S. Wehrwein of the University of Texas in reply to charges of Chairman Walsh of series charges of Chairman Walsh of scarce.

Federal Industrial Relation Com-mission that the Texas tenantry methods are steadily earning hom conditions compare with serfdom. es for themselves.

The next article will compare Texas with other states, including character of the tenant, the follow Oklahoma. The articles are writ- ing facts are deduced from the ten exclusively for the United Federal census. Out of 185,294 Press.-Editor.

In order to show the nomadic reporting share tenants (that is, tenants who furnish their own

AUSTIN, Tex., May 17 .- If any farm equipment and give oneone word were used to describe third the grain and one fourth the the conditions of Texas tenants it cotton for the use of the land) would have to be a very compre- 114,197 or over sixty one percent hensive word to cover a complex had been on the farm they were situation. Hence the danger in then occupying for one year or trying to describe the situation in less; 51,396 or over 27 percent had a sentence.. Some men may try to been on the present farm from two do so by saying that in Texas we to four years; 13,254 or about have some conditions bordering seven percent had been on the upon serfdom. The tenant who is present farm between five and in the worst of conditions is in nine years; only 6447 or less than just the opposite of serfdom-he four percent had been on the presis almost a nomad. The word serf refers to a class of the Middle As long as there is a movement of Ages who were incapable of hold population like this there will be ing land and whose services were opportunities for those who are attached to the land and transfer- capable of grasping them.

red with it. Whatever else the The word tenant describes over nomad may be he is certainly one-half of the Texas farmers on free. He moves every time the just one point-the fact that they pasture gets short and "share do not own the land which they croppers' of the south who furn- are cultivating. But within this ish nothing to the farm except group containing 52.6 percent of their labor, move nearly every the Texas farmers in 1910, there all kinds of men in all kinds of

Some tenants move because they conditions. Above them the move to better their condition amount of property varies all the while others are the sons-removed- way from that possessed by the by-eleven generation of the peo- one-horse farmer to the ownership ple who plunged into the Ameri-can frontier from the Atlantic in Texas who own land but prefer coast, and the wanderlust still to rent it to some other man and lingers. A few generations ago they themselves become renters. migration into the "west" was This is frequently the case when across states. At the present an owner rents his sandy land time, a great deal of it is within farm and moves back to the black the different states. The large land to become a renter simply percentage of tenancy in Okla- because he prefers to farm black homa is due in a measure to the land but cannot purchase it at a influx of fortune seekers which high price.

has been going on since the terri- Some one at some time launch tory was opened to settlement. In ed the idea that to be a tenant Texas a large number of tenants meant to be an economic failure are those who have come to a new. This is a great mistake. Some country to accumulate a sufficient Texas tenants do not care to own amount of personal property to land and others are buying and enable them to embark upon the paying out on farms of ample venture of becoming landowners. size.



youngest, a daughter about five years old, and the oldest a daughter about deferred payments.

twenty years old. Three other children of the family are still very sick, but it is thought they are out of danger. Dr. Mannering of Stacy, who was waiting on them also took down with the disease and he was very sick tor some days though he is reported out of danger if no complications set up. The neighbors assisted both families, especially Mr. Barnes, though all who were exposed

ment is applied. It is both heal- ousness, Headache, Dizziness and ing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c Constipation. Dr. King's New and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Life Pills will clean up the Liver, gers) sallow complexion, flatu-Walker Drug Co.

your Druggist. G. W. Caswell of the Norton country, and Wm. Toliver of the Valley Creek country, were City, came in Monday afternoon or two will cause all bilious symamong the business visitors in to visit her father, Dr. E. R. ptoms to disappear. Try it. Price

Ballinger Monday.

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Mr. Wright and family will move to their new property in the near future their new property in the near future and make their home on it. We wel-come the Wrights and hope they will old cowboy employed on Harris Brothand make their home on it. We welfind Concho so delightful they will be always happy, nealthill and contented. —Paint Rock Herald.

BY HIS HORSE

Sixteen years ago I was taken sick with Kidney trouble and suffered terribly for three months. I old cowboy employed on Harris Brounders and the bed. Was mostly confined to the bed. After using other remedies I fin-former home at Hamilton, Texas, Thurs ally tried a bottle of Swamp-Root. did not work during this time and

I immediately began to feel bet-Lyons was caught on the horn of his White Man With Black Liver The Liver is a blood purifier. It borse had pitched and unseated him ent bottles, was entirely cured and took the precaution to be treated with an injection of antitoxin.—Paint Rock Herald. Barbed wire, ragged wounds, uickly when Ballard's Snow Lini-ment is applied. It is both heal-ourpress Hasdacha Dirajona coul

attention this most wonderful Dizziness, vertigo, (blind stagremedy. and give you new life. 25c at lence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while

36 Spruce Waterville, the liver is inactive. Herbine is a State of Maine, Kennebec County, Mrs. B. C. Mann of Garden powerful liver stimulant. A dose

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Personally appeared the above named Hattie A. Quimb. who sub Walker, and family, a few weeks. 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co. scirbed above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

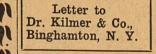
Yours very truly,

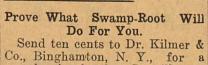
HATTIE A. QUIMBY.

Maine.

INTENSE SUFFERING

ANNA M. DRUMMOND. Authorized to administer oaths.





IN Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable infor-101 mation, telling about the kidney and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Ballinger 101 101 Weekly Banner-Ledger. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bot tles for sale at all drug stores.

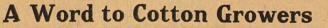
NEW HOME ON ELEVENTH STREET

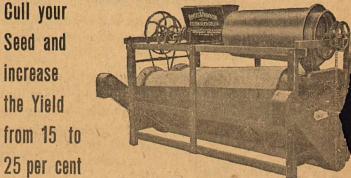
A new home is being built for Leon Ward on Eleventh Street just north of the W.S. Harmon place. The work is nearing completion and Mr. and Mrs. Ward will occupy same at an early date.



fore you buy, for we have one of the best made. Als have a complete line of IMPLEMENTS. Call and see us before you buy.

F. F. MOORE & CO.





I have installed a cottou seed culler for the benefit of the farmers who wish to cull outthe faultier seed and plant nothing but pure-well de-veloped seed. Well developed seed will produce more than a faultier seed. By planting the best seed the plants are more vigorous and fruit ful and will stand drouths and produce more. This machine will be in operation at the Ballinger Wagon Yard on Eighth Street. Drop in and see me about it' and take advantage of the benefit offered you for cull-ing your seed. The price amounts to little.

T. S. LANKFORD



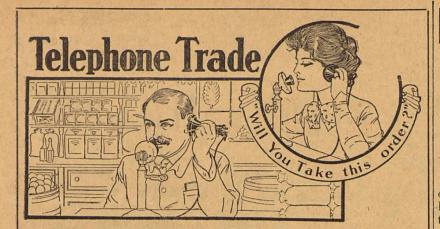
We are still in a position to make you farm loans and take up and extend your vendors lien notes in the future just as we have heretofore done in the past.

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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





## **Removing Obstacles**

Do you allow obstacles to remain in the way of your customers because your clerks inside are too busy to wait on them?

You have many customers who reach you over the WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE. Are you disappointing them by failing to have adequate telephone facilities? If your customers are not able to reach you, you are interfering with their plans at a time when they are ready to make a purchase. They will probably go elsewhere.

The local manager will gladly confer with you and will gladly show you how to make your telephone equipment more complete.

## West Texas Telephone Company "The System Reliable."

H. W. Day.

Local Manager

## MRS. J. M. EDWARDS **BURGLARS WORKING** AT SAN ANGELO SERIOUSLY BURNED

to that establishment. Whether or not the store had been robbed, employees of the company stated Thursday morning burned today about the face and hands as a result of an explosion of a gas cooking stove. She had just lighted one of the gas burned today about the face at 8 o'clock that they were as yet unable to say. Nothing, it was asserted, had at that time been missed.

Deputy City Marshal George Cunning ham was called and is investigating the case, with other officers today. The case, with other officers today. The holes in the door were made with an ordinary auger. The night-workers evi dently had a hard time finding the

lock for only one of the holes pierced the right place. Here a pencil could be inserted and the door swung open .- San Angelo Standard.

Boring eight holes in the door to the Beauregard Avenue entrance to the Baker-Hemphill Co.'s store Wednesday Baker-Hemphill Co.'s store Wednesday

burners when the gas began to escape in the oven of the stove. She opened the thirds majority is required for a oven door when an accumulation of gas which had ignited blazed in her face. look for the present plan of rais-Her throat and eye lashes were burned. Her injuries, though painful, are not ing road money look very bright considered serious.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXA TIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness no ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.



ROAD TAX ELECTION JUNE 5TH

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TEXACO

An election to determine wheth er the commissioner's court shall levy a special tax for 15 cents on the hundred dollars for the entire county has been ordered for Saturday, June 5th.

The commissioner's court ordered for the entire county, granted the election in response to petitions presented to the court at its recent session, the petitions asking that the election be and containing the required number of signatures of qualified voters and tax payers from every precinct in the county.

The regular election managers were appointed to hold the election, and to employ the necessary help as usual in holding such election.

The proposed tax is to be used. if levied, for building roads in this county, each precinct to receive for sucs work in proportion to the amount paid.

According to the taxable valuation of this county this will ereate a fund in addition to the regular road tax of about \$12,000, and will make a total available fund for road purposes of about 25,000 each year so long as the cout and the people see fit to make the levy from year to year. Those favoring this method of building roads say that in a few years the entire county can be provided with good roads, and

It only requires a majority to carry the special tax while a twolook for the present plan of raisfor those who are working for good roads.

roads. That may be true, but some people seem to fail to under stand that it is impossible to build good roads without money. Therefore if you are in favor of good roads you must prove it by going to the polls on June 5th, and voting for the road tax.

Some Forms of Rheumatism Curable.

# > How much can we save you?

Southwestern Portland Cement Company

EL PASO TEXAS, August 12th. 1914.

TEXAC

Mr. A. F. Fegan, c/o The Texas Company, El Paso, Texas. Dear Sir:-

replacing

OJB/L

No. 37

Confirming conversation with you regarding use of "Crater compound" on our kiln gears, beg to say that for two years we tried to lubricate them with yours and other, black oils without much success.

At that time, two years ago, you put in your "Crater" and I doubted the advisability of attempting to run the main girth gear any longer, but am pleased to say that the wear was stopped almost completely by the use of "Crater The same gears are running today with promise of a long time, ret. You can see the value of this, as this gear and pinion as about \$600.00 without expense and loss of time in

Our gear lubrication on kilns and coolers was reduced in cost over 50% by use of "Crater" in addition to the above benefits.

SOUTHWESTERN POR

Our agent can tell jou which of the red star-green Toils jour need

The Texas Company general Offices . Houston

Yours truly

LAND CEMENT COMPANY

again that everybody is for good \$200,000 STEER DEAL CITIZENS PETITION WESTERN GIN CO. TO AT BROWNWOOD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE **REBUILD AT WINTERS** 

couple of men by a hair's breadth.

There is a demand for the ordinance

Lacy Brothers have just completed shipping 5100 steers from Brownwood to Oklahoma, the herd having been sold to Russell & Tucker and going to Okla-homa to be placed on grass. The cattle homa to be placed on grass. The cattle were two and three-year-old steers, and sold for over \$40 around, the deal totaling more than \$200,000. During the season many other big shipments have been made from Brown-

case in a bond issue.

It has been stated time and

# **Our Dewberries**

Will be on the market about May 20th. Season will last about three weeks,

## **During This Time**

You can get choice berries every day---hundreds of people will want them, but only a few realize how easy it is to get them.

### Here is the Way

A crate contains 24 quarts; estimate how many you desire to use and send your order direct to us and we will promptly ship your berries direct to you.

### **Community Orders**

Localities away from the railroad can bulk their orders and save both time and money by so doing, as in that case only one man will have to go to the express office for them.

### Get Busy-Act Now

Get in touch with us direct, and arrange to get your share of dewberries, the only kind of fruit that can be canned without sugar. Prices and shipping instructions given on application.

**Bangs Fruit & Berry Association** John M. Aiton, Sales Manager, Bangs, Texas

Rheumatism is a disease charac-

Kneumatism is a disease characeshipments have been made from Brown-<br/>terized by pains in the joints and<br/>in the muscles. The most common<br/>forms are: Acute and Chronic<br/>Rheumatism, Rheumatic Head-<br/>aches, Seiatic Rheumatism and<br/>Lumbago. All of these types canshipments have been made from Brown-<br/>of the Lacy Bros. herd came<br/>herds have been contracted here from<br/>several surrounding counties.The rapid increase in the use of autos<br/>and the reckless manner in which the<br/>new owners handle their cars is point.<br/>ed out as increasing risk to life and<br/>limb, and the people are going on the<br/>principle that it is better to be safe than<br/>sorry, and hence have called on the<br/>council to take a hand in the game.Hoffer says:<br/>I am just in reecipt of a letter from<br/>R. A. Hall, who is manager of the Wes-<br/>fact that they had decided to build an<br/>up-to-date 10-70 saw gin plant at Win-<br/>ters.

be helped absolutely by applying some good liniment that penetratdecrease in price for some time to come. es. An application of Sloan's Lini -Brownwood Bulletin. ment two or three times a day to

the affected part will give instant

NORTON LAD FOUND

AFTER BIG EXCITEMENT

ABILENE, May 14.—The country ontiguous to Caps, eight miles south-sest of Abilene was thrown into a

reat state of excitement Wednesday by he disappearance of Ira Cole, a four-

e J. B. Knox farm, where he was orking for his uncle, Fayette Filmon,

As the young lad had left without

y of his clothing except what he had and as he disappeared from the field here several others were working near

ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

old boy who disappeared from

In the whole field of medicine relief. Sloan's Liniment is good there is not a healing remedy that and it should be passed and enforced. for pain, and especially Rheuma-will repair damage to the flesh Any man who is not willing to comply with the law to save life should be tic Pain, because it penetrates to more quickly than Ballard's Snow made to pay for this recklessness. the seat of the trouble, soothes Liniment. In cuts, wounds, the afflicted part anw draws the sprains, burns, scalds and rheuma- To Drive Out Malaria pain. "Sloan's Liniment is all tism, its healing and penetrating medicine." Get a 25c bottle now. power is extradordinary. Price Keep it handy in case of emer-25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. gency. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

ing.

