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THEY'RE BEST--THERE'S A REASON

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FARMER FALLS IN WELL AND BREAKS HIS NECK

J. W. Spence, one of the successful and prominent citizens of the Pumphrey-Wilmeth country, was instantly killed about one o'clock Friday afternoon by falling in a well and breaking his neck, the tragedy casting a gloom over the northwest part of the county where Mr. Spence had been living for many years.

According to reports brought to Ballinger a few hours after the accident, Mr. Spence fell a distance of thirty feet and was dead when his body was recovered from the well. With other parties the man had been digging a well. Mr. Spence had just gone down in the well for the purpose of placing a blast, and was being drawn from the well when for some cause he released his hold on the rope and fell to the bottom. Fortunately the blast had not been touched off, or the body would have been badly mutilated.

It is the supposition of those with whom the unfortunate man was working that he was overcome by foul air in the well and this caused him to lose his hold on the rope.

Deceased has been a citizen of the northwest part of the county for quite a number of years. He was about thirty-five years old and is survived by a wife and five children.

Aug Halfmann, of the Olfen country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

PRESIDENT CONSIDERS NEW ONES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—It is reported in well informed circles in the capital, that President Wilson is considering offering the war port folio to Henry Morgenthau at present the United States ambassador to Turkey. Morgenthau is now en route to America.

Another angle was developed this afternoon when it was stated that the president was anxious to have some prominent lawyer from the Middle West in the cabinet. This report is bombing the stock of former Governor Harmon of Ohio, for the Secretary of War position.

MAN HANGS SELF

John Zaneke ended his life in the calaboose at Rowena early Monday night by hanging himself with his belt. The man had just been placed in the calaboose and left while the officer went to consult with other parties about the unfortunate man and when returning twenty minutes later he was found dead, his body held in an upright position in the window of the calaboose.

Zaneke appeared at Rowena last Saturday, a stranger to all. He told parties that he was from Schulenburg, but said that for some time he had been in Hill county and that he came from Hill county to Rowena. He disappeared from Rowena Sunday, but returned Monday and acted in such manner that caused the officers to take charge of him.

The man seemed to have been in a state of hallucination when placed in confinement, and earlier in the evening attempted to hide in the business houses of Rowena stating that some one was trying to hang him. He was without money and when locked in the calaboose he had nothing that the officers thought he could harm himself with, but removing his belt he buckled it around his neck and climbing up in the window he tied the end of the belt to the bar across the top of the window and swinging down choked to death in a few minutes.

Efforts are being made to locate the unfortunate man's people, and after waiting a reasonable length of time the remains will be turned over to the county and the man buried in the potter's field.

J. H. Patterson, of Corsicana, who had been looking after business interests in Ballinger the past few days, left for Fort Worth Tuesday afternoon to look after stock business before going on home.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Man Held for Shooting Wife Ends His Life By Cutting Throat

In the presence of a number of fellow prisoners in the misdemeanor room of the local jail at twelve-thirty o'clock today (Saturday) J. C. Croughen robbed the law of its justice by ending his own life, almost severing his head from his body with a half dozen strokes of a sharp razor. After slashing his throat Croughen fell to the iron floor of the jail room and died instantly, while the frantic prisoners screamed for help.

Croughen was being detained in jail on a charge of assault and attempt to murder, a case which is familiar to the readers of this paper, the man having shot and fatally wounded his wife last Wednesday, the shooting occurring just below the business part of town where the family camped.

While the man lay in a pool of blood on the floor of his cell, a telephone message was received at the jail from the sanitarium stating that Mrs. Croughen was lingering at death's door and she was expected to pass out any minute.

It was through carelessness on the part of the prisoners in the misdemeanor room that Croughen got possession of the razor. Croughen with three other white men had just been turned into the misdemeanor room where the bath is located, in order that they might bathe. Two or three of the number had bathed, and it was Croughen's turn at the tub, and he had removed his shoes and part of his clothing, when taking advantage of an opportunity to get hold of the razor, the man grabbed the razor and slashed his throat until the razor struck the bone, and the man dropped to the floor.

A prisoner by the name of Tension, who is held in jail on a charge of forgery, had been shaving the prisoners, and had just shaved Croughen a few minutes before the suicide occurred. He had placed the razor in a box where it is kept and had stepped to the opposite side of the room for some purpose when Croughen grabbed the razor from the box and committed the bloody deed.

Earlier in the day Croughen's son had called at the jail to see him, and while Croughen had not said anything to indicate that he was contemplating taking his life, he asked about his wife's condition, and told the boy that when he died he wanted to be buried

by her side.

The family, consisting of two sons, two daughters and a son-in-law, who are camped near the city were notified of the death of their father, and in a few minutes the youngest son arrived at the jail and went in to see his father. He left and said he would look after arranging for the funeral. A little later the other son arrived, and started into the room where the remains of his father were stretched on the floor. The awful horror was more than he could stand and just as the young man got a glimpse of his father lying in a pool of his own blood the boy fell prostrated on the hard floor and for some time was in a critical condition. Reviving he stated that he had never been in trouble before and that the shock was more than he could bear.

The remains of Croughen were turned over to Undertaker Crews and removed to the Higginbotham Currie, Williams Co., undertaking parlors, where they were prepared for burial. One of the sons later announced that the remains of his father and mother would be shipped to Fort Worth for burial.

Geo. Croughen, a brother of J. C. Croughen, and a prominent horse and mule dealer of Fort Worth, arrived here Thursday in response to a telegram telling him of the shooting of Mrs. Croughen, and he has been watching closely over the woman since his arrival and urging that the physicians do everything possible for her. When called from the bed side of Mrs. Croughen to the telephone and told of the death of his brother, Geo. Croughen replied that it was sad news, but stated that he thought his brother was crazy.

The latest reports from the sanitarium say that Mrs. Croughen is bad off, while it is known that she can not live but a very short time.

FARMER BUYS NEW CAR

Ben Moeller, who lives four miles south of the city, came in Tuesday and drove out a new Chevrolet car, purchased from Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. One by one the farmers are becoming auto owners, and today the majority of the cars in this country are owned by the farmers.

BUILDING GOOD ROADS BY PRIVATE SUBSCRIPTION

ELECTION MARCH 4

Passing favorably on petitions containing 583 names the Commissioners' Court set Saturday, March 4th for date of prohibition election. The matter of ordering the election was taken up just before court adjourned late Monday evening and the date promptly agreed upon by all the commissioners.

The petition was presented as one petition, the various copies which had been prepared and circulated in different sections of the county having been attached together. The largest number of signers from any one of the voting precincts where the petitions were circulated came from the Rowena box, there being something near 200 names on the petition circulated in that part of the county. The next largest was the Ballinger petition and the third came from the Winters country.

As the poll tax records show the largest number of poll tax payments in the history of the county it is expected that the largest vote ever polled in the county on any question will be brought out March 4th. While the antis have not publicly announced what tactics they will pursue in their efforts to re-open saloons in this county, the pros are busy and have publicly announced that they will wage a strong campaign to keep the county in dry territory.

JUDGE M. S. SMITH ON PREPAREDNESS

Judge M. C. Smith in casting his ballot in the straw vote on preparedness says:

M. C. Smith, Ballinger—Place an embargo on arms and munitions of war and peace will reign supreme in ninety days. This is the masses.

Judge Smith was the only Ballinger citizen voting in the Dallas News straw vote election, in which the result shows 21 to 1 in favor of preparedness.

There is a determination on the part of the good roads enthusiasts of this city that won't wear off, and if persistency counts for anything at some date, not so far off to be hoped, every road leading into Ballinger will be a good one.

Chas. Ferguson is behind a petition that is being presented to the business men of Ballinger and the signers that go down on the document obligate themselves to contribute a specified amount which will be used in arguing a fund to be appropriated by the commissioners' court for building a road into Ballinger from the west, or what is commonly known as the Mount Margurite road.

This road is one of the most important public highways in the county from the fact that a heavy local travel passes over it. The transient travel is not so heavy as over some other roads in the county, but the country served by the road is thickly settled and Ballinger is the logical trading point.

The subscription list is being numerously signed, and the amount will be collected and turned over to the proper authority and used in making the road a better road. The effort to get money by taxation for road building has so far failed and the work must be handled in a makeshift and the best way possible until the people become more awakened to the importance of the question.

WILSON'S NAME GOES ON TICKET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Wilson addressed a letter to Secretary of State Hilbrand, of Ohio, today giving his permission to place Mr. Wilson's name on the primary ballot in that state. This comes as Mr. Wilson's formal announcement of his candidacy for re-election to the presidency.

Statement of Condition

...The...

Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

At the Close of Business December 31st, 1915

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$169,059.80	Capital - - - - - \$50,000.00
Bills of Exchange cotton 53,297.27	Surplus and Profit net 19,486.97
Overdrafts - - - - - NONE	Borrowed Money - - - - - NONE
Banking House F & F 20,000.00	Christmas Saving Club 31.55
Other Real Estate 6,896.84	DEPOSITS - - - - - \$70,207.48
Interest and Assment in Guaranty Fund - - - - - 2,696.95	\$439,726.00
CASH - - - - - 187,775.14	

The above statement is correct.

JOHN Q. McADAMS, Cashier

Comparative Statement of Deposits

December 31, 1910	\$78,060.50
December 31, 1911	114,760.54
December 31, 1912	131,061.46
December 31, 1913	153,170.47
December 31, 1914	162,526.34
December 31, 1915	370,207.48

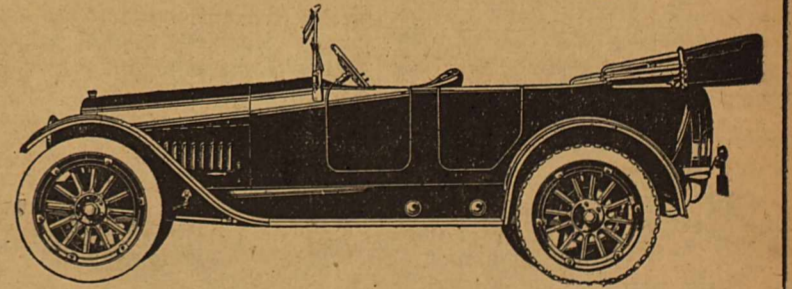
15 TO 1 IS WAY BALLINGER VOTES FOR PREPAREDNESS

Between the rush work hours of Thursday afternoon a Ledger man made a casual stroll around town and took a straw vote on "Preparedness." Out of about seventy-five men interviewed the vote stands more than fifteen to one in favor of some kind of improvement in our National defense. Some expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of the plan advocated by President Wilson while some were mild in their demands for national defense, and only a few declined to express their opinion on the question. Following is the straw vote:

Against Preparedness
E. M. Eubanks, H. M. Josey, J. F. Lusk, F. D. George.
For Preparedness.
Paul Trimmer, Dr. S. B. Raby, J. C. Latham, J. R. Lusk, T. J. Gardner, Chas. Ferguson, J. A.

Weeks, A. R. Crews, J. McGregor, R. A. Nicholson, B. W. Pilcher, A. K. Doss, H. L. Mobley, W. W. Wooten, A. J. Thorp, J. W. Patterson, D. P. Moser, Sr., J. M. Garlington, Harold Tucker, J. P. Flynt, J. N. Adams, R. T. Williams, M. F. Treadwell, Ira Thurman, Jno. Mansker, J. D. Robertson, R. E. Sharp, Dr. E. R. Walker, H. Giessecke, E. D. Walker, J. L. Chastain, Don A. Swett, W. E. Chambers, A. E. Saunders, W. R. White, W. F. Whitaker, D. P. Moser, Jr., W. L. Golden, W. B. Ray, A. H. Wigle, E. L. Hagan, Elmer Simpson, J. M. Skinner, B. S. Long, F. C. Miller, L. Cohen, R. R. Rives, Geo. M. Vaughn, E. D. Futch, R. G. Erwin, H. C. Gardner, C. L. Morgan, W. T. Padgett, L. L. Stroble, H. A. Cady, (republican), C. C. Cokrell, C. P. Shepherd, H. M. Jones

W. A. Nance Henry Jones



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TWO CARS DESKS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

A carload of school desks and other school equipment is on the side track at Ballinger, having been shipped to this point thru mistake. The equipment is for the schools in the northern part of the county and should have been shipped to Winters, where the equipment is to be distributed out to Crockett, Mazeland, Wingate, Pumphrey and Harmony. Another car of desks is due this week and part of the second car will also go to the above schools and part of it to other schools in the northern part of the county. Another car is due at Ballinger in the near future, and the equipment from the car to come will be distributed in the southern part of the county.

This will make four carloads of school equipment received since the present term of school opened, and it has all been paid for out of the million dollar appropriation, at a cost of about \$8000. In addition to the four carloads of desks and other equipment, two carloads of stoves have been received and distributed out to the various schools of the county.

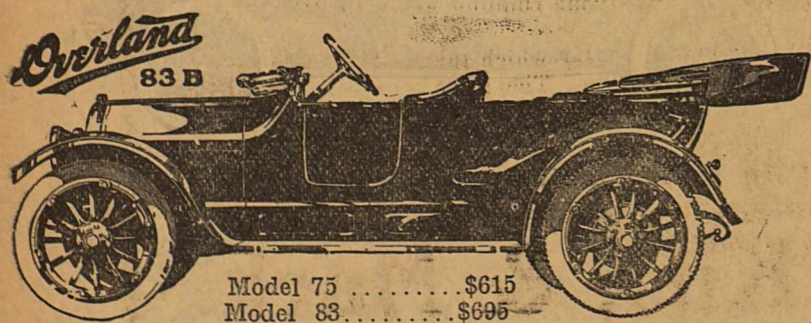
Superintendent Wooten stated Monday that the schools of the county had about 1000 benches, or home-made desks for sale at a price ranging from fifty cents to one dollar. It has been suggested that the county equip the City Park with seats out of the discarded school desks, and by giving the seats a good coat of paint they would be lasting and substantial.

INVESTIGATING POLL TAX PAYMENTS

Austin, Texas, Feb. 14.—L. C. Sutton, expert law clerk in the Attorney General's Department, has returned from Calvert, where he made an investigation of alleged fraudulent payment of poll taxes. While nothing was given out by the Attorney General it was authoritatively learned that a mass of evidence bearing on the allegations was secured. What it shows remains to be seen, though a hint was dropped that legal proceedings might be expected. It was further understood that the alleged practice is said to have been on what is regarded as a "large scale."

Another development is that investigations are to be quietly made in other counties and that testimony has already been furnished the Attorney General's Department from several counties. It would appear as though the Attorney General contemplates action in several counties previous to the July primaries of this year. It was strongly intimated that investigations would generally be conducted where irregularities, alleged or real, are said to exist. The investigation may assume large proportions before many weeks. They may be followed with pleas for injunctions to prevent certain poll taxes from being used for voting purposes in the July or other elections.

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MRS. HUNT GAINS CUSTODY CHILDREN

FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 9.—Bessie Hunt, youthful, and pretty, broke down and wept time and again Saturday in passionate appeals to be allowed to keep her two children during an all-day ordeal of examination and cross-examination in a bitterly contested divorce case she filed against her husband, C. B. Hunt.

The small crowd in the court room thrilled over and over at her simple but pathetically forceful stories of various incidents bearing on the relations of herself and husband.

She told once of how he took the child from her at her sister's home near Ballinger; again she told of her own daring capture of the child from his mother's home in Dallas.

"It was mine My child!" she sobbed. "God gave him to me. I had a right to take him. Your mother would have done the same thing for you, Mr. Coatt," she challenged the attorney cross examining her.

Probably the most dramatic portion of her story was when she told how she had reared the child.

"He is a Christian boy, with Christian ideals, even if he is only five years old," she said. "Every night he says his prayers. Why, just here lately he went to bed one night and forgot to say them. He waked up in the middle of the night and said:

"Oh God, please don't let the judge take me away from my mama if it be Thy will."

At this point Mrs. Hunt became almost hysterical, and it was some minutes before questioning could be resumed. Attorney Walter Scott then asked her: "You didn't teach him to say that, did you Mrs. Hunt?"

"No," she replied. "I didn't teach him anything like that because I was afraid they'd put him on the stand and find out about it and use it against me."

The Hunts were married in 1909 and lived in Abilene and Sweetwater during the six years of their married life. Attorneys for the husband made a fight on Judge Swayne's even considering the petition for a divorce on the ground that he had no jurisdiction. Mrs. Hunt testified that she left Abilene, which had been her home, May 30 of last year, and came to Ft. Worth with the intention of making this her home June 1. Exactly six months from the date, on Dec 1, the divorce petition was filed. The law requires that the home of a petitioner for divorce be in the county in which the suit is filed for six months before filing.

It was brought out on cross-examination that Mrs. Hunt stayed in Fort Worth only a few days—seven at the most—going then to Galveston to the home of her mother, where she stayed until four days before the Galveston storm in August. From Galveston she went to Ballinger, and reading from an article in a Ballinger newspaper, the opposing attorneys asked Mrs. Hunt whether she told a newspaper man there that she had come to make her home in Runnels county. She was not positive that she did not tell him that, but asserted that if she did she did not intend to.

The husband came to her sister's home there, Mrs. Hunt said, and calling their five-year old son to him, told her that he was going to take the son; she could have the girl.

She pleaded with him, she said, and then, running toward him put her arms about the child. She declared that he reached in his pocket then for his pistol, but that she put her hand on it at the same time. While they were struggling, according to her story, her sister ran in, and seizing the weapon with both hands, pleaded with the husband not to shoot.

