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FREAK GOURD MAN FOR RUNNELS FAIR

Something queer in the way of an exhibit for the Runnels County Fall Fair, was received at the business league rooms Tuesday. Billie Sharp, famous for winning the rat contest, comes again with a wormy looking thing, a ding-fod, that was described by our county demonstrator Geo. McLelland as a cross between a Jew and a jumping-jack.

Wholly composed of little yellow gourds, seven gourds in all, this curiosity has legs, feet, head, arms, and a crooked pipe hanging out of a "Mutt" jaw.

E. C. Collingsworth of the Pumphrey country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the next year.

Mrs. Hattie Hunt of Texarkana, came in Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hutton and Ballinger friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Davis and baby of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to Killeen.

Monroe Voglesang of Hatchel, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Landers of Concho, came in Tuesday and Mrs. Landers left for Silver Valley to be at the bedside of her sister, who is reported quite ill at her home at that place.

"Billy" Sunday Coming to Dallas for Big Meeting

DALLAS, Aug. 4.—Dallas has landed Billy Sunday. After a campaign continuing through many months the famous evangelist has consented to come to this city in the fall of 1916 to conduct a seven weeks' campaign.

The announcement was made yesterday afternoon by W. C. Everett, chairman of the local Billy Sunday committee, who received a telegram from M. H. Wolfe, of Dallas who is now in San Francisco, where Sunday is holding a revival. Mr. Wolfe's telegram follows:

"Have definite promise from Billy Sunday for a seven week's campaign in Dallas during fall of next year. Sunday is a wonder. He preaches the fundamental principles of Christianity with thunder and lightning effect."

"M. H. WOLFE."

Mrs. J. M. Skaggs and son of Winters passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to Lampasas to visit relatives. Mr. Skaggs will join them Sunday for a few days while going on to the eastern markets to purchase fall and winter goods for his firm.

J. R. Cook, one of the prominent grocery merchants of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to Goldthwaite to visit and look after business affairs a few days.

Preston Dunn of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and looking out for a wholesale market for his big crop of watermelons.

20 BODIES RECOVERED FROM FLOOD

ERIA, Pa., Aug. 4.—Many drowned and property damages exceeding three million dollars from great flood here. Twenty bodies have been recovered and rescuers are searching for more missing bodies. One fireman was killed this morning while aiding in rescue work and saved the life of the fire chief.

Erie, Pa., Aug. 3.—Twenty-five lives lost as estimated by the police, millions of dollars in property damage and the city in total darkness tonight, is the result of a cloudburst shortly after 6 o'clock which inundated a large section of the city.

The heavy precipitation caused dams south of the city to burst, letting out a flood of water that filled the main business streets to a depth of five feet and in some sections reached to the second story windows of dwellings. Among the first plants to go out of commission was the Erie County Electric company, which supplied the city with light.

All telephone wires were put out of commission by the flooding of conduits and it was several hours before crippled telegraph communication could be partly restored.

Many are still imprisoned in houses and the rescuers led by Mayor Stern and members of the city council have been unable to get them out.

Reports were made to the police that a house floated down Mill creek with two women and four children clinging to it. Firemen tried to rescue them but lost their lives in the attempt.

Every store in Statestreet, the main business street of the city is flooded and at least fifty houses are reported washed away.

A little girl standing on the banks of Mill creek was carried down to her death when the bank caved in.

E. H. Harding of the Norton country, was a juror in the county court in Ballinger this week.

Max Russell of the Leaday country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a business trip west.

Berlin Rejoices Over the Fall of Warsaw

Another Chapter in Missing Boy Case

(Temple Telegram.)

The body of the young man found dead after lying for weeks on the open prairie two miles east of San Angelo last fall, may be the son of Mrs. Maud Sanders of Newark, Texas. In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitley of Temple, Mrs. Sanders declares that her boy has been missing since last August, and that she fears that it was he who had died mysteriously on the prairie near San Angelo a year ago.

After an investigation by authorities and C. O. Harris, an attorney of San Angelo, it was believed that the body was that of G. A. Whitley, a Temple youth who has been missing for several months. The Whitley boy left Temple for West Texas to pick cotton during the latter part of August. A few months later a body was found near San Angelo. The father of the missing boy traveled from Temple to that city and after examining the body declared that it was that of his missing son. For a year the boy was mourned as dead, but a few days ago arrived at Ballinger, where he is known, and declared that he was very much alive and had been all during the past year.

The death and identity of the boy found on the prairie is now shrouded in still greater mystery. Mrs. Sanders of Newark, fearing it is her son, and she has written Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitley of this city, who, however, are not related to the Whitleys who mourned the supposed death of their son during the year past.

The lady states in her letter that her son left home last August. His whereabouts since his departure has not been known. No word has come from him and the mother has waited with a mother's patience.

Judge Harris, who viewed the body, will be asked by Mrs. Sanders to give description. Mrs. Whitley last night being requested to notify the Newark lady of the address of Mr. Harris and of the knowledge he has of the matter.

BERLIN, Aug., 5.—The official announcement made here today of the fall of Warsaw set the city wild with enthusiasm and there is great rejoicing over the grand achievement of the German army.

The Russian troops left Warsaw over the Vistula bridge to Praga after a brief resistance. Prince Leopold's Bavarians stormed the last defence and the Germans entered the city with a great rush.

The Germans are now pushing the Russians in their retreat, and will continue the advance along the Petrograd railroad.

By United Press

BERLIN, Aug. 5.—German officials predict an early end for the war. With the capture of Warsaw officially announced, the German government says the war may end before winter. An important conference with the kaiser and his ministers present will be held next week, and it is likely that the conference will have vital bearing on the outcome of the great conflict.

The Germans think the Russians have been crushed for a long time to come, and it will be impossible for them to

regain any territory lost, or recover sufficient to check the Germans, and a cry for peace is certain.

The Germans also believe that the English and French are unable to make satisfactory progress, and that the Dardanelles are invincible. German officers in high rank say that the Balkan situation is safe as far as any more countries entering the war is concerned. The fall of Warsaw and the success of the Germans will serve to keep other countries from forming alliances with the Allies.

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NEW RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ORGANIZED

At a meeting of the county school board to be held at Winters Wednesday formal action will be passed on the question of consolidating three school districts south of Ballinger into one district, and creating a rural high school district from same. The red tape work has all been completed, and the county board has agreed upon the proposition and all that remains to complete the organization of the new district is the formal approval by the board which Supt. Wooten says will be done at the meeting today (Wednesday).

The new rural high school district will be composed of the districts of Union, Walthall and Pony. Superintendent Wooten states that the school patrons of the three districts were most unanimous in signing petition for the consolidation and for the issuance of bonds to build a high school building; and the bond issue election will be held at an early date.

Prof. Wooten stated that the new building would be constructed some

where near Bethel, and would either be a brick or stone building to cost between \$4000 and \$6000. The work will be pushed and the building be completed in time for the opening of the 1915-16 term, which begins about Nov. first. It is the purpose of the trustees not to wait for the money on the bonds, but to proceed with the work at once. The three districts have about \$1500 on hand, and after this has been exhausted in carrying on the work of building they will borrow sufficient money to complete the building and repay same when the bond money comes in.

This is the third rural high school building in the county. Wingate was the first to organize and comply with the law governing rural high schools. Norton followed and issued bonds for a building, and the bonds will probably be approved this week.

Good roads are an absolute necessity where districts consolidate and establish high schools, and the next move will be to provide a way for the children to get to school.

BOY PLEADS GUILTY TO UGLY CHARGE

It was a timely move on the part of a Santa Fe official when the official wired Sheriff Perkins Tuesday afternoon, reporting the misbehavior and ugly capers cut by a bunch of boys who were in swimming near the Santa Fe Elm creek bridge when the passenger train passed over the bridge.

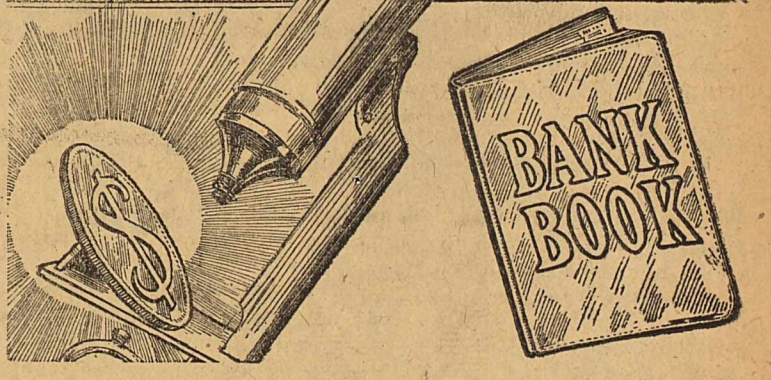
Santa Fe Claim Agent Sandlin was a passenger on the eastbound passenger train, leaving Ballinger at three-fifty Tuesday afternoon. There were in the neighborhood of fifty white boys, stripped of their clothing and enjoying a plunge in the creek. As the train approached and while passing over the bridge near where the boys were bathing some of the boys left the water, and standing on the bank did things that were not in keeping with a civilized country. The Santa Fe official notified Sheriff Perkins by wire as soon as the train stopped at the first station, and Mr. Perkins soon had a bunch of boys under arrest.

Late in the afternoon Tuesday one of the boys plead guilty and has "accepted" a job on the court house park to square himself with the court.

COTTON GROP 75.39 NORMAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The U. S. crop report compiled on July 25th, shows cotton condition on that date to be 75.30 per cent normal.

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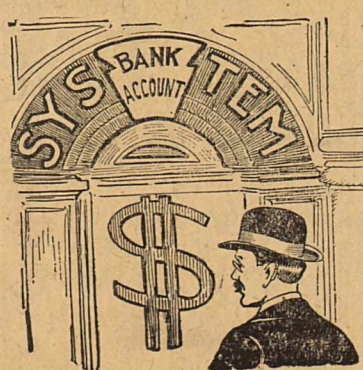
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Ballinger, Texas

NEGRO IS LYNCHED AT TEMPLE, TEX.

TEMPLE, Tex., July 31—Quiet prevails here today following the burning of Will Grimes, the negro, who according to his confession, murdered the Grimes family. Stanley implicated two other negroes who are being sought.

News of the lynching of a negro to avenge the murder of the Grimes family at Temple, reached Ballinger early Saturday morning. The Grimes family, consisting of father and mother and three children, two of them twins, were murdered while asleep at their home near Temple Wednesday night, the children being killed instantly and the father and mother left in such condition that their life is still in doubt.

Intense excitement had prevailed since the finding of the murdered family and it was a foregone conclusion that a lynching would follow with the apprehension of the guilty party. The crime was one of the most heinous in the history of the state, and it is probable that negroes will be lynched.

Account of the Lynching
The Temple Telegram, published at two-thirty o'clock this morning gives the following account of the lynching.

The murder of the Grimes family has been avenged.

At 12:15 o'clock this morning, after an investigation of the various suspects, lasting from 5 p. m. until midnight, the patience of the mob of five thousand people who had gathered in the streets became exhausted.

Storming the justice court room where the examinations were being made, and overpowering the officers, the negro, Will Stanley, whose guilt had been established to the complete satisfaction of the crowd, was taken to the public square, and, upon a hastily constructed pyre, there in the presence of thousands of infuriated citizens from all parts of the county, he paid the penalty for the heinous crime with which he was charged, that of the murder of the three little Grimes children, the attempted murder and criminal assault of their mother, and the near murder of their father.

Two other negroes, giving their names as Rodell Harrison and Dicey Wells, who were in the justice court room under examination at the time Stanley was taken from the officers, were released as soon as the mob made its entrance, and given a chance to run, which they promptly did, the officers stating that they knew they could not save them from the infuriated crowd.

Stanley made a confession of his guilt before being placed in the fire, and also implicated the other negroes who had just been released. His confession, while practically complete, was suddenly cut short by a pistol shot from some by-stander in the crowd, after which the body was dragged into the flames by the chains which bound it.

The body was dragged through the fire several times, and then left to incinerate in the red embers.

In the crowd of thousands who

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A mild, pleasant tasting laxative such as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is ideal for children because of its natural composition and gentle action, and because it contains no opiate, narcotic or other harmful habit-forming drug. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold by druggists everywhere. A teaspoonful at bedtime will bring easy, certain relief.

A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St. Monticello, Ills.

witnessed the burning were many women and children, who had remained in anticipation of some drastic action by the determined mob who had waited patiently all evening for a full investigation by the officers.

Will Stanley, confessed rapist and murderer, paid the price of his crime at the stake on the public square shortly after midnight this morning.

Five thousand people witnessed the execution of the coal black fiend whose three dead victims lie in a local morgue while two others linger at the gates of death.

From five o'clock until midnight the streets adjacent to the justice court were filled with people—not a mob, but a judicial body of good citizens determined that swift and terrible justice should be rendered once the guilty man was found.

The negro, Stanley, was brought to the city after an exciting effort on the part of the officers to get him to the county jail at Belton. Three hundred people accompanied the officers from the Little River bottoms to Temple.

A few of the more impetuous members of the crowd were for immediate action, but cooler counsel prevailed and time given to thoroughly investigate all the evidence at hand. From time to time reports were made to the waiting thousands by the officers and the cooler headed citizens, and more time was asked, and in every case granted.

At eleven o'clock last night the officers and citizens conducting the investigation asked for one hour more and stated that of the three negroes in custody one was assuredly guilty.

At 11:55 peace officers began to mass in the stairway leading to the justice court room on the second floor of the Wilkerson building, there and then to make their last desperate stand as the hour of midnight approached.

On the stroke of twelve, determined citizens moved up the stairway to take justice into their own hands.

Gallant as it was, the resistance of Sheriff Smith and his officers could not prevail against the thousands who were convinced that there could be no further doubt of the guilt of the negro. The evidence was conclusive; the crowd was convinced.

The guilty negro was found in

the inner office of the justice court. No attempt was made to molest the other two negroes who were being held.

The journey from the court room to the plaza was as orderly as a circus parade. The crowd had been orderly, quiet and patient all day. It was orderly until the gruesome task was finished.

Stanley Confesses

Standing upon the threshold of eternity, when all hope was gone, Will Stanley confessed that he was guilty.

At 1 o'clock very few people remained abroad in Temple. The will of the people had prevailed. A terrible warning had been given to those whose brutal lust might lead them to a similar crime.

Victims of Negro in Serious Condition

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, the father and mother of the children who were slain by the demon negro, who entered the home while they slept, have almost regained consciousness, but their life is in doubt.

It was thought at first that Mr. Grimes, would recover, but it is now believed that he will never live to understand what has overcome him and his happy prosperous family. He is only able to talk in an incoherent rambling way, and remains in a semi-conscious condition.

Mrs. Grimes has recovered sufficiently to know that her little seven months old girl and boy twins were dashed into teardrops by a blow upon their heads as they slept by her side, and she knows that her oldest boy, Willie is dead, and she also realizes that her husband is near death's door as well as herself, but she does not understand why. Her brain fails to grasp the horror of the tragedy. She can not think.

The three little children were buried at three o'clock this afternoon.

Negro Burned Five Years ago.
On July 22, 1910—five years ago, Henry Gentry, a negro was burned to the stake on the public square of Belton to avenge the murder of Constable Jim Mitchell of Belton.

The murder was committed at about 2 o'clock in the morning, and a mob, headed by officers, found Gentry at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, in a corn field near Shallow Ford. A pistol ball from the gun of one of the searchers ended the negro's life as he lay hidden in the tall Johnson grass of the field. A rope was thrown over his head and he was dragged to the open road, the body being practically naked when the halt was made. Then on to Belton the body was dragged, a fire was lighted on the square and the insensate flesh was consigned to the flames until totally destroyed.