Miss Agnes Glober left Tuesday at noon for Miles to visit friends a week or two.

E. Allison left Tuesday at noon for Sterling City and will install est of Emmett Long in the City by the Walker Drug Co. a light plant for parties south of Cafe and will have it remodeled,

that city. painted and put in first-class

Rev. Father Platte of Dallas, pose to give the public the very tives and Ballinger friends, left vho had been the guest of Rev. best service possible and furnishes Tuesday morning for Bangs. Father Goldbach, the local priest, everything the market affords in

left for the east Tuesday morn- season. We will appreciate your patronage.

son returned home Sunday from

Uncle Joe Routh, of Andrews,

GO TO-Ballinger Saddlery

### Card of Thanks

We take this method of thank- Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams re- Taylor of that place. ing all those who so nobly stood turned home Tuesday at noon by us during the sickness and from Houston, where they atoccured at our home on May 15, vention and also visited Galves- Ballinger Monday afternoon. ton while gone.

May God's richest blessings be

y, there was great uneasiness in that ommunity. Wednesday afternoon, Vednesday night and Thursday morn-ng large numbers of citizens of that dace searched the fields, pastures and ven seined the creeks in that commun-ty in an effort to find the missing boy. Young Cole was found at Winters Thursday morning by his father, whose tome is at Norton. The search for him had been conducted systematically \_and with you and yours. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stark l&w dh

> R. G. Ray, who spent the past Texas. eason in the cotton business in Ballinger, left Monday afternoon

to spend the summer at his home Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankt Brookhaven, Miss.

ford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, Malcomb Wardlow, of Concho, and accessories. Shoe work and motored over in his auto Saturday general repairing our specialty

o visit friends and look after bus E. J. CATHEY, Mgr. 12-1mon d&w.

The building will be all steel construc An accident came near occuring on nain street this morning when an uto making a sharp turn missed a main street this morning when an auto making a sharp turn missed a steam and the other by gasoline engine. They will probably build on the site

of what is known as the Red gin. It will be the best constructed and most up-to-date gin in West Texas .-Winters Enterprise.

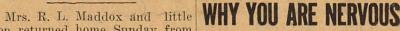
When the baby takes too much And Build Up The System Take the Old Standard GROVE'S food the stomach turns; the result TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know is indigestion, sourcess and vomit what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. Is included and there is colic pains The Quinine drives out malaria, the and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Iron builds up the system. 50 cents Elixir is a grand corrective rem-

edy for the stomach and bowel REMODELING RESTAURANT. disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. E. C. Moor has bought the inter- Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Barbee and shape in every respect and we pro- baby, who had been visiting rela-

W. E. Brooks returned from 17-1td1tw Norton Monday afternoon where he had been to deliver a five pas-Rev. T. C. Jester and wife and senger Ford he had sold to M. C.

Louie Strube of the Olfin coundeath of our little neice, which tended the Southern Baptist Con- try, was transacting business in



The nervous system is the alarm system an extended visit to her father, of the human body.

In perfect health we hardly realize that we have a network of nerves, but when health is ebbing, when strength is declin-ing, the same nervous system gives the alarm in headaches, tiredness, dreamul sleep, irritability and unless corrected, leads straight to a breakdown.

To correct nervousness, Scott's Emul-sion is exactly what you should take; its rich nutriment gets into the blood and rich blood feeds the tiny nerve-cells while the whole system responds to its refreshing tonic force. It is free from alcohol.





E BANNER-LEDGER its towns and population, there is

prospector and the homeseeker;

by them who may only pass

along and look at us, as one of

the brightest, neatest and most

pleasant and attractive towns on

FROM DENTON STATE

I come to bring a few more news items from the N. T. S. N.

C., then will bid you all adew for

The present session of the

course. The closing exercises be-

gin on Friday evening, May 21,

sists of the band, the orchestra,

the Glee Club and the Mendels-

ent for the meetings. Mr. W. E.

James of the class of 1914, who is

NORMAL

INTERESTING LETTER

their journey.

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY declared all that is good for the

ways remembered and spoken of The Banner-Leader and the Munnels County Ledger were con molidated January 28, 1913.

What will Germany say?

-0-Let the sweet girl graduate have her way.

900 school children for the next term is not a bad showing.

Ballinger seems to be more interested in securing the normal than the interur-There's a reason.

Its alright to be neutral in war, but quite a while from this place. there are some things the people should not be neutral in. North Texas State Normal will

The Dallas authorities are torturing the first class to receive diploprisoners. They have adopted a rule of the first class to receive diplo-putting all those arrested through the mas under the new four year bath tub

The school boys are planning a rush on the grain and cotton fields. Its fine exercise and easy money for the boys, and the farmers need the help.

with a good deal before we fall out with other nations.

ban and many other good things will come without the asking. It is reported that some towns will work under cover that some towns will work under cover day evening. The baccalaureate

The wedding bells will soon year by Dr. W. M. Anderson of ger's most worthy young ladies.

other kinds of fever. If you are day and of Monday will be given shown. immune the city marshal will to the exhibits by the various deget you.

Kaiser refuses to move, then what will Wilson do?

A snow in Wisconsin is said to have saved the fruit crop and gardens from a freeze this week. The temperature in Ballinger only registered 85.

The United States may be angry over the sinking of the Lusitania, but we do not believe that Wilson is angry enough to cross the pond to pull off a fight.

Texas and South Carolina are the two new states to come under the compulsory school law. Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Georgia are the only states without compulsory laws.

High priced horse feed is encouarging the auto craze. But then somebody is going to have to feed the horse, and feed planting should continue to compete with oil drilling.

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county, and are acquainted with PURE RICH BLOOD PREVENTS DISEASE

Bad blood is responsible for more THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY and "Ballinger Beautiful," is al- ailments than anything else. It causes catarrh, dyspepsia, rheumatism, weak, tired, languid feelings and worse troubles.

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Denton, Texas, 5-17-1915 BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY

close on May 25th. This will be the baccalaureate sermon t o the graduating class next Sunday night at the Methodist church. The regular choir has prepared a special program, and you can spend the evening there pleasantly as well as profitably. The remianing churches will dispense As a rule the model who is the most eag er for war would be the last to should-Alumni Day, and many former that you can accept the invita-that you can accept the invita-tion, which is extended to every-tion, which is extended to everywith their regular services so that you can accept the invitaone, to be present that night. This will be one of the great Get the normal first and the interur-at present in the faculty of the class, coming second to the comevents of the year for the Senior mencement exercise only. Goand enjoy it with them.

sermon will be delivered this

partments, including the physical

## PARADISE IS BALLINGER Quickly Relieves NATIONAL MAGAZINE COMMENT ON RUNNELS SAYS MAYOR POWELL Without Distress

The following comment on the TO THE CITIZENS:

wave of prosperity that is sweep- The city had two wagons and ing this country, and which is at- five men three days last week and tributed to diversified farming, they were kept busy hauling and appeared in a recent issue of Col- cleaning up the city. B. W. Pillier's Weekly, a National Maga- cher, city marshal, is now superzine with a large circulation. It intendent of street, alley and sans a fair sample of the advertising itary work of our city and with this county is receiving, and all his vigilant attention and your on account of the lead that the co-operation, and without ancounty is making in helping to noyance to any one our city can feed the world:

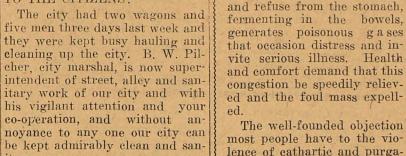
The farmers of Runnels Coun- itary.

ty, Texas, were on the verge of I have just visited different starvation. They had been de- sections of the city and find the pending upon cotton, and three efforts of the good ladies, who out of every four crops had fail- are taking an active part in civic ed. Scores of families wanted pride, has got a move on the peoto leave the county, but were too ple over this city. Lawn mowers poor to move. Conditions got to are running and hoes are chopbe so desperate that the planters ping. Weeds and brush are met at Ballinger, the county seat, burning and all are going at it in to devise a plan for keeping the a happy spirit.

wolf shooed away till another cot Yes, I have been called on to ton crop could be grown. Yet cover over in different parts of they still held fast to the one- the city and see what improvecrop idea. They did not see king ments that neighborhood is makcotton as a tyrant-they blamed ing, and I find the work encourthe droughts and clung to the aging. Where I made several forlorn hope that their next crop such visits the children in the would be a big one. But some- yards beamed with delight, know thing happened to them at that ing that their homes had been so beautified and they were proud meeting.

A farmer from the northern of the mayor made the visit. I Rev. Jester, of the First Bap- edge of the county got up and hope more will phone or call me tist church, is one of the youngest told the crowd that, though he to visit their part of the city by Rock, who had been visiting Miss. ring for another one of Ballin- Dallas. The baccaldureate address, on Tuesday, May25 by Dr. ability to preach an interesting he was making as much money ing and beautifying their section. Sunday. The clean-up fever will prevent Rice Institute. A part of Satur-young people, has already been had ever made out of cotton. He getting the co-operation of those was also raising cattle and hogs in their respective wards and the

enough for his own meat, and a Young Men's Business League W. W. Bishop, who had been good vegetable garden was keep- have put their shoulder to the day school Sunday. Many newspapers say that it's how the training school. North of Ballinger left Wednes- wersification of crops, he urged, their help. This work has not was the only salvation for the stopped. All over town efforts



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

The congestion of waste

## SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

O. D. Dillingham, of Winters, was visiting in South Ballinger Sunday.

Misses Llewellan Broyles, Grace Broyles, Jauline Tomber-

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Aycock of the Spring Hill community attended the South Ballinger Sun-

We were glad to see Mr. Luther Tampleton, who has been seriously ill the last four months, able to attend Sunday school Sun

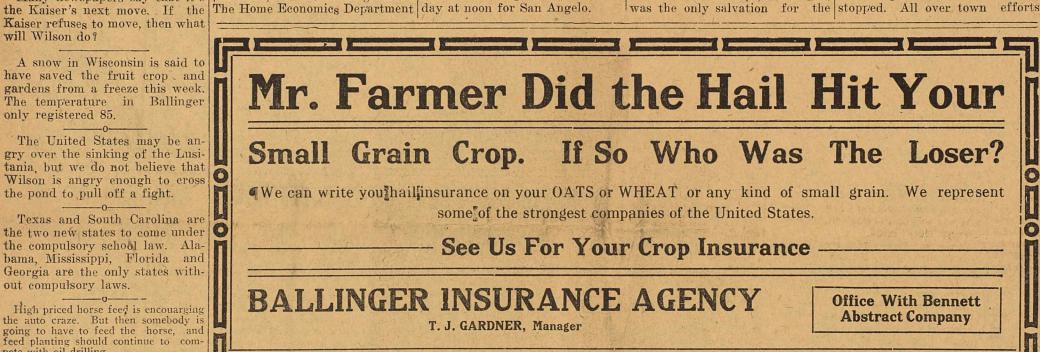
Some of the South Ballinger erries will be ready for market lext week.

The South Ballinger school will lose Friday, May 21.

### LOOK OUT FOR BOYS.



siness in Balinger between rains Tuesday.



We should be careful in repeating re-ports put in circulation concerning scan-They are more often false than true and are just as often to get a man in bad. We have recently experienced fair sample of this in the negro trouble in our county. Reports were put in enjoyed as an evidence of the ev-circulation, which if had been true cellent training which the girls booster edition of the. Tulsa, neighbors. would have caused many men to be-come members of Judge Lynch's court.

The sinking of the Lusitania made unpleasantness with Mexico appear in-significent for a w days, but the peo-ple are quick to forget, and the Lusi-members of the regular faculty, itan style and shows the wonderpast and Mexico is again on the front most of whom will remain, there ful achievements of Tulsa. page of the great daily papers. Ger- will be several teachers from othmany will no doubt contend that we er schools, including Mr. J. F. should clean up at home before we try Puler of Dallas; Mr. B. E. Looney

crease in the scholastic popula-tion of Ballinger, and the com-balla whe will size instructions of Cold—perhaps it is the baby. The pulsory school attendance facing schools, who will give instructions original Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honthe school board for next year, in drawing. Miss Sweet, of it is a foregone fact that the Bal- Brownwood, will not stay. linger schools will have to have more teachers. The session now ous to go home. They have been linings of the throat and lungs, closing was handled with seven- playing "Home Sweet Home' teen teachers, but certain grades and singing it also for about the Nature to act. At your druggists have been on half-day work for last two weeks. Some of us 25c. some time.