He went out without harming them, according to her story, but took the boy with him.

Then Mrs. Hunt waited. She went to Hunt's mother's home in Dallas after the child was moved there, and then—

"God sent a shower," she said simply. "God sent it so they'd have to get in their clothes."

And while Hunt's mother was in the back yard getting in the clothes, Mrs. Hunt and her son were gone.

"You stole him, didn't you?" inquired the attorney.

"I took him," she answered.

"You left your hat, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"You left your muff, didn't you?"

"Yes, and if I'd had my coat off I'd probably have left that, too."

"You had an automobile waiting, didn't you?"

The continual rain of questions was getting more and more unbearable to the little woman's shattered nerves, and she became defiant.

"Yes; I had a Ford automobile waiting and we came back to Fort Worth in forty-five minutes.

Mrs. Hunt made a number of charges against her husband during the morning hearing, one of which was that he swung their oldest child, head down, through an open doorway when it was a baby in short dresses, "just to torment her."

She also claimed that he left the house at 8 o'clock three nights before the baby was born and did not return until five the next morning.

When he did return, she declared, he told her mother he was a "free man and would go where he pleased."

O. S. Lattimore is representing Mrs. Hunt.

Judge Swayne, by agreement of both sides, allowed the mother to keep the children for the present, and further hearing of the case will be had the last week in this term of court—probably sometime in March. Hunt's side of the case has not been presented.

A CHILD GETS CROSS, SICK AND FEVERISH WHEN CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated clean little liver and bowels.

If your little one's tongue is coated, it is a sure sign the stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When your child is cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, system full of cold, throat sore, or if feverish, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

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AGRICULTURAL MAN IS COMING HERE

A man sent out by the State Agricultural Department is due in Ballinger this week, and in company with Superintendent Wooten, will tour the county, visiting the various schools and talking to the boys and girls.

The visitor comes to Runnels county for the purpose of organizing agricultural clubs among the boys and girls, such as cotton, maize, baby beef, pig and canning clubs, and give the work a good start for the coming season. The department of agriculture is carrying on a campaign of education among the boys and girls that will make the coming generation more scientific in agricultural work.

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Henry Knox, of Coleman, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Saturday.

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THE OTHER SIDE IN HAM-RAMSEY CASE

As The Ledger published the press report sent out from Corpus Christi concerning the account of the arrest of Revs. Ham and Ramsey, and the statement that they retracted certain statements made from the pulpit, which it was reported they could not prove, our attention has been called to the following, which we gladly publish:

The Corpus Christi Times article follows:

The subpoenas of Revs. Ham and Ramsey have been quashed, withdrawn, not postponed indefinitely as the Associated Press correspondent from Corpus Christi wired this morning. There is a difference between "withdrawn" and "postponed indefinitely."—Editor Evening Times.

Temple, Texas, Feb. 7, 9:30 a. m.

Temple will send one hundred men to testify for you, if you need them, or will make a million dollar bond for you if necessary.

W. S. ROWLAND.

The form of this telegram indicates that the news reaching Temple was that the evangelists were under arrest.

Corpus Christi raises Temple a million dollars, and that is some raise. Following is the proof:

Corpus Christi, Texas, Feb. 7. W. S. Rowland, Temple Trust Co. Temple, Texas.

Thanks for offer of assistance to Ham and Ramsey. However none necessary. Matter dismissed with out appearing in court. Could have made bond here for two million if necessary. Overwhelming majority of people of town and county in hearty accord. Officers and directors of this bank solidly backing him. Winning great campaign.

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Keep child dry, clothe, comfortable, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle today. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at Druggists.

YOUNG HARNESS MAN IN TOWN.

H. L. Wendorf, Jr., is the name of a new harness man in Ballinger. The young fellow arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wendorf south of the city Sunday afternoon, and is making company for the family. We are glad to report the mother getting along nicely, and the father is all smiles over the new member in the firm.

PORT ARTHUR MAN FINDS GOOD HEALTH

Sufferer is Restored and Makes Remarkable Gain in Weight on Few Doses.

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

He at last took Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, then wrote:

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

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Ernest Marshall of the Maverick country, Fred Prusser of the Hatchel country, E. C. Good and R. B. Harabright of the Norton country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

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Salves do not reach the source of the trouble. To make the blood pure is the only scientific method of relief.

S. S. S. is the greatest blood purifier because it is a natural one. There is no mineral of any sort in it. It is purely vegetable.

So great is the fame of S. S. S. that many substitutes trail along in various sections of the country. They all, sooner or later, die a natural death. S. S. S. builds up weak and acid blood, gives prompt relief to almost every case of eczema, winter tetter and other skin maladies. You owe yourself the duty of trying a bottle of S. S. S. Take no substitute. Write for our free book on skin diseases. Confidential letters replied to by our Medical expert. Write Swift Specific Co., Department 33, Atlanta, Ga.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

To the Voters of Rummels County:

I take this method of announcing to you that I am a candidate for the office of tax assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

It is after due consideration by me, and very strong encouragement from my many friends in the various parts of the county, that I have decided to enter the race.

I am twenty-five years of age and have resided at Maverick, in Rummels county for the past fourteen years, and have taught schools for five years in different parts of the county, and feel that I am not a stranger to the majority of it's citizens.

I shall endeavor to make a clean campaign on my own merits and not on the demerits of my opponents, and without promises of favors to anyone if elected, believing, that all persons should contribute to the support of the government in proportion to the amount of wealth they respectively enjoy under its protection.

In due time I shall make my announcement in every newspaper published in Rummels county, and I expect to see personally every voter, if possible, presenting my claims and kindly soliciting their vote and influence.

I shall have to work at a disadvantage for I shall be busy tend-



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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, 2328 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

ing my school duties until about April 15, but after then, I shall devote my entire time to my campaign.

Thanking you in advance for any favors shown me in the future and assuring you, that if elected to this important office, which I feel capable in every way to fill, that I will faithfully discharge my duties to the best of my knowledge and ability to do so.

I am yours sincerely,

L. R. LITTLE.

Resolutions.

Whereas it hath pleased God in his infinite wisdom to take from us our beloved sovereign W. R. Emmert, and whereas we feel it our duty to express our regrets, therefore,

Be it resolved by Mazeland W. O. W. Camp No. 2269, that we tender our deepest sympathy to the beloved ones, and,

Be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our local and county papers for publication, and

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this camp for future reference.

Respectfully submitted

W. B. COBB,

W. T. LACY,

W. B. McCAUGHIN.

Committee.

THE PROPER COURSE

Information of Priceless Value to
Every Ballinger Citizen

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of inestimable worth, and this is particularly true of the diseases and ills of the human body. If you suffer with kidney backache, urinary disorders, or any form of kidney trouble, the advice contained in the following statement should add a valuable asset to your store of knowledge. What could be more convincing proof of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of a Ballinger citizen who used them and who publicly tells of the benefit derived?

H. G. Oetken, farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. I had dull pains in the small of my back, often so bad that I could hardly stoop. Headaches and dizzy spells also annoyed me and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. Another of my family had used Doan's Kidney Pills with such good results, that I decided to try them. I got some from the Walker Drug Co. and they proved to be just what I needed and soon had me in good shape."

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

Mrs. C. F. Scott returned home Tuesday from a short visit to relatives at Miles.

CRAZY WELL WATER.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogle, who live up the river five miles, were shopping in Ballinger Thursday and Mr. Ogle had with him a sample of water he has in a well on his place, which Dr. Peck, of New York City has pronounced the best of crazy well water and Mr. Ogle is giving away quite a lot of the water to be tested and if it proves up to the standard as it seems to be, will be a big thing for Mr. Ogle and some day will be in great demand.

W. O. Parish and W. T. Lacy of the Wilmeth country, E. J. Guin of Wingate, R. L. Bates and son, of the Token country and J. M. Scoggins, of the Winters country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Wm. Toliver of the Valley creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to continue to his address for the coming year.

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WHEN IN BALLINGER stop at the Truly House, 1101 Hutchins Ave. Comfortable rooms and good meals. 25wtf

Money to loan on Real Estate. Farm loans preferred. Ft. Worth Life Insurance Co., Fort Worth, Texas. 14-8tw

WAR HORSES WANTED—5 to 9 years old, 15 to 16 hands high. Also we have bargains in buggies and wagons. Call at Street & Middleton's Barn, 10th Street, Ballinger. 3-4td4w

FOR SALE

BARRED ROCK EGGS—from pullet mated pen, \$1.00 per 15. This pen contains my choice Winter layers and is headed by a cockrel from C. A. Gifford, Rusk, Texas, who won first prize at the State Fair 1915. Eggs from yard 50c. R. P. CROUCH, Ballinger. 18-10-24-7-w pd.

FOR SALE—3 well located residences in Ballinger. Cheap. Good terms. Would take in automobile. See J. C. Brazelton, at Readers. 16-2td1tw

FOR SALE—2 good work mules. G. M. Vaughn. 12-6td1tw

FOR SALE—My home and store building, Store 30x140, ceiled and weaheer boarded. Home and store close in, modern conveniences. Bargain if sold at once. Cash and good terms. See C. A. Freeze, Singer man. 1-dwmo

FOR SALE—One fine mare with foal. Inquire at Cunningham's Second Hand Store. Would consider part cash. 27-d&w-f.

SEED POTATOES — Yancy's Golden Bunch Yam \$1.50 per bushel. Select seed June corn \$1.25 per bushel. Cantaloup seed \$1 per pound. W. E. Blair, South Ballinger. 11-4tw

PARTRIDGE ROCK EGGS FOR SETTING—If you are going to raise chickens get good ones. Partridge Rocks have all the best qualities. Eggs per setting of 15 \$1.50. A. W. Sledge, Ballinger.

FOR SALE—950 head of bred Ewes, all in fine shape, located on my ranch at Millersview, Texas, apply to Will C. Bryson. 11-3 twpd.

LOST.

LOST—Gold rim double lense spectacles, one lense broke. Finder please return to W. F. Farmer R. B. Ballinger. -2d1wpd

FOUND

TAKEN UP—A mare branded "H" on left shoulder and colt, and two year old sorrell stallion. Owner can get same by paying for this notice and pasture fees. Call on Aug. Halfman, near Olfin. 18-1tw-pd.

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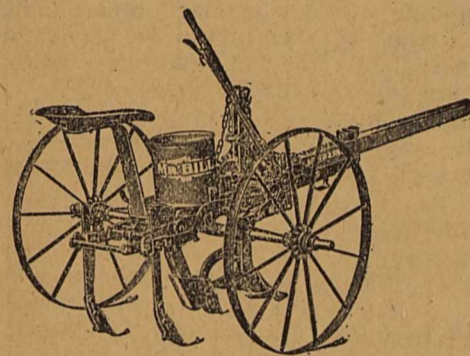
The old styles were good enough for our fathers, the same as the ox cart is relegated to the days gone bye, and has been transplanted by the more modern ways of travel.

The man who wants more returns for his energy and time, more profit in dollars and cents per acre of his land must keep up with the signs of the times, and buy the improved kinds of implements, which will help nature produce the large crops.

The "Avery" products—well there's thousands of farms in this land—which are equipped with this good make, and know they are the best by actual experience. Why not get in line and get your share of this extra profit.

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A PLANTER WITH A REPUTATION



Did you ever investigate the merits of the "one seed drop," a planter which drops and does not sow—only produced after years of actual experience, of the practical need to produce a planter which gives a uniform stand.

Maize, cotton and corn; every seed is placed in its own place by the improved "sub opener," on a firm foundation, where germination immediately starts giving a uniform stand of the same age and can be chopped with one-half the labor required by the old fashioned kinds.

Our implement man will be glad to show you these good planters, in single or double row kinds. The price of single, row complete

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Every part of this practical farm implement is builded to gain strength with the least possible weight, and still having just enough weight to do the right kind of work.

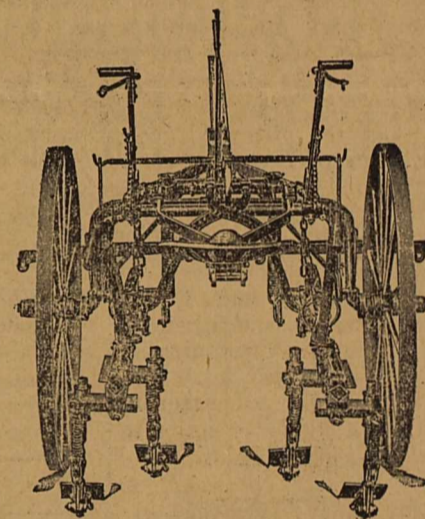
The "beams" they are made of square pipe steel set on edge, which catches the strains from every angle, and are as rigid as solid rock, every beam coupling is adjustable, and you can give your shovels or sweeps just the right pitch to clean your rows of every kind of growth, can be fitted at once to any width row.

That "Wiggletail" swing, a tight pressure of the foot, and immediately, without a twist of strain your plows go the way you want them to go—making it possible to dodge any obstruction or to follow a crooked row.

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THE DOUBLE ACTION—this mill has a double gear which takes the strain away and distributes it evenly, making an even steady motion. The price is reasonable, 8 foot mill

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MORTUARY.

Ruth Wardlow

Ruth, the three and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Wardlow, died at their home at 7 o'clock Friday afternoon from a stomach trouble. While the child had been ill for sometime, but no cause for alarm, when suddenly taken worse Friday evening and died as above stated. She was a sweet, lovely child, the darling of her parents and held in high esteem by all who knew her for her loveable character. The

funeral services were conducted at the residence at 3:30 o'clock

p. m., by Rev. Gheislin, of the First Presbyterian church, and the remains tenderly laid to rest in the city cemetery in the afternoon. A host of friends joins the Ledger in condolence and sympathy for the sad parents and relatives left to mourn the death of the dear departed loved one, and can only point them to the all wise God, who doeth all things

Child Died.

The little 10-year-old daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warmorick, of Rowena, died very suddenly Thursday night and was buried in the Rowena cemetery Friday.

Otto Whittaker left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood, to attend the funeral of his grand father Whittaker, who died at the home of his son in that city Monday night.

W. R. Little, of Maverick, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

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BUYS YOU THE SWELLEST SPRING SUIT IN TOWN
WHY PAY MORE?

We make the best medium priced suits on earth. Every garment is made in our own sanitary shops.

SUITS **\$15** All-Wool
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We have just received a shipment of the latest styles in Foreign Woolens. Prices ranging from \$17 to \$28. 3,000 patterns to select from. Call and see them.

SWELL LINE OF NEW FURNISHING GOODS

Everything that a man needs in furnishings is here in wide variety of the newest fashions, neckwear, shirts, Hats, hosiery, etc.

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A man's love for his wife is often shown when his creditors gets busy and he deeds all his property to her, and the wife no doubts wonders what has come over "hubby."

The Congressional Record serves the purpose of a candidate card for members of congress who are candidates for re-election, but are seldom read. They also help to burden the mail and add to the expense of publishing.

A great argument in favor of good roads was made plain recently when heavy rains flooded the California country and tied up railroad traffic between San Francisco and Los Angeles. While the railroads were out of commission autos were "burning the breeze" over public highways between the two cities, hauling people and making railroad time.

We are opposed to the law requiring a man to pay his poll tax before Feb. first. The time limit comes too soon after the Christmas bill collector, and works a hardship on the both the bill collector, the tax collector and the tax payer.

That the Mexicans are ignorant and not capable of establishing a government for themselves is shown in their attitude towards the United States. The Americans are the best friends of the Mexicans, yet the Mexicans are doing everything possible to not only exterminate the Americans but to destroy public works that were built with American money for the benefit of the Mexicans.

**GAS EXPLOSION KILLS
 9 IN OPERA HOUSE**

MEXIA, Texas, Feb. 17.—Fire Chief Richards, after an investigation, reports an explosion was the cause of the fire that destroyed the opera house here last night instead of a collapse as at first reported. The total death list runs to nine and more than a dozen injured, and property loss amounts to \$100,000. It is believed that a leak in the gas system is responsible for the explosion.

Mexia, Feb. 17.—Nine persons killed, several seriously injured and property loss estimated at \$75,000, resulted from the collapse of the old opera house and a resulting gas explosion here shortly after 7 o'clock last night. Police stated at 11 o'clock every person in the building had been accounted for.

There were about thirty persons in the building, which was an old structure, when the roof suddenly caved in. An explosion presumably caused by natural gas, immediately followed, setting fire to the ruins.

Every one in the building was buried under debris, but work of rescue was begun immediately and those found dead are believed to have been killed instantly by falling debris and not by flames or suffocation.

The known dead:
 A. B. Weisner, superintendent Mexia schools.
 Mrs. A. B. Weisner, his wife.
 Oscar Johansen.
 Claude Johansen, a brother of Oscar.
 Ray Cox.
 Paul Yeldell.
 Ray Hitt.
 A. C. Bruton, of Winnsboro, Texas.
 Tolly Womack, negro.

join these clubs by simply notifying A. E. Burges, who is acting as the local representative of the A. and M. Extension Department, stating that they are going to raise one acre of one or more of the following crops this year. Give your name, postoffice, and route, in writing. The crops are: milo, Kaffir, feterita, and peanuts also pigs and calves.

The Extension Department will mail you frequent and full instructions after you join and Mr. Burges will visit you himself whenever he finds it possible.

Guy C. Brister, who had been the guest of his friends R. B. Armstrong and son Paschal, of the Valley creek country, left Thursday morning for points east.