TEMPLE, Tex., Aug. 2.—The officers are fully convinced that the negro, Will Stanley, who was lynched last Friday night, is the only one guilty of the murder of the Grimes family. The report that a white man was connected with the crime proved false, and no arrest has been made.

The sheriff stated this morning that the awful tragedy was a closed incident as far as his department was concerned. There is on one else to punish for the crime, as the negro was the only one connected with it, and the mob robbed the law of its work in putting him to death. The grand jury will not investigate the lynching, and the leaders in the mob will never be punished.

Temple, Texas, Aug. 1.—The saddest funeral ever held in this city took place at three o'clock Saturday afternoon when the three murdered children of the Grimes family, Willie, aged 8, Mary Francis and Frank, twins, seven months old, were carried to the local cemetery and tenderly laid to rest. Rev. E. V. Cox, formerly of the Methodist church at Ballinger, conducted the funeral.

There were perhaps more tear stained eyes in Temple than at any one time before in the history of the city. Relatives and friends formed a long procession to the grave, while the father and mother of the murdered children lay in the sanitarium in a dazed condition, not realizing that they would never see their babies again.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes are still in a critical condition and to recover is impossible. They may be able to leave the sanitarium, but their health will be impaired and the shock is one that will carry them to an early grave.

The city is quietly mourning the tragedy, and people do not realize what has happened. Three members of the family, all of them innocent children, are gone,

the parents are at death's door as the result of the work of a black fiend. The murderer has been converted to cinders, and it is probable a white man will pay the same penalty.

Temple does not want the outside world to get the idea that a mob in that city has put to death an innocent negro. Too often there is great danger in making a mistake and punishing with death innocent parties when judge lynch rules supreme. The Temple Telegram does not endorse the mob rule but it offers conclusive evidence that the proper party has been put to death for the awful murder of the Grimes family, and gives the following facts recently developed in the case:

Almost conclusive evidence in itself, not considering other indubitable certainties, was found on the spot where Will Stanley, the negro who was burned to death Friday morning for the Grimes murders, when small boys, searching the dying embers, found a ring which was in the Grimes household on the night the crimes were perpetrated. The ring had three opals and two pearls and met with the description of a missing piece of jewelry.

According to C. W. Caldwell, who was one of the first parties on the scene of the crime, a small boy brought the ring to him Saturday morning, stating that it was found in the embers in which Stanley was burned to death by an infuriated mob. The ring was melted on the opposite side from the settings.

Caldwell, who investigated the ring matter, declares that the piece of jewelry belong to Miss Celo Zarr, aged about 14 and was worn by Miss Margaret Halbert of Reeves county, who is visiting in Bell county. Miss Halbert was at the Grimes home several nights before the tragedy occurred and while there left the ring on one of the dressers of the home. It had remained there until it was taken by the negro who committed the horrible crime.

Officers in searching the negro's clothing on the afternoon he was captured failed to find the ring which was evidently concealed about his clothing somewhere.

FORT WORTH WOMAN TELLS ABOUT HEALTH

Mrs. Reed, Long a Sufferer From Stomach Ills, Can Eat and Now Sleeps Like a Baby.

Mrs. William Reed of 1617 Enderly place, Fort Worth, Texas, suffered from stomach derangements for years. She could not eat with satisfaction. Her sleep was broken and life was misery.

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RECEIVING EXHIBITS FOR FALL FAIR.

Noel Penn, secretary of the Young Men's Business League, and a director of the Free Fall Fair, has been receiving a number of exhibits for the Rummels County exhibition. Samples of corn, grain, fruit, and seed, have been coming in at a rapid rate, and a call will be issued urging farmers to bring in their best products. Mr. Penn will also make a trip of inspection and collection, in an effort to make the Rummels County Fair the best county fair in Texas.

This morning Uncle Geo. Eskridge brought to the business league rooms five large peaches, of an unknown variety, to be placed on exhibit. These peaches are some of the largest ever raised in this county and will measure four or five inches in diameter.

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System
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Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it

doesn't straighten you right up, and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is a real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

GOOD ROADS BIG SUBJECT AT A. & M.

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 2.—Mrs. March Culmore, good roads advocate, will represent the women of Texas in the Statewide good roads gathering to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week at the A. & M. College. This was announced yesterday by D. E. Colp, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Texas Good Roads Association.

Mrs. Culmore is chairman of the good roads committee of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs. She has been interested in good roads for several years, and three times has addressed the State good roads annual meetings. The date for the address at this week's gathering, is Friday.

Mrs. Culmore has put the "punch" in good road work in Houston and Harris county in the last few months. So active was she in pushing the work, and with such vim did she represent the subject to business men and commercial organizations that the Progressive League of Houston took over the burden of seeing that the Houston territory is supplied with the best sort of roads in quick time.

It is estimated 2,000 men interested in better highways in Texas will be present the last three days of this week at the A. & M. College to attend the meeting of the roads men and county commissioners and judges. Mrs. Culmore will tell them how to start good roads enterprises.

Despondency Due to Indigestion.

"About three months ago when I was suffering from indigestion which caused headache and dizzy spells and made me feel tired and despondent, I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. Geo. Hon, Macedon, N. Y. "This medicine proved to be the very thing I needed, as one day's treatment relieved me greatly. I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they rid me of this trouble." Obtainable everywhere.

COLLAR BONE BROKEN RESULT OF HORSE FALL

We are glad to report that Conda Wylie, who was reported seriously injured by his horse falling on him, at the Odom ranch near Fort Chadbourne, is not hurt as bad as first reported. The injuries consisted of a broken collar bone, and reports from the ranch today say that Mr. Wylie is getting along nicely.

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

John Simmons, of the Pony creek country, was here Monday and reports the recent rain Saturday was splendid and says nothing had suffered seriously before the rain came.

H. P. Connor, of Benoit, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday. He is buying wheat for a Temple firm and paid \$1.10 per bushel for wheat last week, the highest price we have heard being paid this season.

Edgar Jayroe, of Crews, and W. H. Boozer of the Marie country and B. A. Lott of the Miles country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and Mr. Jayroe renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

STILL BOOSTING BETTER STREETS

The city is still pushing forward with its street work. M. C. Braden, in charge of this work, superintending a large crew in working down the hill on Murrell Avenue leading north from Eighth Street towards the First Baptist church. This hill is a fine rock quarry and some fine building stone is being used in the school building and a constructed culvert is being constructed just north of the home of R. P. Kirk from the stone removed from the street.

The street work now being carried on is the kind that counts. It is permanent work, and while with the funds at hand it is impossible to work all the streets at one time the time will not be long before every street in the city will be a good one.

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ARM BROKEN.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Killingsworth and children of the New Home neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Monday and their little son, Earl, had the misfortune to fall and get his arm fractured, but we are glad to report it was not a very serious break, so the doctor reported.

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Our eats are adopted to the summer weather, also we will pay 3c per dozen above the market price for infertile eggs with the name of the owner and inscribed "Infertile" on the shell. Be sure to see us and try our eats when in Ballinger.

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FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

SHERIFF SAYS DRY TIMES IN MILAM

Sheriff J. D. Perkins returned from Milam county Sunday, where he had been to attend the eighty-third birthday anniversary of his father.

He says that considering his age he left his father getting along nicely. Mr. Perkins spent several days with him, taking the time away from his official duties to pay his father a visit.

Mr. Perkins was surprised when he reached Ballinger and learned that the county had received a three-inch rain. He says that it is as "dry as a bone" in old Milam and that country has received no rain since June 15th. Corn is very short and cotton "little stuff" and opening fast. The Runnels county sheriff stated that the people were discouraged in the section he visited, and that \$150 acre land would only make a bale of cotton to eight or ten acres. "Everytime I leave a nd return to Runnels county its looks beeter to me," says the sheriff.

A BIT OF ADVICE.

First—Don't Delay. Second—Dont Experiment.

If you suffer from backache, headaches or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney trouble—they are recommended by thousands. Can residents desire more convincing proof than the statement of a citizen of this locality?

W. E. Gideon, 201 E. Mosquete St., Coleman, Texas, says: "I was troubled by severe pains in my back. My kidneys were weak and I suffered from an almost complete retention of the kidney secretions. I tried several remedies but found Doan's Kidney Pills better than anything else I had taken. Should the trouble ever return, I shall know what to use."

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

REPORTS PLEASANT TRIP

Local mention was made Thursday of the return of Herman Giesecke and Tom Gardner from San Francisco, where they attended the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and it does you good to listen to the report given by Mr. Giesecke as told to a crowd of friends Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Giesecke says he visited the St. Louis Fair, the exposition at Chicago, and other noted places, but there is no comparison to this visit and it is well worth the time and money to see the Panama Exposition. He says the sights are wonderful and especially if nothing else the sight of the miniature model of the Panama Canal, on a ten acre plot of land is realistic in the extreme and one can get a better idea of the canal and its workings by seeing this part of the exposition than a month spent at the real canal.

Messrs. Giesecke and Gardner were entertained on several occasions by Montgomery Baggs, of San Francisco, and H. J. Ross, of Santa Rosa, men who own property in our county, and are readers of the Banner-Ledger.

Time and space forbids mention of the many incidents and pleasant experiences related by Mr. Giesecke and a rather costly experience was the agreement between he and Mr. Gardner. When they left home they decided to match to see who paid for meals, show tickets, etc., with the result that Mr. Giesecke was about out of change when he arrived at home while Mr. Gardner had a snug little "wad" left over.

They met our Ballinger citizens now at San Francisco and say they are all having an enjoyable time.

The Clerk Guaranteed It.

"A customer came into my store the other day and said to one of my clerks, 'have you anything that will cure diarrhoea?' and my clerk went and got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and said to him, 'if this does not cure you I will not charge you a cent for it.' So he took it home and came back in a day or two and said he was cured," writes J. H. Berry & Co., Salt Creek, Va. Obtainable everywhere.

PURE BLOOD MAKES HEALTHY PEOPLE

Hood's Sarsaparilla removes scrofula sores, boils and other eruptions, because it drives out of the blood the humors that cause them. Eruptions cannot be successfully treated with external applications, because these cannot purify the blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes rich, red blood, perfects the digestion, and builds up the whole system. Insist on having Hood's. Get it now.

GLASS CASES FOR CITY BIG STORE

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. are adding a complete set of new glass cases, to be used for the purpose of displaying more readily their big stock of hats, and clothing, in the gent's furnishings department. This store already has installed two large glass show-cases for display of suits, and the hat case will be put in where the old wooden shelving now stands.

The new cases will be much larger than the present old-style shelving in order to make room for a big stock of hats. Buyers for the Higginbotham eight stores, after forecasting a very prosperous season for their West Texas store, bought very heavily anticipating the big money crop. All lines of the Ballinger big store are being expanded with the very newest of the new.

For a Sprained Ankle.

If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere.

RAIN BRINGS DOWN FRUIT.

Rains Friday night and Saturday did slight damage to South Ballinger peaches, on the larger orchards. Smaller orchardists who were well up with their picking suffered little or no damage. The fruit which was ripest was knocked off by the three inches of precipitation, some of this, however, will be sold and already many wagons are on the streets of Ballinger. South Ballinger orchardists worked Sunday picking up the part of the crop knocked down.

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

MITCHEL MOORE REBUILDS

J. H. Price is constructing a new modern bungalow, to take the place of the residence of Mitchel Moore, which was destroyed by fire last year. The estimated cost will be in the neighborhood of \$500.00, and will utilize the walls left standing. Ballinger is fast becoming habituated where formerly vacant, and preparations for building have been going at a lively gait.

Swish! Corns Gone! We Use "GETS-IT!"

2 Seconds, 2 Drops—Corns Vanish! For everybody with corns, there is in every drug store in the land one of the real by using knives, razors and scissors—are gone at last! "GETS-IT" is the first and only corn-cure ever known that removes



"Some Foxy Trot, M'amselle, What? Corns Gone? Yes, I Used 'GETS-IT!'"

any and every corn or callus without fail, without fussing with thick bandages, toe harnesses, corn-swelling salves, irritating ointments. It's applied in 2 seconds—bing, bing—2 drops, the work is done, the corn shrivels up, your corn agony ends and the corn leaves forever! All the itching, the pains that dart to your heart's core, the crucifixion of having to wear shoes over screaming corns, the danger of blood poison from making them bleed by using knives, razors and scissors—are gone at last! "GETS-IT" is the new way, the sure, simple, painless way. Try it for corns, calluses, warts and bunions. "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by R. Lawrence & Co., Chicago. Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn cure by Walker Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce and City Drug Store.

WICHITA FALLS A WET COUNTY

Late returns from the pro campaign in Wichita Falls says the anti's won in the election Saturday with a majority of upwards of 500 votes.

Wichita county is the only wet territory in Northwest Texas between Fort Worth and the New Mexico line. The anti's two weeks ago hired two bands for every night except Sunday and bought a vaudeville show and a movie show, giving free performances nightly where anti speeches were delivered. Pros held nightly street meetings.

Pro meetings were held in every school house in the county. Women entered the campaign. A great chorus of Sunday school children sang prohibition songs on the streets.

Thirty-six For 26 Cents.

Dr. King's New Life Pills are now supplied in well-corked glass bottles, containing 36 sugar coated white pills, for 25c. One pill with a glass of water before retiring is an average dose. Easy and pleasant to take. Effective and positive in results. Cheap and economical to use. Get a bottle today, take a dose tonight—your constipation will be relieved in the morning. 36 for 26c, at all druggists.

A PLEASANT LOCATION.

A post card from Mrs. Jo Wilmeth to Mrs. E. L. Rasbury, dated in camp at Fort Davis mountains gives a glowing and delightful description of their location in the beautiful valley, where five or six hundred people are camped for the summer. There are 17 ministers, doctors, trained nurses and one missionary from a foreign country. The camp is supplied with water works, lighted by gas and is truly a wonderful city of tents. They are 25 miles from a railroad, but have phone connection that keeps them in touch with the outside world.

Mrs. Wilmeth says there are quite a number of wealthy cattle men and their families in camp and at some of the individual entertainments it takes a beef a day, besides the other accessories and nine cooks besides other helpers to entertain the guests. Everything is delightful and done on a grand scale.

A Doctor's Prescription for Cough An Effective Cough Treatment.

One-fourth to one teaspoonful of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken as needed, will soothe and check Coughs, Colds, and the more dangerous Bronchial and Lung Ailments. You can't afford to take the risk of serious illness, when so cheap and simple a remedy as Dr. King's New Discovery is obtainable. Go to your druggist today, get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, start the treatment at once. You will be gratified for the relief and cure obtained.

OLD TIMER AT THE BAT.

R. P. Kirk looks just as much at home as a big pea in a bushel. Mr. Kirk is tax collector during W. T. Padgett's absence. Mr. Padgett is in Wyoming where he will visit his son and make an effort to shuffle off an attack of rheumatism. Mr. Kirk served this county as tax collector for ten or twelve years and he knows how to sign a tax receipt in an official way.

ELDER WILL GIVE FORD SATURDAY

The five-passenger Ford auto which will be given away by E. F. Elder & Son, is attracting much attention in this city. Everyone knows what a Ford is, and this is one of the latest models, with all appurtenances, attachments, etc.

Some little interest was taken in the advertisements in The Daily Ledger that the car would be given away, and now Mr. Otto Elder, states that the car will be presented Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. A few days ago Mr. Elder drove over the business section of town, and everyone had a good chance to see the car.