EYE OF THE WORLD.

In the last Sunday's Dallas past week about sundown of ev- mountain country and his daugh- the Normal. Conductor T. H. Hart of News, appeared under heading, enings, they give some excellent ter, Mrs. R. L. Sides and family "Real Estate to Exchange" in music, which is appreciated very of Hatchel, passed through Balclassified columns, this adver- much by the listeners. tisement: "To trade-252 acres black land, well improved, one mile of good town, for Runnels or NEW THRESHING MACHINE. adjoining counties land.

This is one among many, including hundreds of advertise-

Texas for sale and exchange. But reading them all at length thresh your small grain on short it will be observed that very few notice and guarantee satisfaction of these ads offer to trade for pro in every respect. Your patron- the Crews country, were shopping perty in any particular county. age will be appreciated. IRA L. in Ballinger Wednesday and we This indicates that Runnels Coun SIMS, Pony ginman. ty, with its splendid showing

for cotton and other crops for 1914, with its extraordinary good daughter, Mrs. A. S. Love, or our condition and prospects for the city, and Mrs. T. J. McCaughn

present year is coming to the of Norton, returned to Ballinger day at noon to join her husband front, and that its lands are be- Monday night from Huoston, at Pony and was accompanied taught the past school year as as- -get Doan's Kidney Pills-the coming known abroad for their where they attended the recent by her sister Mrs. Fred Davis sistant in the Crews school re- same that Mr. Gardner had. Fos fertility and yield. That is not meeting of the Southern Baptist and husband who will visit at the turned home Tuesday to spend ter? Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, all. To all who have visited this Convention.

has recently given a display of FORMER BALLINGER the work in dressmaking and millinery, which was very much enjoyed as an evidence of the ev-The Ledger is in receipt of a

in the department are receiving. (Okla.,) World. Sidney Cockrell The summer session will open son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cockon June 1. Present indications rell, and a former Ballinger boy.

members of the regular faculty, itan style and shows the wonder-

of Fort Worth, Mr. J. M. Smith With nearly three hundred in- of Caldwell and Supt, Beaty of on Pine-Tar-Honey." Maybe some The students are all very anxi- Pine-Tar-Honey penetrates the erica. folks are going to get lonesome

to hear the band play when we

playing on the campus for the Bates and family of the Moro

Jessie James.

machine and will be ready to her to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis of ers. 21-4tw are glad to note that Mr. Davis is

Uncle Johnnie Moore and after a months illness.

Mrs. Ira L. Sims came in Tuesthe surmar - acation.

Sims home 2 few weeks.

average cotton grower. His story are being made to make the town BOY SENDS PAPER was received with enthusiasm, cleaner and it is to be hoped that and every man in the audience no one will neglect to fall in line

went home and told it to all the and thus encourage those who That was two years ago. Last ing their premises sanitary. One

year the farmers of Runnels neglect spoils the appearance of County made money. The cotton surrounding property.

crisis did not hurt them seriously Now that we have the right They grew 60,000 acres of grain spirit of happy co-operation and as compared with 1000 acres in our five aldermen each are grad-1907. Before the awakening the ing and beautifying the streets in poultry amounted to almost noth- their respective wards, the whole ing; this year it is valued at country is prospering and work \$500,000, or one-fifth as much as opening for all, "Paradise, where they got for last year's cotton. art thou, if not here?' Of course, conditions vary in different localities, but what these Texans have done for themselves

through diversification can be done to a large extent by fully edy-it gives immediate relief. one-third of the farmers in Am-

MANY COMING TO SUMMER destroys the germs, and allows

NORMAL. Inquiries received by those in charge of the Summer Normal at Brownwood indicate that this will be one of the largest normal in point of attendance ever held in this section of the State. Tea-RUNNELS COUNTY IN THE get home, I fear. They have been had been visiting his son Roy chers from every county surrounding Brownwood are writing inquiring about Brownwood requests that all who desir information concerning the Normal or a boarding place, write him at once.

Mrs. J. J. Henkhaus, of the C. A. Doose returned Tuesday Spring Hill neighborhood, came from a short business trip to in Tuesday and left in the after- parts of Concho county and also years by weakness across the noon for Fayetteville, Texas, to the Miles county. He says crops I will have at my gin at Pony visit relatives a few weeks and are looking well but farmers conments of lands in every part of a new and up-to-date threshing her mother will return home with siderably behind with their work. The small grain still looking fine and almost ready for the harvest-

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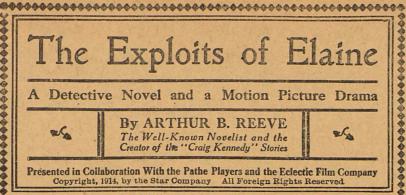
Whole Family Dependent.

writes: "Our whole family depend

ey is an ever ready household rem

D. C. Bates of Brownwood, who

Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio



Into it.'

pocket

thing-but-"

across the room.

to the pretty crook.

desk before him.

look much younger.

made a wry grimace.

it: "Mrs. Taylor Dodge."

'Weepy Mary" could.

in, excitedly, to Bennett.

woman.

for years.

### SYNOPSIS.

just done. Then his second thought seemed to approve it.

"This is a trap of the Clutching

"But, Craig," I demurred, "that's

Hand, Walter," he whispered, adding

tensely, "and we're going to walk right

foolhardy. Have her trailed-any-

He shook his head, and with a mere

motion of his hand brushed aside my

waistcoat pocket and the small box in

I did so, stuffing my "gatt" into my

"Let me introduce my friend, Mr.

Jameson," said Craig, presenting me

which he kept at a nearby garage.

mourning, entered with a boy.

Milton cast a glance of scorn at the

"Did you wish to see Mr. Bennett?"

asked the precocious Milton, politely,

on one hand, while on the other he

"Yes-here is my card," replied the

It was deeply bordered in black.

Even Milton was startled at reading

He looked at the woman in open-

mouthed astonishment. Even he knew

that Elaine's mother had been dead

The woman, however, true to her

name in the artistic coterie in which

she was leader, had sunk into a chair

and was sobbing convulsively, as only

It was so effective that even Milton

"There's a woman outside-says she

If Milton had had an X-ray eye he

As for Bennett, Milton, who was

could have seen her take a cigarette

from her handbag and light it non-

chalantly the moment he was gone.

watching him closely, thought he was

was visibly moved. He took the card

is Mrs. Taylor Dodge!" he cried.

Then he turned and motioned to me

The New York police are mystified by a series of murders and other crimes. The principal clue to the criminal is the warn-ing letter which is sent the victims, signed with a "clutching hand." The lat-est victim of the mysterious assassin is Taylor Dodge, the insurance president. His daughter, Elaine, employs Craig Kennedy, the famous scientific detective, to try to unravel the mystery. What Kennedy accomplishes is told by his friend Jameson, a newspaper man. En-raged at the determined effort which Elaine and Craig Kennedy are making to put an end to his crimes, the Clutching Hand, as this strange criminal is known, resorts to all sorts of th most diabolical schemes to put ther out of the way. Each chapter of the sto, tells of a new plot against their live and of the way the great detective uses all his skill to gue this pretty girl and himself from death. against their live and of the way great detective uses all his skill to this pretty girl and himself from death.

## SEVENTH EPISODE

### The Double Trap.

Mindful of the sage advice that a time of peace is best employed in preparing for war. I was busily engaged in cleaning my automatic gun one morning as Kennedy and I were seated in our living room.

Our door buzzer sounded, and Kennedy, always alert, jumped up, pushing aside a great pile of papers which had accumulated in the Dodge case.

Two steps took him to the hall. where the day before he had installed a neculiar hox about four by six inches. connected in some way with a lenslike box of similar size above our bell and speaking tube in the hallway below it. He opened it, disclosing an oblong plate of ground glass.

"I thought the seismograph arrangement was not quite enough after that spring-gun affair." he remarked. "so I have put in a sort of teleview of my own invention—so that I can se down into the vestibule downstairs. Well-just look who's here!"

"Some new-fangled periscope ar-rangement, I suppose?" I queried, noving slowly over toward it.

However, one look was enough to interest me. I can express it only in slang. There, framed in the little thing, was a vision of as swell a "chicken" as I have ever seen.

I whistled under my breath. "Um!" I exclaimed shamelessly, "A peach! Who's your friend?"

I had never said a truer word than in my description of her, though I did not know it at the time. She was indeed known as "Gertie the Peach" in the select circle where she belonged. Kennedy had opened the lower door and our fair visitor was coming upstairs.

"Go in there Walter." he said, seizing me quickly and pushing me into my room. "I want you to wait there and watch her carefully."

Kennedy opened the door, disclosing a very excited young woman.

"Who is that woman?" she asked, "son," had arrived at the little tumblestill wondering about the identity of down station and had taken the only the niobe outside.

At first he said nothing. But finally, riage. seeing that she had noticed it, he handed Elaine the card, reluctantly. Elaine read it with a gasp. The lock of surprise that crossed her face was terrible.

Before she could say anything, however, Milton had returned with the of paper on which "Weepy sheet Mary" had written and handed it to Bennett.

Bennett read it with uncontrolled astonishment.

"What is it?" demanded Elaine. He handed it to her, and she read: As the lawful wife and widow of Taylor Dodge I demand my

son's rights and my own. MRS. TAYLOR DODGE.

Elaine gasped at it. "She-my father's wife!" she ex-claimed. "What effrontery! What does she mean?"

Bennett hesitated.

"Tell me," Elaine cried. "Is therecan there be anything in it? No-nothere isn't.'

objections as he went to a cabinet Bennett spoke in a low tone. "I From one shelf he took out a small have heard a whisper of some scanmetal box and from another a test dal or other connected with your fathtube, placing the test tube in his er-but-" He paused.

Elaine was first shocked, then indighis coat pocket with excessive care. nant. "Why-such a thing is absurd. Show

to follow him out into the other room. the woman in!" "No-please-Miss Dodge. Let me

deal with her." By this time Elaine was furious.

'Yes-I will see her." She pressed the button on Bennett's

The introduction quickly over, we desk, and Milton responded. "Milton, show the-the woman in,' three went out to get Craig's car, she ordered, "and that boy, too."

As Milton turned to crook his finger at "Weepy Mary," she nodded surrep-That forenoon Perry Bennett was

titiously and dug her fingers sharply reading up a case. In the outer ofinto "son's" ribs. fice Milton Schofield, his office boy, "Yell-you little fool-yell," she

was industriously chewing gum and whispered admiring his feet, cocked up on the Obedient to his "mother's" com-

mands, and much to Milton's disgust. The door to the waiting room the boy started to cry in close imitaopened and an attractive woman of tion of his elder. perhaps thirty, dressed in extreme

Elaine was still holding the paper in her hands when they entered. "What does all this mean?" she de-

"little dude." He was in reality about manded. fourteen years old, but was dressed to

> aged to blurt out, "You are Miss Elaine Dodge, aren't you? Well, it



vehicle in sight, a very ancient car-

It ambled along until, at last, it pulled up before the vestry room door of the church, just as the bogus minister was finishing his transformation from a frank crook. Clutching Hand was giving him his final instructions. Elaine and the others alighted and approached the church, while the an-

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cient vehicle rattled away. "They're coming!" whispered the crook, peering cautiously out of the window.

Clutching Hand moved silently and snakelike into the closet and shut the door.

"How do you do, Doctor Carton?" greeted "Weepy Mary." I guess you don't remember me."

The clerical gentleman looked at her fixedly a moment. "Remember you?" he repeated. "Of

course, my dear. I remember everyone I marry."

"And you remember to whom you married me?"

"Perfectly, To an older man-a Taylor Dodge."

Elaine was overcome.

"Won't you step in?" he said suavely. "Your friend here doesn't seem well."

They all entered.

"And you-you say-you married this-this woman to Taylor Dodge?" queried Elaine, tensely.

The bogus minister seemed to be very fatherly. "Yes," hc asserted, "I certainly did so."

"Have you the record?" asked Elaine, fighting to the last.

"Why, yes. I can show you the record.'

He moved over to the closet. "Come over here." he asked. He opened the door, Elaine screamed and drew back. There stood her arch enemy, the Clutching Hand himself. As he stepped forth, she turned wild-

ly, to run-anywhere. But strong arms seized her and forced her into a chair.

She looked at the woman and the minister. It was a plot! "A moment Clutching Hand looked

Elaine over. "Put the others out," he

Clutching Hand as the lock turned in

toward him, he waited, cold sweat breaking out on his face.

"Say," he whined, "you let me be!" Kennedy, smil-It was ineffectual. ing confidently, came closer, still holding the deadly little box, balanced be-

tween two fingers. He took the crook's gun and dropped it into his pocket.

"Sit down!" ordered Craig.

Outside, the other six parleyed in hoarse whispers. One raised a gun, but the woman and the others restrained him and fled.

"Take me to your master!" demanded Kennedy.

The crook remained silent. "Where is he?" repeated Craig.

'Tell me!" Still the man remained silent. Craig looked the fellow over again. Then, still with that confident smile, he reached into his inside pocket and drew forth the tube I had seen him place there.