**40 VATS NECESSARY
 FOR TICK ERADICATION**

Dr. Warner, of the United States Animal Industry, has been in the county for some time perfecting plans for tick eradication work. He made a survey of the county and appeared before the commissioners' court Wednesday, making a report and showing what would be necessary before the tick eradication work can be actively carried on.

Dr. Warner stated that he had found nine vats in the county, and surveying a three mile territory for each vat and securing promises for other vats and laying out their location and territory to be served, he had made a map showing that a total of 27 vats had been promised. "The lowest possible minimum under which the work can be done will be 40 vats," said Dr. Warner in making his report to the court, "and eventually you will have 50 vats."

Dr. Wilson, of the state sani-

**A POSITIVE STATEMENT
 BY A BIG BUSINESS MAN**

"Neglect of Apparently Unimportant Conditions Wrecks Many a Healthy Growing Business"



W. S. ELKIN, JR.

a prominent druggist of Atlanta, Ga., is authority for the above positive statement. In explaining this statement he asked two questions and offered one suggestion.

If a growing healthy business turns and begins to run down hill, what is the condition of the owner's health? Almost always, unusually bad.

What was the first cause of his poor health? Constipation.

This constipation could have been avoided by taking Rexall Orderlies occasionally. They are a pleasant candy tablet laxative which can be used by men, women or children with the best results.

We have the exclusive selling rights for this great laxative. Trial size, 10 cents.
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MUST HAVE HELP.

Uncle Sam says he must have help. He wants stenographers for his office in Washington, and throughout many of the Southern States, at entrance salaries of from \$340 to \$1200 per annum. He has some vacancies in his Philippine offices and in Panama, for which he pays an entrance salary of \$1,200 to \$1500 per year. He ad-

**THREE WEEKS JURY
 FOR DISTRICT COURT**

District court convenes at Ballinger March 16th at one-thirty o'clock and the jury commission appointed to draw juries have drawn a three week's petit jury and the grand jury has been called to appear for the first week, and is as follows:

Grand Jury

R. P. Kirk, Edgar Jayroe, Fred Machotka, H. Giesecke, F. G. Lewin, W. A. Francis, Jno. Biggs, Albert Spill, R. W. Bruce, Wm. Smiley, Jas. Barron, Dee Oliver, W. B. Ray, C. C. Carter, Jno. Dean, E. B. Walker.

Petit Jury First Week

S. V. Brandon, M. A. Patterson, C. L. Baker, E. M. Bond, H. G. Oetkin, George Dean, E. G. Bowden, Pryor Mapes, J. E. Gentry, J. M. Blessing, Joe Vineyard, Jno. A. King, E. J. Cathey, J. M. Laxton, J. B. Porterfield, T. A. Puckett, Horace Murphy, Shannon McWilliams, J. N. Nutt, J. A. Baldwin, J. N. Mason, M. F. Lett, W. J. T. Bishop, J. E. McAuley, B. C. Kirk, W. P. Gardner, J. B. Bass, H. O. Rhodes, T. W. Vandervanter, W. R. Murphy, J. T. Morgan, R. C. Henniger, Jesse Jones, Sam Morgan, E. J. O'Kelley, Chas. O. Ferguson.

Petit Jury Second Week

T. B. Wade, W. Weams, A. F. Lee, S. M. Mackey, B. B. Middleton, J. J. Crockett, I. C. Little, A. J. Loika, E. C. Moor, Charley Waldrop, M. E. Hearrell, E. O. Lange, W. E. Barbee, W. L. McMillan, W. E. Branch, W. R. Ash, J. J. Pope, T. J. Parrish, Luther Adams, H. F. Lindermann, Robt. McGregor, A. J. Tyree, J. A. Greenwood, A. F. Kemp, U. P. Melton, R. R. Ash, V. B. Bailey, Pat Fox, C. E. Gilliam, Otto Elder, A. F. Landers, D. A. Mitchell, Ed Kevil, Jno. S. Greenhill,

HAVE GOOD HEALTH

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the Old Reliable Spring Tonic.

Don't let the idea that you may feel better in a day or two prevent you from getting a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla today from any drug store and starting at once on the road to health and strength.

When your blood is impure and impoverished it lacks vitality, your digestion is poor, and all the functions of your body are impaired.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the greatest known blood tonic. It will build you up quicker than any other medicine. It gives strength to do and power to endure. It is the old standard tried and true all-the-year-round blood purifier and enricher, tonic and appetizer. Nothing else acts like it, for nothing else has the same formula or ingredients. Be sure to ask for Hood's, get it today, and begin taking it at once.

market for some pigs. The negro sold the four pigs for \$7, about one-half their real value.

The law makes it a felony to steal a hog, and the lowest penalty is two years in the pen, and as high as five years.

**RECEIVES NEWS OF
 MOTHER'S DEATH**

W. T. Padgett received a telegram Thursday morning bringing the sad news of the death of his mother which occurred at the home of her daughter in Gillespie county Wednesday night. Deceased left here some time ago to visit her sister. Her husband died here about one year ago. The funeral will be held at Harper, Texas.

The many friends of Mr. Padgett sympathize with him in the loss of his mother.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Holding Cotton Is Risky Unless you cover it with a good fire insurance policy. Why take the risk?
Ballinger Insurance Agency

Be on the SAFE SIDE—let us PROTECT you from loss on grain and cotton. Drop in and talk it over with us.

Jake Stubblefield and C. E. Witt of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and both the gentlemen renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

**\$30,000 COTTON
 SALE THIS WEEK**

J. P. Boyd, representing Campbell & Cleaver, cotton brokers of Dallas, has just completed taking up what was the largest single cotton sale made in this county in some time, and the largest for the present season.

The deal called for 1225 bales which were sold by E. L. Rasbury to the exporters at a total consideration of \$80,000. The cotton was pressed at the local press and billed out direct to Liverpool and Manchester, going by Port Arthur and Texas City.

During the past season cotton exporters have experienced no little trouble in getting shipping facilities and it has been necessary to route some cotton to New York by rail in order to get boat room. The most of this big shipment goes to Liverpool by Texas City while some goes to Manchester.

The known injured:
 Mrs. John Davis.
 Ten-year-old daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Weisner.
 Mrs. J. W. Kincheloe.
 Earl Hitt.
 Walter Bevell.
 Mrs. G. A. Lyell.
 Mrs. Roy Bass.

An art exhibition by students of the Mexia schools was to have been held in the building last night beginning at 8 o'clock and those expected to attend had just begun to arrive when the disaster occurred. There was a great panic outside the building after the catastrophe, but no one was injured.

SHOW THIS TO YOUR BOY

At another place in this paper is an announcement of the Boys' Agricultural Encampment School which is to be held at Fort Worth on 15-18, inclusive. Your boy has everything to gain and nothing to lose by attending this encampment. Have him read the article which explains the matter in full.

There are already a number of boys in this county who are members of these agricultural clubs, and any others who wish to join get the advantage of this trip that is almost given to them should notify A. E. Burges, secretary of the Business League in Ballinger, at once. All boys between 10 and 18 years of age are eligible to

tary livestock commission, and Mr. Wallace of the livestock department is also here in the interest of tick eradication. The gentlemen were accompanied before the court by L. P. Wood, who told what steps were being taken in providing the dipping vats.

To Organize a Stockmen's Association

Judge Kleberg announced Wednesday afternoon that a meeting of the stockmen of the county had been called for February 26th at one o'clock, at the court house in Ballinger for the purpose of organizing and formulating plans for carrying on the tick eradication work. All stockmen of the county are urged to be present as matters of vital importance will come before the meeting.

**2 HURT WHEN AUTO
 CRASHES INTO BUGGY**

Just as they were leaving town for their home in the New Home community Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. J. L. King and Mrs. Carl King and baby were the victims of an accident in which their buggy was demolished and one of the ladies considerably bruised up.

The two ladies had been to town to do some trading and were near the Elm creek bridge when an auto driven by John Pechcke crashed into the back of the buggy. The occupants of the vehicle were thrown out and the elder lady injured, while Mrs. Carl King suffered slight injuries. Mrs. King was carried to the office of Drs. Halley & Love where she received treatment and was later carried home. The baby escaped injury.

The Pechcke boy was out driving and had several girls in the car with him. The details of just how the accident occurred are lacking, but of course was an accident. The father of the boy made good the damage to the buggy and offered every assistance possible.

vances on merit, if you are competent you will soon draw a most attractive salary and only work from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., with thirty days' vacation during the year with pay. Several different examinations were held here in our City during the past year by Civil Service Department, to secure help for the Government. Special letters were received by our school urging that our graduates take these examination. We prepare students to pass examinations for several departments for Government work.

Owing to America being the great department store of the world during the European war, Uncle Sam will need far more help this year than ever before. Young men and women, ambitious to succeed should give this Civil Service work prompt and serious consideration. The position is certain the salary good and the pay sure.

Business men desiring efficient office help, bookkeepers, stenographers, secretaries or operators, at salaries in keeping with the quality of service rendered, should phone or write us just the kind of help they want and we will take particular pains in selecting it, either from students just graduating or from former graduates who are desiring advancement. We have an enrollment of more than two thousand per year, and ten thousand former students from which to select just the kind of help you want. We have an experienced man in charge of our Employment Department who will take special interest in serving you without charge.

Those interested in preparing for either Government or Commercial positions, phone us, at our expense, or write for particulars. More than three hundred new enrollments last month. Catalogue free upon request.

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE,
 Tyler, Texas.

Judge W. H. Gross of Mineral Wells, who had been looking after his ranch interests near Ballinger returned home Sunday.

Petit Jury Third Week

J. T. Russel, Ralph McShann, E. Koenig, Tad Richards, T. M. Osteen, H. K. Berry, E. W. Gray, W. W. Paschal, H. E. Petty, J. W. Bartee, Ed Gaston, Fred Prusser, E. Michaelis, F. H. Smith, Lynn Stokes, M. T. McKay, Ed Halfmann, Jno. F. Currie, H. A. Mitchell, W. B. Hodges, Jno. Hopkinson, S. L. Alexander, Jake Stubblefield, D. E. Caudle, Jim L. McWhirter, R. T. Lee, G. T. Gibson, H. G. McKnown, J. L. Chastain, R. S. Bowden, Jack McGregor, W. E. Harter, P. M. Caudle, C. W. Towler, R. B. Ingle, Harold Tucker.

**FIRST HOG THEFT
 IN COUNTY'S HISTORY**

Jack Jones, alias John Stuart, a thin face black negro, is in jail charged with committing the first hog theft ever committed in this county, at least as far as the court has any knowledge.

Jones returned from San Angelo Thursday morning and was promptly locked up on a charge filed in the justice court by Will Porter, another negro and the owner of the hogs.

Will Porter lives in the western part of the city, and it was while he was away about his work, that Jones, or Stuart, sold four pigs belonging to Porter to a farmer, after trying to mortgage them to the farmer for a few dollars.

Jones admits selling the pigs, but claims that Porter told him he could sell them, but when asked if Porter told him he could go to San Angelo and spend the money, he was stumped for an answer. The stolen pigs were recovered and the farmer stated that the negro represented that the hogs belonged to him and that the negro at first tried to borrow money from him and mortgage the hogs for security, and this led to the sale of the hogs as the farmer was in the

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th:

- For District Judge of the 35th Judicial District: J. O. WOODWARD.
- Representative 11th District: W. LACE E. HAWKINS.
- For County Clerk: W. C. McCARVER, C. C. COCKRELL, H. G. SECREST.
- For Tax Assessor: C. C. SCHUCHARD, T. H. CURRY, JOE TURNER, WILLIE STEPHENS, L. R. LITTLE
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN
- For County Attorney: C. P. SHEPHERD
- For Tax Collector: W. T. PADGETT, M. D. CHASTAIN
- For Sheriff: J. D. PERKINS.
- For County Judge: O. L. PARISH
- For District Clerk: (Miss) MARY PHILLIPS.
- For County Superintendent of Schools: W. W. WOOTEN.
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 1: E. C. MOOR.
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 3: J. D. SMITH.
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 4: C. N. CRAFT.

I. C. Browder of the Miles country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

H. G. Roten returned home Thursday morning from a short business trip to San Angelo.

People who use Peruna

Mrs. T. Frech, R. R. 1, Hickory Point, Tenn., writes: "I am happy to tell you that I am cured of catarrh. Having been afflicted with catarrh and stomach trouble for seven years, and after having tried four different doctors, who only relieved me for a little while, I gave up all hope of being cured. I was induced to try Peruna, and to my great surprise I am now entirely well. My health never was better."

FOR INDIGESTION

Mrs. W. R. Whitehead, R. R. 1, Pryor, Oklahoma, writes: "I am happy to tell you that I keep free from my old stomach trouble; feel no catarrhal symptoms at all. I am able to do my work, eat and drink what I want, and rejoice to know that I found a sure cure in your valuable medicine. I think it saved my life. By beginning in time with Peruna I was cured sound and well."

Are Strong and Happy

The Peruna Company, Columbus, Ohio. Those who object to liquid medicines can now procure Peruna in tablet form.

CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP! ACTS LIKE DYNAMITE ON LIVER

Don't lose a day's work! If Constipated, Sluggish, Headachy, take a spoonful of "Dodson's Liver Tone."

Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work!

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone.

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.

Citation By Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon T. C. Williams and wife, Nora Williams by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a news paper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March, A. D. 1916, the same being the 13th day of March A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of July A. D. 1912 in a suit numbered on docket of said court, N. 1466, wherein J. R. Beverley is plaintiff, and T. C. Williams, Mrs. Nora Williams and A. Schawe are defendants; the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows: Plaintiff sues up on six (6) certain vendor's lien notes executed by T. C. Williams and Mrs. Nora Williams, payable to order of A. Schawe, of date August 22, 1908; five of said notes being in the sum of two hundred and No-100 (\$200.00) dollars each and one in the sum of one hundred seven and 50-100 (\$107.50) dollars; that said notes were given in part payment of land situated in Crane County, Texas, and known as 200 acres out of a 570 acre tract and being survey number (1) made by virtue of script number 501. That the defendant A. Schawe before the maturity of said notes acting by and through his authorized agents sold and transferred, for a valuable consideration, said notes to the plaintiff herein. That said notes bear interest from date at the rate of eight per cent (8 per cent) per annum and provide

for ten per cent (10 per cent.) attorney's fees.

Plaintiff prays for judgment of the amount due upon said notes including principal, interest and attorney's fees, foreclosure of his lien and costs of suit.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 31st day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

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.

NEW FRONT FOR BALLINGER DRY GOODS COMPANY.

The plans have been drawn and adopted and the contract will be let shortly for a new front for the Ballinger Dry Goods Co. store. The plans adopted will give that store one of the most handsome fronts in this city. The present awning will give way to a modern drop awning. The old windows and doors will be replaced by modern plate glass front with a tile entrance. The new improvements will make that business block one of the most attractive in the city, and speaks for the progress of the enterprising dry goods firm.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

OFFICERS GET 20 VAGS IN 2 DAYS

Continuing the work outlined Thursday morning when the city council held its "indignation" meeting, Marshal Pilcher made the second raid on the vagrant population of the southern section of the city Friday night, and assisted by other officers, he caught eight negroes in his drag net and placed them in jail charged with vagrancy.

In the bunch rounded up on this occasion were five negro women and three negro men. The negroes were arraigned in court for trial Saturday morning, and the first case called, a negro woman, developed the fact that there would be a contest. The woman plead not guilty and employed an attorney to defend her. The case was set for one o'clock Saturday afternoon and the case went to trial before a jury with the corporation court room filled with curiosity craved spectators. Judge Jno. I. Guion and Attorney Victor Miller are defending the woman while City Attorney Doss and County Attorney Shepherd are prosecuting the case. As The Ledger goes to press the trial is in progress, and it is probable that the jury will not render a verdict until late in the evening.

This makes twenty cases of vagrancy filed since Thursday afternoon. Twelve parties were arrested for vagrancy Friday, all of which plead guilty, and whether the case row on trial proves in a conviction or not, one of the city aldermen stated to The Ledger editor Saturday afternoon that the work would continue until this city was cleaned up and the idle class of both negroes and white were put on the public works or moved to a greener field.

It is not the intention of the city or the county authorities to disturb the negroes who are working or making any effort to get work, but there is a class of vagrants in the city who never pretend to work, and they make their way by immoral methods between suns, and the authorities have the support of the best class of citizens in their efforts to clear the city of this class of population.

Francis Wright, a colored woman, and one of the twenty arrested last Friday and Saturday for vagrancy, was given a fine of \$5 and costs in city court Saturday afternoon. The case was tried before a jury and was hotly contested by able counsel on both sides, requiring practically the entire day to dispose of the case.

Following conviction the counsel for defense gave notice of appeal, and bond was made accordingly and the negro released. Quite a number of pleas of guilty have been entered and fines in some cases paid, while others failing to pay the fines are being held, and seven or eight cases remain on the docket and the parties are being held for trial this week.

With the activities of the officers there has been a thinning out of that part of the city known as the vagrant district, and the work will continue, says the city aldermen, until the city is cleaned up.

Acting upon instructions given him Thursday afternoon by the city council, City Marshal Pilcher made a raid on the vagrants Friday morning and caught just even one dozen in the first haul. The dozen derelicts consisted of one white man, one negro man and ten negro women. All were lined up in the city court at ten o'clock Friday morning and hearing the charge read, all plead guilty except one negro woman, the "lady" of the house, but a fine of \$11.70 was promptly placed against her by the court after hearing the evidence in the case, and refusing to pay the fine she was placed in jail.