W. L. Wilde of the Olfin country, and A. J. Loika of the Pony creek country, were among the first Monday visitors.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

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

What is CASTORIA

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

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

The Kind You Have Always Bought

In Use For Over 30 Years

PERFECT SEASON POURED OUT IN THREE INCH RAIN

The people of Runnels County and the entire Ballinger trade territory are rejoicing over a great and glorious rain, coming at a time when it will be of the greatest benefit to late feed and the cotton crop.

Up to ten o'clock Saturday morning the rain had been "spotted"; some sections receiving very little rain while others had received good seasons. The Miles country received good rain Thursday, Friday and again Saturday, more than four inches of rain being reported up to ten o'clock Saturday morning.

North of Ballinger, Winters and Abilene had only received a light rain up to ten o'clock Saturday morning. The heavens darkened and the thunders roared and a general down pour began about ten o'clock and until after the noon hour the rain fall covered the earth to a depth of three inches, according to the rain gauge, and although the weather forecast calls for fair weather, to-

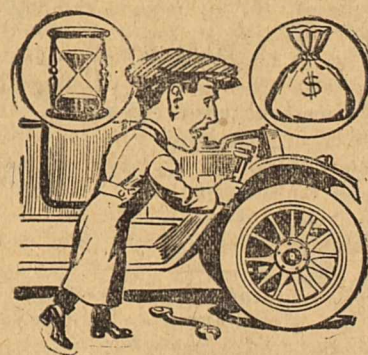
night, the rain continued to fall at intervals throughout most of the afternoon.

Farmers are jubilant over the splendid season. Cotton had begun to detriate and late feed crops were showing signs of failure. The good rain came in ample time, however, to dispell every fear of a mid-summer drouth, and to insure a good crop for the fall harvest.

Little damage can come from the rain, unless it is prolonged unusually, as the maize crop has not matured sufficient to cause quick deterioration, and the threshing season is so near completed that the grain in the fields can be handled on short notice.

With a dry August for maize harvesting, the farmers will close the crop season with the best yield for all kinds of crops every made in this county.

J. W. Duke returned to Ballinger Tuesday at noon from an extended visit to Oklahoma.



SAVE TIME, TROUBLE AND MONEY

by sending your car here when ever repairs are needed. Don't tinker with it yourself. You are likely to do more harm than good. Besides, you have neither the facilities or the experience. We have both.

Leach Auto Works

RUNNELS CO., PECAN NURSERY
S. B. Howard, Mgr. 107 N. 12th Street

Do you realize that an orchard of paper shell pecans properly started and cared for on your home ground will usually begin bearing nuts at three years from putting out? And in ten years time you may reasonably expect them to be paying 10 percent interest on a valuation of one thousand dollars per acre? Can you beat it as an investment? Set out at least a few this fall. We have them for sale.

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THE BANNER-LEDGER
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The Banner-Ledger and the Rannels County Ledger, were consolidated January 28, 1913.

Listen for the groucher to say, "the country's gone to the dogs, too much rain."

If every man got everything he asked for, what kind of a country would this be?

The man that talks the least is the smartest. He doesn't know his ignorance.

The man who is not satisfied with this country should go to Mexico City, where the chief diet is grass, leaves and dead horses.

The three inch rain will add three inches to every man's bank account. Some claim that it will double the cotton crop.

An analysis by State Bacteriologist shows Brownwood water to be free from disease germs. The Bulletin has published the report which will no doubt create a demand for Brownwood water.

Let us be the first to say "plant turnips." The slogan is not copyrighted and other paper are welcome to use it.

The cost of killing is a great deal higher in Europe than the cost of living in America. This is shown in the figures of the cost of the first year's war.

Four men were executed in the United States Friday in payment for taking the life of their fellow man. Give us more such days and there will be less murder in the United States.

100 delegates from Rannels, Brown Coleman, and McCullough counties met at Brownwood Tuesday and made up a party to the state convention of the Farmers' Union which is in session in Houston this week. The war and cotton situation will be one of the important questions to come before the convention.

Brownwood, San Angelo and Abilene are applicants for the new printers san-

court with the trial? Such crime was committed at Temple this week and the mob did its work well.

Wilson's policy of watchful waiting in dealing with the Mexican situation has about come to an end. His policy has been worn threadbare, and we predict that American ideas will be instilled into the Mexicans at an early date.

Milam county is in the midst of a prohibition campaign with the election date fixed for August 4th. Both the anti and pros of that county are referring to Rannels County as argument for and against the adoption of prohibition. They are welcome to all the help they can get from the experience of this county.

It is claimed that the freedom of the juries is to a great extent responsible for the lynching of the Bell county negro. The argument is sound but does not hold good. There is no power under the sun that could have saved that negro from the hands of the mob after he confessed to killing those children. He would have been snatched from the gallows by the angry mob.

It is claimed that the prospects of America becoming involved in war with Germany, or some other nation, is responsible for a lull in the matrimony market. Perhaps the girls do not want to marry and then be left to hustle for a living while her husband fights for his country. We don't place much credit in this excuse, for many girls have to hustle for a living after they marry in times of peace.

Thanks be to gooness Harry K. has gone. We don't know where he is, but we feel sure that his name will not occupy front page position in the papers again for a long time. May be never again. Thaw was nothing but a rich murderer, and we can not understand why such a great to-do was made over him. His life was just about as immoral as it is possible for a man to live when he

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Hereafter this paper will not be mailed to your address for a longer time than for which you have paid. The label on your paper shows the date to which your subscription is paid, and in addition to this we will send you a notice when your time expires. If you do not renew, your name will be dropped from our mailing list. In order to give you time to renew without missing a copy of the paper, we may send you a copy or two after your subscription expires, but in no case will we send the paper on a credit. When you receive the paper hereafter you may rest assured that it is paid for.

We are sure the great majority of our readers will approve of this system. It will put an end to "duns" and prevent us from sending the paper to you when you don't want it and will not pay for it.

We appreciate every subscriber on our mailing list, and wish to thank all those who have been so prompt to renew since adopting this system on July 1st. We expect to keep the paper up to where we can feel proud of every issue that leaves our office, and will strive at all times to give you value received for your dollar.

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such business. The showing was so satisfactory to the publishers that the entire subscription list, including the names and addresses and expiration dates of all subscribers, was published in one issue of the paper.

The Bulletin has been considering this plan. It is valuable to the advertiser and interesting to the reader. But owing to the fact that some of the Bulletin's subscribers might be more or less embarrassed by a public statement of their subscription account, the Bulletin defers publication of the list for a few weeks, in order to give the delinquents an opportunity to remove certain deficiencies appearing in the circulation books.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The Ledger adopted a system

is to save time at the expense of money. What would one think of a broker who never reads the stock reports? Or of a merchant who never reads the price lists and discount sheets? Or of a miller who never reads the grain quotations? You would expect such business men to hurry pell-mell into bankruptcy. But why should the brokers and merchants and manufacturers read the quotations printed in their interest and the consumer of merchandise refuse to read the quotations printed in his interest? It is of as much concern to the consumer to save a dollar in buying from the retailer as it is for the retailer to save it in buying from the wholesaler, or the wholesaler from the manufacturer. But the consumer too often is disposed to express a grandiloquent indifference to retail prices, hence he pays the top. And if he buys on credit and pays irregularly, the chances are that he helps to pay the bills of some who do not pay at all. In this country most of the household shopping is done by the wife and mother; and to woman's credit be it said that she is usually a good buyer. If the wife is thrifty and well-posted, if she takes advantage of real bargains when they are offered and makes her money extend itself to the limit, the family ordinarily is prosperous. But if she is incompetent or indifferent or indolent or inclined to pose importantly before shop girls and take pride in her charge account, the family ordinarily will be in constant financial straits and habitual bad humor. In other words, if you are a retail buyer, and do not read the ads, probably you are not measuring up to your responsibilities and probably your family suffers through your own remissness.—Dallas News.

The proof of the pudding is in chewing the rag. The value of advertising was most thoroughly tested in Ballinger on Monday of this week. It was Dollar Day. The stores that advertised and invited the visitors to Ballinger on that date to visit their store, are well pleased with the way the people accepted the invitation. And we do not have to take the merchant's word for what his business

portunity to get free publicity. The merchant who advertises realizes the value of printers' ink and buys space in his local paper.

The lack of good native varieties of seed corn is one handicap to corn growing in the South, according to C. W. Edgerton, of the experiment station, L. S. U. This applies to some extent, also to cotton and other crops. In the past the South has been depending too much on varieties of seed which are not well adapted to this climate. Although this practice has invariably given poor results, the lack of good native varieties and the fine appearance of the northern-grown seed have resulted in the continuation of their use.—Shreveport Times.

That's just what Demonstrator McLelland is preaching. Mr. McLelland had an appeal in this paper a few days ago, urging the farmers to select their seed now. There is just as much in planting good seed as there is in breeding from good stock. This applies to every crop grown. Inferior seed are sure to make crop failures from bad stands and light yields. By all means be a wise farmer and select good seed for planting.

John Bunny, the famous movie comedian, left an estate of \$8,000. His earning capacity was \$1,000 a week and he received large sums as royalties from his film productions. He was the funniest looking man and the highest priced actor in the movie world. What did he do with his money? He had saved only the earnings of eight weeks, yet that is much better than most wage or salary earners. If the president of any bank will inquire among the bank's employees he will doubtless find a very small per cent of them who have invested or put in the bank the equivalent of eight weeks' salary or wages, yet the bank's force draws splendid salaries and wages. With most men their wants and demands increase more rapidly than their earning capacity. Sometimes a thrifty farm hand working for only \$15 or \$20 a month will save more money in a year than a salaried man drawing \$2,000 or even \$5,000 a year. A thousand dollars a week looks big to a man drawing only \$40 a week, a \$40 a week looks big to the man drawing only four dollars a week. But each of them could save some of their income, or each of them could spend more than their income.—Exchange.

It's all in the saving. We have heard that argument so long we some times feel tempted to try it, but about the time we set to inaugurate the saving a bill collector comes along and we have to spend all our savings in standing him off. Swat the credit system and saving will come much easier.

No, the slogan, "swat the rooster" (poor old fellow) did not originate with the suffragettes. It came from the opponents of

the next day she called to her mother, "Ma, when you get through washing the dishes, save the water for me."—Bonham Favorite.

The innocent thing was not to blame. A prescription without directions is worthless, and too many mothers would have saved the dish water and let it go at that.

According to a bulletin sent out from the superintendent's office of the Katy at Smithville the prohibition of employes smoking cigarettes is going to be put into effect on this division. The movement is a good one. The practice is dangerous, and the company sustains a loss at almost every station when cotton is being moved on account of the careless cigarette smoker. The employe enjoys the habit and the company sustains the loss. When other corporations and business firms stand pat on the same subject less fire insurance will have to be paid.—Temple Mirror.

As employes are demanding shorter hours and more pay, to enable them to meet the continued increase in the cost of living, the employers are demanding more efficient service, to enable them to meet the demands of the employes. A man can not be efficient in his work while smoking cigarettes. Cigarette smoking is a habit and the habit is one that cripples the workman, regardless of his calling, and makes it impossible for him to give that efficient service most employers are demanding. The Katy's rule will be adopted by other railroads and corporations as well as private employes.

The old-fashioned boy who worked to pay his way through college is so old-fashioned that he still labors to pay his son's way through the same institution.—Bonham Favorite.

That may be true, but we still have with us boys who are working their way through college, and who promise to make the backbone of the government in years to come.

There should be more money

The Danger Is Great.

Mr. Farmer, it is dangerous to store your grain without protecting it with Fire Insurance. We can

Gover Your Barn and Its Contents With the Best Policy Written.
PROTECT YOUR COTTON CROP WITH HAIL INSURANCE. It's too late to replant, and you are taking a big risk every time a cloud comes up. Let us carry the risk in our OLD LINE COMPANIES.

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itarium to be established by the International Typographical Union. Ballinger does not want any institution that will attract tuberculosis subjects to this community, and as all the above applicants are our neighbors we will remain neutral.

There are people in and around Ballinger who own dogs that are slick and fat while the team they drive are nothing but skin and bones—a pitiful sight. We certainly need a humane society.

President Wilson will no doubt decline the invitation extended him by Villa, but he will do the next thing to it, he will probably go to Mexico. We are not surprised in Villa. He is nothing but an outlaw leading a band of outlaws, and its a "nasty" job that's going to be forced on Uncle Sam.

The Ledger predicted that the citizens of Ballinger would do the proper thing for the band boys. The idea that the band would be allowed to disband was hooted at, and when the call was made for funds to keep the music going a healthy subscription list was put up in short order. Its now up to the band boys to deliver the music.

Ballinger is one of the first 100 towns in the United States to serve the rural people with free mail by auto delivery. The two carriers, covering the four routes out of Ballinger supply daily mail to more than 300 families. With better roads the routes will be extended. Autos are great distance eliminators, and families that formerly lived in the "backwoods" are now in daily touch with the world by mail and by wire, and in one hour's time they can come to town.

The continuation of the Ballinger band depends upon the liberality of the citizens of this city. The contract with the band director expired and the boys have no funds in sight with which to warrant the renewing of the contract. We can't afford to let the band disband.

Judge Lynch is a dangerous old man, but when a negro brute invades a happy home and murders the family, including innocent children, and ravishes the mother, what's the use to disgrace the

broke into the court. Yet he is looked up to by many as a great hero.

There is entirely too much dynamite being used in this country. There is also entirely too many anarchist sympathizers walking the streets cursing the government and endorsing the work of criminals who are attempting to rule by ruin. A man who endorses the work of the anarchist is a dangerous man, and should be dealt with as such.

In making demands on both Villa and Carranza Uncle Sam leaves the impression that Mexico only has two presidents, or perhaps he is guessing. The United States is wasting time talking to that bunch of grafting greasers. It is going to take more than talk to establish a government in Mexico and Wilson is the man who will have to tackle the job?

Ballinger needs a larger campus for its central school buildings, or a play ground for the children. For the tenth time we suggest that some effort be made to buy, lease or borrow the tract of land adjoining the campus and convert it into a play ground. If the land can not be purchased, we believe the owner will gladly give his consent for the brush and weeds to be removed from the ground and the site used indefinitely as a play ground, and that without cost to the school. Such a plan would not injure the land and the improvement made by clearing away the rubbish would improve it. Who'll start the ball to rolling?

TRY THE BUSINESS WAY.

A newspaper published at Winnipeg, Canada, has done something which no other newspaper in America has ever before done. This newspaper had its circulation books audited by a corporation which makes a specialty of

on the first of July that beats the Winnipeg way mighty bad. We know from experience and every day our subscribers endorse the plan and say they like it fine. On the first of July every subscription on our books that had expired we dropped the name from our mailing list. It reduced our subscription list all toll—both weekly and daily paper, about 300, but we are now fully convinced that the loss in names was only temporarily. Renewals are coming in at a rapid rate, and every man that renews endorses the plan and says he wants his paper to stop when his time runs out, unless he renews. It's just as easy for the publisher to stop the paper as it is for the subscriber to notify him that he does not want the paper, and if he does not want the paper and fails to notify you, you are placing upon him an account he feels that is unjust. Give your readers a good paper, get the money before you place their names on your subscription list and your subscription troubles will be a thing of the past. It's business.