"No matter how much you accuse me," added Craig casually, "no one will ever take the word of a crook that a reputable scientist like me would do what I am about to do."

He had taken out his penknife and opened it. Then he beckoned to me. "Bare his arm and hold his wrist, Walter," he said.

Craig bent down with the knife and the tube, then paused a moment and turned to tube so that we could see it. On the label were the ominous words:

> Germ Culture 6248A Bacillus Leprae (Leprosy)

Calmly he took the knife and proceeded to make an incision in the man's arm. The crook's feelings underwent a terrific struggle.

"No-no-no-don't," he implored. 'I will take you to the Clutching Hand-even if he kills me!"

Kennedy stepped back, replacing the tube in his pocket. "Very well, go ahead!" he agreed.

We followed the crook. Craig still holding the deadly box of fulminate of mercury carefully balanced so that if anyone shot him from a hiding place it would drop.

No sooner had we gone than Gertie hurried to the nearest telephone to inform the Cluching Hand of our escape.

Elaine had sunk back into the chair as the telephone rang. Clutching Hand answered it.

A moment later, in uncontrollable fury he hurled the instrument to the floor.

"Here-we've got to act quicklythat devil has escaped again," he hissed. "We must get her away. You keep her here. I'll be back-right away-with a car."

He dashed madly from the church, pulling off his mask as he gained the street.

Kennedy had forced the crook ahead of us into the car which was waiting, and I followed, taking the wheel this time.

"Which way, now-quick!" demanded Craig. "And if you get me in wrong-I've got that tube yet-you remember."

Our crook started off with a whole burst of directions that rivaled the motor guide-"through the town, following trolley tracks, jog right, jog left under the railroad bridge, leaving trolley tracks; at the cemetery turn.

left, stopping at the old stone church.'

"Is this it?" asked Craig incred

for the ladder leading farther up inte the steeple.

Kennedy followed.

Elaine had recovered consciousness almost immediately, and, hearing the commotion, stirred and started to rise and look about.

From the church she could hear sounds of the struggle. She paused just long enough to seize the crook's revolver lying on the floor.

She hurried into the church and up into the belfry, thence up the ladder, whence the sounds came.

The crook by this time had gained the outside of the steeple through an opening. Kennedy was in close pur-

On the top of the steeple was a great gilded cross, considerably larger than a man. As the crook clambered outside, he scaled the steeple, using a lightning rod and some projecting points to pull himself up, desperately. Kennedy followed unhesitatingly.

There they were, struggling in deadly combat, clinging to the gilded cross. The first I knew of it was a horrified gasp from my own crook. I looked up



Just Then I Saw a Woman's Face Tense With Horror; It Was Elaine.

carefully, fearing it was a stall to get me off my guard.

There were Kennedy and the other crook, struggling, swaying back and forth, between life and death.

There was nothing I could do. Kennedy was clinging to a lightning rod on the cross. It broke.

I gasped as Craig reeled back. But

The crook began to exult diaboli-

he managed to catch hold of the rod

farther down and cling to it

"Oh, Professor Kennedy," she cried, all in one breath, with much emotion, "I'm so glad I found you in. I can't tell you: Oh-my jewels! They have been stolen-and my husband must not know of it. Help me to recover them-please!"

"Just a moment, my dear young lady," interrupted Craig, finding at last a chance to get a word in edgeways. "Do you see that table-and all those papers? Really, I can't take your case. I am too busy, as it is, even to take the cases of many of my own clients.'

"But please, Professor Kennedyplease!" she begged. "Help me. It means-oh, 1 can't tell you how much it means to me!"

She had come close to him and had laid her warm. little soft hand on his, in ardent entreaty.

From my hiding place in my room. I could not help seeing that she was using every charm of her sex and personality to lure him on, as she clung confidingly to him.

Gertie had thrown her arms about Kennedy, as if in wildest devotion. I wondered what Elaine would have thought if she had a picture of that! "Oh," she begged him, "please-

please help me!' Still Kennedy seemed utterly unaf-

fected by her passionate embrace. Carefully he loosened her fingers from about his neck and removed the plump, enticing arms.

Gertie sank into a chair, weeping, while Kennedy stood before her a moment in deep abstraction.

Finally he seemed to make up his mind to something. His manner toward her changed. He took a step to her side.

"I will help you," he said, laving his hand on her shoulder. "If it is possible 1 will recover your jewels. Where do you live?"

"At Hazlehurst," she replied, gratefully. "Oh, Mr. Kennedy, how can I ever thank you?"

She seemed overcome with gratitude, and took his hand, pressed it, even kissed it.

"Just a minute," he added, carefully extricating his hand. "I'll be ready in just a minute."

Kennedy entered the room where I was listening.

"What's it all about. Craig?" 1 whispered, mystified.

For a moment he stood thinking anparently reconsidering what he had

to discharge him on the spot for bothering him. He took the card, and his face expressed the most extreme surprise, then anger. He thought a moment.

"Tell that woman to state her business in writing," he thundered curtly at Milton.

As the boy turned to go back to the waiting room, Weepy Mary, hearing him coming, hastily shoved the

cigarette into her "son's" hand. "Mr. Bennett says for you to write out what it is you want to see him about," reported Milton, indicating the table before which she was sitting.

Mary had automatically taken up sobbing with the release of the cigarette. She looked at the table on which were letter paper, pens and ink.

"I may write here?" she asked. "Surely, ma'am," replied Milton, still very much overwhelmed by her

sorrow. "Weenv Mary" sat there, writing and sobhing In the midst of his sympathy, how ever, Milton sniffed. There was an unmistakable odor of tobacco smoke

about the room. He looked sharply at the "son," and discovered the still smoking cigarette.

It was too much for Milton's out raged dignity. Bennett did not allow him that coveted privilege. This upstart could not usurp it.

He reached over and seized the boy by the arm, and swung him around till he faced a sign in the corner on

the wall. "See?" he demanded. The sign read, courteously:

"No Smoking in This Office-Please. "PERRY BENNETT."

"Leggo my arm," snarled the "son," putting the offensive cigarette defi-

antly into his mouth. There was every element of a gaudy mixup, when the outer door of the office suddenly swung open and Elaine

Dodge entered. Gallantry was Milton's middle name. and he sprang forward to hold the door, and then opened Bennett's door,

as he ushered in Elaine. As she passed "Weepy Mary," who

was still writing at the table and crying bitterly, Elaine hesitated and looked at her curiously. Even after Milton had opened Bennett's door, she

could not resist another glance. Instinctively, Elaine seemed to scent

trouble. Bennett was still studying the black bordered card when she greeted him.

### There Stood Her Arch Enemy the Clutching Hand.

drive!"

We stopped at last before a pros-

"Gentlemen," he said quietly.

Gertie ran from the room.

"Stop!" ordered Kennedy

For a moment they looked at each

The leader was the last to go. He

The crook did so. As Craig moved

means that your father married me shortly by your friend, Craig Kennedy, when I was only seventeen and this and," he added with a leer, "I think boy is our son-your half-brother." your rather insistent search for a "No-never," cried Elaine vehem. certain person will cease.' ently, unable to restrain her disgust. Elaine drew back in the chair horri-"Weepy Mary" smiled cynically. fied at the implied threat. 'Come with me and I will show you Clutching Hand laughed diabolically. the church records and the minister While these astounding events were transpiring in the little church, Kenwho married us."

"You will?" repeated Elaine defiant. nedy and I had been tearing across "Well, I'll just do as you ask. Mr. the country in his big car, following Bennett shall go with me." the directions of our fair friend.

"No, no, Miss Dodge-don't go. Leave the matter to me," urged Benperous, attractive-looking house and nett. "I will take care of her Beentered a very prettily furnished, but sides, I must be in court in twenty small parlor. Heavy portieres hung minutes." over the doorway into the hall, over

Elaine paused, but she was thoranother into a back room and over oughly aroused. the bay windows.

"Then I will go with her myself." she cried defiantly.

In spite of every objection that Bennett made, "Weepy Mary," her son and Elaine went out to call a taxicab to take them to the railroad station where they could catch a train to the little town where the woman asserted she had been married.

Meanwhile, before a little country church in the town, a closed automowere aimed as us with deadly precibile had drawn up. sion.

As the door opened a figure, humped up and masked, alighted.

It was the Clutching Hand. here a small box of fulminate of mer-The car had scarcely pulled away cury. If I drop it, this building and when he gave a long rap, followed by the entire vicinity will be blown to two short taps, at the door of the atoms. Go ahead-shoot!" he added, nonchalantly. vestry, a secret code, evidently.

Inside the vestry room a man well dressed, but with a very sinister face, er hurriedly. heard the knock and a second later opened the door.

'What-not ready yet?" growled the chair, leaning back as he carefully Clutching Hand. "Quick-now-get on balanced the deadly little box of fulthose clothes. I heard the train whisminate of mercury on his knee. tle as I came in the car. In which closet does the minister keep them?" The crook, without a word, went to other, undecided. Then, one by one, a closet and took out a suit of clothes they stepped away from Kennedy toof ministerial cut. Then he hastily ward the door. put them on, adding some side-whiskers, which he had brought with him. had scarcely taken a step. At about the same time Elaine, ac-

companied by "Weepy Mary" and her

"Yes-as I live," swore the crook in a cowed voice. He had gone to pieces. Kennedy jumped from the machine. "Here, take this gun, Walter," he said to me. "Don't take your eyes off

lously.

the fellow-keep him covered." Craig walked around the church, out

of sight, until he came to a small vestry window and looked in.

There was Elaine, sitting in a chair, and near her stood an elderly-looking man in clerical garb, which to Craig's trained eye was quite evidently a disguise.

Elaine happened just then to glance at the window and her eyes grew wide with astonishment at the sight of Craig.

He made a hasty motion to her to make a dash for the door. She nodded quietly.

With a glance at her guardian she suddenly made a rush.

He was at her in a moment, pouncing on her. catlike.

Kennedy had seized an iron bar that lay beside the window where some "Won't you sit down a moment?" workmen had been repairing the stone coaxed Gertie. "I'm quite blown to pavement, and with a blow shattered pieces after that ride. My, how you the glass and the sash.

At the sound of the smashing glass As she pulled aside the hall porthe crook turned and with a mighty tieres, three men with guns thrust effort threw Elaine aside, drawing his their hands out. I turned. Two othrevolver. As he raised it, Elaine ers had stepped from the back room sprang at him and frantically seized and two more from the bay window. We were surrounded. Seven guns his wrist.

Utterly merciless the man brought the butt of the gun down with full force on Elaine's head. Only her hat and hair saved her, but she sank unsuspected some such thing. "I have conscious.

Then he turned at Craig and fired twice.

One shot grazed Craig's hat, but the other struck him in the shoulder and Kennedy reeled.

The seven of them drew back rath-With a desperate effort he pulled Kennedy was a dangerous prisoner. himself toward her and leaped forward again, closing with the fellow and He calmly sat down in an arm wrenching the gun from him before he could fire again.

Just then the man broke away and a dash for the door leading back the church itself, with Kennedy after him.

Up he went into the choir loft and then into the belfry itself. There they came to sheer hand-to-hand struggle. Kennedy tripped on a loose board, and would have fallen backwards if he had not been able to recover himself just in time. The crook, desperate, leaped

Hy Holding with both hand cross he let himself out to his full length and stamped on Kennedy's fingers, trying every way to dislodge him. It was all Kennedy could do to keep his hold.

I cried out in agony at the sight, for he had dislodged one of Craig's hands. The other could not hold much longer. He was about to fall.

Just then I saw a face at the little window opening out from the ladder to the outside of the steeple-a woman's face, tense with horror. It was Elaine!

Quickly a hand followed, and in it

was a revolver.

Just as the crook was about to dislodge Kennedy's other hand I saw a flash and puff of smoke, and a second later heard a report-and anotherand another.

Horrors!

The crook who had taken refuge seemed to stagger back, wildly, taking a couple of steps in the thin air. Kennedy regained his hold.

With a sickening thud the body of

the crook landed on the ground around the corner of the church from me.

"Come-you!" I ground out, covering my own crook with the pistol, "and if you attempt a getaway I'll' kill you, too!'

He followed, trembling, unnerved. We bent over the man. It seemed that every bone in his body must be broken. He groaned, and before I could even attempt anything for him, was dead.

As Kennedy let himself slowly and painfully down the lightning rod, Elaine seized him and, with all her strength, pulled him through the window.

He was quite weak now from loss of blood.

"Are you-all right?" she gasped, as they reached the foot of the ladder in the belfry.

Craig looked down at his torn and soiled clothes. Then, in spite of the smarting pain of his wounds, he smiled, "Yes-all right!"

"Thank Heaven!" she murmured fervently, trying to stanch the flow of blood.

"This time-it was you-saved me!" he cried. "Elaine!"

Involuntarily his arms sought hersand he held her a moment, looking deep into her wonderful eves.

Then their faces came slowly to gether in their first kiss.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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-considers it the premier, all-'round wholesome thirst-quencher for athletes. This comes well from one of whom Comiskey said, after paying \$50,000 for him—"I secured him for the White Sox fans because I believe he will prove that he is the greatest exponent of quick thinking and the brainiest player in

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the game.