The white man and negro failed to dig up the cash to square themselves with the court, and work will be provided for them on the streets. Out of the ten negro women arrested four paid their fines and returned to their quarters. Six could not get up the money and were placed in jail until work on the streets can be provided for them.

The negro woman who has been running the house, and who refused to "fess up" said that the other negro women were "crooked," but that she was as

innocent as any lady, and that she could not help what "dem udder niggers done." The woman was inclined to be a little obstreperous about the matter and the officer used his pinchers in escorting her to jail.

The work will continue, and raids made daily and between meals until the city is cleaned up. In this work the council and the officers are to be commended.

At a special meeting of the city council held Thursday afternoon an order was issued for a sweeping clean up of this city, morally speaking, and the work has already started. The council called City Marshal Pilcher before them, and instructed him to deputize all the help needed and arrest every color or race and bring them before the city court where the proper punishment would be assessed against them and the derelicts put to work on the streets and used in making Ballinger a cleaner city.

The council instructed the officer to make special effort to clean up the negro section of the city, where it is claimed there are too many idle negroes. The city has on its statute books a vagrancy ordinance that is amply strong to take care of the work undertaken, and according to Alderman Nicholson the ordinance will be enforced. "We do not propose to let the vagrants continue to loaf around this town," said Mr. Nicholson, "and the council has issued strict orders for this law to be enforced and we are going to stay on the job and see that it is enforced."

In this move the council will have the hearty endorsement of the best people of this city. There is enough work here to keep certain number of negroes employed, and when there is a surplus there is going to be trouble. Many negroes were brought here to pick cotton and some of them decided to make this their home, and failing to find employment in the country they naturally drift to town where they live off what they can beg and steal.

Vagrancy is not confined to the negro population. The officer after a white man, a healthy able bodied fellow who was begging in the city yesterday, and late in the afternoon walked into a cafe and ordered a good meal and while the waiter had his back turned, and after feasting to his appetite's content the vagrant quietly sneaked out without paying for his supper.

The orders have been issued, and the people will watch and wait the desired results.

Notice of Sale by Trustee State of Texas, County of Runnels:

Whereas by virtue of authority vested in me, as trustee, named and appointed on a certain deed of trust, recorded in volume 11 on page 592, records of real estate mortgages of Runnels County, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 8th day of February, 1911, by R. L. Maddox and wife, Josie B. Maddox, for better securing of one certain promissory note of four hundred twenty and no-100 dollars, (\$420.00) more fully described in said deed of trust, executed by the said R. L. Maddox and wife Josie B. Maddox, payable to the order of H. W. Lynn at Ballinger, Texas, due on the 8th day of February 1912, bearing 10 per cent interest per annum from date until paid, interest due and payable annually as it accrues, and also providing for the payment of ten percent additional on the amount of principal and interest, then due as attorney's fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, for lot No. 4, block No. 107, in Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas of the original plot of the town of Ballinger Texas as survey by Thos. King, engineer.

And whereas on the day of 1913 the said above mentioned H. W. Lynn for a valuable consideration sold and delivered to J. M. Skinner the said above described note, who is now the legal owner and holder of said above note, and the said R. L. Maddox and wife Josie B. Maddox have default in the payment of said note above described, due on the 8th day of February, 1912, and the same is now past due and unpaid, principal, interest and attorney's fees, by reason thereof, and as provided for in said note and in said deed of trust, the said J. M. Skinner has declared said note and all of said indebtedness immediately due and mature and has so notified the said R. L. Maddox and wife Josie B. Maddox in writing, and whereas said note is past due and unpaid, now aggregating, principal, interest and attorney's fees five hundred eight-

Parents Should Know this Splendid Remedy

Simple Laxative Compound Helps to Correct Constipation in Children.

With all children there are times when the bowels fail to act naturally and it becomes necessary for the parents to administer a remedy. Cathartics and purgatives should never be used as these agents afford only temporary relief while their violent action shocks the system unduly. Mrs. Eva F. Gaff, 517 10th St., Washington, D. C., says that her little girl, Marie, had been subject to constipation and that she found Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin the best remedy because of its mildness, and now always keeps a bottle of it in the house.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a compound of simple laxative herbs, free from opiates or narcotic drugs of any kind, and is an ideal remedy for children because of its mild action and positive effect. Its use tends to strengthen the impaired bowel action and restore normal regularity.



Marie Gaff

It is important that parents should know of a dependable remedy with no unpleasant after effects, griping or strain. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin costs only fifty cents a bottle and can be procured at any drug store. To obtain a trial bottle, free of charge, write to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

ty-seven and 40-100 dollars (\$87.40) and whereas I have been requested by the said J. M. Skinner to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale between the legal hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. at public auction to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in March, A. D. 1916, the same being the 7th day of March, A. D. 1916, at the court house door in the town of Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas the following described property to-wit: All that certain parcel of land and being situated in the County of Runnels and State of Texas, which upon the map of the plan of the original town of Ballinger, made by Thomas King, engineer and on file in the county clerk's office of said Runnels county, is designated distinguished and described as lot No. four (4), in block No. one hundred and seven (107). Being the same land conveyed to said Josie B. Maddox by the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company on Oct. 11th, A. D. 1914 as shown by deed recorded in volume 42, page 54 of the deed records of Runnels county, Texas, with all the rights, members and appurtenances in anywise belonging.

Witness my hand this the 19th day of January A. D. 1916. C. J. LYNN, Trustee dJan. 19-26Feb.2

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System Take The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

C. A. Doose, the real estate man, was out over the Maverick road Friday and says Claude Little is putting the road in fine shape and is doing some much needed grading all along the route.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Will Currie of Concho County, and John Landers of the Wingate country, E. H. Harding and J. W. Rhodes of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

WEDDING RING 92 YEARS OLD

H. Giesecke is wearing a ring that is some what of an heirloom. The ring is a present from Mr. Giesecke's brother, Chas. Giesecke, who has been here for some time from San Antonio, and who claims Ballinger as his home. The ring has been handed down from three generations, coming to Chas. Giesecke from his father, who received it from his father, the grand father of Chas. and H. Giesecke. The ring was Grand Father Giesecke's wedding ring and bears the date May 28, 1884. The date engraved in the ring is plainly readable, notwithstanding that the ring has been worn almost continually for nearly one hundred years.

\$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.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

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

H. L. Wendorf sold to Ira Turner Friday one of his special put up saddles and this was the fifth saddle of this make sold to the Turner family the past month.

Ira Thurman visited his parents at Glen Cove Sunday.

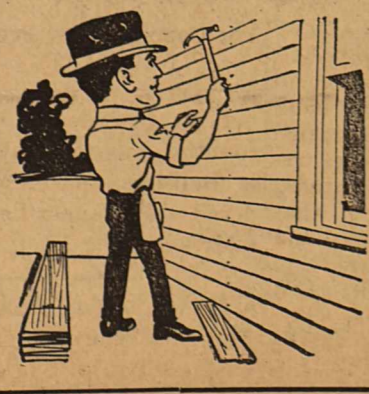
Strictly Cash

I am here to stay and to build up a clean, up-to-date grocery trade. I pay strictly cash for my groceries and sell the same way, dealing on the smallest margin of profit possible. Everything in my store is a leader, nothing at cost to make up for it on some thing else, everything must bear its own profit.

Will sell you good Pea Berry Coffee the pound . . . 20c 25 pounds Sugar . . . \$1.65
All my stock Flour that cannot be beat is strictly the sack . . . \$1.75 My motto: Small Profits and Quick Sales.

Prompt and Courteous Treatment to One and All.

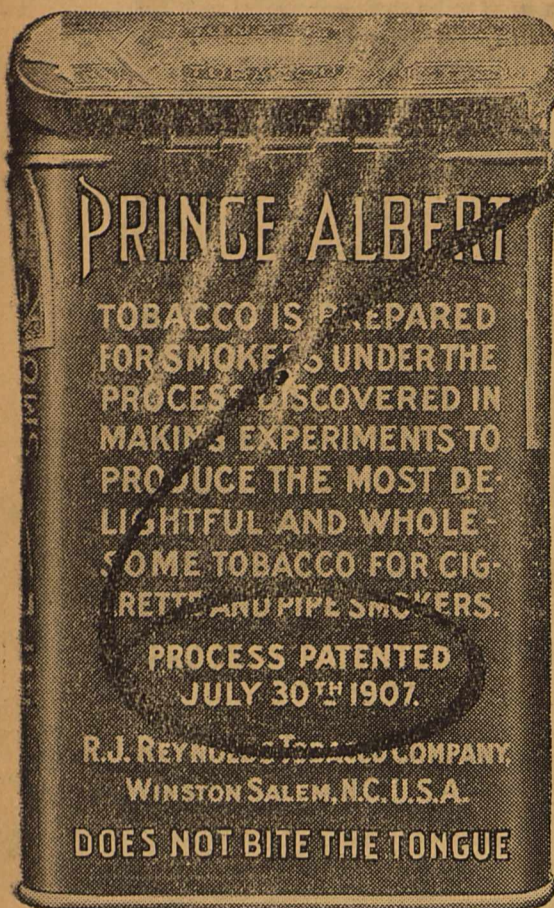
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Hutchins Avenue, Next to Hall Hardware Co.



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and it will neither shrink or split. We send out only thoroughly seasoned stuff, which is the only kind fit to use. The selection of the lumber is as important as the planning of the house. Use ours and you need have no fears about the lumber question. Ours is always all right.

Wm. Cameron Lumber Co



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Why Prince Albert meets men's tastes all over the world!

The patented process makes Prince Albert so good in a pipe or rolled into a cigarette that its popularity is now universal! It satisfies all smoke desires! This patented process, which also removes bite and parch, is controlled by us. No other tobacco can be like

PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

Listen:

It's easy to change the shape and color of unsalable brands to imitate the Prince Albert tidy red tin, but it is impossible to imitate the flavor of Prince Albert tobacco! The patented process protects that!

Men who have stowed away gentle old jimmy pipes for years, have brought them back to the tune of Prince Albert! Get yours out, for your confidence never will be abused! We tell you Prince Albert will set pipe free the tenderest tongue!

And smoked in a makin's cigarette, Prince Albert is so refreshing and delightful that it gives you a new idea of cigarette happiness. Any way you fire-up Prince Albert, it will win you quick as a flash—it's so good and so friendly!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Prince Albert can be bought everywhere tobacco is sold—in tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors and in that classy pound crystal-glass humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such fine condition!

400 CHILDREN TO GO ON PICNIC

Prof. Phil C. Peters, principal of the Central Ward school, made the announcement in the various rooms of the Central Ward building Friday morning that the teachers had decided to take the children for a day's outing, and Friday, March 10th, had been set as the day for the big picnic.

The holiday and picnic occasion has been planned as a reward for good service and faithfulness to school duty, and there is a string to the invitation. The requirements are that no one must be tardy or absent without a good excuse. All the children who live up to the rules set out will be invited to go, and some suitable picnic ground will be selected and plans perfected for making it one of the greatest events in the history of the school, as far as pleasure counts.

There are about four hundred children in the Central school, and of course they will all qualify for the big picnic. The teachers, and perhaps a number of the patrons of the school will accompany the children and the hike to the country will be one long to be remembered.

Prof. Peters stated that the conduct of the children in school was fine, and the work progressing in the most satisfactory way. The present term of school promises to be rounded out as one of the most successful in its history.

TAKE 'DASCARETS' IF HEADACHY, BILIOUS AND CONSTIPATED

Best for liver and bowels, bad breath, bad cold, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, coated tongue, head and nose clogged up with a cold—always trace this to torpid liver; delayed fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach.

Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months.

WINTERS 15; BALLINGER 22

The Ballinger High School basket ball team visited Winters last Saturday, accompanied by a number of fans, and defeated the Winters team in an interesting game. The score stood 22 to 15, and was a nice victory for local team.

Ballinger line up were: Guards, A. B. Lankford and David Gregory; forwards, Rothall O'Kelley and Artek Sutart; center, Frank Schneider.

The Best Recommendation.

The strongest recommendation any article may receive is a favorable word from the user. It is the recommendations of those who have used it that makes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so popular. Mrs. Amanda Gierhart Waynesfield, Ohio, writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my family off and on for twenty years and it has never failed to cure a cough or cold." Obtainable everywhere.

E. H. Pfleger of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and renewed for a year with The Banner-Ledger.

Price Maddox, the stockman of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and reports cattle in fine shape on account of the mild winter and plenty feed.

MAN BEHIND BARS ISSUES WARNING

Cameron, Texas, Feb. 5, 1916.

Dear Friends: The Court of Appeals at Austin has refused to give me a new trial in my case, and my lawyers say this is my last chance. I must go to the penitentiary and be confined there the remainder of my life.

Before I go I want to say to you, that I am not guilty of the crime of which I was convicted; I did not kill Leonard Ward; but in declaring my innocence of this crime, I must confess the life I was living was wrong and deserves to be condemned.

My conduct with that woman was the cause of my conviction; no jury would convict a man, who was living right, and condemn him to a life term in the penitentiary, on the testimony of a woman, who confessed that she had planned the murder of her own husband, and admitted, that she had lived a life of shame since her girlhood.

But I need not complain, those who live the life I lived must take the consequences and may expect the people to turn against them in time of trouble, when they need help.

I have learned a lesson, but too late for my good, I hope it may serve as a warning to others.

I bear no malice against those who turned against me and assisted in my prosecution; but I shall ever remember, with feelings of gratitude, those of your who believe in my innocence, and rendered me such assistance, as you could, in my trial. It means a great deal to a fellow, who is down, as I am.

When you are out enjoying the privileges of a free man, I hope you will, sometimes, think of me; I will never forget one of you; and whenever you can, please lend a helping hand to my wife and children, good-bye.

Your friends,
A. I. INGRAM.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,
wtf Concho county, Tex.

ANTIS BUSY IN BOWIE COUNTY.

Texarkana, Tex., Feb. 14.—A petition calling for a local option election in Bowie county, in which the western half of Texarkana is located, was filed in the county commissioners' court today. The election is expected to be held next month.

The last election in Bowie county was held three years ago when the drys won by 140 majority. The county has been dry since 1910.

Will handle a complete line of Ready-to-Wear and Ladies' and Misses' Millinery goods. Investigate styles and prices before you buy. A. J. ZAPPE. 10-1td-2tw

Watch the Fords Go By.

Coughs and Colds are Dangerous!

One out of every three people die of Lung Diseases—all started with a Cough.

At First Sign of Cough take Dr. King's New Discovery.

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment.

Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases often follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle to-day. Avoid the risk of serious Lung ailments. All druggists.

A DESERVED PROMOTION

Arthur Doose, who has been with the Walker-Smith Co., in Ballinger the past year, returned home Wednesday night from Brownwood, where he was called by the manager and given the position as manager of their house at Midland, Texas, and he will leave for that place Friday to enter upon his duties.

Arthur Doose is one of Ballinger's favorite sons, raised in this city and is a young man of sterling worth and ability and is highly esteemed in the business circles of Ballinger, and a host of friends join the Ledger in best wishes and hopes of success in his new field of business. He deserves the promotion and we feel sure will make good at Midland and feel sure the company has made no mistake in the confidence placed in him.

For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear about Sloan's Liment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915. At all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. King, of Concho, came in Friday and Mrs. King left in the afternoon for Houston to visit her sons a few weeks.

J. S. Greenhill, of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to Wm. Foster at San Antonio.

FOR COMMISSIONER

To The Voters of Precinct No. 4:

I take this method of announcing to my friends that I will again make the race for commissioner of this precinct. I had decided not to run again hearing that some other parties aspired to the position, but after due consideration, have declined, believing that they will not be able to give it the time from their business that the duties of the office required, and if you feel that I have fulfilled those duties to your satisfaction I will certainly appreciate your vote and influence for another term, promising good and efficient service if re-elected. Thanking you for all past favors, I am

Yours truly,
C. N. CRAFT.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

To the Democratic Voters of Runnels County:

Having had the matter under advisement for several months and

having conferred with my home people as well as those from other parts of the county. I have decided to ask for the office of tax assessor of Runnels county.

As I am unknown to many voters of the county, I can only refer these to the people of Miles, my home town for thirteen years. To my former employers of any other citizen of Miles I refer you as to my standing as a citizen and as to my qualifications for filing the office.

I have never before asked for public office, but as the gift of this office is in the hands of the people, I come to them asking for same, feeling that I can if elected fill the office to the satisfaction of the public and with credit to myself.

dw WILLIE STEPHENS.

J. O. WOODWARD FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

The name of J. O. Woodward appears in the announcement col-

umn of this paper for the office of district judge of the 35th district, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Judge Woodward has served this district as judge before and is well known by many of the old timers. He has been a resident of Coleman county for thirty-five years. As early as 1880 he was elected county attorney, serving four years, then was chosen district attorney and served four years.

After attaining an eviable reputation a pleader and jurist Judge Woodward stepped from district attorney to district judge, and served eight years in that important office, and after twelve years of private practice again he comes back before the people and ask them to elect him to serve them on the bench.

By many years of experience Judge Woodward is eminently qualified for the position to which he aspires, and for which he solicits the support of the people of this and the other counties in the district. He says that he will make an effort to meet as many of the people as possible during the campaign, and trust to form the acquaintainship and gain the support of the new people in the district, and in this he solicits the help of all his old friends and acquaintances.