LIVE AND DEAD MERCHANTS

There's news in the advertising columns, profitable news at that. A recent instance proves it. A man who doesn't read any county paper went into a store and bought two pairs of overalls, paying \$1.25 each. Had he been reading the advertising, he would have known that another store only a short distance away was selling the same stuff at nearly 40c a pair less. The saving he could have made in the one deal would have almost paid for a year's subscription.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

A man who never reads a newspaper is the sort whose head was made merely to grow hair on. Not to read the newspapers these days is not to live in the world, but to vegetate in mental squalor. And to skip the ads in the paper

ness amounted to on this particular occasion. We visited every store in town, making the rounds three times during the day, and it did not take a blind man to tell who was doing the business. Every dollar bargain advertised was not called for, but the buyers followed the crowd. They knew they could get what they wanted and had a pretty good idea what it would cost because the merchant had been advertising his goods and quoting prices. It is not the case with the man who does not advertise and keep his customers posted on what he has in stock and how the prices are running. But what's the use of discussing the question? Every one who reads are wise traders, and trades with the merchant who reads and advertises.

JUST FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE.

The newspaper works day in and day out for its town and community. It never sleeps. The clouds never grow too dark for the newspaper to keep up the flag of optimism, seeking to give encouragement to all classes. But especially is the newspaper invaluable to the town. They labor incessantly for its every industry, stores, manufacturing plants, streets, municipal developments, in fact every phase of the town life which promises to better condition and advance the cause of its people. But in face of this the citizens, especially among the business men appear to care little or nothing for its prosperity its progress and development. It is wrong. The business men and citizens have every reason to promote the newspaper's interests, especially in view of the fact that the newspapers furnish the real sensible and successful methods of publicity and each business man surely should need to use it. The citizens should renew their vision when they find that they are forgetting their greatest benefactor.—Granville Banner.

The newspaper fills its mission well in any community, and the better patronage it receives the more it is worth to any community. As a rule a well patronized paper is a good paper. Unfortunately there are too many people who never contribute one cent to the local paper, and as a rule this class of people are the ones who seek every op-

the cold storage plant.—Bonham News.

We don't like the rooster. He is the poorest ladies' man in the fowl family. As a strutter he is a great success, but when you say he is a dude you have fully described him. He never places the hens prepare a roosting place, he is absolutely worthless when it comes to extending aid or sympathy to the expectant mothers, he helps not with the young, neither does he provide a mouthful of food for his wives. Oft have we seen him discover a big, fat worm and call the hens, but just as the hens arrived upon the scene with watering mouths Chan tleer would swallow the worm. Our favorite husband in the fowl family is the gander. Truly the gander is a model husband. When Mrs. Goose steals away into the weeds to incubate a family, Mr. Gander either sits by her side or stands a few feet in front to fight away all who would intrude upon the privacy of his family affairs; and we be to the man or beast that so intrudes. When Mrs. Goose goes out for refreshments or to breathe a little fresh, Mr. Gander takes her place upon the eggs and patiently awaits her return. He also sees to it that the goslings are trained up in the way they should go. Swat the rooster as much as you please, but hang a halo about the head of the gander. He's a first-class family man—and he isn't a polygamist.—Honey Grove Signal.

And, there are men living with in a thousand miles of Ballinger who remind us a great deal of roosters. They are so much alike in their attitude towards their families, and so different from the gander. Such men do not make first class family men, and should be swatted.

A Bonham young lady, asking how to keep her hands soft, was advised to soak them in dishwater three times a day. After dinner

in the land this fall than ever before in history. American money has been kept in America more successfully than ever before during the past year and foreign money has been coming in for American products. There will be a bounteous harvest, particularly down in this Southwest country. Everybody is going to have money this fall and there is no reason to worry about the future.—Fort Worth Sunday News.

Generally speaking you are correct, but the poor we have with us always. Certain people, if staked with a good bank account today, would be broke tomorrow. There are so many people in the world who do not know what money is worth.

COUNTY BOARD IN QUARTERLY SESSION

The county school board met in Ballinger last Monday in its regular quarterly meeting. The board is composed of Prof. W. S. Fleming, J. T. Billups, B. J. Clayton, T. E. Davis, W. T. Lacy. All the trustees were present except Mr. Davis.

Aside from the regular routine work, the board divided the Davis district, creating the Pony district and the Pony district will be included in the consolidated district of Pony, Union and Wallthall in creating the Bethel rural high school district.

The board adjourned to meet in a called meeting at Winters Wednesday of this week, at which time official action will be taken in the establishing of the Bethel rural high school district. On account of some red tape work being necessary to complete the consolidation of the three districts in that section of the county, the matter had to be deferred until the Winters meeting this week.

Claude Brice of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and had just returned from an extended visit to Houston and says he is glad to be back in the beautiful ozone of Rannels county and says there is no comparison between the two sections with reference to crop prospects, etc.

Great Closing Out Sale

Of A. Rosenberg Is Now Going On.

IN HARRIS BUILDING ON EIGHTH STREET.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

WORK AND PROSPERITY GOES HAND IN HAND

It was very gratifying to me to visit some of the South Ballinger farms looking after exhibits for the fall fair, and exhibits at Dalls, Waco, etc. It had with me Mr. Noel Penn, secretary of the Young Men's Business League. Among the rest we visited the farm of W. E. Branch, and learned that he was in the sanitarium, and Mrs. Branch with the assistance of her three children were taking care of the perishable products of the farm, such as watermelons, cantaloupes, grapes, peas, etc. She has a contract to fill each morning with fruit peddlers and has to be there by four o'clock to get the produce ready for the wagon. In addition to this she sends her eldest son to the different towns West to sell fruit, melons, etc.

We were invited to take an interior view of her cellar, and behold the good things she had in there to eat. Various kinds of canned, pickled, preserved, jellied fruit, various kinds of pickles and vegetables. It would almost make a lazy man want to go to work to watch her awhile and see how seemingly easy it is to work. Those people all about there are seemingly prosperous, and I think they have caught the habit with Mrs. Branch as the example. I have a great rejoicing in my soul when I find people who are really feeding themselves. Some say, "who buy on credit when there are good things all around to eat with just a little of effort, and then."

"Don't worry about the future, The present is all thou hast; The future will soon be present, And the present will soon be past."

GEO. P. McLELLAND

SPLENDID GRAPES GIVEN THE LEDGER

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch of South Ballinger, presented the Ledger force Thursday, with a basket of their famous South Ballinger grapes, which was duly appreciated by the entire crowd. Mrs. Branch has a big exhibit of choice grapes for exhibit at the Runnels County Free Fall Fair.

VERY OPTIMISTIC.

A. C. Homann the state bank examiner for this part of the state, is spending a few days at home and is very optimistic over the crops and prospects generally in our section and says our business men will be letting a splendid opportunity pass if they do not at once begin to assist in every way possible to have a big fall fair and to offer inducements for people to come here from all over the state and possibly in this way a big part of the surplus crops of this county will be sold to good advantage and perhaps invest in our county.

NEW MEAT MARKET.

L. L. Stroble is fixing up to open a meat market in the Chastain building on Hutchings avenue, and will be ready for business by the last of the week. This will be the third meat market in the city.

CARRIERS HAVE NOT BEEN APPOINTED.

In making mention of the change from buggy delivery to auto delivery on the four mail routes running out of Ballinger we stated that Ross Smith and A. B. Leggate had been appointed to carry the mail on the consolidated routes. This was an error, as Mr. Leggate and Smith are only serving as substitutes. The appointment will not be made until later, and Postmaster Erwin stated that there would probably be between fifteen and twenty applicants, as that number had called for examination blanks and indicated that they would try for the place.

STATE PRESIDENT REBECCAS HERE WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Amelia E. Blank, of San Antonio president of the Texas Assembly of Rebeccas, will be here with the local lodge tomorrow night. A special call meeting of Odd Fellows and Rebeccas, has been issued, and a large attendance is expected. It is not known just what business will be transacted, but a program has been arranged with the visiting lady a prominent feature.

E. W. Petty of Maverick was in Ballinger Monday and had just returned from an auto trip with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor of Norton from Temple, Taylor and other points in that section. They drove Mr. Taylor's Saxon '16' and report a very pleasant visit and not the least bit of car trouble on the route. Mr. Petty says Runnels county is far ahead of anything they saw on their trip as to crop conditions.

MEXICAN RAIDERS BURN BIG BRIDGE

BROWNSVILLE, Aug. 4.—Mexican raiders are doing great damage to property in the Rio Grande district. Wires were cut and big railroad bridge burned near Harlingen last night.

GALVESTON, Aug. 4.—The American consul here is in receipt of a message from Carranza in which the Mexican general announces that he intends to move into Mexico and take charge of the seat of government within thirty days. Carranza claims that the food situation in Mexico City has been greatly relieved.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 3.—One soldier was killed this morning, two other Americans wounded and twelve Mexican bandits killed in battle twenty-two miles from here, after Mexican raiders were caught raiding a ranch and stealing horses.

A machine gun company is rushing to the fight and the war department has been called on for more troops.

VILLA FORCES DESTROYED.

Galveston, Aug. 3.—The American consul here says he has a report from Vera Cruz saying that Villa's flying column has been destroyed by the Carranzistas between Irapuata and Queretaro.

"The American Government Can Go to Hell"—Villa.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 3.—"The American government can go to hell," declared General Francisco Villa, in addressing a meeting of merchants at Chihuahua City Saturday.

Shortly after which he confiscated a number of their stores. Forty-two Mexican merchants were jailed after the conference held Saturday for the purpose of raising a forced loan. Six were executed. Such was the substance of reports brought here late yesterday by foreign merchants.

According to the reports brought here by merchants General Villa stamped up and down the room where the merchants were assembled Sunday afternoon in the governor's palace, and shook his fist in the faces of the thirty or forty present. Some of the foreigners were escorted to the meeting under guard.

"I am going to take your business for the benefit of the state," he declared. "Your employees will remain here and conduct the business under the direction of my agents—you have been stealing from the people for yourself."

"Tomorrow at noon a train will be ready to take you foreigners to the border. We are poor here and I will not send bread or water on the train. Meanwhile you American and Frenchmen and Germans, my telegraph wires will be open to you and you can protest to your governments."

"If the American government does not like my action it can go to hell. I have been fighting for twenty years and I am willing to fight as many years more."

The tirade ended, it was said, with a general order for the confiscation of all stores in Chihuahua by the Villa government.

H. M. Mills, of Coke county, was in this section this week buying a bunch of cattle.

E. Buchwald, of Winters, motored over to Ballinger Wednesday to do some piano tuning for the Princess.

Alf Young of the Winters country passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route west on a short business trip.

Mrs. Sue Wade, who had been visiting her sister Mrs. T. L. Sailors and family, left for San Angelo Wednesday.

Mesdames E. L. McAlpine and Clara Ransom left Wednesday at noon to visit relatives at San Angelo.

H. W. Bigler, one of the prominent Miles lawyers, was looking after legal business in Ballinger Wednesday.

S. R. Richardson, of the Bethel neighborhood was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

SUPPORT PLEDGED TO LOCAL BAND

The announcement that the contract with the band director Joe T. Ward, would expire Monday of this week, and that unless the citizens of the town got busy and made it possible for the band boys to renew the contract, the band would disband, brought a quick response and loyal support from the business men of the city.

Early Monday morning R. T. Williams was out with a subscription list which said: "We believe that a good band is a good asset to any town, and to show our appreciation of the Ballinger band we the undersigned do hereby agree to pay the amount opposite our names monthly for the months of August, September, October, November, and December, to the support of said band, and to pay their instructor Mr. Ward, for his services. It is understood that his contract shall be null and void provided Mr. Ward shall not continue as director of the band."

Mr. Williams met with encouragement, and later turning the list over to Geo. P. McLelland and Noel Penn, other names were added, and the work is yet incomplete, as many have not been called on. Mr. Penn is still pushing the list and sufficient money has been subscribed to warrant us in saying that the band will continue. Quite a number of new members will be added at once, and the band expects to make a better showing under the new contract than that have done so far.

Following are the names of the business firms and individuals contributed to the support of the band, and the amount subscribed:

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., \$5.00; First National Bank \$5.00; F. & M. Bank \$5.00; Hall Hardware Co. \$5.00; Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack \$3.00; The Walker Drug Co. \$2.50; A. J. Zappe \$2.50; J. Y. Pearce \$2.50; Ballinger Dry Goods Co. \$2.50; Ballinger State Bank \$2.50; Wm. Cameron & Co., \$1.50; The Hub \$1.00; O'Kelley & Walton \$1.00; City Barber Shop \$1.00; D. Reeder \$1.00; City Drug Co. \$1.00; Noel Penn \$1.00; Roy Reeder \$2.00; Mrs. R. A. Smith, \$3.00; Paul C. Sulak \$1.00; Home Steam Laundry \$1.00; F. C. Miller, \$1.00; N. Passur \$1.00; C. C. Gilliam \$1.00; Cash Market \$1.00; F. F. Moore & Co. \$1.00; John Hopkinson \$1.00; Ballinger Printing Co. \$1.50; H. M. Jones 50 cents; C. J. Lynn 50 cents; J. P. Marshall 50 cents; L. Afflebach 50 cents; W. L. Brown 50 cents; O. L. Parish 50 cents; E. O. Schwave 50 cents; St. Louis Store 50 cents; Jas. Skinner 50 cents; Jas. E. Brewer, 50 cents; J. A. Freeman 50 cents.

Other names will be published when the list is completed.

ABILENE NIGGERS TO PLAY BALLINGER NIGGERS.

The local negro base ball team will play base ball with the negro team from Abilene on the local diamond tomorrow, so says hand bills being distributed by the local negroes today. The game will be called at four-thirty o'clock. An admission of 25 cents will be charged, and if you are a base ball fan here is an opportunity for you to get your money's worth. No extra charges will be made for "rooten."

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT W. W. WOOTEN IS AWAY

Superintendent Wooten is away on a ten day's trip. He is taking a short vacation and incidentally taking notes of "school doings" in some counties in central and southern Texas. He expects to meet State Superintendent Doughty and discuss with him conditions and requirements for schools receiving benefits from that Million Dollar Rural School Appropriation.

He will be back at his post in the court house by August 15th.

NOTICE TO THRESHER MEN.

We desire to publish a complete report of the number of bushels of grain threshed in Runnels County this season, just as a matter of information for our readers. We will appreciate it if you will mail us a report at once, giving us the name of your thresher and the number of bushels of wheat and oats threshed by you. If possible we would like to have the report on wheat and oats separate. If some one in each community will make this report to us, we will appreciate it. Mail report to The Ledger, Ballinger, Texas. The name of the owner of the thresher and the number of bushels threshed by each will be published in this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Sims of Pony motored over to Ballinger Monday to do some shopping and to look after business affairs.

H. E. Landers of Coneho, was among the number in Ballinger Monday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

REVIVAL MEETING AT NORTON

The Presbyterians of Norton have arranged to begin revival services Wednesday evening, August 18. The Methodist church is to co-operate and all Christians are invited to attend and take part in the meeting. This will be a splendid opportunity for service. Rev. Shell is the Presbyterian pastor and Rev. Gates is the Methodist pastor. They are glad to unite their forces in this effort and they hope for the hearty support of their flocks. They will have assistance in the meeting. Get ready to attend.

TAKING HIS VACATION.

Roy Sharp, manager of the clothing and gents' furnishings department of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., is off for a few days vacation. Mr. Sharp joined his brother in an auto trip, and will visit at Mineral Wells and other places. All members of the big store have spent their vacation except Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robinson and George Kerly.

QUEEN TO RUN ANOTHER BIG SERIAL AUGUST 12

L. Cohen, manager of the Queen Theatre stated this morning that he had booked what is considered the finest triumph of the moving picture art in serial. Mr. Cohen said "The Broken Coin" was creating a stir wherever shown, and promised to be a great deal better than "Lucile Love." Following is a telegram received by Cohen from the Universal Film exchange at Dallas:

Dallas, Texas 3/15- L. Cohen.