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# 900 CHILDREN LISTED FOR 1915-16 TERM OF SCHOOL

THE BANNER-LEDGER: FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1915

Ed Futch reports that the scholastic | school board that the increase will add census will show that there are nearly ooo children in the Ballinger district. Up to date, Saturday he had enrolled capita apportionment amounts too. "It 870, and was not through with the work. This is not arrest and a full set of teachers and a full house for West Ward school," said the

This is only an increase of about 300, or fifty per cent, if you please, over last year. The scholastic census for 1914 shows 606 children in the Ballinger district.

This is the largest scholastic popula-tion in the history of the Ballinger district. Figuring on a basis of so many children to the family it shows that the population of the district has made a wonderful increase during the last few months. Both the city and suburbs have increased, and vacant houses have been filled with proper laws to be an increase from 318 for last year. It is believed that every district in the filled with people who have come in here since last fall.

It is pointed out by a member of the county.

trustee, in discussing the situation. increase in cash we get from the state Compared with other towns this makes a good showing for Ballinger. San Angelo only reports 2000 school children, while that city claims to be more than three times as large as Bal-

It is believed that every district in the county will show an increase and with a

big increase in the grand total for the

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nausea and cramping. Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and can not salivate. Give it to your bowel cleansing you ever exper- children. Millions of people are ienced just take a spoonful of using Dodson's Liver Tone instead harmful Dodson's Liver Tone to-night. Your druggist or dealer druggist will tell you that the sale sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dod of Calomel is almost stopped enson's Liver Tone under my per- tirely here.

vegetable, therefore harmless and

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kidd, of Talpa, spent a day or two with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce, at their rural villa near **OPERATING AGAIN** Ballinger, leaving for home Monday afternoon.

## Cures Old Soves, 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 Heels at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Uncle Jack Maxwell returned iome Monday afternon from Bronte, where he had been visiting his sons the past few days.



## SPRING WOOL CLIP TRAPPERS MAKE A BIG CATCH **MAKES BIG STORAGE**

AND THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF

The wool season has opened up in Ballinger with much activity. R. G. Corbett, the veteran West Texas Erwin, cashier of the First National trapper, came in Sunday night, SAN ANGELO, May 18 .- John bank, stated that he believed the clip to be concentrated here this spring would amount to 3 000 00 pounds. This

and the twelve months wool chip produ-ises the best for many years. Frank Stuart, the public weigher and warchouse man is receiving and check-ing in the wool that is being brought here for storage. Among those who brought wool here this week are Fow-Spreen Brothers of Fuzzy, G. G. Odom of Fort Chadbourne. Among San Angelo about April 15, Mr. Corbett went to brought wool here this week are Fow-spreen Brothers of Fuzzy, G. G. Odom

and must be kept separate from the -I have never seen the like, just wave like a wheat field and back. Hard working people are meaning of this becomes more gives permanent results for stom-

EXERCISES MAY 25 CONCHO OIL DRILL SERIOUSLY

Mrs. W. B. Ray was seriously the Carnegie Library next Tuesinjured Monday afternoon when day evening, May 25. The long have been recovered and everything has her buggy became uncoupled as she was driving down Ninth speeches by men from other plac- long again been put in shape. The driller in charge, Mr. Stewart, considers condi-Street near the Ninth Street Bap- es, which have hitherto been the tions are good to finish the well unless when the buggy coupling gave way dropping the front of the buggy down suddenly throwing ple this year. The class alone will Mrs. Ray and two daughters that have part on the program, each were driving with her out of the member having a special part to Juggy.

knee, and an ugly wound was cut | Chambers; besides these, there escaped without a scratch.

runaway after the accident, and five minutes time. You are cortrotting off with the front wheels of the buggy, was caught by some kind

Fort Chadbourne. The old skating rink is being used for cess. The big wolf which he that it is probable that Mrs. Ray or graduate, for making an ave-

The commencement exercises, which will mark the formal closing of the most successful year, that the Ballinger High School has ever known, will be given at

do. There will be the class poem, Mrs. Ray sustained a broken by Miss Melva Walker; the class limb, her left lower limb being prophecy, by Miss Ethel Bair; the Find Swift Relief From Ailments broken in two places below the giving of gifts, by Miss Retha

over the left eye. The children will be the regular numbers-the valedictory and the salutatory. The horse did not attempt to Each speaker will be limited to

The winter and spring seasons have been very favorable for sheep raising, and the twelve months wool clip prom-ises the best for many years. Frank Stuart the public weigher and

The attending surgeon annour the school, there being sixteen members. Miss Kathleen Juli- "I took your treatment last spring. I don't think I will have

The old skating rink is being used for a warehouse, and after the spring clip has been concentrated here. Buyers will come here and bid on the wool. Par-ties from quite a distance have made application for storage, but as the western wool is of an inferior grade and must be kept senarate from the the stated, been preying on sheep in the Pecos country throughout the winter. "The grass west of here is fine western wool is of an inferior grade and must be kept senarate from the the stated, been preying on sheep in the Pecos country throughout the winter. "The grass west of here is fine and passed several gall stores. "The grass west of here is fine the winter. "The grass west

T. B. GOODPASTURE, 802 Sa-Dine St., Houston, Texas, wrote:

The salutatory will be given by Miss Melva Walker, who made Your preparation has worked

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tist church. The horse was trav-eling along at a moderate gait when the buggy coupling gave TEXANS RESCUED BY

> of Years' Standing With First Dose of Treatment.

Mamy Texans needlessly suffer from stomach ailments and dis-

able that the Ballinger Wool Growers said Mr. Corbett enthusiastically Association will not accept the western Monday morning. "The weeds wool for storage.

wanted at Central Hotel. wtf prices paid.

### Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE: S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the sys-tem. A true tonic. For adults and children, 50c

s. R. B. Caylor left Tuesday at noon for San Angelo to visit her mother a few days.

## 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 blankety 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, "GETS-IT" is the new way, the simple, common-sense, sure way. It does away with greasy ointments, salves, pads, cot-ton rings, harnesses, knives, scissors, razors, files, and the limping and the painful pigeon-toe walk of so many com-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.

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 every-where, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.

the world's hest corn cure by Walker Wood, and Ballinger friends the At Roark's Feed Sold in Ballinger and recommended at the world's best corn cure by Walker Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce and City Drug Monday afternoon en route home.

Chickens, eggs, and produce ter and are getting encouraged. Top All are talking good crops.'

### A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kid ney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women bladder in both men and women Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your for quite a while his life was dis-Class are: Katharine Bass, Jo receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle paired of. is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with eich bottle. Dr E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St

Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

the Wilmeth country, was trans- 13-13 18 d- 2w acting business in Ballinger Monday.

W. H. Mullin, J. P. Cogdell, Tom Patterson, Paul Crews and J. H. Mills, of Winters, had business in Ballinger a few hours BLOCK would require several col-Monday.

spring I saw Chamberlain's Tab-lets advertised and procurde a medicine as any 25-cent package of a bottle of them at our drug store. Stock Food, Powder or Tonic on the got immediate relief from that box and they doctor themselves. The dreadful heaviness after eating animals naturally derive more benefit from pain in the stomach," writes as they follow the dictates of Nature Mrs. Linda Harrod, Fort Wayne, as to when and how much to take. To

Ind. Obtainable everywhere.

Attorney A. E. Wood, of argument. Come let us show it to Granger, who had been visiting you. his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B.

past few days, left for Dallas

Lame Back.

Lame back is usually due to rheumatism of the muscles of the average among the boys. The the people are are all feeling bet- most likely to suffer from it. Re- significant when it is remembered ach, liver and intestinal ailments. lief may be had by massaging the that the average of the class as Eat as much and whatever you back with Chamberlain's Liniment a whole is higher than that of any like. No more distress after eat-two or three times a day. Try it. previous one. Most of us have a ling, pressure of gas in the stom-

Obtainade everywhere.

Knight of South Ballinger, will be the work of the present Senior will be returned. glad to learn that he was able to Class. The work with the school : be in the city Saturday afternoon with a serious spell of illness and

### THE FAMOUS MILWAUKEE · 23 8 GRAIN BINDERS-

One car load just arrived and we Rogers, Alpha Setser, Edwin will carry extras and Binders in stock Skinner, Gladys Taylor, Henry "Uncle Johnnie Ballew" of market buy from A. J. ZAPPE.

Of Special Interest to **Our Customers** 

To tell you all we know about JIM BOURLAND'S MEDICATED SALT umns, and even then you would miss cur personal enthusiasm. It is a com bination of Salt, Sulphur, Saltpeter, Stomach Trouble. "I suffered with stomach trou-ble for years and tried everything Iheard of, but the only relief I got was temporary until last spring I saw Chamberlain's Tab-lets advertised and procurde a make a long story short, we want you

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more intimate acquaintance with ach and around the heart. Get the High School now than we one bottle of your druggist now have had in the past, which, in a and try it on an absolute guar-The many friends of Luther large measure, is the result of antee-if not satisfactory money

paper and athletics has brought many of the students before the

business men of the city. Ethel Bair, Retha Chambers, Jo Eagan, Winnie Golden, Cordelia Guion, Zula McKay, Juliette B. Miller, K. Juliette Miller, Craig 🌒 Rogers, Alpha Setser, Edwin

Best Thing for a Bilious Attack "On account of my confinement in the printing office I have for years been a chronic sufferer from indigestion and liver trouble. A

few weeks ago I had an attack that was so severe that I was not able to go to the case for two days. Failing to get any relief from any other treatment, I took three of Chamberlain's Tablets and the next day I felt like a new man," writes H. C. Bailey, Editor Carolina News, Chaplin, S. C. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brookshire, of the Benoit country, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday, also their son A. E. Brookshire, of the Tennyson country, was transacting business in the town Tuesday.

to try it, and if you are not pleased your money will be refunded without



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**COUNTY TREASURERS** QUARTERLY REPORT

### THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared M. Kleberg, County Judge; W. D. Meadows, J. D. Smith; and C. N. Craft, County Commissioners, all of Runnels County, Texas, who being duly sworn, each on his oath, deposes and says that he has fully complied with the provisions of Article 867 R. S., as set forth in said Article, taken in connection with Chapter No. 164 Acts of the 29th Legislature 1905, known as the depository law, by having actually counted and inspected all the cash in the hands of W. L. Brown, County Treasurer of Runnels County, Texas, as set forth in said County Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending April 30th, 1915, and find the same to be as follows:

First Class, jury fund, cash balance .....\$ 605.66 Second Class, road and bridge fund, cash balance .. 3,791.29 Third Class, general county fund, cash balance ... 8,616.63 Fourth class, special fund, cash balance ..... 5,302.39 Fifth Class, advertising fund, cash balance ...... 238.82 Sixth class, C. H. B. Skg. fund cash balance ..... 1,486.30 Seventh Class, B. B. Skg. fundNo. 1 ..... 1,725.32 Eighth Class, B. B. Skg. fund No. 2 ..... 1,646.71

By outstanding checks ..... 56.75 By balance commissions due..... 71.62 By balance April 30th, 1915 as certified by Depository.....\$23,528.32 By amount included in report deposited May 1st, 1915..... 13.17

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\$23,541.19 M. KLEBERG, County Judge. W. D. MEADOWS, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 J. D. SMITH, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 C. N. CRAFT, Commissioner Precinct No 4.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Health remains good in our

Farming operations are prog-

ressing rapidly and farmers are

getting up with their work, pre-

paring to harvest a big grain crop.

Mr. Henkhaus will cut oats about

the last of this week. Maize is all plowed over, cotton is up to a

good stand but little had to be re-

planted. Crop prospects are very

promising. A good rain would be

W. C. Wheelis is putting up a

new barn. H. Kasberg new house

and barn and Mr. Henkhaus also

just completed a new commodious

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May 1915. O. L. PARISH, County Clerk, of Runnels County, Texas.

(Seal)

## RATES FOR

## **Classified Ads**

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Black face type double regular rate. Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open

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## WANTED

THE BANNER-LEDGER: FRID AY, MAY 21, 1915

**REVIVAL CLOSED TUESDAY NIGHT** 

After a seventeen days revival at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church the meeting came to a close Tuesday night. The singer, Otis Allen, accompanied by his wife and little boy, left Wednesday morning for Brownwood where they will visit a few days before going to Throckmorton where they will assist in a revival. Rev. B. A. Hodges returned to his home at Temple Wednesday afternoon.

At the close of the meeting Tuesday night, the pastor, Rev. Rives expressed his appreciation for the co-operation of those who assisted in the meeting. He pub-licly thanked Rev. Hodges for coming here and spending ten days here and for the splendid gospel messages that he delivered. He thanked the singer, Mr. Allen, and all those who assisted in the choir. He thanked the pastors of the other churches for their co-operation. Rev. Hodges also expressed himself for the attentive hearing given him and for the kindness shown him during his stay and Mr. Allen also expressed his appreciation for the privileges of enjoying the revival and spend ing two weeks in Ballinger.

The Eighth Street church was greatly revived during the series of meetings, and it is believed that the other churches whose members attended the services from time to time were also benefitted and the local congregation is gratified at the successful way in which the meeting was conducted.