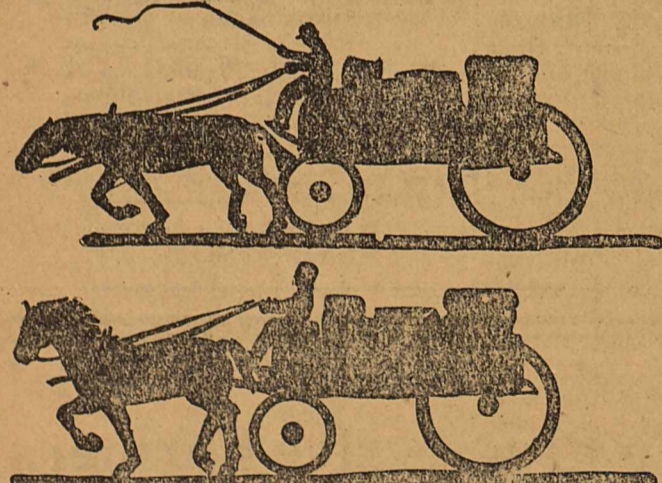
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT WOOTEN ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

Two years ago in announcing myself as a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools I promised a vigorous, energetic, progressive administration. You know to what extent this promise has been kept. I shall not here attempt to summarize the work done or progress made. While the most gratifying results have been attained I have been ably assisted by one of the best County School Boards in Texas, by a great organized body of workers and by the best people generally throughout the county. So, only a portion of the credit could be ascribed to me.

Now, in offering myself for re-election I pledge you a continuation of the best service in my power to render. My policies and plan of work are to well known to require outlining. With the two years experience I should be able to serve you more efficiently a second term.

It is not in purpose to make any extensive campaign. I shall expect efficient service, and attention to duty, not greetings or handshakings, to recommend me. your vote and influence is solicited.

Respectfully,
dw W. W. WOOTEN.



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Get TEXACO AXLE GREASE from our agent. It pays in the added life it gives to axles and the saving in horse power.

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says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

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Get a Bottle Today!

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The flight of time makes us think of the future. The baby of today reflects

what greatness may be acquired when he grows up. And any influence that brings relief to the expectant mother is the first and greatest of obligations. There is a splendid remedy known as "Mother's Friend" that has been a safeguard, a helpful daily influence, to a host of women. Applied externally to the muscles they become pliant, they without undue pain, there is an absence of the burden of leaving all to just natural conditions. There is in "Mother's Friend" the direct and immediate help that all expectant mothers require. Used by their own hands, guided by their own minds, they learn at once the blessed relief from morning sickness resulting from undue stretching. They experience daily calm and nighty rest. It is indeed "Mother's Friend." Get a bottle today of any drugist. Then write Bradford Regulator Co., 410 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for one of the most entertaining and valuable little books ever presented. It is worth writing for.

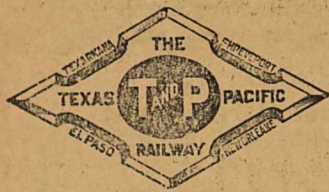
THIS DOES NOT AFFECT BALLINGER

Austin, Feb. 15.—Freight rates on rosin and turpentine were advanced today under a recent order of the state railroad commission. The maximum rate on rosin for 250 miles is 14 cents, and on turpentine, 17 cents. The minimum weight is 30,000 pounds. An exception is made on the rate for turpentine in barrels from Fort Worth to Dallas, which is fixed at five cents.

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Take **Cardui**
The Woman's Tonic

FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

3 CARS POULTRY SHIPPED THURSDAY

Three carloads of poultry for one day's shipment by one firm is not a bad record for a small town. That's just what E. A. Jeanes & Co. did Thursday.

A car of poultry was made up and shipped from Paint Rock and Miles by this firm. A car was loaded at Winters and Ballinger and at the same time a car was loaded at Coleman and Santa Anna, the local firm having houses in all the towns.

A solid car load of poultry was shipped from Ballinger last week, it will be remembered and this week's shipment of three cars following so close give the readers an idea of the enormity of the small business of poultry production.

The three cars shipped this week consisted of 12,000 fowls, mostly chickens with several hundred guineas and some geese. The poultry was brought to market in small lots and the dealer paid more than \$6000 in cash for the three cars.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any drugist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE AT BALLINGER

The Ballinger Printing Co. has arrangements perfected with The Worth Daily Star-Telegram whereby we can send you the daily and Sunday Star-Telegram, seven days in the week—every day from now until Dec. 1st, and The Banner-Ledger for the same time for \$3. This gives you a daily paper and your home paper practically a year for \$3. This is campaign year and from all indications there is going to be something doing in the old state and county and you will want to keep up with the procession. This combination is the best offer we ever made.

Send your check to this office and get both papers for the full ten months.
BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

BOOSTING BOB KIRK FOR COMMISSIONER

R. P. Kirk's friends are framing up to put him in the county commissioners office, and pressure will be brought to bear on Mr. Kirk to get him to permit to accept the place. Feb. McWilliams declines to serve longer, and many are interested in getting a man for the place that will carry on the good road work started under Mr. McWilliams' administration. The county commissioners office is one of the most important offices in the county, and it promises to be of unusual importance to the people of this county during the next few years, as it is a foregone fact that the people are not going to continue to travel rough roads, and men are needed who can handle such problems successfully.

It is not known whether Mr. Kirk will offer his name for the place, but prominent business men are active in boosting him, and have themselves agreed to support him.

Severe Cold Quickly Cured

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Wea therby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

C. C. Robason of Benoit, and Paul Martin, Charlie Wimberly and Chas. Waldrop, of the Crews country, were among the business in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis, of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

A. J. Tyree, one of the pioneer citizens of the Valley creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

If you are interested

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KC BAKING POWDER

is what you should always use.

There are many other reasons why—but try a can and see for yourself.



Ask Your Grocer

NO VIOLATIONS IN CONCHO COUNTY

Court at Paint Rock adjourned shortly after noon Thursday, and Judge Goodwin and Attorney Early and Stenographer Leach, passed through Ballinger en route to their home at Brownwood, where they will spend a few days before going to Brady to hold court. Following the Brady court the district officials will come to Ballinger and look after the violators.

The term of court just adjourned at Paint Rock was rather a mild affair. Only one criminal case was tried and the jury failed to agree. The grand jury was in session three days and failed to find a bill.

ACIDS IN STOMACH SOUR THE FOOD AND CAUSE INDIGESTION

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

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food, or have a feeling of dizziness, heartburn, fullness nausea, bad taste in mouth and stomach headache, you can surely get relief in five minutes.

Ask your pharmacist to show you the formula, plainly printed on these fifty-cent cases of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will understand why dyspeptic troubles of all kinds must go, and why it relieves sour, out-of-order stomachs or indigestion in five minutes. "Pape's Diapepsin" is harmless tastes like candy, though each dose will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you eat; besides, it makes you go to the table with a healthy appetite; but what will please you most, is that you will feel that your stomach and intestines are clean and fresh, and you will not need to resort to laxatives or liver pills for biliousness or constipation.

This city will have many "Pape's Diapepsin" cranks, as some people will call them, but you will be enthusiastic about this splendid stomach preparation, too, if you ever take it for indigestion, gases, heartburn, sourness, dyspepsia or any stomach misery.

Get some now, this minute, and rid yourself of stomach misery and indigestion in five minutes.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Gustavus and little son left Saturday afternoon for Dallas, where they go to consult a specialist for the benefit of Mrs. Gustavus' health.

CHILD'S EYE OPENED BY KNIFE BLADE

(San Angelo Standard)

Leland Smith, age 5, of Sheffield, is in San Angelo Saturday, suffering from the loss of his right eye as the result of an accident which befell him at the ranch home of his father, Jeff Smith, late Friday afternoon. Doctors says that the boy's eyesight in the one optic is completely destroyed.

It is thought that Leland fell on an open knife blade. The ball of the eye was slashed open. The parents, accompanied by the child, started to San Angelo immediately in an automobile, after a Sheffield physician had rendered all the medical attention possible. At Ozona, the auto's gasoline tank began to leak, and had to be changed.

The trip was an all night ride, but despite the pain the little boy slept much of the time. A specialist examined his eye at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mrs. Lee West of 621 South Irving street.

How To Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills sand expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. A search as you will, you cannot find a better cough, and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

MARSHALL-THOMASON

Rev. J. W. Kelley spoke the words Monday afternoon that united in marriage Mr. Ernest Marshall and Mrs. Pearl Thomason, while setting in their buggy in Ballinger.

They are two of Runnels county's popular and highly esteemed young people, and after the ceremony they at once left for Mr. Marshall's home near Maverick, where they will make their future home.

The Ledger joins many friends in best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the happy young people.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you may know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

LEFT FOR MARKET

Scott Mack and W. F. Weatherby, of the firm of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, left Monday afternoon for Dallas and other markets where they will purchase spring and summer goods for their firm.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless child 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.

L. P. Woods, one of the pioneer stockmen of Runnels county visited the Wingate country Saturday and there had been so many improvements made in the past seven or eight years, that he said he hardly recognized the old cattle grounds of the early days.

J. H. Patterson of Corsicana, came in Sunday night to visit a week or so in Ballinger. He will not move his family back to Ballinger until the school term closes in his city.

WHY YOU ARE NERVOUS

The nervous system is the alarm system of the human body. In perfect health we hardly realize that we have a network of nerves, but when health is ebbing, when strength is declining, the same nervous system gives the alarm in headaches, tiredness, dreamful sleep, irritability and unless corrected, leads straight to a breakdown. To correct nervousness, Scott's Emulsion is exactly what you should take; its rich nutriment gets into the blood and rich blood feeds the tiny nerve-cells while the whole system responds to its refreshing tonic force. It is free from alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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Why bear those pains?

A single bottle will convince you

Sloan's Liniment

Arrests Inflammation. Prevents severe complications. Just put a few drops on the painful spot and the pain disappears.

CITY REVOKES WARD ORDINANCE

The city council recently passed an ordinance creating subdivisions of the city to be known as wards.

The plan as outlined in the ordinance published in this paper called for the creating of five wards, and the election of one alderman from each ward.

As the time for city election approached it developed that the law required the election of two aldermen from each ward which would give this city ten aldermen. Feeling that the citizens would prefer the old system rather than increasing the board of aldermen, the council decided to revoke the ordinance and a special meeting of the council was held Thursday afternoon and the former action of the council rescinded.

This leaves matters as they have existed since the city was incorporated and aldermen can be elected without any restriction as to what section of the city they reside in and what is to the interest of one alderman will be to the interest of all, etc. As time moves on the need of a commission form of government is impressed more and more upon the mind of the average citizen.

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.

OLD TIMER TO MAKE RACE FOR J. P. AND COMMISSIONER

The Ledger learned Saturday that P. E. Truly would make the race for commissioner and justice of the peace of Precinct No. 1. When asked about the rumor Mr. Truly stated that he had been figuring on making the race for some time, and learning that Feb. McWilliams would retire and also learning that R. P. Kirk, who was prominently mentioned for the place, had declined to permit his name for that office, he had decided to get in the race.

Mr. Truly is one of the pioneer citizens of this city, and for many years was in the newspaper business. He is thoroughly competent to fill the offices and he has many friends who will be glad to support him.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass in any way on my property or property controlled by me or you will be dealt with as the law directs. JAKE STUBBLEFIELD, Norton, Tex. 17-tfw

M. B. Wardlow brought up Monday afternoon three wagon loads of fat hogs from his Concho county farm and shipped them out to Fort Worth with the ear of the so-operative hogs by J. H. Taylor. He had 30 head and they were large, fine and fat hogs.

W. O. Roe, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

Sam Brookshire, of the Benoit country, was in the city on business a few hours Saturday.

BANKERS DISCUSS FINANCING CROP

DALLAS, Tex. Feb. 15.—Plans for financing the 1915 crops were discussed today at the meeting of bankers of the fifth Texas district. The new "farmers' credit system" furnished the chief subject for consideration.

The delegates were welcomed by Mayor Henry D. Lindsley and Nathan Adams, vice-president of the American Exchange National bank. John E. Owns, president of the First National bank, Wills Point, responded. Addresses were made by T. B. Butler, president of the Guaranty State bank, Tyler; J. L. Pierce of the Atlantic National bank, New York; J. Howard Ardrey, vice-president of the National bank of Commerce, New York, and W. T. Henry of Dallas.

The delegates also conferred with the "flying squadron" of New York bankers, who are making a tour of the southwest. Two special cars have been chartered for the trip and will leave Dallas immediately after the conclusion of the district meeting. The itinerary will include Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Temple, Coleman, Abilene and Fort Worth.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Senate committee to which was referred the Hollis Rural Credit bill, reported favorably on the proposed law today. This is the bill which promises loans to farmers at not over five per cent interest per annum.

Plies Cured in 6 to 14 Days

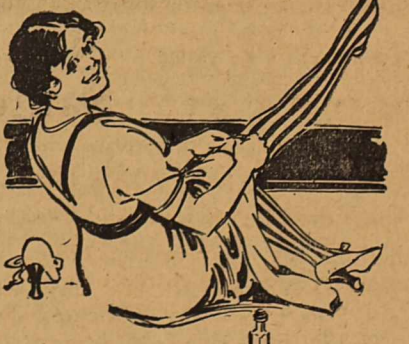
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO GENTLETT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ray, of the Maverick country, were shopping in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

"Why Swear, Dear? Use 'Gets-It' for Corns!"

It's the New Plan. Simple. Sure as Fate. Applied in a Few Seconds.

"Why, John, I never knew you to use such language! I've told you several times it's no use to try those bandages, salves, tapes, plasters, and



"You Wouldn't Lose Your Temper, John, If You Used 'Gets-It' for Those Corns!" contraptions for corns. Here's some 'Gets-It'. It's just wonderful how easy, 'clear and clean' it makes any corn come right off. Takes but a few seconds to apply. It dries at once. Put your sock on right over it—there's nothing to stick or roll up, form a corn. It's painless, simple as rolling off a log. Now put away those knives, razors and scissors, use 'Gets-It' and you'll have a sweeter disposition and no more corns and calluses. 'Gets-It' is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c, a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by Walker Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce and City Drug Store.



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REGINALD WRIGHT KAUFFMAN

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FOURTH EPISODE

The Power of the People

By REGINALD WRIGHT KAUFFMAN.
 Author of "House of Bondage," "Jim," "The Girl Who Goes Wrong" and "My Heart and Stephanie"

SYNOPSIS.

Dudley Larnigan, district attorney, attacks the liquor and vice trusts. He is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. His son, Bruce Larnigan, is elected district attorney and takes up the fight. Bruce is in love with Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust.

Bruce Larnigan is decoyed to an evil resort in an effort to frame him up. He has the police commissioner present. A fire starts in a tenement. Larnigan saves the children of Dow, one of the conspirators. This man agrees to expose the trust. He is murdered by the gang.

Stanford Stone, head of the graft syndicate, insists Larnigan must be killed. Gunmen are posted in the park to kill Larnigan in his automobile. Dorothy Maxwell, over the dictaphone, hears the plot. Two more conspirators are killed and Larnigan again escapes.

BRUCE LARNIGAN, despite his successes over the graft syndicate since his election as district attorney, began to feel, after his miraculous escape from the plot to kill him in an explosion in the new subway, that his chances of success along the lines he had so far followed were almost hopeless.

Gradually, it seemed to him, tremendous forces were being arrayed against him. The whole power of the city administration was on the side of the enemy. The mayor, with all the departments he employed, showed open antagonism. The newspapers, with the single exception of the Independent, were either openly hostile or sneeringly indifferent. A great many people who, it seemed to him, should give him enthusiastic support were decidedly lukewarm in their attitude. To Dorothy Maxwell, his fiancée and practically the only person in whom he was now able to confide, since he did not want to worry his mother with the details of his troubles, he told of his growing feeling that he was on the wrong road.

"We thought it was a wonderful thing when I was elected district attorney, dear," he said to her. "But the office has tied my hands again and again. Things that I could do if I were a private citizen I am barred from even attempting. Just for one thing—this graft conspiracy, I am convinced, is country wide.

"I isn't confined to New York alone. But as district attorney I can't go outside the city. My jurisdiction stops there."

"But you can go outside to get evidence," she suggested.

"The minute I do that they'll accuse me of neglecting my duty to pursue a fantastic conspiracy that, they say, has no existence at all except in my own brain. The best thing they say about me is that I'm visionary—a lunatic! Most of them say, whether they actually believe it or not, that I'm a crook."

"It's an outrage!" said Dorothy, with flashing eyes.

"Well, what do you think? It seems to me that I ought to resign as district attorney at once. I've been talking to Bart Nash. He's the editor of the Independent, you know—the man who gave Jim Stevens a job when Jim was fired for helping me to get the goods on the traction grafters."

"What does he say?"

"He agrees with me—that I ought to resign. He has promised me the support of his paper if I undertake to carry on the fight by a direct appeal to the people. That's my chance as I see it—to get the people stirred up, so that they will really demand action. So far they don't believe in me. But I can make them do it, I'm sure."

"Then if he thinks that and you feel as you do, I think you ought to resign," said Dorothy. "It's you that have got to make the decision. Bruce, I'm with you whatever you do."

"That settles it," said Bruce. "I thought you'd agree with me. I shall resign at once. And the first move in my new fight will be against the grain trust."

"I didn't know there was one."