We are booking you Broken Coin commencing Thursday Aug Twelfth. Rushing you tonight supply of paper and advertising matter. Advertise heavily as this is the greatest serial released by any co. Breaking house records. Grace Cunard at her best. Go to it.

Consolidated Film and Supply Co. As will be noted above Grace Cunard plays the leading role, and Francis Ford is opposite. Other Universal stars figure prominently in the serial, and another Cunard, Mina, plays a big part in the story. "The Broken Coin" will run 15 weeks and is 30 reels long. Several novel advertisements are being used by the Queen to remind the public of the importance of attending each and every episode, and the name is passing from lip to lip.

A SURPRISE MARRIAGE

John Cameron of West End, stole a march on his Ballinger friends and surprised them Thursday when he returned home from Zephyr, Thursday, and brought with him his bride. They were married last Sunday, August 1st., and many friends join the Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for the happy young couple.

Judge Kemp and wife of Robert Lee, came in Wednesday and the Judge left Thursday afternoon to attend the County Judge's Convention at College Station, while Mrs. Kemp will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Will Doose, during his absence.

J. B. Clayton of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

Clay Wylie of San Angelo, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit Ballinger friends a few days.

Harle Osborn of Norton, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Sheriff Perkins and City Marshal Pilcher arrested a man Thursday morning in response to a message from the sheriff of Tom Green County. The man was on a stock train bound for the east when arrested. Sheriff Perkins left with his prisoner for Miles, where he was met by the Tom Green sheriff.

J. H. Simmons of the Brownwood Marble Works, after a few days business trip to our city, left Thursday morning for home at Brownwood.

Mrs. Elmer Simpson and little son came in from Brownwood Thursday at noon to join Mr. Simpson on a visit to relatives in Ballinger.

Mrs. Tom Watkins and babe left Thursday at noon for Sweetwater to join Mr. Watkins, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Elder motored over to Valera Wednesday on a short business trip.

W. T. Hill, the Benoit postmaster, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Walker and daughter of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

TENANT FARMERS CONFRONTING PROBLEM

The question of third and fourth is a dead issue in this section of the state. It is not a question what rent the land lord exacts, but what crop will be planted is a far more serious one with the man who must rent land if he continues to farm.

The bumper grain crop just harvested is responsible for some of the landlords "losing their heads," and declaring that they will plant their entire land holdings in grain another year. The policy is a bad one. It is just as dangerous to plant all grain as it is all cotton. A year of crop diversification in this county has worked wonders, and diversified farming is responsible for the prosperity that prevails throughout the Central West.

Planting all grain will reduce the tenant class, but will work a great hardship on the country. There is no question but what a successful grain crop is worth more to the landlord than a poor cotton crop at low prices, but a poor grain crop will also work destruction to the land owner. Mix it and allow the tenant to plant both cotton and grain is the safest way.

We understand that one farmer in the Ballinger trade territory will plant 7,000 acres in grain, thereby putting his tenants out of business. To do this will reduce the population of the county, or drive the tenant class to the towns and cities to seek employment in other lines that are now overcrowded.

The south is a cotton country. The prosperity of the South depends more on the marketing system than it does on the elimination of cotton crops. The world needs cotton, and the South must supply it. Men who are unable to buy land and those who desire to farm must have homes. Landlords can raise grain without renters. All grain and no cotton will bring about a problem that will prove serious to the tenant class and to the country.

Miss W. Durham of Sterling City, who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Francis the past few days, left Wednesday for the East to visit friends a few weeks before returning home.

W. S. Maddox of the Valley creek country, near Norton, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

T. M. OSTEEN

L. E. Bair

NEW GROCERY STORE

Have Just Opened Up Nice Line Of Groceries and Feed Stuff

and invite you to come in and inspect our goods and prices whether you buy or not. We propose to carry the very best goods that can be had and our prices will be found on the bottom.

Always in the market for your eggs, butter and chickens and will pay as much as any body.

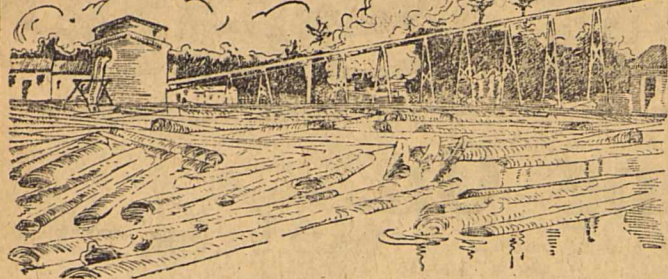
As soon as we can get them here, will have full line of Light Hardware, Tin and Enameled Ware.

GIVE US A SHARE OF YOUR PATRONAGE AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO TREAT YOU RIGHT EVERY TIME.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS



Over Fifty Per Cent Saved

The lumber industry in the South represents many millions of dollars in the business of the States in which the lumber plants are situated.

Materials which were formerly regarded as waste are utilized for making many things of importance to the people of this country.

Paper, boxes, shingles, staves and other articles have been added to the products of the mill which formerly produced only planks, etc.

In the organization of this vast industry every available means for reducing waste has been studied with great care. It is natural to find that the largest lumber plants in these States with the most complete organization are using

TEXACO PRODUCTS

for their work. One lumber company of great importance found that it had effected a saving of over 50 per cent, in the lubricating oil consumed, by the use of Texaco Products.

Texaco Quality and Service have demonstrated their value to the manufacturers of lumber wherever they have been installed.

Texaco Products have justified the policy and work of the company by their success.

Texaco quality will do the same for you. Buy it. Use the "Made in Texas" Red-Star-Green-T oils manufactured by

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas



BILLIE SHARP WINS HONORS IN RAT WAR

Noel Penn, secretary of the Young Men's Business League, in reporting the rat campaign which has been on for over two months in this county, says that a great number of the pests were killed, and much good done to farmers and others in lessening this rodent tribe. Mr. Penn says a total of 1206 rats have been reported at the commercial club headquarters, and many more have been killed which no record was kept. Three boys were well in the lead in the campaign, Billie Sharp, M.

Tucker and Robert Coggins. Other boys reported small numbers of rats killed, but none ranged higher than one hundred.

Billie Sharp won first prize of a fine Fox Terrier puppy of registered stock, which was secured by the business league from the A. Self kennels at Dallas. The dog is said to have cost in the neighborhood of \$15. Billie Sharp had 409 rats killed to his credit when the count was made. M. Tucker of Hatchel, came second in the contest with 200 rats credit; and the Mississippi Kid, Robert Coggins got the third place with 117 rats.

L. H. Hamilton left Tuesday afternoon for Miles on a short business trip.

Overland's Are Coming Now.

We have a new 1915 model 83 on the steets of Ballinger and will have another on August 1st.

Shipments are beginning to move now.

Place your order and receive them in rotation.

There is scarcely a part of the car that does not show an advantage in some detail, a superiority in design, workmanship or material over other automobiles of similar price.

Your purchase of a car becomes an investment.

Make it a profitable one.

Leach Auto Works
Agents

TWO BAND CONCERT MUSICAL TREAT

Despite the heavy showers throughout the afternoon Friday, and the wet lawn and muddy streets, a large crowd greeted the Winters and Ballinger bands when they appeared on the lawn of the court house park for a joint concert Friday night.

The occasion was not one in which the strength of the two bands were to be tested. That was not the object in bringing the two aggregation of music makers together, as some seem to have been impressed. The Winters band were on their annual outing, returning from the Concho river west of San Angelo, and while spending the night in Ballinger the joint concert was arranged for, the entertainment that it might afford the citizens. It was a great treat to the music lovers of this city, and the enthusiastic applause that broke forth following the splendid music rendered by each band demonstrated the high appreciation of the Ballinger people.

Each band came up to the expectation of those who turned out to enjoy the music. The evening's program began with the rendition of an overture by the visiting band, and the music makers from the north end of the county played their way to the hearts of the Ballinger people as the waves of sweet music floated out over the large crowd assembled.

For more than an hour the program alternated, with separate numbers by the two bands keeping up almost a constant strain of music. The two bands united in one grand concert at the close of the program and it was here that the prolonged applause came as a climax for the evening's entertainment.

Chas. T. Grant, director of the Winters band, made a short talk before the crowd dispersed. He stated that he and his band members had heard a good deal about the Ballinger band and they were glad to have the opportunity of being with the local band for a concert. Mr. Grant stated that he realized that Ballinger had a band the people should feel proud of, and should support most loyally, and in his remarks he was very complimentary to the local musicians.

Mr. Grant has the distinction of being one of the best amateur band directors in Texas, and we doubt if there is a town in Texas of the same size that can boast of as good band as the Winters band.

Those making up the party who spent a week on the Concho, and who accompanied the band to this city, spending the night here Friday were: W. H. Mullin and daughter, Miss Trixie; Mr. and Mrs. Harris Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vancil and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Garrett, Larkin Speer, Mrs. J. L. Speer, Miss Ollie Belle Speer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yeats and children and sister, Miss Evelyn Yeats, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roberts and little son, Dewey Speer, T. K. Oliver, Carroll Spangler, Ray Skaggs, Chas. and E. J. Adams, Carroll Bell, Ben Spill, Alpheus Yeats, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vancil and little son, Mrs. Jerry Cox and little son, Will Renick, Ira Jones, Garrison Havenhill, Miss Inez Stuart, Prof. and Mrs. C. T. Grant and children, his brother, W. C. Grant of Dallas.

Constipation Cured Overnight.

A small dose of Po-Do-Lax to which you enjoy a full, freecy bowel movement in the morning. No griping for Po-Do-Lax is ricdophyllin (May Apple) wri out the gripes. Po-Do-Lax acts the cause of Constipation by arousing the Liver, increasing the flow of bile. Bile is Nature's anti septic in the bowels. With proper amount of bile, digestion in bowels is perfect. No gas, no fermentation, no Constipation. Don't get sick, nervous, irritable. Get a little of Po-Do-Lax from your druggist now and cure your constipation overnight.

Richard Turner and Clarence Harter of the Norton-Wilmeth country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

A fine baby girl was born Sunday, August 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Trammell at the L. Daugherty residence near the sanitarium in Ballinger. Mrs. Trammell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Handley of the Norton country.

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

TICK ERADICATION INTERESTING QUESTION

With the foregone conclusion that the commissioners court of this county will order an election at an early date for the adoption of the eradication tick laws, any suggestion looking to the extermination of the cattle tick in this county makes interesting reading.

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside, the national farm paper published at Springfield, Ohio, a contributor reports the progress made in the South towards getting rid of tick fever. The losses to the cattle industry from tick fever amounted, last year, to \$35,000,000. In the following extract taken from the article appears a report of how ticks are gotten rid of and of the progress that has been made in cleaning them out:

"Keeping cattle away from tick-infested pastures during a period long enough for all of the ticks to die from lack of food, and dipping the cattle in vats containing an arsenical solution, are the two methods to exterminate the tick used by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the state and the county governments of the South.

"In 1906 when the exterminating work began, there were about 741,515 square miles of tick-infested territory within the States below the quarantine line. In eight years some 225,000 square miles, or a third of the infested district, have been entirely freed of fever ticks. The cattle of this freed area enter the Northern markets under identical conditions with Western and Northern cattle. In the tick-free territory thousands of pure-bred, hardy Northern cattle have been introduced."

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh-Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

AUTO DELIVERY BEGINS TODAY

Beginning today, the four rural mail routes leading out of Ballinger, which have been covered by horse, will be converted into automobile delivery. Routes 1 and 2, will be known as Route A, with A. B. Legate, as carrier. Routes 3 and 4 will be called called Route B, and Ross Smith will hand out the mail for the consolidated two circuits.

Some time ago the Postal Department notified the local office, that the change in the routes would be made the first of August, and that two of the former serving carriers would be selected out of the four men who were then delivering mail. Examinations were held with the result that Mr. A. B. Legate, and Mr. Ross Smith received the winning appointments.

It has been said that this change is expected to make a saving in both time and expense, and the plan has been worked since July first, in various parts of the United States, Ballinger being among the very first places to adopt the motor delivery way.

HOG GROWERS MEET SATURDAY

There will be a meeting of the Runnels County Hog Growers' Association in Ballinger Saturday afternoon. The meeting will be held at the Business League at two-thirty. Every man interested in growing hogs are urged to be present as we want to plan for breeding and other matters of importance need our attention. J. H. TAYLOR, Sec.

Your Tin And Pipe Work

Should be done by workmen who know their business, and will make you a close price. Because of a demand for a high grade of work at a reasonable charge we opened our shop. We specialize on the following items:

Tanks, Water Troughs, Gutters, Galvanized Flues, Iron Chicken Houses.

We build or make anything of Sheet Metal or Pipe Work Shop located in Wooden building next door to Fire Station. Your patronage will be appreciated, and is solicited. Call and see us.

Dunn and Glenn
Telephone No. 22 Ballinger, Texas

NOTICE

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

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

DELICATE APPETITES

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

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

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

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.
PHONE 66

Hall Hardware Co.

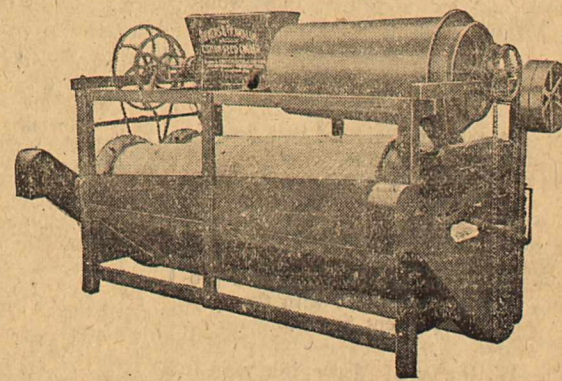
Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills Studebaker and Schuttler Wagons

Hall Hardware Co.

A Word to Cotton Growers

Cull your Seed and increase the Yield from 15 to 25 per cent



I have installed a cotton seed culler for the benefit of the farmers who wish to cull out the faultier seed and plant nothing but pure-well developed seed. Well developed seed will produce more than a faultier seed. By planting the best seed the plants are more vigorous and fruit full and will stand droughts 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 culling your seed. The price amounts to little.

T. S. LANKFORD

Here's A Man Will Tell You
that
Coca-Cola
has the call

The standby of the thirsty—the delight of the hot and tired—the treat for the multitude.
Delicious and Refreshing

Demand the genuine by full name—nicknames encourage substitution.

THE COCA-COLA CO.
ATLANTA, GA.

Whenever you see an Arrow, think of Coca-Cola

CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR LAST TERM

The County court met Monday at 1:30 p. m. and the criminal docket was disposed of as follows:

State vs. Albert Kerley, petty theft, plea of guilty, fined \$1.00 and costs.

State vs. Lovey Caffey, petty theft, plea of guilty, fined \$1.00 and costs and five minutes in jail.

State vs. Jim Barrett, gaming, plea of not guilty, found guilty and fined \$10.00 and costs.

State vs. Sam Smith, attempting an abortion, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

State vs. R. R. Ragster, affray, plea of guilty, fined \$1.00 and costs.

State vs. Wiley Metcalf, gaming, plea of guilty, fined \$10.00 and costs.

State vs. Will Gurned, aggravated assault, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

State vs. O. H. Wheeler, petty theft, continued by agreement.

State vs. C. A. Reed, gaming, continued by agreement.

State vs. J. T. Billups, aggravated assault, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

State vs. W. A. Pace, carrying pistol, dismissed on motion county attorney.