## "TIZ" EASES TIRED, SORE, SWOLLEN FEET

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



Gresham of this city. She was the letters have been distributed returned to Ballinger a few days All Up. ago, and was in a local furniture store buying furniture and ar-

rest.

jail but wil be held in custody of a guard until the Comanche county officer arrives to carry her back to that county, or arranges! for her bond. Mr. Gresham has many friends

trouble is not as serious as re-very pleasant day, plenty fish, etc. baby, born to them May 8th. prove her innocence.



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

# PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

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

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

## **BRIDE ARRESTED** FOR PERJURY

Sold by Druggists.

The boys at the posteffice have \*\*\* provided a sign for the benefit of LITTLE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND

"LETTERS ALL UP.'

Sheriff Perkins placed under rives, and while it is being dis-arrest today Mrs. Link Gresham, tributed many who are anxious ducted at the residence by Rev. Scrogupon advice from officers of for their mail gather in the lobby Comanche county stating that of the office and wait until the morning. The Ledger joins triends in they held warrant for the wo- mail has been distributed. The condolence and sympathy for the sad man's arrest on perjury charge. sign is regulated with a string parents in this hour of bereavement Miss Bertha King, of Coman- from the inside of the office and che, was recently married to Link those waiting are informed when

called back to Comanche to tes- by the sign dropping down and message Tuesday stating that tify in a murder case, and only saying in bold letters, "Letters Henry Tipton, a former citizen of

ranging to begin housekeeping Crews country were in Ballinger law of Mr. Schuchard notified when she was placed under ar- Wednesday to be at the bedside of him of the death of his brother her mother, Mrs. Taylor, who was Henry Tipton as above stated.

C. A. Doose, in his auto, accompanied by Rev. B. A. Hodges of Temple, and Rev. R. R. Rives of this city and Otis Allen of May,

and were loud in praise of the kindness of Mr. Doose after the J. D. Reynolds of the Maverick

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Price \$1.00 per bottle.

be over the arrival of the result of the re

### HENRY TIPTON DEAD.

C. C. Schuchard received a Ballinger, died at Cripple Creek,

Mich., last Sunday. Sheriff Tip-Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gray of the ton of Menard, who is a son-in-The woman was not placed in operated upon at the sanitarium. | Many friends of the deceased join the Ledger in condolence and symapthy for the sorrowing relatives left to mourn his death.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Conway of spent Wednesday on Mud creek old Runnels are rejoicing over here, and it is hoped that the fishing and the visitors report a the arrival of a sweet little girl

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

E. C. Baskin.

Worw on a farm. J. J. Pope, Phone 6611, Ballinger. 20-5d-1wpd

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milk. Ring 321. FOR SALE- Toulose Goose Eggs and bathing and was enjoyed by no more foot tortue. \$1.00 per dozen. Mrs. J. T. Rus- all. We all wish Miss Corine a

sell. Phone, rural 3804.

The little son of Rev. and Mrs. pendicitis. The life was in doubt everybody invited to come. for some time, but last reports from the sanitarium says there are hopes for recovery. Rev. Church at Winters.

J. H. Mills of Winters, and J. Georgetown to attend District 9 miles from the nearest railroad ector stated that new members

Adams left in the afternoon for proportion. Waco, to attend the Texas Bankers' Convention. Mrs. McAdams Mrs. Mamie Parmer and daugh been added to the list of support, ing Mr. McAdam's absence.

Mrs. Bean of Winters, came in days. Monday at noon to visit her sister, Mrs. Joe Hardin a few days.

Miss Corine Eskridge closed a Why go limping around with wtf most successful term of school at

Spring Hill last Friday with a pic aching puffed-up feet-feet so WNTED-Good gentle horse for nic on the river Saturday. A large tired, chafed, sore and swollen his keep or for cash at fair price. number of patrons and pupils you can hardly get your shoes on 20-3td 1twpd were present to enjoy the day. At or off? Why don't you get a 25 WANTED-a married man to dinner time great baskets were cent box of "TIZ" from the drug brought forth, and snewy linens store now and gladden your torwere spread 'neath the green fol- tured feet?

"TIZ" makes your feet glow accessories that it takes to make a with comfort; takes down swell-picnic was brought out of those ings and draws the soreness and one state of the soreness and the soreness and the soreness and the soreness are soreness and the soreness and the soreness are soreness are soreness and the soreness are sorenes are soreness are soreness are soreness are AUTO BARGAIN — Runabout picnic was brought out of those missing wight out of those missing wight out of foot that and stated later that the Queen o for sale cheap. In good baskets. Everybody eat all they misery right out of feet that and stated later that the Queen could and some more and there chafe, smart and burn. "TIZ" of sup thester operating room T. F. Bridwell. 18-1tw2td was enough left for the editor and instantly stops pain in corns, cal this state, all his force. Spring Hill is al- louses and bunions. "TIZ' is COW FOR SALE-Fresh in ways there when it comes to a pic- glorious for tired, aching, sore

1-wtf nic. The day was spent fishing, feet. No more shoe tightness-

### successful career in her chosen NEW SAXOPHONE ADDED TO BALLINGER BAND

Next Sunday at 3 p. m. will be

children's day at Spring Hill Sunbrought here Wednesday and op-) been prepared by the little folks Band by Mr. Troy Simpson. A Cohen is having some improve-"KNOX.'

R. W. Higginbotham, of Dallas tiful and sweetest toned instru- suction fans will be used and an Davis is pastor of the Baptist who had been looking after busi- ments used in a band. ness interests in Ballinger, returned home Tuesday afternoon. was received yesterday. Prof.

Ward says that he wants one J. T. Carter received a letter more volunteer in this line, and F. Beard who lives near Ballin-this week from his broth in New an effort is being made to get

but says its a fine stock country wishing to join the band should and an easy place to make mon- consult either Mr. Simpson or Banker Jno. Q. McAdams and ey. He says the prairie hay sells himself at once, as the band was Ma and Mar J. P. Hollomer and wife and two children of Winters, for \$2 per ton and corn at \$3 per growing rapidly and in a short furnily of West End o four barry came in Monday and Mr. Mc- bushel and all other feed crors in time would not have room for family, of West End, a few hours

and the children will visit at the ter little Miss Ora and little Miss been added to the list of support Blocker ranch up the river dur- Clifford T. and Master Philmore Heath left Tuesday afternoon for the directors salary. Talpa to visit relatives a few

fore last \$40.00 was lacking in

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones of ternoon. E. J. Kevil of the Marie coun- Midland, came in Monday and

further applicants.

try, and J. J. and D. S. Crockett, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bedford of Winters, pas- South of Ballinger, and Mr. and Bibb, a few days, and will also Tuesday afternoon for Mullin in sed thru Ballinger Tuesday at Mrs. John Russell, of the Bethel visit his father, J. M. Jones of response to a message stating noon for Sterling City on a short business trip. the short neighborhood, were among the visitors in Bellinger Wednesday. home. . It is that her grandfather was serious-ly ill and not expected to live.

QUEEN HAS CLEANEST BOOTH IN THE STATE

On a recent visit to this place of the state fire insurance inspector, the gentleman made a very flattering assertion on the condition of the operator's booth in the earliest ripening this year he the Queen Theatre here. The of any theatre so far visited in

Mr. Doyle Parnell is the oper-

it is through him that the clean- home Wednesday afternoon. Mr. liness is responsible.

Mr. Parnell, and that while his

theatre was not the largest amuse Jeff Davis of Winters, was day school. A good program has added to the Ballinger Concert glad to have the cleanest. Mr. baritone saxophone is the name ments made at the theatre, and is it answers to, and the horn is preparing his house for hot said to be one of the most beau- weather. Ice ventilating and open front and back will be ar-The saxophone cost \$156.00 and ranged so as to be able to raise when necessary

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Smithson of Wingate, are the guests of Mr. ger, left Monday afternon for Mexico near the Utah line, and is a second saxophone. The dirfor a day or two.

> Mr. and Mrs. Elton Holloway Monday afternoon.

Mrs. M. A. Martin and Miss Nellie Evans, who had been spend for the benefit of Miss Evan's health, left for their former home at Detroit, Texas Tuesday af-

strenous work during the recent country, was transacting business revival at the Eighth Street Pres- in Ballinger Tuesday. byterian church.

I. C. Little of Maverick, was Ewing Taylor of South Ballin- among the business visitors in ger was marketing plums in Bal- Ballinger Monday afternoon. linger Thursday and says they are

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ferguson has ever known. On May 15th returned home Monday afternoon from a short visit to San Angelo.

F. F. Ernst and daughter, of the Rowena country, were shop-Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jones of ping in Ballinger Monday and

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Bangs, who had been visiting her the young lady was having some brother, C. A. Rogers and family dental work done while in the ator in charge at the Queen, and the past week or two, left for city.

W. A. Pace of Wingate, was Jones bought land near Ballinger L. Cohen manager of the Queen while here and will likely make transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

stated that the credit was due to his future home in this county.

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early peaches.

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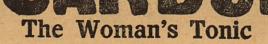
ing the past winter in Ballinger

Mrs. Kenneth Applewhite left E

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### A 29 M IO 10 M (Copyright, 1915, by Otis F. Wood.)

Craig?"

the telephone.

around him, as they passed up the proval.

Don't you keep any gardeners?"

"Your ape is stolen?" he repeated.

"The skeleton of my anthropoid

her apartment at the Leland Ella, of Lord Ashleigh, is murdered Ashleigh diamond necklace sto New York police place the cas of Sanford Quest, known takes Lenora, Ella's ma artments and through h e use of electro-telepathi ers her connection with th urderer, Macdougal, Lenora's hus-though nearly trapped to his death ough tenement house while engaged

SYNOPSIS.

## SECOND INSTALLMENT.

## "THE HIDDEN HANDS."

CHAPTER VI.

the study now, though." Sanford Quest and Lenora stood side by side upon the steps of the sor declared, bustling off. ourthouse, waiting for the automobile. which had become momentarily entan- from the telephone. His "Hello!" was eled in a string of vehicles. A little mild and inquiring. He had no doubt rowd of people were elbowing their that the call was from some admiring. vay out on to the sidewalk. The faces disciple. The change in his face as

of most of them were still shadowed he listened, however, was amazing. by the three hours of tense drama rom which they had just emerged. tragedy in the world has happened! Quest, who had lit a cigar, watched My ape is stolen!" hem curiously. His brother looked at him blankly.

"No need to go into court," he remarked. "I could have told you, from the look of these people, that Macape," the professor continued, his voice dougal had escaped the death sentence. growing alike in sadness and firmness. They have paid their money-or rather "It is the curator of the museum who their time, and they have been cheated is speaking. They have just opened of the one supreme thrill." an anteroom. It is empty!"

"Imprisonment for life seems terrible enough," Lenora whispered, shuddering.

"Can't see the sense of keeping such a skeleton scarcely appeared to his a man alive myself," Quest declared, unscientific mind to be a realizable with purposeful brutality. "It was a thing. The professor turned back to cruel murder, fiendishly committed."

They were on the point of crossing the pavement toward the automobile when Quest felt a touch upon his shoulder. He turned and found Lord Ashleigh standing by his side. Quest overwhelmed me.' glanced towards Lenora.

"Run and get in the car," he whispered. "I will be there in a moment." nightmare. "I would not have stopped you just

now, Mr. Quest," said Lord Ashleigh. reminded him. "but my brother is very anxious to renew his acquaintance with you. I think you met years ago."

Sanford Quest held out his hand to pay him. I must go back. Look aftthe man who had been standing a lit- er my brother. And, Craig, telephone tle in the background. Lord Ashleigh turned towards him.

"This is Mr. Quest, Edgar. You may ing must stand in the way. Do you remember my brother-Professor Ashleigh-as a man of science, Quest? He | hear?" has just returned from South Amerienough to have a return fare. In ca.

The two shook hands, curiously diverse in type, in expression, in all the appurtenances of manhood.

am very proud to make quaintance again, professor," Quest said. "Glad to know, too, that you hadn't forgotten me."

inologist," he explained to the curator. Quest strolled thoughtfully around the room, glancing out of each of the windows in turn. He kept close to the wall, and when he had finished he drew out a magnifying glass from his pocket and made a brief examination of the box. Then he asked a few questions of the curator, pointed out one of the windows to Lenora and whispered a few directions to her. She at once produced what seemed to be a foot rule from the bag which she was carrying, and hurried into the garden. "A little invention of my own for

measuring footprints," Quest exdrive, with an expression of disap- plained. "Not much use here, I am

Quest stood over the box for a moment or two and looked once more yours, Edgar, I never saw," he declared. out of the window. Presently Le-Your grounds have become a jungle. nora returned. She carried in her hand a small object, which she "I keep other things." he said serenebrought silently to Quest. He glanced ly. "There is something in my garden at it in perplexity. The professor which would terrify your nice Scotch peered over his shoulder. gardeners into fits if they found their

"It is the little finger!" he criedway here to do a little tidving up. Come into the library and I'll give you "the little finger of my ape!"

one of my choice cigars. Here's Craig Quest held it away from him critiwaiting to let us in. Any news, cally

"From which hand?" he asked. "The right hand."

"Nothing has happened, sir," he re-Quest examined the fastenings of plied. "The telephone is ringing in the window before which he paused during his previous examination. He "I will answer it myself." the profesturned away with a shrug of the

shoulders. The professor took up the receiver "See you later, Mr. Ashleigh," he

concluded laconically. A newsboy thrust a paper at them. Quest glanced at the headlines. Lenora clutched at his arm. Together they read it in great black type: "George," he gasped, "the greatest

ESCAPE OF CONVICTED PRIS-ONER!