"There is, and a particularly mean one! It's responsible for the rise in the price of bread. There's plenty of grain, but they're creating an artificial shortage to send up prices. There's no reason at all for the rise. It's the worst sort of crookedness. I shall go to Chicago at once. That's the place where I can get the evidence, though it's St. John Dodson, right here in New York, who is my final quarry."

"Mr. Dodson!" said Dorothy, deeply shocked. "Why, he's one of papa's best friends!"

"That's just the trouble," said Bruce grittingly. "It's because men who are universally supposed to be honorable and decent, and who occupy fine and high positions, are at the bottom of all the crookedness that it's so hard for me to reach them."

Stanford Stone, the secret head of the graft syndicate and Bruce's great enemy, was not deceived by Bruce's resignation of his office, which filled some of Stone's associates with delight.

"He hasn't given up," he said. "Don't be fooled for a minute by his resignation. That's just a blind. He's going to keep on fighting, and it's more important than ever to put him out of the way. I know, for instance, that he's going to Chicago tomorrow to try to get evidence against Dodson and his grain shortage. Black's gone, but I've got another man to follow him."

So it came about that there traveled with Bruce, following him as closely as his own shadow, a desperado known to the police of a score of cities as Red Mike. Mike meant to earn his money.

With Bruce gone, Stanford Stone left no move unmade in New York that might help to achieve his object. His first blow was struck at the Independent. A hint was enough. With one accord advertisers withdrew their support until the paper faced a staggering loss. And Stone went further. His agents approached stockholders, who, frightened by the loss of earnings, were glad to sell their holdings. So Stone came into control of a great block of Independent stock and was able to apply for a receivership and so force the suspension, for a time at least, of the paper's publication.

At his instance, too, suits were brought against Bruce for criminal libel and for heavy damages by the men he had accused in connection with the traction trust exposure. These were strike suits, which could not succeed when they were brought to trial, but it was Stone's purpose to let them come to trial. They served as an excuse for attaching Bruce's bank account and his home, and this was done. Bruce's mother was terrified by threats of ejectment from her home, and Stone relied upon her pleadings to induce Bruce to abandon his fight, even if his well laid plans to put Bruce out of the way should not succeed.

Even so, however, Stone was not content. He felt that Bruce still pos-



"Leave things to me. I'll get through somehow," said Tom.

essed one thing that he coveted—the love of Dorothy Maxwell. The engagement of the two had not been announced, but it was a more or less open secret. And now Stone, relying upon his hold over Roger Maxwell, her father, ventured openly to go to Dorothy and ask her to marry him. He was promptly refused, but would not take his answer. He wanted reasons, and Dorothy reluctantly told him of the plot to kill Bruce that she had overheard by means of the dictaphone in his office. To her amazement, Stone made no denial.

"I am his enemy," he said coolly. "I admit it. What of it? Your own father is associated with me. Larnigan's success would mean even more to him than to me."

"I don't believe you!" cried Dorothy desperately.

But she did. It explained so much that had troubled and mystified her. And Roger Maxwell, when she begged him to deny what Stone had said, couldn't do it. Indeed, he let her see that he was, to some extent at least, in Stone's power. It was a dreadful dilemma that Dorothy faced, with Bruce a thousand miles away, engaged, as she knew, in a bitter and perilous struggle.

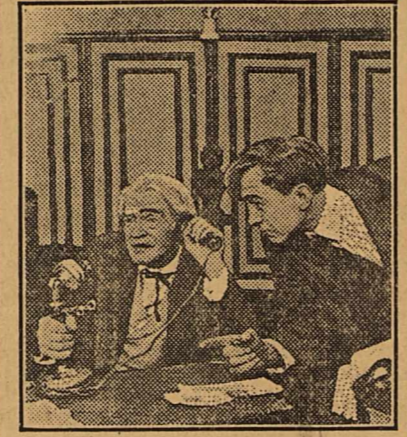
And, even so, she did not know how great were the perils that dogged Bruce's trail. Red Mike, like some skulking beast of prey, waited for his chance to strike. A dozen times he held his hand, inspired by the animal cunning that was his, waiting to make sure.

Meanwhile Bruce found plenty of evidence. He was disturbed by the news that came to him from Bart Nash and Jim Stevens, but decided that it was better for him to stick to his own part of the work instead of going back to help them. He felt that he was on the trail of real facts, which would prove terribly damaging to the enemy.

At last there came the chance he had waited. A man he had bribed told him of a plan to send a schooner out on Lake Michigan from Chicago heavily laden with grain.

"Go along," he told Bruce. "You'll see something worth while."

And Bruce did. Concealed in a boat, he saw the crew, under orders from the captain, dumping the perfectly good grain into the lake. It was so that Dodson's men were creating the shortage he was using as his excuse for raising the price of bread to the poor! This Bruce knew would serve



"I've ordered the price back. For God's sake take them away," said Dodson.

his cause; the facts would speak for themselves. And he had a small camera with him, with which he took photographs of the dumping.

It was that, however, which was his undoing. He had to expose himself as he took the pictures, and some keen eye among the men saw him. In a moment he was dragged from the boat.

"It's a spy!" cried some burly ruffian.

And a moment later Bruce was fighting for his life. He fought well, but the odds were too great. He was overpowered in no time and savagely beaten. But then the plotters made a fatal mistake. Left alone Bruce might soon have died. But they threw him overboard.

The cold water revived him to some extent, and he was able to cling to a floating spar that came providentially within his reach. And an hour later he was splashed from the deck of a yacht and picked up. He was unconscious when he was dragged on board. When he came to an hour later a strange man bent over his cot.

"Are you Bruce Larnigan," he said hoarsely. "Like the papers in your pocket say?"

"I am," said Bruce, astonished at the other's emotion.

"Bruce—I'm Tom—you're my brother!" said the stranger.

It was a wonderful tale they made of it, between them. Tom left home in a fit of boyish passion years before. He had disappeared, and the family had long since believed him dead.

"I didn't have the heart to go home a failure, Bruce," he confessed after he had heard Bruce's story. "But, by the Lord, I'll go home now and do the work you set out to do! You'll be in a hospital for a spell, old chap, and you're lucky at that. But leave things to me. I'll get through somehow."

So Tom went east in Bruce's place. He carried a letter to Dorothy Maxwell, and he carried also an absolute determination to defeat the graft syndicate and do Bruce's work until Bruce recovered.

But his arrival at home dismayed him. He learned of his mother's sufferings, and he learned, too, that Dorothy Maxwell, the girl Bruce loved and trusted, was engaged to Stanford Stone.

"I'll play a lone hand, then," he said defiantly to himself. "I'll not deliver Bruce's letter. But I'll get this man Dodson by myself."

Chance guided him to a meeting of the poor held in protest against the rise in the price of bread. Tom Larnigan seized his chance. In a moment he displaced the speaker.

"This is a time to act—not to talk!" he cried. "Follow me! I'll lead you to the man who raised the price of bread!"

With a roar like that of a pack of wolves the crowd followed him, growing greater at every block, until at last it stormed the doors of the great office building in which St. John Dodson had his office, surged up to his office, and beat down all guards and barriers until it was at his very door. Then Tom went in alone to find the great man cowering at his desk.

"Shall I let them in," he asked, "or will you yield, you cur?"

"I've ordered the price back to the old figures!" cried the frightened Dodson. "For God's sake take them away!"

Tom believed him. He told the crowd they had won their fight. And even as he spoke, a shot rang out. Dodson had killed himself.

At once Tom and his mother went to Chicago, to find Bruce somewhat improved. He smiled as he heard of Tom's first blow at the forces of graft.

[Episode No. 5 next week.]

Ballinger Band Furnishes Music For Box Supper

The local band furnished the music for the people of the Spring Hill community at a box supper at the Spring Hill school house Friday night. The band was furnished free and the people were very outspoken in expressing their appreciation for the kindness shown them by the Ballinger music makers.

The box supper was given for the purpose of creating a fund with which to buy an encyclopedia for the Spring Hill school, and it was a great success, something like \$50 being realized from the sale of lunches. Some of the boxes sold for as much as \$2.

Those who attended from Ballinger report the event a very pleasant as well as successful one financially.

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You can end gripe and break up a severe cold either in head, chest, body or limbs, by taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

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MAN FALLS FROM TREE AND DIES

(Paint Rock Herald)

Jack Caffey fell Sunday from a tree where he had climbed for a squirrel and was so badly hurt that he died Wednesday. Mr. Caffey was well known here to a large circle of friends. He was, at the time of his fall, working on the Sims' Ranch. He was a quiet hard working man, respected by all who knew him. Those who came in close contact with him were his best and closest friends. He was buried Thursday in the Paint Rock cemetery. Bro. Adair conducting the funeral services.

PROVEN SWAMP-ROOT AIDS WEAK KIDNEYS

The symptoms of kidney and bladder troubles are often very distressing and leave the system in a run-down condition. The kidneys seem to suffer most, as almost every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to dangerous kidney troubles.

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A trial will convince anyone who may be in need of it. Better get a bottle from your nearest drug store, and start treatment at once.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention the Ballinger Weekly Banner-Ledger.

Joe M. Thomas, of the Valley creek country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger, with his compliments to his brother-in-law, H. K. Corum, of Palo Pinto, Texas.

J. A. Walker of Brownwood, came in Monday at noon to look after business interests in Ballinger a day or two.

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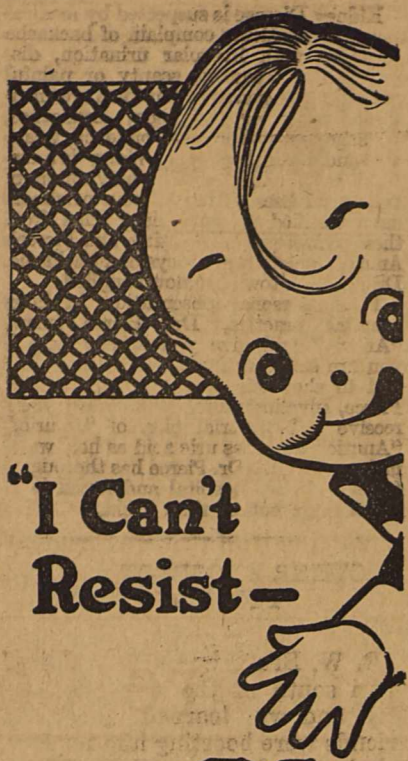
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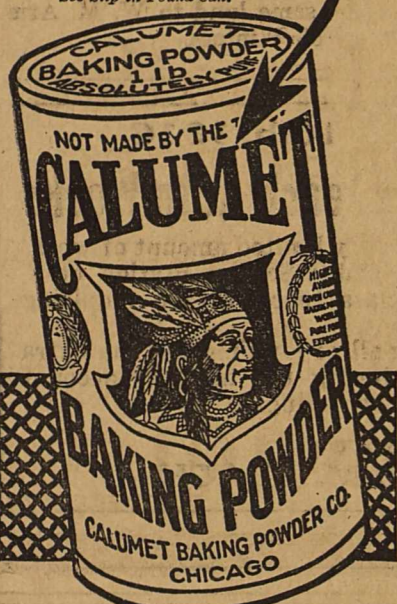
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PROS HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The first gun in the pro campaign now on this county was fired Wednesday afternoon when several hundred pros from the different sections of the county gathered at Ballinger and opened the campaign with an enthusiastic mass meeting. Practically every neighborhood in the county was well represented at the meeting and 43 autos came from Winters, the Winters band accompanying the Winters delegation.

At one o'clock the local band lined up at the intersection of Eighth street and Hutchins ave., and after playing a number of pieces formed a march to the court house, going first down Hutchins ave., to Ninth Street and coming back up Eighth street to Hutchins and following Hutchins to the court house. The pros formed in line and marching two abreast paraded behind the Ballinger band and the Winters band followed the parade.

At the court house the meeting was called to order by the old chairman, T. S. Lankford, who briefly stated the object of the meeting. The Rev. Chas. Gheislin Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was called on to invoke God's blessings upon the people assembled for the success of the cause.

Upon motion T. S. Lankford was elected permanent county chairman and W. B. Ray was elected secretary and the county organization was perfected by the election of precinct chairmen and an advisory committee, which follows:

R. A. Yates, Antelope; I. E. Collingsworth, Pumphrey; Jno. Dunn, Wingate; H. A. Mitchell, Baldwin; W. T. Lack, Wilmett; W. A. Esmond, Cochran; R. P. Taylor, South Norton; T. E. Bowman, Winters; Dr. T. L. Todd, Maverick; J. P. Whittington, Tokeen; L. S. Smith, Miles; W. F. McShann, Pony; G. W. Clayton, Benoit; W. W. Wiygle, Hatchel; N. E. Adkins, Crews; A. F. Landers, Marie; D. W. Yeager, Pruitt and J. N. Key, North Norton.

Advisory Committee.

T. E. Bowman, Winters; Abney Perry, Miles; Joe Bass, Norton; T. J. Parish, Ballinger; W. A. Tally, Ballinger; H. W. Lynn, Ballinger.

A motion was made that a committee on resolutions be appointed, and the committee named retired to draft proper resolutions. While the committee on resolutions was deliberating a number of short speeches were made. The resolution committee reported as follows, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted as read:

Mr. Chairman:
Your committee on resolutions

respectfully beg to submit the following:

"Whereas certain citizens of this county have petitioned the commissioners' court to order a prohibition election for the purpose of voting saloons back into this county, and

"Whereas, the date for said election has been set for Saturday, March 4th, 1916, and

"Whereas, at this time peace, harmony, happiness and prosperity prevails throughout our splendid county, therefore be it resolved:

"First. That we, the prohibitionists of Runnels County, in mass meeting assembled, deplore the calling of this election, and regret that we must be drawn into a campaign to keep the liquor traffic out of our fair county.

"Second. That we, as law abiding citizens and with the best interests of Runnels County at heart, hereby protest against such move on the part of our anti friends, and that we pledge ourselves to use every effort that is fair and legitimate to prevent the opening of saloons in this county now or at any other time.

"Third. That we know and hereby proclaim to the world that our county is in better condition morally, financially and otherwise than when the open saloons disgraced our citizenship.

"Fourth. That by way of comparison, and by actual count, certified to under oath, that on the day following the closing of saloons in Ballinger five years ago there were sixteen vacant business houses and two hundred and three vacant residences in Ballinger, making a total of two hundred and nineteen vacant houses in our county seat town; while today it is a well known and undisputable fact that there is not a vacant residence suitable for occupancy in Ballinger, and it is impossible to rent a house on short notice, and that with the exception of two or three vacant business houses on off or side streets, there is not a vacant business house in the city.

"Fifth. That the records of the railroads and express companies show approximately the following amount of intoxicants received in Ballinger during the last two years with saloons: 91 cars of beer amounting to 13,650 kegs; 2,300 barrels whiskey amounting to 119,600 gallons. During the last two years under prohibition the same records show no cars beer, only 150 kegs and 30 casks. No barrels whiskey and only 3,528 gallons.

"Sixth. That we do not care to furnish the boys to make drunkards necessary to support the open saloons which will not only sap the manhood from the coming generation of young men, and drown all that is good and pure, but will take from this county thousands of dollars that are now going to buy the comforts of life and make for home and happiness.

"Seventh. That we call upon all the home loving, God fearing, and law abiding citizens of this county to go to the polls on March 4th and cast a vote that will repudiate the effort to bring saloons back to this county and give the cause of prohibition a majority that will perpetuate peace and happiness in this county for all time to come.

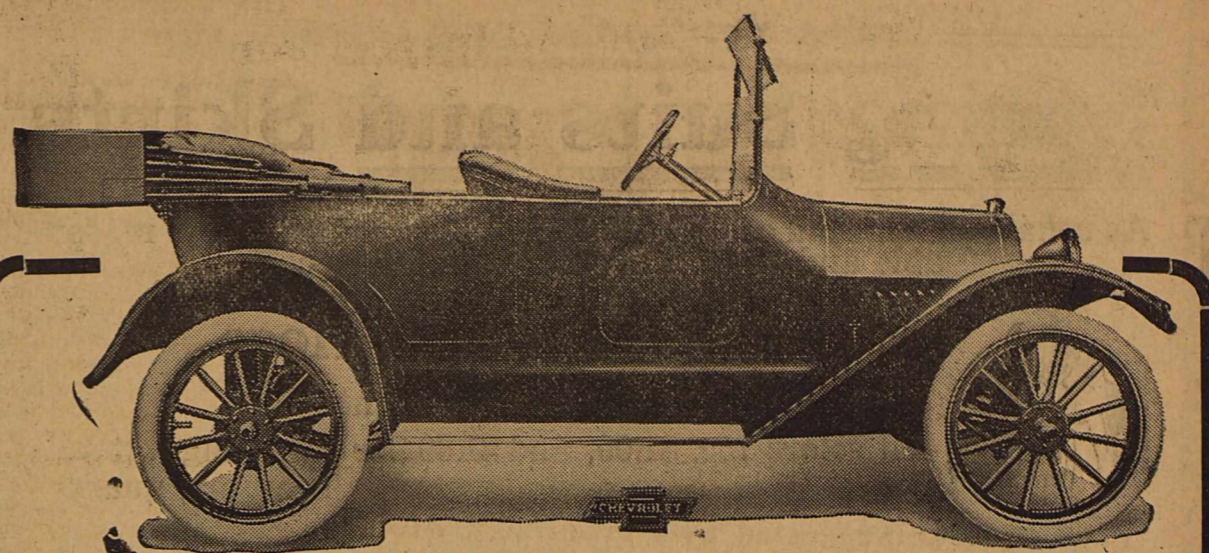
"Be it further resolved, that we have the kindest feeling for our anti friends and neighbors, and we hereby pledge to them a fair and open fight in presenting facts to prove that the record of prohibition in Runnels County is ample cause for perpetuating prohibition for our children and our children's children.