State vs. Warre Pettes, gaming, continued to next term.

State vs. Ben Allen, drunkenness, no order.

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State vs. Andrew Sylbas, petty theft, no order.

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State vs. Lem Lee, unlawfully giving liquor to a minor, continued to next term, by state.

State vs. Emli Kiefer, carrying concealed weapon, continued by agreement.

State vs. Harold McKnight, carrying pistol, plea of guilty, fined \$100 and costs.

State vs. Robert Meeks, petty theft, continued by agreement.

State vs. Sam Barrow, petty theft, continued by agreement.

State vs. Geo. Smith, petty theft, plea of guilty, fined \$1.00 and costs and fifteen minutes in jail.

State vs. Geo. Smith, petty theft, plea of guilty, fined \$1.00 and costs and fifteen minutes jail sentence.

URGES SELECTION OF PROPER SEED

Geo. P. McLelland, county farm demonstrator, will leave in a few days for different parts of the county, districts, where he will urge diversification, tick eradication, and proper seed selection. Mr. McLelland says this is the time of the year to plant vetch and other crops of like nature, and reap still more benefits from a profitable season. In a bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture of the United States Government, sent to McLelland, proper seed selection is discussed at length, from which we copy extracts.

"In the production of better farm crops the use of good seed is of great importance. The quality of the seed and the quantity and value of the crop are closely related. While types in seed are persistent along general lines, variations constantly occur. In a field planted with the most carefully bred seed some plants will always appear which differ in some particulars from the general type. It is by selection and breeding from desirable variations occurring in this way that new varieties and improved strains of seed are frequently established. To maintain the purity and uniformity of the original variety, however, the ordinary crop farmer, will be unable to do. To originate the new varieties is work for the seed breeder rather than the general farmer. But every farmer should plant only the high grade seed of variety best suited to his soil and climatic conditions, and keep it pure and productive by careful, intelligent selection. By high-grade or pure-bred seed is meant seed that will produce uniform plants alike in appearance, habit of growth, maturity, productivity and quality of fruit. For the amount of labor involved no work upon the farm pays better than seed selection.

"Careless farming and gin-run seed are responsible for a lot of short cotton crops. There is but little pure-bred seed planted and the product of that little generally becomes more or less mixed in the field and at the gin. Four points in the improvement of cotton seed should be given careful attention: Variety of type, selection, ginning and storing. By type is meant the kind of stalk, bolls, lint, and general characteristics.

"Soil and climatic conditions must be considered. A variety suitable for growth on uplands or in dry sections may not prove satisfactory on alluvial soil or under conditions of heavy rainfall." The section of the agricultural bulletin dealing with corn says:

"Corn is one of the easiest plants to modify with which the farmer has to deal, and there is no plant that will respond more quickly to intelligent efforts at improvement. It should be the business of at least one farmer in each community to select his seed corn with a view of obtaining the best variety for his section."

The Runnels County farm agent has other helpful hints to give farmers of the county and the seed selection problem, and asks that all interested to confer with him, and to read information on this subject whenever possible. He will from time to time pass on such information learned by him to readers of the county papers.

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

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

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

were taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it. I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—I haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it. I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me." Theford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL HELD AT MAZELAND

J. A. Patterson, of the Mazeland country, was here first of the week trading and attending to business. Mr. Patterson took the time to call at the Ledger office and give us a news item, and we appreciate such thoughtfulness and wish more of our friends in the country would favor us with the news from their section of the country.

Mr. Patterson stated that the Baptist closed a successful revival at Mazeland last Sunday night. Rev. R. A. Seranton, is pastor of the Mazeland church, but Rev. A. J. Morgan, of Abilene, did the preaching for the revival just closed. There were 23 additions to the church and Sunday afternoon 19 were baptised.

Monday night, following the close of the Baptist revival Sunday night, the Methodist revival began, and Mr. Patterson stated that prospects were good for another successful revival.

BALLINGER BOY WINS IN SWIMMING RACE

News has been received from Kerrville, where the Presbyterian Encampment has been in progress, telling of the honors won by Jackson Ransom, the son of Mrs. Clara Ransom, in aquatic contests at Lakeside.

The Dallas News gives an account of the encampment and says:

Athletics have always had a big part in the encampment entertainment and they reached a climax this afternoon when the boys of the older conference entertained the whole encampment and many visitors from Kerrville with aquatic contests at Lakeside. The winners in events were Jack Ransom, Ballinger, swimming race; graceful dive, Maxwell Russell, San Antonio; submerged torpedo dive, Lester Smallwood, San Antonio; canoe tilting, Paul Robinson, Greenville, and Milton Gold, Kerrville. A total of twelve events made the program most entertaining and included pyramid building, ring, chute, running and high diving.

Recommends Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

"I never hesitate to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Sol Williams, merchant, Jesse, Tenn. "I sell more of it than of any other preparations of like character. I have used it myself and found it gave me more relief than anything else I have ever tried for the same purpose." Obtainable everywhere.

J. D. Smith and W. A. Wells of the Wingate country and R. S. Bowden of the Maverick country, were among the first Monday visitors in Ballinger and while here Mr. Bowden renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

MRS. GREEN BUYS NEW BUICK

Mrs. R. F. Green purchased Tuesday a new 1916 model Buick automobile, Henderson & Co., of this city sold the car, a 6-cylinder, five-passenger car. The car is a beauty, and Mrs. Green promises to bring it to town every first of the month.

AN ALABAMIAN HERE.

M. A. Grantham, of Pleasant Ridge, Ala., came in Tuesday to visit H. L. Mobley of the Central Hotel. Mr. Grantham is direct from the old state and is visiting his brother at Bradshaw for a few weeks. He is a school boy friend of this local reporter and the meeting was a pleasant one for both parties.

WINTERS BANDMASTER MAKES GOOD HAUL

Chas. T. Grant of Winters, made a fine catch of bass and perch Tuesday on Cayote creek, and sent in a hurry call to his brother-in-law, Asa Cordill, and family, to help him out. Mr. Cordill made the drive about 6:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and found twenty bass split in half and fried brown, and perch to accompany. Runnels county streams are very productive at this time and every day some one reports good catches.

C. G. Siebel, little daughter and son, of the Hatchel country, came in Tuesday to meet his daughter, Miss Annie, who returned to Ballinger from a visit to Galveston.

P. M. Caudle of the Bethel neighborhood, was here with his friend, Rev. H. O. Miles, of Abilene Monday meeting friends and looking after the interest of one of the prominent schools of that city.

B. F. Brown of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters.

THE STATE OF TEXAS: Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that Anton Mika, whose postoffice address is Ballinger, Texas, did on the 14th day of July, A. D., 1915 file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate 5 cubic feet of water per second of time, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the Colorado River by means of a pumping plant located on the Adam Eisenberg Survey No. 410 and on the south bank of the Colorado River about seven miles in a westerly direction from the City of Ballinger.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are described as follows, to-wit: 150 acres out of the North end of the Johann Meinicke Survey No. 411, abstract No. 308, beginning at a point about 1800 varas North 30 East of Southwest corner Johann Meinicke Survey No. 411; Thence East about 1000 varas; Thence North 30 East about 500 varas; Thence North 10 West about 1200 varas; Thence South 30 West about 2000 varas to the place of beginning, containing 150 acre, and situated in Runnels County, Texas.

A hearing on said application of the said Anton Mika will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 6th day of August, A. D., 1915, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 14th day of July, A. D., 1915.

J. C. NAGLE,
E. B. GORE,
JOHN WILSON
Board.

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

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER ON TRIAL

Anson, Tex., Aug. 3.—The jury in the Mrs. Minnie Latham murder trial was completed today. The case was called for trial yesterday and motion made for continuance, but Judge Thomas overruled the motion.

Mrs. Latham is charged with killing Johnny Stewart at Snyder in January of last year. The case was transferred to Jones county and tried last August when the jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the penalty at five years in the pen. The court of appeals reversed the case.

Have You?

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

J. B. Pace of the Pumphrey country, F. E. Clayton of the Benoit country, W. A. Pace and Tom Dean of Wingate and J. D. Moreland of the Millar neighborhood, were among the first Monday visitors.

Walter Mikesky, of South Texas has accepted a position with Henry Wilke in his dry goods store and is a salesman of noted ability and comes highly recommended as a young man of sterling worth and ability.

Miss Marilla Ten Eyeke, of Miles, is the guest of Miss Ann Truly and other friends in Ballinger this week.

BETTER PAINT.

Better isn't enough; paint best. A man bought "cheap" paint; saved 20c or 30 or 40 or 50 cents a gallon, didn't he? Yes, and bought 40 or 50 or 60 or 80 percent more gallons; how much did he make on his paint? And he paid for painting those gallons—a fair day's work is a gallon—how much did he make on the labor part of his job? He lost a quarter or third of his money. How long will it last? not his money, but paint? Perhaps half as long as Devoe. How long will his money last, if he buys other stuff as ehb ought that paint?

Better buy the best paint; it makes the least bill and least-of-ten.

DEVOE
Ballinger Lumber Co., sells it.

Simms Makes 75,000 Bushel Run.

Ira Simms, who operated a thresher in the southeast part of the county, threshed a little better than 75,000 bushels. Mr. Simms had a new machine and had a very successful run.

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Corun Russell, who started with a new machine and fanned out the crops along the Ballinger-Paint Rock road, also had a very successful run and up to date has threshed 53,000 bushels of oats and wheat.

Olfin Thresher Gets 40,000 Bushels.
Joe Mattheisen, of the Olfin country, was here this week, and reported that his brother B. A. Mattheisen, Otto Lange and Wm. Halfmann, had completed the work of threshing in the Olfin section. This thresher is not as large as some of the other machines in the county, but it made a very successful run and threshed more than 40,000 bushels of grain in that section of the county.

Neuralgia Pains Stopped.

You don't need to suffer those agonizing nerve pains in the face head, arm, shoulder, chest and back. Just apply a few drops of soothing Sloan's Liniment; lie quietly a few minutes. You will get such relief and comfort! Life and the world will look brighter. Get a bottle today. 3-ounces for 25c., at all druggists. Penetrates without rubbing.

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

110,000 BUSHELS THIS THRESHER

The best report for any one thresher during the season just closing so far made to the Ledger comes from the Little & Border thresher which has been operating in the Maverick country.

I. C. Little, one of the owners of the big grain separator, was among the visitors to Ballinger Dollar Day. Mr. Little stated that their work of fanning out the grain crop was not quite complete. They have about 20,000 bushels of grain contracted for, and will begin work again this week, or as soon as the dampness from the recent good rain disappears.

Up to date the Little & Borders thresher has turned out 90,000 bushels of oats and wheat, mostly oats. The crops threshed by this machine averaged about 60 bushels to the acre. The largest yield was made on the field of 20 acres of oats for Jim Weathersbee which averaged 85 bushels. J. D. Carlton had a fifteen acre field that averaged 85 bushels.

This thresher only lost two hours during the season by breakdown.

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DEMONSTRATOR'S REPORT ON TRIP

To the Enterprising Spirits of Runnels County: I wish to inform you that the Farmers Short Course and Agents meeting just closed was declared to be the best ever held at A. & M. College. The attendance was splendid but still there was plenty of room for a few more Runnels County farmers and their wives and daughters. You can't realize how much you miss by not attending the short course. I heard about Runnels County while there, it certainly is on the map. And now take it from me that Runnels County and the people therein are in the best condition of any county in the State I had the pleasure of telling how it happened and we enjoy it and asked them to try it.

I am now asking you to show your appreciation of this great fraternal blessing by assisting in getting up the most magnificent exhibit for the fall fair. I made a call a few days ago and the farmers are responding most generously. They are bringing in things that we cannot name.

The Secretary of the Young Men's Business League and myself have our pickling outfit in working order and are ready to receive contributions for display. Remember this, you shall have full credit for any thing you bring. I shall see to that. Now is the time to deliver the goods, get in and let's be one for Runnels county.

GEO. P. McLELLAND,
Agent for Runnels County.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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

LEAVE FOR FARMERS' UNION MEETING

The following gentlemen of the north part of the county left from this point Monday afternoon to attend the state farmers' union meeting at Houston: D. W. Pane, W. B. Worthington, C. Ernst, T. W. Scott and M. Powers.

ATEXAS WONDER

THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 208 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS

...MADE FOR...
SMALL STOCKMEN

We are building with an absolute guarantee, The

Tulsa Silo

designed for the man with a few head of stock. This is a

50 TON SILO
and only
COST \$120.00

It's a silo that should be on every small farm in Runnels County. Call at our yard and let us show you. Get our book on Silo Questions.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

Weatherproof is expense-proof
Trinidad Lake asphalt makes roofing lastingly tight against rain, sun, wind, snow, heat and cold. This is the everlasting waterproofer of Nature. We use it to make

Genasco THE TRINIDAD-LAKE-ASPHALT Ready Roofing

Because it gives lasting protection Genasco is economical roofing—it costs less in the end. Call and get samples.

Hall Hardware Company
Ballinger, Texas

PREDICTS HEAVY IMMIGRATION THIS FALL

Those who have recently visited other sections of the state, and especially that country in the Central part of the state, that is drouth stricken and heavy hit with short crops, predict that immigration to this country during the next few months will exceed any previous period in the history of the country.

The good crop of last year, and the good crop of this year, and prospects as bright as a farmer could wish for, there will be a demand for homes in this section of the state. The success of diversified farming and the prosperity that prevails here has been given much publicity and people are eagerly looking this way. It is feared that more people will come here seeking employment than the country really needs. What the country needs most is men with money, who can buy land and improve same, build homes and helping to develop the country. There is much good land here that has never been turned by a plow. A great deal of this is not for sale, but much of it is waiting for the man who wants to build himself a home and become a part of this great country.

The last ten years has demonstrated that this country is as stable as any on the globe. A man can live here as comfortable and make as much money as he can anywhere in the agricultural belt. Another cause for a great flow of people to this country is attributed to the European war. The disturbed conditions in Europe will bring thousands of foreigners to America, and with their coming will be a greater demand for homes and land values will go up.

TRESPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,
Concho county, Tex

DUNN KEEPS PLANT IN GOOD CONDITION

Engineer Carlos Dunn, of the city water works plant, is making, and has made some improvements that will add greatly to the efficiency and also the general attractiveness of the pumping plant on Elm creek.

Mr. Dunn, following the advice handed out by the state fire insurance inspector on a late trip to Ballinger, has decreased the rate paid for insurance at the plant 10 cents on the hundred. The former key rate was near 53 cents and since walling up a window and door between the pump room and the filter room, a rate of 43 cents is paid. Another thing contributing to a lower fire insurance was the tearing down of an old coal and wood house about a month ago. This house was not necessary since the installation of oil burners, and oil burners have proved a great saver of fuel also.

All floors are kept scrupulously clean, engines and pumps have recently had a new coat of paint, and walls coated with white-wash. Mr. Dunn is preparing to set out trees, grass and flowers in a small plot near the station and expects to have one of the best small parks in the city. He has already set out elm trees and grass around the house, and is making a good start in that direction.

The engineer in speaking of the criticism of hard water from the city mains, denies that it is his fault, stating that when the water is hardest, the least alum is used to settle, while when water is softest pumped out, more alum is required. He says gypsum springs after flowing after heavy rains make the difference and not the amount of alum, which is closely watched.

IT IS JUST PLAIN COMMON SENSE WHEN YOU COME TO THINK ABOUT IT.