Macdougal, on His Way to Prison, Grapples With Sheriff and Jumps

## Searched For by Posse of Police. CHAPTER VII.

From Train! Still at Large, Though

the box. It has lain for two days in The windows of Mrs. Rheinholdt's Lord Ashleigh muttered sometown house were ablaze with light. A thing a little vague. The theft of crimson drugget stretched down the steps to the curbstone. A long row of automobiles stood waiting. Through the wide-flung door was visible a pleasant impression of flowers "Mr. Francis," he said. "I cannot and light and luxury. In the nearer talk to you. I can say nothing. I of the two large reception rooms Mrs. shall come to you at once. I am on Rheinholdt herself, a woman dark, the point of starting. Your news has handsome and in the prime of life, was standing to receive her guests. He laid down the receiver. He By her side was her son, whose twenlooked around him like a man in a ty-first birthday was being celebrated. "I wonder whether that professor of yours will come?" she remarked, as

"The taxicab is waiting, sir," Craig the stream of incoming guests slack-"That is most fortunate." the proened for a moment.

fessor pronounced. "I remember now "He hates receptions," the boy rethat I had no change with which to plied, "but he promised he'd come. never thought, when he used to drill science into us at the lectures, that at once to Mr. Sanford Quest. Ask he was going to be a tremendous big him to meet me at the museum in pot." twenty minutes. Tell him that noth-

Mrs. Rheinholdt's plump finger toyed for a moment complacently with the diamonds which hung from her neck. "You can never tell in a world like this," she murmured.

about half an hour's time the profes-"Here he is, mother!" the young man sor strode up the steps of the museum exclaimed suddenly. "Good old boy! a little crowd of officials there, whom the curator at once dismissed. He Mrs. Rheinholdt assumed he Mrs. Rheinholdt assumed her most encouraging and condescending smile as she held out both hands to the pro-



"Stolen!" Mrs. Rheinholdt Shrieked. "Stolen There in the Conservatory!"

had admitted Craig. "take Professor | An affair so unusual as this might at-Ashleigh's servant into the kitchen tract him. You will excuse mc. and see that he has something before. The professor met the great criminhe leaves' for home. Now, professor, ologist and his assistant in the hall upon their arrival. He took the forif you will come this way.

They reached a little room in the mer at once by the arm. far corner of the house. Mrs. Rhein-"Mr. Quest," he began, "in a sense holdt apologized as she switched on I must apologize for my peremptory message. I am well aware that an orthe electric lights. "It is a queer little place to bring dinary jewel robbery does not interyou to," she said, "but my husband est you, but in this case the circumused to spend many hours here, and stances are extraordinary. I ventured,

he would never allow anything to be therefore, to summon your aid." moved. You see, the specimens are in these cases." The professor nodded. His general to take up one affair until I have a

attitude toward the forthcoming ex- clean slate. There's your skeleton hibition was merely one of politeness. still bothering me, professor. How-As the first case opened, however, his ever, where's the lady who was manner completely changed. Without | robbed?"

"I will take you to her," the profestaking the slightest further notice of his hostess, he adjusted a pair of horn sor replied. rimmed spectacles and commenced to Mrs. Rheinholdt's story, by frequent mumble eagerly to himself. Mrs. repetition, had become a little more

Rheinholdt, who did not understand a coherent, a trifle more circumstantial, word, strolled around the apartment, the perfection of simplicity and utterly incomprehensible. Quest listened to yawned and finally interrupted a little stream of eulogies, not a word of it without remark and finally made which she understood, concerning a his way to the conservatory. He regreen beetle with yellow spots. quested Mrs. Rheinholdt to walk with "I am so glad you are interested, him through the door by which she professor," she said. "If you don't had entered and stop at the precise spot where the assault had been made.

mind, I will rejoin my guests. You will find a shorter way back if you keep along the passage straight ahead plants knocked down from the tiers and come through the conservatory." "Certainly! With pleasure!" the professor agreed, without glancing up. Mrs. Rheinholdt's reception, not-

gation of the spot. Afterwards, Quest withstanding the temporary absence walked several times to each of the of its presiding spirit, was without doors leading into the gardens. doubt an unqualified success. In one of the distant rooms the younger peogether," he remarked, as he lit a cigar ple were dancing. Philip Rheinholdt, and glanced around the place. "Two with a pretty young debutante upon lead into the gardens-one is locked

his arm, came out from the dancing room and looked around amongst the little knots of people.

The professor's confidence was sublime.

"I could more readily associate you, myself or young Mr. Rheinholdt here with the affair," he declared.

His words carried weight. The little breath of suspicion against the professor's servant faded away. In a moment or two the butler returned.

"It appears, madam," he announced, 'that Mr. Craig left when there was only one person in the kitchen. He said good-night and closed the door behind him. It is impossible to say, therefore, by which exit he left the house, but personally I am convinced that, knowing of the reception here tonight, he would not think of using the conservatory.'

"Most unlikely, I should say," the professor murmured. "Craig is a very shy man. He is at all times at your disposal. Mr. Quest, if you should desire to question him."

Quest nodded absently.

'My assistant and I," he announced. would be glad to make a further examination of the conservatory, if you will kindly leave us alone.'

They obeyed without demur. Quest took a seat and smoked calmly, with his eyes fixed upon the roof. Lenora went back to her examination of the overturned plants, the mold and the whole ground within the immediate environs of the assault. She abandoned the search at last, however, and came back to Quest's side. He threw away his cigar and rose.

"Nothing there?" he asked laconically.

"Not a thing," Lenora admitted.

Quest led the way toward the door. "Lenora," he decided, "we : '9 up against something big. There's a new hand at work somewhere.'

"No theories yet, Mr. Quest?" she asked, smiling.

"Not the ghost of one." he admitted gloomily.

Along the rain-swept causeway of Mayton avenue, keeping close to the shelter of the house, his mackintosh turned up to his ears, his hands buried in his pockets, a man walked swiftly along. At every block he hesitated and looked around him. His manner was cautious, almost furtive. Once the glare of an electric light fell upon his face, a face pallid with fear, almost hopeless with despair. He walked quickly, yet he seemed to have no idea as to direction. Suddenly he paused. He was passing a great building, brilliantly lit. For a moment he thought that it was some place of entertainment. The thought of entering seemed to occur to him. Then he felt a firm touch upon his arm, a man in uniform spoke to him.

"Step inside, brother," he invited upon her. There were one or two earnestly, almost eagerly, notwithon the right-hand side, and some disstanding his monotonous nasal twang. turbance in the mold where some large Step inside and find peace. Step inpalms were growing. Quest and Leside and the Lord will help you. Throw nora together made a close investiyour burden away on the threshold."

The man's first impulse at being addressed had seemed to be one of terror. Then he recognized the uniform and hesitated. The man took him by the arm and led him in. There were tha best part of a hundred people taking their places after the singing of the and the other isn't-one connects with hymn. A girl was standing up before, the back of the house-the one through them on a platform. She was comwhich you came, Mrs. Rheinholdt, and mencing to speak but sudd

called out. "Come and have them for-

given. Come and start a new life in

rain-swept world hesitated. The light

## THE BANNER-LEDGER: FRI AY, MAY 21, 1915

afraid." "A more untidy looking place than

"My dear sir," the professor de clared, as he released the other's hand no time in words. Look here!" with seeming reluctance, "I have thought about you many times. Your | room behind his office. The apartdoings have always been of interest to me.'

"I am sorry," Quest remarked, "that our first meeting here should be under such distressing circumstances!" The professor nodded gravely.

'If you'll excuse me, professor," said Quest, "I think I must be getting along. We shall meet again, I trust.'

"One moment," the professor begged, eagerly. "Tell me, Mr. Quest-I want your honest opinion. What do you think of my ape?"

"Of your what?" Quest inquired dubiously.

"Of my anthropoid ape which I have just sent to the museum. You know my claim? But perhaps you would prefer to postpone your final decision until after you have examined the skeleton itself.'

A light broke in upon the criminologist.

"Of course!" he exclaimed. "For the moment, professor, I couldn't follow you. You are talking about the skeleton of the ape which you brought home from South America, and which you have presented to the museum

"Naturally," the professor assented, with mild surprise. "To what else? I am stating my case, Mr. Quest, in the North American Review next month: I may tell you, however, as a fellow scientis, the great and absolute truth. My claim is incontestible. My skeleton will prove to the world, without a doubt, the absolute truth of Darwin's great theory."

"That so?"

"You must go and see it," the professor insisted. "You shall be permitted a special examination."

"Very kind of you," Quest murmured.

"We shall meet again soon. I hope." the professor concluded cordially. "Good-morning, Mr. Quest!"

The two men shook hands and Quest took his seat by Lenora's side in the automobile. The professor rejoined his brother.

They entered the taxicab and were driven almost in silence to the professor's home-a large, rambling old nora. house, situated in somewhat extensive but ill-kept grounds on the outskirts of eagerly. New York. The Englishman glanced

rose slowly to his feet. His manner was grave and bewildered. lessor.

"Professor," he said. "we will waste He threw open the door of an antement was unfurnished except for one

The taxicab man drove off, glad



Measuring the Footprints.

or two chairs. In the middle of the uncarpeted floor was a long wooden box from which the lid had just been pried

and was standing now looking at "Yesterday, as you know from my note," the curator proceeded, "I was them.

"How extraordinary!" the professor I gave orders that your case away. remarked. "Is that you, Craig?" should be placed here that I myself should enjoy the distinction of opening it. An hour ago I commenced the mackintosh." task. That is what I found."

the empty box. weakness," he went on, turning to his "Nothing left except the smell," a

marked after an evening like this. In the day-They glanced around. Quest was

standing there, and behind him Le-The professor welcomed them "We don't walk half enough." Mrs.

'This is Mr. Quest, the great crim-

'It is perfectly sweet of you, proessor," Mrs. Rheinholdt declared. Mrs. Rheinholdt breathed a sigh of relief as she greeted her new arrivals.

The professor made himself universally agreeable in a mild way, and his presence created even more than the sensation which Mrs. Rheinholdt had hoped for. In her desire to show him ample honor she seldom left his side.

"I am going to take you into my husband's study," she suggested, later on in the evening. "He has some specimens of beetles-"

"Beetles," the professor declared, with some excitement, "occupied precisely two months of my time while abroad. By all means, Mrs. Rheinholdt!" "We shall have to go quite to the

back of the house," she explained, as she led him along the darkened passages.

The professor smiled acquiescently. His eyes rested for a moment upon her necklace.

"You must really permit me, Mrs. Rheinholdt," he exclaimed, "to admire of diamonds, and those three or four in the center are. I should judge, unique.'

She held them out to him. professor laid the end of the necklace gently in the palm of his hand and examined them through a horn-rimmed eyeglass.

"They are wonderful," he murmured, wonderful! Why-

He turned away a little abruptly. They had reached the back of the house and a door from outside had just been opened. A man had crossed the threshold with a coat over his arm | terror.

rainstorm, so I ventured to bring your

The professor gazed blankly at "Very thoughtful," the professor murmured approvingly. "I have a

voice from the open doorway re- hostess, "for always walking home

time I am content to ride. At night I have the fancy always to walk."

> Rheinholdt sighed, glancing down at her somewhat pertly figure. "Dixon."

"I wonder where mother is?" he re marked. "She told me-" The young man broke off in the

middle of his sentence. He, too, like many others in the room, felt a sudden thrill almost of horror at the sound which rang without warning

upon their ears-a woman's cry, a cry of fear and horror. Mrs. Rheinholdt, her hands clasping her neck, her splendid composure a thing of the past, a panic-stricken, terrified woman, stumbled into the room. She

seemed on the point of collapse. Somehow or other, they got her into an easy chair.

"My jewels!" she cried. "My diamonds!" "What do you mean, mother?" Phil-

lip Rheinholdt asked quickly. "Have you lost them?"

"Stolen!" Mrs Bhefnholdt shrieked. "Stolen there in the conservatory! They gazed at her open-mouthed, in-

credulous. Then a still, quiet voice from the outside of the little circle intervened.

"Instruct your servants, Mr. Rheinholdt to lock and bar all the doors of the house," the professor suggested. 'No one must leave it until we have

heard your mother's story." "I had just taken the professor into your wonderful stones. I am a judge the little room my husband used to call the museum," Mrs. Rheinholdt explained, her voice still shaking with agitation. "I left him there to exam-

ine some specimens of beetles. The thought that I would come back through the conservatory, which is the quickest way. I was about half way across it when suddenly I heard

the switch go behind me and all the electric lights were turned out. couldn't imagine what had happened.

While I hesitated I saw-" She broke down again. There was no doubt about the genuineness of her

"I saw a pair of hands-just hands -no arms-nothing but hands-come out of the darkness! They gripped me by the throat, I suppose it was "Yes, sir," he replied. "There is a just for a second. I think-I lost consciousness for a moment, although I was still standing up. The next thing I remember is that I found myself

shricking and running here-and the jewels are gone!"

"You saw no one?" her son asked incredulously. "You heard nothing?" "I heard no footsteps, I saw no one," Mrs. Rhemholdt repeated. The professor turned away.