J. L. SPEER,
L. S. SMITH,
R. T. WILLIAMS,
T. J. McCAGHN,
Committee.

Rev. J. L. Speer was called for and after a short talk reminded the audience that money would be needed to conduct the campaign and in short order a collection amounting to about \$850 was taken, and the meeting adjourned.

There were 144 men in the parade that followed the band to the court house, and the court room was crowded, many standing around the walls on the lower floor and quite a number standing in the balcony. The pros pronounce the gathering the most successful and enthusiastic mass meeting ever held in this county and indicate by their action that they will wage an aggressive campaign.

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SUICIDE VICTIM BURIED AT ROWENA.

John Zanek, who committed suicide at Rowena Monday, was buried in the Rowena cemetery Tuesday. His family was located in Lavaca County and his wife instructed that his body be buried at Rowena, and she sent the money to pay the burial expenses. Nothing is known of the man here, further than the telegram received, which left the impression that the man had been crazy for some time.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mis Lola Watson, who has been teaching school near Garden City, came in home Saturday.

Pink Brown is visiting his father in Brownwood and looking after business interests of the Brownwood Marble Works.

Hugh Farquar of Hemstead, is visiting his uncle, E. D. Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Brandon of Eagle Branch, accompanied by Miss

Leska Hinde, were visitors in S. Ballinger Sunday, and also attended the South Ballinger Sunday school.

W. H. Brown had business in Winters Tuesday.

E. A. Hearndon of Abilene, has returned to his home after spending a few days with his friend, W. E. Branch and family.

Mrs. Tom Eubank, who visited her sister, Mrs. Ed Eubank and family, returned to her home

near Winters Saturday.

ELBERTA PEACH.

Shoes Wanted.

at Wendorf's Busy Shoe Shop. Work done by the Champion shoe finishing machine, soles sewed on in quick time. Come to see us.

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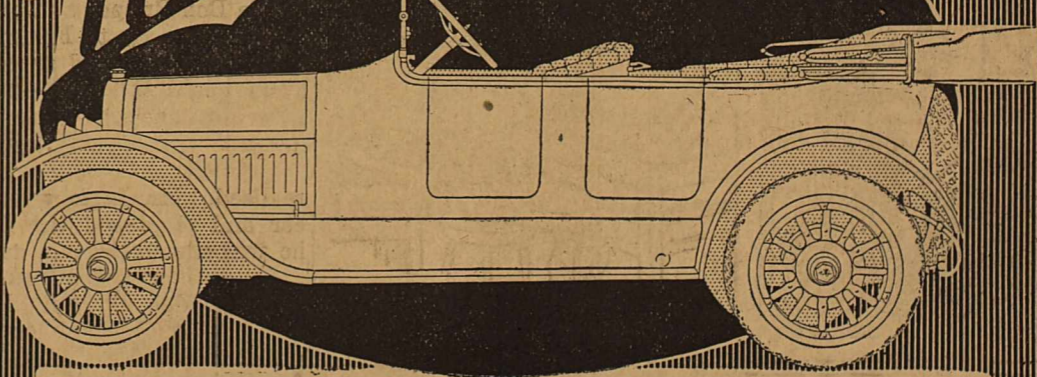
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C. M. C. 10c ball, 3 for	25c
Royal Society, a ball	10c
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of articles to be embroidered, all the new numbers in stock. Will take orders for "Artamo" packages. Only \$1.95.

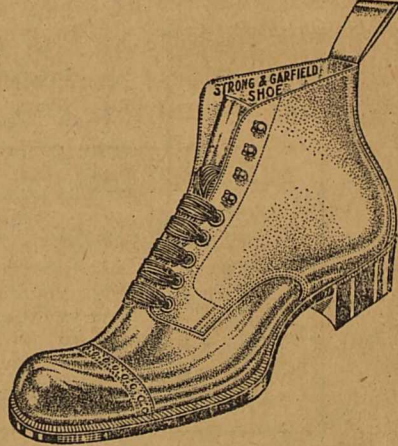
One Table Ladies' Shoes that formerly sold up to \$5.00 per pair, all sizes, 100 pairs in lot, to close out at only per pair



Men's Shoes \$1.95

One lot men's shoes that formerly sold up to \$6.00; 35 pairs in lot. To close out \$1.95 per pair

These are big bargains



The New Spring Caps for men and boys are here. Jockey and staple shapes, attractive patterns, 50c to \$1.25 each.

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SPRING HILL NEWS

Farmers are getting along nicely with farming operations, during this ideal weather with a little ice at night.

Mrs. Mabel Archer of Seymour,

has returned home after visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. P. Preston for several days.

Bro. Milton of the 9th Street Baptist Church of Ballinger, will preach next Sunday at Spring Hill at 4 p. m. Everybody most

cordially invited to attend this service.

In a recent report of the Ft. Worth live stock market, it was stated that the largest hogs ever received there were two from Coleman County that weighed 619 pounds each. A Duroc Jersey hog raised in Runnels County by W. S. Davis was loaded here Tuesday for the Ft. Worth market weighing 624 pounds. You can't beat Runnels County when it comes to something to eat.

The Box Supper at Spring Hill school house last Friday night was a most decided success from every angle but one—and that was—not enough boxes to go around. Consequently just fifty-two dollars and fifty cents was realized. Mr. Ingle was auctioneer and displayed the fact that he was some salesman as well as a creek burr slayer and much credit is due him for his best efforts to make both ends meet; also the Ballinger Band boys for furnishing music for the occasion. They rendered quite a number of excellent pieces of music that was enjoyed by all. Prof. Joe Ward and Troy Simpson of the Band, were among those who purchased good-sized boxes. Hope to have them with us again on future occasions.

Now while the sun shines is time to fix to make hay when it shines hotter.

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Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

T. P. Brown, of South Ballinger, while in the city Wednesday ordered the Banner-Ledger to continue to his address of his father T. E. Brown, of Brownwood, for another year.

COURT APPOINTS ELECTION OFFICERS

The first work passed on by the commissioners' court when that body met Monday afternoon was the appointing of election managers and judges for the ensuing year. This work required several hours, and before adjourning for the day the following men were selected to conduct the holding of the various elections over which the court has jurisdiction during the year 1916:

- Ballinger, Precinct No. 1: C. R. Crews, presiding officer; J. F. Lusk, J. McGregor and J. N. Adams.
- Hatchel No. 2: S. D. Williams, presiding; Paul Michaelis, J. R. Cox, J. R. Harris.
- Benoit, No. 3: B. J. Clayton, Perry Pullen.
- Crews, No. 4: R. L. Bates, T. A. Brevard, D. S. Moore, Edgar Jayroe.
- Tokeen, No. 5: F. M. Curry, A. B. Lockett.
- Truitt, No. 6: J. F. White, J. R. Woodriddle.
- Winters, No. 7: Bert Lowe, Benn Spill, Olie Dillingham, R. B. Griffith.
- Antelope, No. 8: R. A. Yeats, W. D. Virden.
- Pumphrey No. 9: R. L. Mosley, Howard Mitchell.
- Wingate, No. 10: Tobe Allen,

- T. W. Whigham, E. J. Guin, R. L. Gould.
- Baldwin, No. 11: W. J. Gardner, H. A. Mitchell.
- Wilmeth No. 12: Will Dodgin, Elgin Davidson, P. E. Lunsford.
- Cochran, No. 13: W. W. Poe, Aug. Seipp.
- N. Norton No. 14: A. D. Taylor, J. T. Snellgrove.
- Marie No. 15: J. Black, W. A. Glenn.
- Maverick No. 16: Bert Fletcher, J. P. Huffaker.
- S. Norton No. 17: R. P. Taylor, J. D. Miller.
- Pearce School House, No. 18: Howard Witt, John Huffstetler.
- Brookshire No. 19: E. A. Brookshire, A. W. Teague.
- Miles No. 20: T. E. Davis, W. W. Cummins, J. Frank Scott, B. A. Meadows.
- Rowena No. 21: P. J. Baron, F. F. Ernst, G. Schuhmann, W. F. Redman.
- Olfin, No. 22: F. G. Hoelscher, Wm. Halfmann.
- Pony Creek, No. 23: Jno. Bigby, Lon Mapes.
- Ballinger No. 24: Tom Shaffer, E. A. Trail, H. J. Jones, W. E. McDonald.

The above officers will have charge of the general election and all special elections held during the year. The Democratic Executive committee appoints the officers for the primary election.

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ANOTHER PROSPECT FOR COMMISSIONER

R. W. Bruce was here from his farm south of the city Wednesday, and we learned that his friends were boosting him for commissioner of this precinct. When interviewed Mr. Bruce did not say whether he would allow his name to be used for the place or not, but indicated that if his friends insisted he would get in the race.

Mr. Bruce has successfully taught school has been successful in business and is now a successful farmer, and would no doubt doubt make a successful county commissioner.

R. L. Harwell sold Saturday a five-passenger Ford to W. D. Overman, of the Winters country, one to W. T. Willis, of the Tokeen country and also another of the same kind to W. M. Armstead of Winters.

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Owing to the shop requiring all of my time and the extra cost of collections, I am discontinuing the monthly account system. Please govern yourself accordingly.

Yours Truly
H. M. LEACH

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put their money in the bank where it is safe from fire, burglars and their own temptation to spend it.

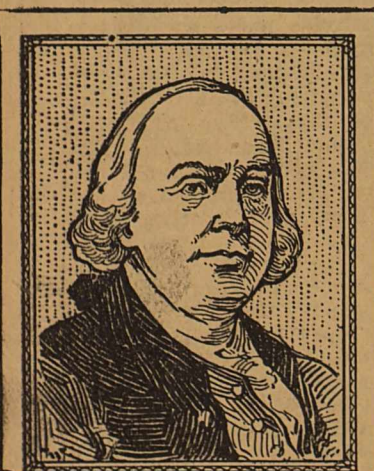
Husband and wife should both save money. What's the good for one to save and the other to spend? Just ask yourself today: "Who gets the money I earn?" Do I get it or does somebody else get it? You earned your money; it belongs to you. Keep it. Be a careful man and bank your money.

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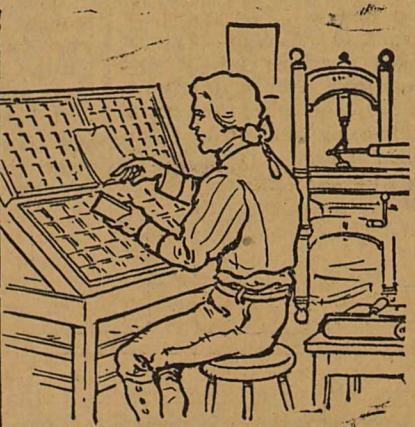
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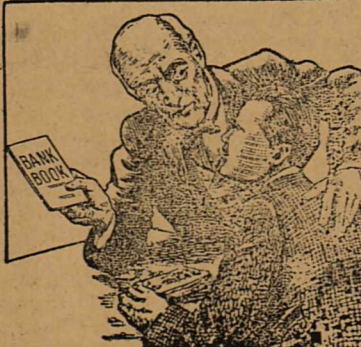
See your fortress rise against the possible attacks of sickness or misfortune. Lay the foundation with a part of this week's earnings.

Multiply your money in our care

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The Bank that Helps You Do Things



Experience With a Bank Account

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By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

AUTHOR OF "WHISPERING SMITH," "THE MOUNTAIN DIVIDE," "STRATEGY OF GREAT RAILROADS," ETC.

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SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad by George Storm, a newsboy. Grown to young womanhood Helen saves Storm, now a fireman, her father, and his friends Amos Rhinelander, financier, and Robert Seagrue, promoter, from a threatened collision. Safes breakers employed by Seagrue steal General Holmes' survey plans of the cut-off line for the Tidewater, fatally wounding the general and escape. Her father's estate badly involved by his death, Helen goes to work on the Tidewater. Seagrue uses Spike to set fire to a powder train hauled by Storm's engine. Helen saves Storm from a horrible death. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagrue, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blue print. Storm, employed by Rhinelander, wins a fight with Seagrue's men for possession of a consignment of railroad ties.

SIXTH INSTALLMENT

HELEN'S WILD RIDE

Helen spied him the minute she stepped inside Rhinelander's hut to deliver the telegram—a small, fluffy bundle of black and white, lying curled up tightly on Rhinelander's cot, as if this was the haven of warmth and refuge so long sought. "Where," demanded Helen of Rhinelander, and emphasizing each word in amazement, "did you get that dear, little dog?"

"That dear, little dog," explained Rhinelander, with corresponding emphasis, "is the last addition to my already overburdened pay roll."

"What's his name? Who," demanded Helen in delight, "put him on?"

"He just got hold with his teeth and hung on. He blew into camp the other day, the tidiest, earnestest, hungriest-looking cur you ever saw. Some morning party lost him, probably."

Rhinelander reread his telegram: Rhinelander, Signal: Monthly pay roll on No. 4. H. "Say, this is news; best I've had this week. The pay roll is overdue three days and these Greeks and Mexicans are a suspicious bunch. What's your hurry?" he asked as Helen made ready to go.

"I must run," said Helen. "I'm alone this morning."

"Don't be in a rush; I'm going over that way myself," returned Rhinelander, picking up his hat. "The pup will keep house a few minutes."

Leaving the hut door open, Rhinelander, accompanied by Helen, started for the station. Two good comrades, as well as devoted friends, Helen and he laughed and joked along their way.

They encountered him on the way over to the station to look for them. A consultation was held in the woods. The four were now assured that the money had come, and they knew where it had been put. To the safe expert was left the details, and when these had been arranged to suit him, the quartet scattered. That evening they might have been seen hovering around the station about the time that Helen and Lyons were closing up for the night. Indeed, the latter had hardly locked the station door before Spike, watching his opportunity, signaled his assistants to the freighthouse window. This, without ceremony, they broke open and entering the telegraph office from the freightroom, took possession of the premises.

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dropped from his mouth almost at the convict's feet, and idly picking the paper up Spike opened and read it: Rhinelander,

Signal: Monthly pay roll on No. 4. Brief though the message was, it contained enough news to arouse Spike.

Casting only a glance in the direction of the fleeing dog, Spike, clutching his find, hurried toward Seagrue's camp and lost no time in covertly showing him the message, without explaining how it had fallen into his hands.

Seagrue, reading the telegram, saw the moment he looked at Spike, what was in the convict's mind.

Seagrue studied the message. "It wouldn't be a bad idea to get hold of the stuff a while, anyway," he mused. "It's behind time now, I understand; and I hear the men over there are getting restless about not getting their money. If you could hold it up on Rhinelander a few days you might work up a strike."

"How far do you want to go with this thing?" demanded Spike, casting a vicious eye on his employer.

"I don't care how far you go," said Seagrue, "provided you hold up that pay roll."

Spike left the camp. No more than a moment's reflection was needed to suggest an idea to him. Returning to the station, he got a long distance telephone wire and called up two of his friends at Oceanside—Sykes, a convict acquaintance, and a chum of Sykes, who, in various encounters with the law, had lost all of his name but "Dan."

In jailbird jargon Spike explained to Sykes, who answered the telephone, the possibilities of a haul at Signal. Dan, standing near Sykes in the room they occupied together, asked questions and prompted his companion, who tried to get from Spike—reluctant to talk much on the wire—a description of the lay of the land. Spike bluntly told them in the end to stow it and take the job or leave it, as they liked. However, the two criminals got enough from him to decide that a third man was indicated, and they called into their conference a crooked safe expert, known only by his nickname of "Bat, the Bat." To him they confided their plot. Nothing loath, Bat consented to join in the enterprise, and following Spike's hints, the trio made arrangements to leave for Signal on the train that should carry Rhinelander's pay roll.

When No. 4 pulled into Signal next morning three men dropped off the hind end. They made up the criminal gang that Spike had engaged to rob Rhinelander, and, knowing the loot was expected on the train that carried them, two of the men kept the front end of the train well in view until they had watched Lyons and Helen take the package of money from the express messenger, and after receiving for it, walk with Rhinelander into the station. Inside of the office Rhinelander examined the shipment of currency.

"I have no safe at the camp, Lyons," explained Rhinelander, when the agent asked him to receipt for the package. "Keep it here for me in your safe until tomorrow." He pushed the open package of bills back through the wicket of the counter, but in doing this he accidentally overturned a bottle of ink.

Helen screamed a little, and flumping aside, caught up a piece of cloth from the letter-press stand, wiped the ink off the bills as best she could and turned them over to Lyons, who took the big package within his charge and placed it carefully in the safe. Not, however, without having been observed by two of the Oceanside criminals who were loitering just then outside the office window.

Turning away before they were discovered, these men—Sykes and Dan—were joined by the third member of their expedition, and the three headed for Rhinelander's camp to hunt up Spike. They encountered him on the way over to the station to look for them. A consultation was held in the woods. The four were now assured that the money had come, and they knew where it had been put. To the safe expert was left the details, and when these had been arranged to suit him, the quartet scattered. That evening they might have been seen hovering around the station about the time that Helen and Lyons were closing up for the night. Indeed, the latter had hardly locked the station door before Spike, watching his opportunity, signaled his assistants to the freighthouse window. This, without ceremony, they broke open and entering the telegraph office from the freightroom, took possession of the premises.