Don't spatter a pint of brains over the vast field of art, science and literature. Don't think that a smattering of Greek and Latin, Analytics and college yells make one a learned man or fit him for business, and don't hitch a business brain to a Greek lexicon. Many a man becomes nothing by trying to become all. The shotgun uses much more ammunition that the rifle, but it isn't half as effective except on little game.

If you want to be a dentist you wouldn't attend a law school. If you wanted to be eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, you would not attend a theological school. If you wanted to be a lawyer you would not attend a medical university. Why not apply the same good common sense if you want to be a business man or woman and attend a college that makes a specialty of thoroughly preparing its graduates by giving them a complete course in the following subjects: Bookkeeping, Salesmanship, Shorthand, Typewriting, Money and Banking Corporations and Finance, Taxation and Public Finance, Private Secretaryship, Advertising, Business Law, Business English, Commercial Arithmetic, Real Estate and Insurance, Commercial History, Higher Classing, Telegraphy and Station Work etc.

The professions are all over crowded; it requires half a life time for one to succeed in them, and half a fortune to begin success. With business it is not so. The average business man earns \$27,000.00 more than the professional man in the average earning period of life. Get busy; do things; life's too short for business men to spend effort on dead languages and other things two thousand years old, when living is uses and golden opportunities are calling them on. The above subjects are the things that business men should know and they must be learned in a practical business training school like the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas. A school that has for years studied the demands of the business world and are meeting them. Young friends, there is no walk of life that you can pursue as successfully without a business training as with it. Write today for catalogue and begin thinking seriously of your preparation for life's duties.

Next week this paper will publish interesting statements from many of America's greatest states men and business men as to the value of a business training. Read it.

C. Y. Witherspoon, of the Tennyson country, was attending county court in Ballinger Monday.

WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD

To the sick and suffering. To those who have kidney trouble. To anyone who knows what it is to be unable to work

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a golden remedy. It cures kidney ailments, liver torpidity, indigestion and constipation. Puts the system in perfect order, restores strength, appetite and cheerful spirits.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.
Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

DEMONSTRATOR URGES SEED SELECTION

TO THE FARMERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY:

The time of year is now here when good practical farmers should begin selecting their planting seed for another year, begin with your maize and feterita go in the field and choose the type of head you would like to grow, for it is an old adage like begets like, but not so in planting seed. You may select your seed and plant it and you will find upon investigation that you have quite a variety of types in your crop. This is caused by little insects of various kinds that forage upon the bloom that mix the pollen, thereby causing deterioration to set in at once, and in a period of two or three years you have a very inferior class of seed. The same proportion holds good in seed as in live stock. Three things if the farmer will do he can eliminate crop failure. Seed selection, seed culling, and six feet rows for feed crops, peas between.

I realize that this will take up a little of your spare time but it will be well spent, and you will never regret it. Let Runnels County lead and other follow.

GEO. P. McLELLAND, Agent.

FUNERAL OF JUDGE WADE'S BROTHER

The Nashville, (Tenn.) Banner, in giving an account of the death of Robert L. Wade, which occurred at Trenton, Tenn., said:

The funeral of Robert L. Wade, a well-to-do business man of Trenton, who died in a hospital at Memphis Friday, was held at the home at his brother, G. W. Wade, in Trenton. Interment was in the Oakland cemetery. Mr. Wade was about 40 years of age and unmarried. He was prominently connected in Trenton and was highly respected by all who knew him. For the last several years he has been a member of the firm of Wade Bros., in the livery business, and in that enterprise was quite successful. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lou Wade, and seven brothers, G. W. Thomas F. and W. E. Wade of Trenton, Murray Wade of Jackson, Isam Wade of Cleburne, Tex., and J. Wade of Fort Worth, Tex., and J. L. D. Wade of Baker, La., and two sisters, Mrs. James E. Bradford of Brownwood, Tex., and Mrs. J. L. Cooper of Hickory Grove near Trenton. At the funeral services his six brothers acted as pall-bearers.

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

F. C. Ueckart of the Winters country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

WILL SEND SPECIAL TRAIN TO EXPOSITION

The Santa Fe Tour Company, whose district office is at Fort Worth, assisted by various commercial clubs and by the people throughout West Texas, is now busy framing and shaping advertising plans for one of the greatest advertising stunts pulled off by Texas people in some time. This includes the running of a special train to the Exposition, a train known as the "Texas Farmers' and Stockmen's Special," which will be run to suit patrons. This train will carry advertising banners. The trip will cover a period of more than two weeks. The trip out-bound will be made over the Santa Fe and the return will be made through Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Kansas. Several stop-overs will be made on both the out-bound and return trips and five days will be spent at the fair grounds at San Francisco. It is planned for one or more Texas bands to accompany this train and all who go are promised the time of their lives.

Some of the most noted scenic points in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah and Colorado will be visited en route. Everything in the equipment of the train will be of the latest and every comfort of the passengers will be provided for. Harvey House and standard dinner meals will be provided and the hotel accommodations will be furnished during the stay at San Francisco. The special train will be run on August 25th and there will be competent men in charge to look after every comfort of the passengers.

This train will afford opportunity for favorably advertising Texas and her products far beyond the boundaries of Uncle Sam's domain. It is the intention to make this train surpass any similar train that has ever been run from any section of the country.

A. S. Bishop of San Angelo, who had been visiting his nephew J. W. T. Bishop and family, left for home Tuesday. He was accompanied home by Misses Leta and Jesse Bishop, who will visit in that section.

WHISKEY BARREL EXPLODES IN "DRY"

S. R. Collins, who is painting the A. & S. depot, was the victim of an accident Wednesday afternoon that caused him considerable suffering and a general shaking up.

Mr. Collins had ceased his labors for the day and stopped to light a cigarette. He struck a match against the side of an empty whiskey barrel standing on the depot platform when an explosion resulted that looked dangerous indeed. The head of the barrel was blown hundreds of feet in the air, one piece of it striking Mr. Collins on the elbow on the way up. However no bones were broken and a severe bruise as well as a shock from the force of the explosion knocked Mr. Collins out for a time.

The empty barrel that did the harm was one of several that John Hall had bought to use for sorghum which he will make in a few days.—Winters Enterprise.

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

RUNNELS CATTLE TOPPING MARKET

To L. J. Brain of Winters is due the credit of selling on the Fort Worth market the champion silage fed steers, receiving the highest price ever paid for such on this market and the highest price ever paid for anything from Runnels county.

Mr. Brain sold forty-one three and four year old steers for the sum of \$4,120 or a little better than \$100 per head. Thus friend Brain is keeping up the reputation of the Winters country, demonstrating that the silo is all right and making some money all the while.—Winters Enterprise.

WILL OPEN SKATING RINK.

Messrs. Arthur and Ernest Simpson of Coleman, came in Monday and have decided to open the skating rink near the Kelly Cottage in the near future.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

List of letters advertised, July 31, 1915:
Adams, Sed, Anderson, Mrs. Lugenia, Danniels, Homer C., Daniel, H. C. Keese, Orion, Patterson, Mrs. Rachel, Smith, Miss Willie, Thompson, Mrs. R. L.
When calling for the above letters please say advertised, and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead-letter-office.
JAMES J. ERWIN, P. M.

NEW VARIETY OF PLUMS.

W. H. Weeks has on exhibition some peculiar plums raised in his yard on 8th street. He grafted four kinds of plums on an apricot tree and the plums are beauties, firm and pleasant tasting with the apricot flavor, never getting soft or mushy and shows what can be done along this line in our section.

Charlie Pruitt of Wingate and C. E. Landers of Concho county, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

J. M. Jennings, of the Norton country, was among the large crowd in Ballinger first Monday.

COLEMAN MAN IS SHOT BY SHERIFF

COLEMAN, July 31.—John Wilson was shot Wednesday afternoon by Sheriff Banister while resisting arrest. The sheriff had received a call by telephone to come out to Philip Holstein's farm, where, it was reported, Wilson had created a disturbance by firing at Holstein.

En route to the Holstein farm the sheriff and Deputy Creek Brown met Mr. Holstein coming to town and followed by Wilson who was carrying a shot gun. The officers called to Wilson to put down his gun. Wilson is said to have refused and at the same time raised his gun and cursed the officers. Sheriff Banister fired his shotgun at Wilson, who was perhaps at a distance of seventy-five yards. Deputy Brown also fired. Several buckshot took effect in Wilson's side.

Wilson is not seriously hurt. He was brought to town and lodged in jail. Wilson and his wife have been living with the Holstein's and are said to be related. Friction had developed between the two families. A charge of simple assault has been filed against Mrs. Wilson, who it is alleged attempted assault upon Mrs. Holstein.

There is an old charge of seduction against Wilson who was out on bond. Mr. Holstein and others were on his bond in the seduction case and had notified the officers Wednesday morning that they had concluded to surrender Wilson. This probably aggravated the trouble which was already brewing.

It is stated that the seven-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson was seriously hurt in the disturbance of Wednesday.

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

FORMER CITIZENS IN AUTO BUSINESS

Mr. A. H. Eicke, who has resigned as manager for the Walker Smith Wholesale Co., here will devote his entire time, we are informed to the automobile and motor truck business. He has the agency for the Detroit and for the well known Wichita Trucks, and already a handsome business has been lined up by he and Mr. Bray for these cars. The Reporter predicts success for Mr. Eicke in this line of business. He is the sort of man who makes a success of anything he undertakes.—Sweetwater Reporter.

S. L. Alexander, one of the prominent business men of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Lometa to visit a few days.

WHAT CATARRH IS

It has been said that every third person has catarrh in some form. Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body; and local treatments in the form of snuffs and vapors do little, if any good.

To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building- tonic, free from alcohol or any harmful drugs. Try it.
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

BUY YOU 'Peerless' Binder Twine
"The Best By Test"
As good as the best, as cheap as the cheapest.
We Solicit Your Orders
Hall Hardware Company

...The...
Farmers Union Warehouse Company
Wishes to thank the Farmers and Business Men of Country for their kind and liberal patronage and hope we may continue to receive the same.
J. P. BOOTH, Mgr.

The BLACK BOX

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

Author of "Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo," "The Vanished Messenger," "The Lighted Way," etc.

Novelized from the motion picture drama of the same name produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company. Illustrated with photographs from the motion picture production.

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SYNOPSIS.

Sanford Quest, master criminologist of the world, finds that in bringing to justice MacDougal, the murderer of Lord Ashleigh's daughter, he has but just begun a life-and-death struggle with a mysterious master criminal. In a hidden hut in Professor Ashleigh's garden he has seen an ape skeleton and a living creature, half monkey, half man, destroyed by fire. In his rooms have appeared black boxes containing notes, signed by a pair of armless hands. Laura and Lenora, his assistants, suspect Craig, the professor's servant, of a double murder. The black boxes continue to appear in uncanny fashion. Craig is trapped, but escapes to England, where Quest, Lenora and the professor follow him. Lord Ashleigh is murdered by the Hands. Craig is captured, escapes to Port Said. Quest and his party follow, and beyond into the desert. They are captured by Mongars, escape with Craig as their captive and turn him over to Inspector French in San Francisco. He escapes from French in a train wreck and is chased by the party across the Mexican line.

THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT

TONGUES OF FLAME.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

From the shadows of the trees on the farther side of the river, Craig with strained eyes watched Quest's struggle. He saw him reach Lenora, watched him struggle to the bank with her, waited until he had lifted her on to his horse. Then he turned slowly around and faced the one country in the world where freedom was still possible for him. He looked into the wall of darkness, penetrated only at one spot by a little blaze of light. Slowly, with his arm through the bridle of his horse, he flung towards it. As he drew nearer and discovered its source, he hesitated. The light came through the uncurtained windows of a saloon, three long, yellow shafts illuminating the stunted shrubs and sandy places. Craig kept in the shadow between them and drew a little nearer. From inside he could hear the thumping of a worn piano, the twanging of a guitar, the rattle of glasses, the uproarious shouting of men, the shrill laughter of women. The tired men and the lame horse stolidly looked at him. He could hear the thumping of a worn piano, the twanging of a guitar, the rattle of glasses, the uproarious shouting of men, the shrill laughter of women. The tired men and the lame horse stolidly looked at him.

common and those of the company who noticed at all, merely laughed at the girl's futile struggles. Jose's arm was already raised with the knife in his hand, when a sudden blow brought a yell of pain to his lips. The knife fell clattering to the floor. He sprang up, his eyes red with fury. A man had entered the door from behind and was standing within a few feet of him, a man with long, pale face, dark eyes, travel-stained, and with the air of a fugitive. A flood of incoherent abuse streamed from Jose's lips. He stooped for the knife. Marta threw herself upon him. The two cowboys who had been dancing suddenly intervened. The girl screamed.

"It was Jose's fault!" she cried. "Jose was mad. He would have killed me!"

Craig faced them all with sudden courage. "As I came in," he explained, "that man had his knife raised to stab the girl. You don't allow that sort of thing, do you, here?" The two cowboys linked their arms through Jose's and led him off toward the door.

"The stranger's right, Jose," one of them insisted. You can't carve a girl up in company."

"I have just crossed the border," he replied. She nodded understandingly. "Were they after you?" "Yes! With a warrant for my arrest!"

She patted his hand. "You are safe now," she whispered. "We care that much for a United States warrant," and she snapped her slim fingers. "You shall stay with us for a time. We will take care of you."

"I just happened to be the first to see him," he said. "They aren't quite wild enough to allow that here, are they?" "Quien sabe? The girls do not like me! The men do not care," she declared. "Jose took me by surprise, though, or I would have killed him. But who are you, and where did you come from?"

Craig accepted the cable form and read it through slowly to himself. To John Craig, Care Prof Lord Ashleigh, Yonkers, New York: Your sister died today. Her daughter Mary sails on Tuesday to join you in New York. Please meet her. COMPTON, Solicitor, London.

Craig sat for a moment as though stunned. The girl leaned over towards him. "Are they trying to take you on a warrant?" she whispered. "Remember, tie to the wagon."

The deputies spluttered with rage and fear. Shot rained about them and the canvas of the wagon was riddled. Suddenly they all paused to listen. The sound of a horse's slow footfall was heard close at hand. Presently Quest appeared out of the shadows, carrying Lenora in his arms. Laura rushed forward.

"Lenora!" she cried. "Is she hurt?" Quest laid her tenderly upon the ground. "We had a spill at the bridge," he explained, quickly. "I don't know whether Craig loosened the supports. He got over all right, but it went down under Lenora, who was following, and I had to get her out of the river. Where's the professor?"

The professor came ambling from the tent where he had been lying. He stooped at once over Lenora's still unconscious form.

"Dear me!" he exclaimed. "Dear me! Come, come!" He passed his hand over her side and made a brief examination. "Four ribs broken," he pronounced. "It will be a week, at any rate, before we are able to move her. Nothing more serious, so far as I can see, Mr. Quest, but she'll need rest and all the comfort we can give her."

"Say, that's too bad!" Long Jim declared. "If you've got to stay around for a time, though, you can have the tents. We boys can double up anywhere, or bunk on the ground. That's right, ain't it?" he added, turning around to the cowboys.

There was a little grunt of acquiescence. They carried Lenora to the largest of the tents and made her as comfortable as possible.



"Four Ribs Broken," Pronounced the Professor. "She Cannot Be Moved for a Week."

side of the border. You're safe as long as you like to stay." Craig nodded gratefully. "All the same," he said, "I fear that I must go."

The professor coughed. "I am sure, Craig," he declared, "that you have decided wisely." Craig looked gloomily away. "There is nothing else for me to do," he said. "The child must be met and looked after. Besides, I am sick of it all. You may as well know the truth."