"if you will allow me," he begged, "I am going to telephone to my friend, question, then," Quest asked, "to assoshe added, turning to the footman who Mr. Sanford Quest, the criminclogist. ciate him with the crime?"

the other leads into your reception off. She held out her arms to where room, into which you passed after the the professor's confidential servant assault. I shall now be glad if you stood hesitating. will permit me to examine the gardens "Come and tell us your sins," she

outside for a few minutes, alone with my assistant, if you please."

"There are four entrances alto-

Sanford Quest nodded shortly.

"As a rule," he said, "I do not care

For almost a guarter of an hour a new world. There is no one here Quest and Lenora disappeared. They who thinks of the past. Come and seek all looked eagerly at the criminologist forgiveness. on his return. For a moment the waif from the

"It seems to me," he remarked, "that from the back part of the house the quickest way to reach Mayton avenue would be through this conservatory and out of that door. This is a path leading from just outside straight to a gate in the wall. Does anyone that you know of use this means of exit?'

Mrs. Rheinholdt shook her head. "The servants might occasionally, she remarked doubtfully, "but not on nights when I am receiving.'

The butler stepped forward. He was looking a little grave.

"I ought, perhaps, to inform you, madam, and Mr. Quest," he said, "that I did, only a short time ago, suggest to the professor's servant-the man who brought your mackintosh, sir," he added, turning to the professor-"that he could, if he chose, make use of this means of leaving the house. Mr. Craig is a personal friend of mine, and a member of a very select little club we have for social purposes."

"Did he follow your suggestion?" Sanford Quest asked.

"Of that I am not aware, sir," the butler replied. "I left Mr. Craig with some refreshment, expecting that he would remain until my return, but a few minutes later I discovered that he had left. I will inquire in the kitchen if anything is known as to his movements.'

He hurried off. Quest turned to the professor

"Has he been with you long, this man Craig, professor?" he asked.

The professor's smile was illuminating, his manner simple but convincing. "Craig," he asserted, "is the best servant, the most honest mortal who ever breathed. He would go any distance out of his way to avoid harming a fly. I cannot even trust him to pro-

cure for me the simplest specimens of insect life. Apart from this, he is a man of some property, which he has no idea what to do with. He is, I think I may say, too devoted to me to dream of ever leaving my service.

"You think it would be out of the in sympathy. The man's frame was shaken with sobs.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



Then he dropped his head. These things might be for others. For him there was no hope. He shook his head to the girl, but sank into the nearest seat and on to his knees.

"He repents!" the girl called out. "Some day he will come! Brothers and sisters, we will pray for him."

The rain dashed against the windows. The only other sound from outside was the clanging of the street cars. The girl's voice, frenzied, exhorting, almost hysterical, pealed out to the roof. At every pause the little gathering of men and women groaned





SEE ME

You Can't Keep 山林語語 A Good Man Down. You can't keep a squirrel on the ground in a timbered town. A LIVE WIRE. I am watching my business and letting the other fellow's alone. That is the reasso why I am making a success in business I am now selling ice cream cones, the largest in town for 5c, olso every kind of soft drink, candies and confections. Watch me grow; help me grow N. PASSUR On the sunny side of the street



WALTER --- Percheron Stallion, 4 years old, weight 1600 pounds, will make the season at my barn on Lon Mapes place. \$10 insure colt, prepared to take care of mares. C. A. WEDDLE.

Mrs. S. F. Grimes, Crooksville,

farmer with a grain crop.

WITH HIS FAMILY

S. J. Cormany, the new owner

plant. We welcome this family

to our town.

"When my daughter had day afternoon for Lomena to visit whooping cough she coughed so relatives and will return to Balhard at one time that she had hem linger later to make their perman-

ing to be a record breaker. It is orrhage of the lungs. I was terthe concensus of opinion among ribly alarmed about her condition. county exhibitors that the State Seeing Chamberlain's Cough Rem-

Fair is the best advertising med- edy so highly recommended, I got ium at their disposal and they are her a bottle and it relieved the going to utilize it more this year cough at once. Before she had

han ever before.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Ohio. Obtainable everywhere. Reward for any case of Catarrh

is this the case in small grain,

the small grain exhibition promis-

that cannot be cured by Hall's EDITOR SAYS GRAIN CROP BEST EVER

Catarrh Cure. E. P. Eason, of the Winters Enter-prise, was here Saturday and spent F. W. CHENEY & CO. Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have we, the undersigned, have good part of the time boosting the Win-known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 good part of the time boosting the Win-ters country. He reports nearly a hun-years, and believe him perfectly dred more children for the Winters school district than last year, the schol honorable in all business trans-

stic census showing right at 400. Mr. Eason says the grain crop in his section actions and financially able to car y out any obligations made by is the best in the history of the county. The largest acreage and the best crop makes things look mighty good for the

him. National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken in-Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days ternally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent, free. The former of the system of the sent free the state of the system of the system of the sent free system. Testimonials sent free. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by NEW ICE MAN ARRIVES

ll Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for onstipation.

of the Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. Ben McAdams of Winters, pasarrived Saturday with his family ed thru Ballinger Tuesday en and they are at home in the L. B. route to Menard on a business Harris residence. Mr. Cormany has assumed charge of the ice

trip. Patronize our advertisers.

ent home. Man Takes his own Medicine, Is an Optimist

He has absolute faith in his medicine-he knows when finished two bottles of this rem- takes it for certain ailments he edy she was entirely well," writes 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 destry 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.

> W. R. Ash, one of the prominent citizens of the Marie country, was supplying in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Led-

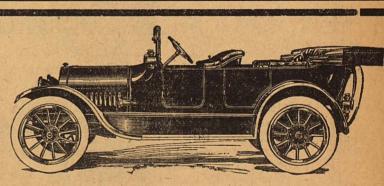
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You are hereby warned not te trasspass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs. GODFREY MASSEY, wti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

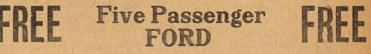
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Remember, we have machinery and mechanics who can make or fit any part of a motor car. We have the tools and equipment. Don't waste time monkeying with inexperienced repair men.

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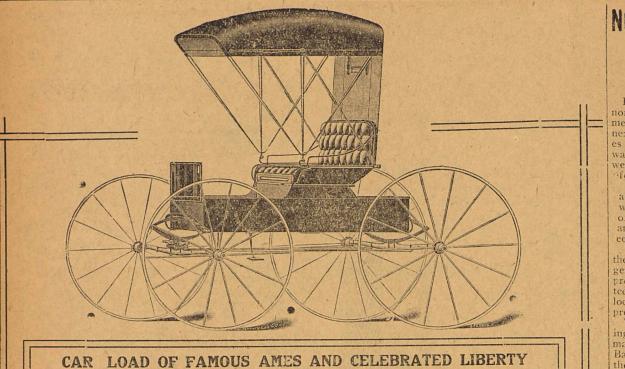


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You can't lose when you trade at Elder and Son's and you may become the owner of this car. Drop in and let us show you. We can show you better than we can tell you. It will be easy money for some one. It may be you. Get the particulars from us and talk to the Harwell Motor Co.



## THE BANNER-LEDGER: FRID AY, MAY 21, 1915.



**GUARANTEED** BUGGIES

It is not often we mention our buying power, but our thirteen stores by combinding our orders were enabled to buy buggies at prices that will put the mail order houses to sleep. New and special designs that have never been shown in this territory at prices that cannot be duplicated.

## **Jno.** Deere Binders

We are exclusive agents for "the celebrated John Deere Binders and carry a complete line of binder extras for this famous binder.

## Thread Your Binder With Plymouth Twine

It runs smooth and even through the ball without knots, bunches or thin places, and the ball stands up to the very last.

# Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

The Home of Nationally advertised Goods

# **NEW FRONT FOR**

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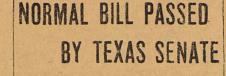
other modern business houses ness in Ballinger between trains of Ballinger. Tuesday. of Ballinger.

er's Association has decided to ship a mixed car of stock, being DRY GOODS STORE unable to get a full carload of hogs, will ship your cattle also. Bring them in at once. See J. H. Taylor, South Ballinger or Sec-H. C. Wilke has let the con- retary Penn at the Y. M. B. L.

The Runnels County Hog Grow

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jones, on the Hagan farm, four miles west The old awning has been remov of Ballinger, are rejoicing over ed and the work of replacing the arrival of a 11-pound baby ame with a modern drop awning boy, born to them Tuesday, May

Dr. Smith of Talpa, had busi-



It is now practically certain that the normal bill, providing for the establish-ment of three normal schools within the next three years, will pass both branch-es of the Texas legislature. The bill was finally passed by the senate this veek, the vote being almost unanimous fcs the bill.

The new bill is practically the same as passed by the regular session and which became a dead letter on account of the failure of the supreme court to appoint a locat rg committee as provid. ed for in the bill.

The new bill designates the governor, the lieutenant-governor and the attorney general as the locating committee, and provides that the report of the commit-tee must be completed and the schools located by the first of October of the resent year.

With the certainty of this bill becoming a law and the locating of the nor-mals a foregone certainty, the citizens of Ballinger should be wide awake and on the job. Ballinger has received much publicity through the efforts of the city to get the normal, and already Ballin-ger is being refered to as the home of the Central West Texas Normal.

The committee will no doubt take up the work of receiving applications and selecting a home for the three schools early in the summer. They will also des ignate the first school to be located. Ballinger should go after normal number one. It is the opinion of those who are familiar with the proposition that the Central West Texas normal will be the first school located. There is a greater demand for this school than either of the other two and the question of locating a normal in this part of the state has has been before the legislature

for several years. Ballinger can get the school if the people will co-operate and place before the locating committee the information they want and must have before select ing a site. Let's do it.

NORMRL BILL AMENDED

Genasco

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Why not lay roofing that you don't have to repair and renew every little while?

You know Trinidad Lake asphalt is "Nature's everlasting waterproofer", and gives life and resisting power to roofing.

Genasco is made of Trinidad Lake asphalt; and applied with the Kant-leak Kleet it gives years of faithful service. Costs no more to get Genasco and be on the safe side -it actually costs less in the long run. We are ready to fill your order now.

Hall Hardware Co. Ballinger, Texas

## **MEXICAN FRIGHTENS MILES COUNTRY** SCHOOL CHILDREN SHOWS BIG GAIN

WITH NEW COMMITTEE

The bill providing for the esby the house committee of educa-tion Saturday. The committee, here this morning to join in the search. however, adopted an amendment The Mexican was located at the J. P.

however, adopted an amendment changing the locating board by eliminating the governor and lieu-tenant governor from the board. The bill as introduced provided that the governor, lieutenant gov-ernor and attorney general shall constitute the locating board, but under the amendment adopted to-day the personnel of the board is composed of the chairmen of the board of regents of the University of Texas, A and M. College, state normal regents board and superin-tendent of public instruction and the attorney general. This makes the locating board consist of Atthe locating board consist of Atble in this community.

MAVERICK, May 15.—This section of the county was thrown in to consid-ton acreage of at least twenty erable excitement yesterday afternoon when it was reported that a white girl Union the greater portion of Wildow the description of the second The bill providing for the es-tablishment of three new state normals was reported favorably the form three counties, Tom Green, Coke the form the who were in San Angelo negotiating a real estate deal Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haygood of W. O. Woods of the Oxien Houston, came in Tuesday and country, was among the business will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Par



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## An Interview with Mr. Ford

The following interview was given by Mr. Ford to one of the aggressive Ford agents, who returned to his home and gave it to his territory in the following newspaper advsrtisement.



The Ford Company announced last year—as you well remember—that if their total sales reached 300,000 cars between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, each purchaser during the period would receive back a refund of \$40.00 to \$60.00.]

"Mr. Ford," I suggested, "Is there anything I can say to our people with regard to the Ford Motor Company's 300,000 car rebate plan?'

"We shall sell the 300,000," was the quiet reply-"and in II months, a full month ahead of August 1st!"

'Then a refund is practically assured?''

"Yes-barring the totally unexpected. We are 50,000 to 75,000 cars behind orders today. Factory and branches are sending out 1800 daily."

I then said to Mr. Ford: If I could make definite refund statement we would increase our local sales 500 cars."

"You may say," was Mr. Ford's deliberate and significant repty to this-"Yoa may say that we shall pay back to each purchaser of a Ford car between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, barring the unforeseen, the sum of \$50. You may say that I anthorized you to make this statement!'

What can I add to the above? \$15'000,000 cash coming back to Fordowners! And to prospective Ford owners up August 1, 1915, it actually means-Ford Touring Cars \$490-less than \$50 rebate! Ford Runabouts for \$440-less the \$50 rebate! Ahat is there left for me to say

Harwell Motor Co. Ballinger, Texas.

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torney General Looney, F. W.

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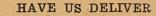
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isitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. D. Moreland, Southeast of J. H. Stalcup returned home the city, was transacting business Tuesday at noon from a short busliness trip to Winters. in Ballinger Tuesday.





a sack of our flour at your house today and an era of bet ter baking will have begun. All flour may be good. We don't claim it isn't. But there is always a best and that is the position we claim for our flour. A trial will justify the

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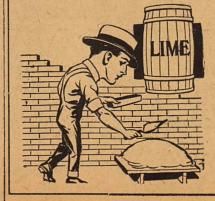
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