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an examination. It took him only a moment to examine and tabulate in his mind the kind of safe he had to do with. In another moment he threw back the bolts and swung the door open.

They took the pay roll package out just as Lyons had placed it within the safe. But the easy triumph of the expert and the congratulations of his friends did not seem enough to satisfy him. To make the job artistic, he directed his assistants to get together some brown paper, and after they had taken the bills from the package, he filled it with waste paper, rewrapped the package carefully and replaced it just as he had found it in the safe.

Leaving by the same way they had entered, the quartet took their way to Seagrue's camp. Seagrue was asleep, and Spike woke him and ruttered they had the money. Seagrue, somewhat upset by the size of the company of thieves with which he was now tied up, kept his own counsel. He listened to all that Spike had to say, and at once advised sending the three safe-blowers back to the city. This, however, it was decided, after a brief conference, would not do, as Spike needed somebody to help him foment a disturbance next day. In the end, a compromise was effected, by which The Bat was sent to town while Sykes and Dan were kept over night to aid in stirring up Rhinelander's men.

The following day had already been announced in Rhinelander's camp as pay day. When Helen and Lyons arrived at the office in the morning for duty they found Rhinelander waiting to take the money. Lyons, very willing to be rid of his responsibility, opened the safe and unsuspectingly turned over to Rhinelander the package he had placed in it the afternoon before.

When the construction boss reached



Spike Plied the Grumbling Laborers With Liquor.

his camp, the men were lined up outside his tent waiting for their pay. Passing within, Rhinelander cut open the package. To his consternation he found only brown paper instead of currency. Stunned by the revelation and breathless with amazement, he made his way, white-faced, back to the station for an explanation.

Rushing into the office he threw the doctored package down before Lyons and Helen. The two paled in turn with excitement and each of the three looked blankly into the faces of the others. Lyons ran to the safe and opened it again—Rhinelander and Helen watching. Nowhere else inside was any money to be found. The currency package, apparently undisturbed, had been taken by the agent in the first instance from precisely where he had left it, and seemingly in the same condition in which it had been placed in the safe. All that confronted the startled trio now was the worthless package of brown paper.

Rhinelander wiped his brow and turned, dejected, from the counter. He had not the heart to wire Oceanside of the calamity. The first thing necessary, in any event, was to make an effort to appease the men and, starting to his camp, he attempted to do this. The men, made uneasy by Rhinelander's sudden disappearance after his promise to pay, were grumbling around Wood, the foreman, who was using his best efforts to quiet them. Rhinelander now reappeared from the station, but empty-handed. He brought with him the rifled package, showed this to Wood and to the men; explained that he had been robbed and told the men they would have to wait.

Those closest in the group that crowded around him had been primed for a disturbance by Spike and his two confederates. They sneered at Rhinelander's statements and told him they wanted their pay. Lyons, hurrying over from the station, reported to Rhinelander that the express company and the chief special agent's office had been notified of the robbery and detectives were on the way. But while Wood and Lyons argued with some of the disaffected, Spike and his companions lured others of them to a hut on the edge of the camp limits, where a sort of blind pig was in operation. Here Spike, spending money freely, plied the grumbling laborers with liquor and advised them to stand on their rights and refuse to work if their money was not at once forthcoming.

Rhinelander made up his mind not

to dodge the issue and he assured such of the men as would listen that if they would give him a little time he would replace the pay roll on his personal credit; and that no one should lose a cent through the accident. The difficulty was to get the men to listen. The strike idea spread through the camp like an infection, and reason was for the moment completely forgotten. Spike, perceiving the mischief well under way and anxious to get the two city criminals out of the way before the detectives from headquarters should arrive and round up the camp for suspects, directed Spike and Dan to "beat it" back to town on the local passenger.

At this time a sudden and unexpected complication arose. With Spike, the party returned to the shack for a final drink, and when they left it, Sykes and Dan started for the station. But a lighted match carelessly thrown to the ground inside the hut, falling among rubbish, had ignited it, and almost before the pair reached the station the hut was on fire.

Entering the waiting room with his companion, Sykes bought tickets from Helen for the city. When with Dan he walked out on the platform, the local train had pulled in and the crew were looking at the fire in Rhinelander's camp.

Sykes and Dan boarded the train at the moment it pulled slowly out. In the office, while Helen was putting away the bill with which Sykes had paid for the tickets, her attention was arrested by a blot of ink on the edge of it. With a woman's intuition, she realized almost at once that the ink-stained bill was one of those stolen from the express package the night before. Running out on the platform, she told Lyons of the discovery.

Helen, frantic as she saw the train pulling away with the burglars, looked around for help. Nothing seemed to

package. They are both on this train!" she cried. "They have the money. We must get them or he'll be ruined, if he isn't ruined by this terrible fire. You must help me, conductor, both of you."

Followed by the brakeman, the two walked forward. It was rather a long train.

The conductor could not be hurried, and the search went all too slowly for Helen, who feared what did, in fact, presently occur. Sykes and Dan, uneasy in the fear of special agents on their trail, were on the alert. They sat near the front door of the smoker, and as Helen and the conductor began at the rear end of the car to look over the passengers, Sykes, spying Helen, quietly slid through the front door to the platform, Dan following. They sat down on the steps looking for a good place to jump off. While the conductor was talking forward, with Sykes casting furtive glances at him through the front window, the train drew near the San Pablo river. "I'm off here," growled Sykes to his confederate, briefly.

Dan protested; a jump was not to his taste, but Sykes, the big fellow, did not hesitate. The train was crossing the San Pablo. Sykes leaped from the step into the river, Dan reluctantly following suit.

Helen, through an open window of the smoker, saw Sykes' jump. She caught the conductor's arm and begged him to stop the train. He pulled the cord and, with the conductor and brakeman after her, Helen ran to the front platform. The train slowed. In the river, Sykes and Dan were swimming. Helen made ready to drop off. The conductor and brakeman tried to dissuade her; they could not.

"You'll have to go alone, I can't leave this train," shouted the conductor to her.

Helen only waved her hand as she dropped to the ground.

Luckily, she had not been seen by the men she was after, but a further obstacle threatened. The convicts had swum to the nearest bank and were now across the river from Helen. A passing boat was awaiting the draw, and the moment the train passed the jackknife had been started up by the bridge tender. Helen was running to get to the other side before it was too late. Sykes and Dan, ashore, were hurrying away, and the ponderous jackknife was rising under Helen's fleeing feet. The draw span, already high in the air, made a widening gap between her and the abutment, but Helen, running to the rising end, jumped from it recklessly to the abutment below. She landed, bruised, on the track, but she picked herself up and sped on after the fugitives.

The river bridge is at no great distance from Oceanside, but Helen's breath was pretty well exhausted before Sykes and Dan reached a suburban street car and boarded it. So close was she after them that she gained one platform just as the two men stepped up on the other. Concealing herself behind a seat, Helen hid in terror, but with all their astuteness the criminals failed to discover her. When the two left the car in the city, Helen was again relentlessly on their heels. Following them vigilantly she intercepted an officer, told him of her chase, and he instantly joined her in the pursuit of the men, now disappearing in the distance.

Turning into an obscure street, the criminals entered a doorway and started up a long flight of stairs, Helen with her policeman hard behind. Looking back from the first landing, the convicts now saw their pursuers. Springing up a second flight of stairs, they knocked hurriedly at the first door. It was opened by their confederate, The Bat, who, inside the room, had been diverting himself by counting the stolen money.

"They're after us," exclaimed Sykes to him. "We've got to get out of here, Beat it, Bat. The girl and the cop are on the stairs."

"Make for the roof," cried the Bat. The hard-pressed pair ran for the trap ladder. The Bat, keeping to his room, slammed the door shut. Once through the trap door, which Sykes and Dan dropped behind them, and on the roof, the pair imagined themselves safe, but Helen and her officer were close behind, and when they found the trap door closed against them the officer drew his revolver and fired up through it.

On the outside, Sykes and Dan jumped back like rabbits from the shots. Helen and her helper threw open the trap unopposed, and, gaining the roof, faced the convicts. Nowhere could the robbers find an avenue of escape on the top of the building, and cornered like rats as Helen and the policeman reached them, they put up a hand-to-hand fight.

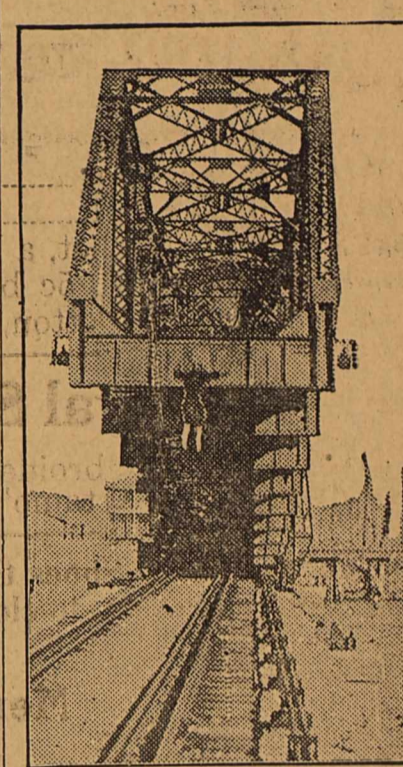
The officer tackled Sykes, the more powerful of the pair, and Dan, seeing his opportunity for a flank movement, tried to regain the trap door. Helen pounced on him like a panther. He tried to throw her off. Despite his blows and struggles, he could not get rid of his tenacious assailant, and locked in a life-and-death struggle, they fought, reckless of consequence, nearer and nearer to the edge of the roof. For a moment both their lives were in peril, but Helen, her fighting blood up, would have clung to her prisoner if it had cost her life.

Provisionally, the harried man, fast losing his nerve under her frantic attack, and pushing to the edge of the parapet in the wild assault, flung Helen violently off in an effort to throw her over the roof parapet to her death. In his terrific effort he lost his balance. With a scream he tried to recover his foothold. Helen, seeing his desperate plight, would

have caught him to save his life, but fortunately for herself, she could not reach him in time. Had she done so, her own death would have been inevitable, for Dan, swaying wildly, slipped again. He caught with a fearful curse at the empty air. It was too late for anyone to aid him now, and the next instant he had plunged headlong off the roof to his death.

Helen turned to the officer, who, in a grapple with Sykes, was fighting in the grasp of the powerful criminal, to save himself from being hurled through an adjoining skylight.

Below the two, the fat man, Bat, looking up, beheld his confederate in the grip of the law. Helen was too late to aid the officer to save himself, but the plucky policeman gripped Sykes around the neck as he plunged forward himself, and before the fat



Helen Jumped From It Recklessly.

man in the room, watching apprehensively, could draw a full breath, the two men crashed violently through the skylight together almost on top of him. As it was, they landed in a heap on the bed. The Bat sprang at once on the helpless policeman. It would have gone hard with him but for instant aid from Helen. She dropped down the open skylight, caught the revolver from the officer's hand and held the two criminals at the point of it until the policeman could slip handcuffs on them. When the two men were secured, Helen demanded the stolen money.

The man Bat did most of the talking.

"I don't know what you are talking about," he said jovially, while Helen's accusations were launched at him. "I am a piano tuner, officer. I don't know this man," he pointed calmly at Sykes. "I never saw him in my life till he smashed my skylight. What do you mean, anyway, by breaking into my room? I'll put the blue-sky laws on you. Who's going to pay for all this glass?" he demanded with an injured air. "The landlord is going to come after me for it. I'll have your whole bunch arrested the minute I get to the police station. I don't know anything about your money. I don't believe you've got any money or have had any."

"What did you attack the policeman for as soon as he dropped into the room?" cried Helen, indignantly.

"Why, miss, I am near-sighted. I thought that man was a piano tuner when I saw him—a man that's tried to let the light into me two or three times with a gun—it's a fact!"

The officer shut off The Bat's talk, and Helen, with the astuteness of a detective, searched him, with the result that from his various pockets she recovered every package of the bills stolen from the safe, and nearly all of them intact.

The fat man lost none of his nerve when confronted with the result. He declared he had been made the victim of a plot, that his character and reputation were known everywhere in the city—which was quite true. And having denounced all unwarranted intrusions such as he had been made the victim of, he resigned himself to go as prisoner with a much better grace than his sullen companion did. They were taken together to the police station.

Helen telephoned immediately for a motor car, and, accompanied by her friendly officer, and with the money stowed away on her person, she stepped into the car and ordered it driven in haste to Signal. Past as the landscape flew by it did not keep pace with Helen's impatience. They arrived on sight of Rhinelander's camp. Smoke still rose from where the fire had threatened its complete destruction. Rhinelander and Wood, with their men, had finally extinguished the conflagration, though not until a heavy toll of damage had been taken by the flames. Helen caught sight of Rhinelander just as the car raced up to the camp and, alighting, called him joyfully to her, waving the money in her great excitement, in her hands.

"It's here," she cried. "Most every bit of it."

"What do you mean?" "The pay roll! We've got it—all of it—the money stolen from the safe. It is here in this package."

Rhinelander, half-dazed, could hardly believe his eyes. Bit by bit Helen told the story. Her foster uncle caught her in his arms; money and all. Together the men crowding around—this was the recovered treasure through the half-burned camp.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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Special lot good style combination suits, values up to \$2.50, this week 75¢

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California peaches, three pound cans, best table variety, extra special, this week, 12 cans

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White Illinois corn regular size cans, special this week 12 cans

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GROWIN RICH ON A SMALL FARM

Diversified farming is making many farmers in Runnels county an independent living and furnishing the luxuries of life, if as some would say an auto is a luxury.

J. L. Smith, who lives near Norton, sixteen miles from Ballinger, was a visitor to Ballinger Monday of this week. He did not talk for publication, and no doubt little dreamed that what he was saying would appear in print but a record of his year's work makes a story that we can't afford to pass up.

Mr. Smith is what one might

call "a one horse farmer." He gathered 30 bales of cotton off of 59 acres last year, and sold his cotton this week, or at least some of it, for 11.95.

Besides the good cotton crop Mr. Smith stored 37 big wagon loads of maize, and some other feed. He butchered 1500 pounds of meat for his own use, and had one hog left for which he received \$35. Just as a side line he sold \$155 worth of eggs and chickens, and lived high at home while he was doing it.

Mr. Smith is just one of dozens of other farmers that are meeting with success by diversifying—raising cotton for money, eggs and chickens for money, hogs for money and at the same time raising plenty to eat.

Watch the Fords Go By.

CONTRACT LET FOR REMODELING JAIL

The commissioners' court let the contract Tuesday for remodeling the jail, and work will begin at an early date. The plans and specifications call for changes in the interior of the jail that will give room for separating the white prisoners from the colored prisoners, and at the same time make the prison safer, and prevent the deliveries that have been so common in the past.

The Southern Structural Steel Works of San Antonio have been awarded the contract at a cost to the county of \$3500.

W. A. Hall of the Pony creek

country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

25 CENTS DESTROYS YOUR DANDRUFF AND STOPS FALLING HAIR

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Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Dandérine from any drug store or toilet counter, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, lustre and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy, an incomparable gloss and softness; but what will please you most will be after just a few week's use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp.

MAKES THE FARM PAY.

Max Zechang, of the Jamison neighborhood, was in the city Wednesday marketing home supplies and rarely ever comes to town without something to sell off his farm. He shipped three fine hogs Tuesday and brought in today 8 pounds of butter, 16 dozen eggs, etc. This is what makes the farm pay.

G. Schuhmann, N. K. Freeman, of Rowena, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

NEGRO CONVICTED ON VAG CHARGE

One by one the city court is disposing of the dozen or more negroes arrested last Saturday and held on vagrancy charges. The cases are being contested on city court, and so far all tried have resulted in conviction.

The case of Fred Wright, the husband of Francis Wright, the negro woman who was convicted Saturday, was tried Monday and the jury rendered a verdict of guilty, fixing the punishment at five dollars and the trimmings, which runs the total cost to the vagrant up to about \$25. The defense immediately gave notice of appeal, and the negro was released on appeal bond.

The case of Buck Johnson, another negro, was called Tuesday morning and most of the day was consumed in disposing of this case.

In its efforts to clean up the vagrant district of this city the city council is meeting with success, if convictions count for success. Out of twenty arrest made since the clean up campaign started fifteen pleas of guilty and convictions have been entered upon the docket and five cases remain to be tried.

The corporation court has been busy passing on the cases all the week, and out of three cases called for trial all have resulted in conviction, the third conviction be-

ing recorded Tuesday when Mayor Powell assessed a fine of \$10 and cost against Buck Johnson.

Two cases tried earlier in the week were passed on by a jury and fines of \$5 and cost in each case assessed. The counsel for defense in the Buck-Johnson case decided to take their chances before the mayor and did not call for a jury.

Johnson was charged with running a questionable rooming house and with being a vagrant. He employed two lawyers to defend him and fought his case.

J. F. Wilson of Hillsboro, came in a few days ago on a prospecting trip and is well pleased with Runnels county and will likely make this his future home.

B. F. Guin, of the Hatchel county, passed through Ballinger Monday morning en route home from San Angelo, where he had been with the cotton oil mill for the past few weeks.

Master Harley Newton of Bonham is the new operator with Mrs. Wigle at the uptown telegraph office and she says he is just splendid for a young boy and is a boy that will make good in any office.

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