"Why not now?" Quest suggested, softly. "In New York," Craig replied, "and not before."

Quest and the professor exchanged meaningful glances. "Very well," the former decided, turning away; "in a week from today, Craig, I shall expect you to report at the professor's house."

They left the room together. Long Jim lingered by Craig's side. "Those guys have been scaring you some, I guess," he remarked. "Forget 'em, cookie. They can't touch you here. Of course, if you go to New York it's your own show."

"I know that," Craig replied gloomily. One of the girls passed her arm through Long Jim's. "Just one dance," she whispered. He hesitated, looking out of the window. Then he shrugged his shoulders.

"I'm tired of those guys," he remarked to Craig, with a grin. "Guess I'll stay here for a bit." Craig was left alone for a few minutes. Suddenly Marta glided in and sat by his side. Her eyes were flashing with anger. "You know what they said, those two as they passed out?" she whispered hoarsely. "I heard them. They are going to board the 8:30 train tomorrow morning. The dark man turned and said to the other: 'If he is not on that, we'll wait till we find him. Once we get him in New York, he's our man.'"

"Where's Laura," he asked, "and the inspector?" She smiled and pointed to the rising ground behind them. In the faint moonlight two forms were just visible. Quest smiled. "French has got it bad," he declared, "almost as badly as I have, Lenora."

She laughed at him. Her face was a little drawn with pain, but her eyes were very soft. "I wonder if you have it very badly," she murmured. He held her hand for a moment. "I think you know," he said. "As they talked they heard the coyotes barking in the distance. Presently Laura and the inspector returned.

"Nice sort of a nurse I am," the former grumbled. "It's all the fault of this man. He would keep me out there talking rubbish." They sat round the opening before Lenora's tent till the moon was high in the heavens. Quest, who had been on the outside of the circle for some little time, suddenly rose to his feet and crossed over to the cook wagon. Long Jim, who was sitting on the steps, glanced up a little surlily.

"Who's inside there?" Quest asked. Long Jim removed his pipe from his teeth. "That don't sound none too civil a question for a guest," he remarked, "but if you want to know our new Chinese cookie is there."

Quest nodded. "Sorry if I seemed abrupt," he apologized. "You've been very good to us and I'm sure we are uncommonly obliged to you, Jim. The only reason I asked the question was that I saw a face in the door there and it gave me a start. For a moment I thought it was Craig back again."

"He's gone to New York, or going tomorrow morning," Jim replied. "I don't think he's so powerful fond of your company that he'd come round here looking for it."

Quest strolled off again and glanced at his watch as he rejoined the little group. "Well," he said, "I think we'll turn in. Seven o'clock tomorrow morning, inspector. Jim's sending one of the boys with us and we shall catch the Eastern Limited at the junction."

an hour ought to do it, the boys say." They walked outside to the camp, where the cowboys were finishing their breakfast. "Say, boss," one of them called out, "you're not making that 8:30 train to New York?"

"Why not?" Quest asked, quickly. "It's only three-quarters of an hour's ride, is it?" "Maybe not," the other replied, "but as it's eight now, your chances ain't looking lively. Kind of overstept, haven't you?"

Both men glanced once more at their watches. Then Quest thrust his back with a little oath. "Our watches have been set back!" he exclaimed. "The Hands again!" For a moment they looked at one another, dumfounded. Then Quest moved towards the corral.

"Say, is there any quicker way to the depot?" he inquired of the cowboys. They heard his question indifferently. "Fifty dollars," Quest continued, "to anyone who can take me by a quicker route."

One of them rose slowly to his feet. "Waal," he observed, "fifty dollars would come in kind of handy. Yes, I reckon I can cut off a mile or two for you."

"Fifty dollars for you, then," Quest replied, as they hurried towards the horses, "and an extra ten if we make the train. They galloped off into the distance. The cowboys finished their breakfast and went off to their work. Laura stole out from her tent and started off in rather a shamefaced manner for a walk. Presently Lenora opened her eyes. She, too, stretched out her hand for her watch. Suddenly she sat up in bed with a little exclamation.

On the table by her side was a small black box. She took off the lid with trembling fingers, drew out a scrap of paper and read. "Fools! Tongues of flame will cross Quest's path. He will never reach the depot alive."

Lenora glanced at Laura's empty bed. Then she staggered to the opening of the tent. "Laura!" she cried. There was no one there. The cowboys had all gone to their work. Laura had passed out of sight across the ridge in the distance. Lenora staggered to the cook wagon, where the Chinese cook was sitting cleaning plates.

"Listen!" she cried. "They are in danger. The three men who have gone off to the depot! If you'll ride after them, I will give you a hundred dollars. Give them this," she added, holding out the scrap of paper. The Chinaman shook his head. He glanced at the slip of paper indifferently and went on with his work. "No can ride, missee," he said. Lenora looked around helplessly. The camp was empty. She staggered across towards her own horse.

"Come and help me," she ordered. The Chinaman came unwillingly. They found her saddle, but he only gazed at it in a stolid sort of fashion. "No can fix," he said. "Missee no can ride. Better go back bed."



"In a Week From Today I Shall Expect You to Report at the Professor's House."

herself in the saddle with an effort. Yet all the time that one sentence was ringing in her head—"Tongues of flame!" She kept looking around anxiously. Suddenly the road dropped from a little decline. She was conscious of a wave of heat. In the distance she could see the smoke rolling across the open. She touched her horse with the quirt. The spot which she must pass to keep on the track to the depot was scarcely a hundred yards ahead, but already the fire seemed to be running like quicksilver across the ground, licking up the dry greasewood with indeed a flaming tongue. She glanced once behind, warned by the heat. The fire was closing in upon her. A puff of smoke suddenly enveloped her. She coughed. Her head began to swim and a fit of giddiness assailed her. She rocked in her saddle and the pony came to a sudden standstill, faced by the mass of rolling smoke and flame. "Sanford!" Lenora cried. "Save me!" The pony reared. She slipped from the saddle and fell across the track. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE FINAL ROUND UP

Last Call on Summer Merchandise

Thousands of dollars worth of seasonable merchandise to go in this final clean-up sale. This promises to be the greatest bargain event of the season. Prices are cut in most instances in half. This is done to make a quick decisive clearance. It's our policy not to carry over merchandise from one season to the next. Below we give you an idea of how the things will be done. Get your share of the bargains.

Sale Starts Saturday Morning, August 7th

MILLINERY

Choice of 100 spring hats, values up to \$7.50. Final round up price **95c**

50 children's spring hats, values up to \$2.00; last call price only **49c**

Late arrivals in Millinery

We are now showing for early wear a line of white felts, satins and black street hats, very late styles, see them; prices range \$1.98 to **\$3.50**

Other Specials

75c extra size bath towels, sale price, pair **49c**
 \$1.50 men's summer union suits **\$1.20**
 \$1.75 men's summer union suits **\$1.45**

Shirt Special

100 spr ng style values up to \$2.00 sale price **95c**

Summer Dress Goods

25 bolts Summer Lawns in a variety of colorings, values up to 20c. Final call price the yard **10c**

20 bolts pretty dress fabrics, in lawns, voiles with values up to 35c the yard. Final call price the yard **19c**

Ladies' Summer Union Suits

50 ladies union suits, sale price **42c**
 100 ladies' union suits, sale price **79c**

Ladies Palm Beach Suits

Ladies' Palm Beach Suits, values up to \$10.00. Final price **\$4.98**

Final Round-up on Dresses

25 silk and lingerie dresses, These are very good styles, values \$5 to \$10; last call price **\$1.95**

New Gingham and Percals

150 pieces new shirting and dress percal. new red seal gingham, specially priced at 12 1-2c and **10c**

Men's Palm Beach Suits

50 men's genuine palm beach suits, gray and linen shades, all sizes, values up to \$10 last call **\$4.95**

Silk and Mohair Suits

Men's silk and mohair suits, values up to \$15.00. Last call price only **\$8.95**

Men's Straw Hats

Men's straw hats, values up to \$4.00. Last call price **\$1.00**

Round-up on Low Cut

Shoes

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| \$2.50 Oxfords | \$1.99 | \$1.50 Slippers | \$1.20 |
| \$3.00 Oxfords | \$2.40 | \$2.00 Slippers | \$1.60 |
| \$3.50 Oxfords | \$2.80 | \$2.50 Slippers | \$1.99 |
| \$4.00 Oxfords | \$3.20 | \$3.00 Slippers | \$2.50 |
| \$4.50 Oxfords | \$3.60 | \$4.00 Slippers | \$3.20 |
| \$5.00 Oxfords | \$3.99 | \$5.00 Slippers | \$3.99 |

Ladies' White Slippers, values up to \$4.00, choice **\$1.45**

HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON "The Store Ahead"

Ballinger Lampasas Teague

COCKRELL-TEAGUE

In a quiet home wedding Sunday afternoon at two o'clock Ballinger lost one of her most worthy and best loved young ladies to Brownwood's gain, and a young lady who has been prominently connected with Ballinger's business life for several years.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cockrell, in West End, promptly at two o'clock, Rev. R. R. Rives, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, in the presence of the members of the family, and a few friends from neighboring families, spoke the solemn ceremony that joined in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Ione Cockrell and Mr. G. P. Teague.

Mr. Teague remained in the city until Monday morning when he returned to his duties at Brownwood, where he holds a position as an electrician. The bride will join her husband in Brownwood the last of this week, remaining here to assist her brother, E. W. Cockrell, in taking charge of the bookkeeping in the office of the West Texas Telephone Co. For several years Miss Ione has held a position with the local telephone company, and she will be succeeded by her brother, as above stated.

Mr. Teague formerly lived in Ballinger and was connected with the West Texas Telephone Co. and later with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., as electrician. He made many friends during his stay here, who will congratulate him in his good fortune in winning one of Ballinger's best girls for his life mate.

Miss Ione has grown from childhood in Ballinger. She has been prominent in church life and popular with all denominations of the city. Her many friends will regret to see her leave Ballinger, but will wish for her all the happiness that married life can bring.

BALLINGER GIRL MARRIES ENGINEER.

At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. D. Carrithers, in Wichita Falls, last Wednesday, Miss Merel Truly of this city, and Mr. Charles Roy Flurry, of San Angelo, were married.

The bride is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. R. B. Truly, of

Ballinger, and was visiting her sister at the time of the wedding. The young lady has many friends in Ballinger, and all will join the Ledger in best wishes.

Mr. Flurry is an engineer on the Orient railroad, with San Angelo as his division point. They will make their home in San Angelo.

BRIDE AND GROOM WILL MAKE 'HAMLIN' HOME

Mrs. C. R. Flurry, nee Merel Truly of Ballinger, left yesterday for Hamlin, where she will join Mr. Flurry, whose headquarters have been transferred from the local Orient shops to that city. The couple were married last week at Wichita Falls, where the bride, who is the daughter of Judge R. B. Truly of Ballinger, was visiting. Mr. Flurry has been an Orient engineer for some time with headquarters here.—San Angelo Sun.

THE FARMER'S FRIEND

We have two Wooden Silos for sale, at cost. Call quick at Hardin & Bateman's Lumber Yard, Ballinger. 6-2w

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS: County of Runtels.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runtels County, on the 10th day of July A. D., 1915, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of K. L. Harwell et al versus T. L. Huggins et al, No. 1676, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in August, A. D., 1915, it being the 3rd day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runtels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property to-wit:

Being situated in Runtels County, viz: Being all of block No. 2 of the town of Wingate in Runtels County, Texas, as shown by plat of said town on file in deed records of said Runtels County, Texas, in Volume 21, page 637, levied on the 4th day of August, 1915, as the property of T. L. Huggins, to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$118.35 with interest, from March 12th, 1915, at the rate of 8 percent per annum and costs of suit, in favor of E. L. Harwell and to satisfy a further judgement in favor of J. T. Capen for \$120.72, obtained as a second lien holder with interest at 8 percent per annum from March 12th, 1915, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of August, A. D., 1915.

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas: County of Runtels.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Jones County, on the Fourth day of February, 1915, by the Justice of Peace

thereof, in the case of Brown & Orr versus J. M. Scoggins, No. 1189, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on Tuesday the Seventh day of September, A. D., 1915, at the court house door in Ballinger, Runtels County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Runtels County, Texas, and being a part of a certain 6 1-5 acre tract, of land sold to W. H. Mullin by W. M. Smiley and wife, said larger tract being out of the D. Floyd Survey No. 518, Abstract No. 193, located by virtue of Certificate No. 8091, and patented by the State of Texas to Dolphin Floyd, November 9, 1854, by Letters patent No. 900, Volume 6 and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point the intersection of Main Street in the City of Winters, Texas, with Roberts Street, said point being the intersection of the W. line of Main Street with the North line of Roberts Street; Thence West to a point in the West line of Roberts Street, directly opposite and South of a certain well located in the boundary line of this property and another lot adjoining owned by L. H. Suggs; Thence North, passing through the center point of said well 210 feet; Thence East to the West line of Main Street; Thence South 210 feet to the place of beginning. Levied on as the property of J. M. Scoggins, to satisfy a judgement amounting to Eighty-nine and Fifty-five one

hundredths dollars (\$89.55), in favor of Brown & Orr, and costs of suit. Given under my hand, this 3rd day of August 1915.

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff, Runtels County, Texas. By J. A. DEMOVILLE, Deputy. 6-3tw

"RUNNELS' FAR AHEAD," THIS MAN SAYS.

R. L. Woodward of Corpus Christi, a former highly esteemed citizen of Runtels County, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to Concho County, to look after business in interests a week or two. He says our section is far ahead of anything he saw on his route as to general conditions and crop prospects.

Wm. Davenport of the Hatchel country, came in Tuesday to meet his wife who returned to Ballinger from a visit to relatives at Stephenville, Comanche and Brown county.

A. Snowden of the Valley creek country, while transacting business in Ballinger Monday ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us our beloved pastor, Bro. L. A. Smith, and whereas, we as a church deeply feel the loss of his leadership:

Therefore, be it resolved, by the Valley View Baptist Church:

First, that in his death we have lost a pastor whose wise council for the past three years has been an inspiration to our lives. His faithful service will be long remembered by us and while we deeply deplore his loss we bow in meek submission of our Father who doeth all things well.

Second, that we extend to his family our heart felt sympathy for we feel their loss to be our loss, and his eternal gain. We commend them to the tender care of our loving Father who alone is able to comfort in their sad bereavement.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our church, and a copy be given his family, and a copy furnished the Western Evangel and Banner-Ledger, for publication.

E. D. NORMAN, C. M. DOYLE, J. W. JEFFREY Committee.

WILL RETURN FOR GOOD

W. E. Weibusch of Wingate, left from this point Wednesday afternoon for Lyons, Texas, to bring his family back to Runtels County and will get back as quick as possible to one of the best spots in the state of Texas, to make their home for good.

Mr. Weibusch is a prominent gin man at Wingate for the few years past, and sold out expecting to make home in South Texas, but returns to Runtels County thoroughly convinced that he can do better in this section than any other point in the state.

Miss Mamie Cobb of San Angelo, who had been visiting in Fort Worth and Abilene, came in Wednesday and will be the guest of her friend Mrs. M. N. Gustavus a few days before going on home.

E. M. Seter renewed with the Banner-Ledger while in Ballinger first Monday.

J. M. Scoggins of the Wingate country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

Charlie Mobley of Bradshaw, is the guest of his uncle, H. L. Mobley, of the Central Hotel, a few days.

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LOST—White Collie bitch pup with black ears. Left my home Saturday. Reasonable reward for dog or information. Lon Muncy. 5-2td2twpd

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