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WHY NOT BUY--A GOOD BUGGY

MOON BROS.

A NEW CAR JUST RECEIVED

DISTRIBUTED BY

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

"Tell the TRUTH Advertisers"

27 BILLS FOR THREE DAYS IS WORK OF GRAND JURY

While the present grand jury has only been grinding three days up to noon Thursday, that body had turned in up to that hour a total of 27 indictments, nineteen of which are for felonies and eight misdemeanors. This became known shortly after noon Thursday following the returning of twenty bills, which was the second "batch" turned in for the present term, seven bills having been reported Tuesday.

Of course it is not known how long the grand jury will be in session. Heretofore the sessions of Runnels County grand juries have very seldom held over one week, but it is a well known fact that on account of considerable accumulated business, caused by arrests being made and the parties bound over to await the action of the grand jury, and a number being held in jail, there will be more to come before the grand jury than usual, and the final report will probably not be made until some time during the second week.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS FOR VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK.

The old show cases and grocery counter in the grocery department of the Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack store have been sidetracked as of no further use to this modern place of business and in their stead a new and up to date sanitary counter and display cases has been placed. The new furniture was received and installed this week and is quick to attract the attention of those who enter this store.

A new department for ready-to-wear clothing for ladies is also being fitted up and will be one of the most attractive places in this store for the ladies. Built under a large dome are display racks for the pretty clothing for women, and in the near future the new department will be thrown open for inspection.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Allen of the Valley Creek country, a girl, Wednesday.

LEFT FOR FT. WORTH.

Among the number who left from Ballinger Wednesday to attend the Fat Stock Show at Ft. Worth, were: W. C. Penn, C. C. Gilliam and little son, Jim Mater, Mrs. S. M. Cameron and baby, S. H. Guin of Hatchel, W. W. Witherspoon of Tennyson. Mr. Cameron left a day or two ago to sell out a car or two of hogs and Mrs. Cameron will join him at Fort Worth to enjoy the big show a few days.

FIVE CONVICTIONS IN 4 DAYS COURT

Two cases were tried in district court in just a little more than two hours Thursday morning. Court convened at eight-thirty and by ten o'clock the jury had passed on the case of Ben Scotty better known in Ballinger as "Whistling Rufus," a negro charged with violating the local option law, and assessed the punishment at three years in the pen.

"Whistling Rufus" appeared in court without an attorney and fought his own case. He "sized" up the jury and accepted them as being a "pretty intelligent" looking set of men and propounded the questions to the witnesses in the case. The negro took the stand in his own behalf and explained to the jury what he considered it required to constitute "bootlegging." He admitted that he accepted the cash for the liquor and delivered the liquor, but said that he only acted as an agent for another party and bought the whiskey from a white man and delivered it to the white boy who gave him the money. The jury was out about ten minutes.

Gets Two Years for Hog Stealing.

The first hog theft case on record in Runnels county resulted in a conviction when a jury passed on the guilt of Jack Jones, a negro, and fixed his punishment at two years in the pen. It did not require as much time to pass on this case as it did the bootlegging case.

Jones also appeared in court without being represented by an attorney and "picked" his own jury. He interrogated the witnesses and also testified in his own behalf, claiming that he had been authorized to sell the hog for which he was charged with stealing. Jones sold four pigs belonging to another negro, Will Porter, and went to San Angelo, where he "put on a show." He attempted to prove that Porter told him to sell the hogs, but the burden of proof was against him, and he will represent Runnels county for two years down at Sugarland.

With the two convictions Thursday morning the number was increased to five for the present term, and with the two prisoners being held in jail, there are now seven ready for the transfer agent or will be as soon as Judge Goodwin passes sentence on them.

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experience over a long period and ample resources justify individuals and corporations in committing to our charge the various responsibilities in connection with the management of financial matters, whether for an estate or for individuals or corporations.

We shall be glad to send a copy of our statement under date of last call by mail on request.

...The...

Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

"First in Deposits and Service"

GUARANTY FUND BANK



SATURDAY Matinee and Night

"The Strange Case of Mary Page"

Episode No. 1.

Also Regular Program. This serial will be seen at this theatre each Saturday for 15 weeks. A Most Startling Mystery Play. Read the Story in this Banner-Ledger on another page. See the Pictures every week.

LADIES FREE

From 2:00 to 6:00 P. M., Saturday, March 18th.

Night Performance

Admission . . . 10c

which will be done before the present term adjourns.

Shortly afternoon Thursday the jury was excused until in the morning when it is expected that other criminal cases will be called. There are a number in jail who have been indicted and whose cases will be disposed of at the present term.

Completes Suspended Sentence.

A. K. Lewellen, of Concho county, convicted at Ballinger two years ago for forgery and given a two years suspended sentence, has served the two years under which he was held accountable to the court, and appeared before the court Monday morning and received his discharge. The young man left the court room feeling his liberty, and will no doubt profit by the experiment and will never go wrong again.

Shortly afternoon Wednesday the jury in the Jose A. Valsque case, a Mexican charged with forgery, rendered a verdict, giving the Mexican two years in the pen.

In less than two hours later the jury in the case against Felix Jackson, a negro, charged with burglarizing the Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. store, rendered a verdict giving the negro two years in the pen.

Late Wednesday afternoon the jury in the Chas. Chase case, a negro charged with robbing the St. Louis store, brought in a verdict giving Chase two years in the pen.

RABBIT HUNT TUESDAY.

We are requested to announce a rabbit hunt Tuesday, March 20th at Spring Hill school house, will meet and start at 9 a. m. at that place. Come out and enjoy the day and bring your guns. A good dinner will be served at the noon hour.

J. W. Brice and H. F. Alexander of Truitt, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell and J. M. Osborn of Norton, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Preston Dunn of the Spring Hill neighborhood, and Farmer C. W. Johnson of the Pony creek country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

W. A. Schuhman, of Rowena, was here at the sanitarium at the bedside of his wife between trains Tuesday and we are glad to learn that Mrs. Schuhman is getting along very nicely and will be able to return home very soon.

U. S. Troops in Desert of Mexico

By United Press.

SAN ANTONIO, March 16.—The state militia of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico will be ordered to the Mexican border for duty within the next week, is the report issued from army headquarters here today. The border situation is serious, particularly along the line near Douglas and Presidio.

Up to noon today the only word received from General Pershing since he entered Mexico was a strength and disposition report. The first half day's march reached to a point near Palamas Lake, nine miles from the border.

It is believed here that forces many times larger than General Pershing's will shortly be sent into Mexico, as every preparation is being made to get troops ready for call on a moments notice.

EL PASO, March 16.—After spending the night at Palamas Lakes, nine miles south of Columbus, Gen. Pershing's main expedition began early this morning pushing forward through the Chihuahu desert. Pershing and his men soon found a trail of the Villa retreat after crossing the border which was marked by wounded Mexicans who had been abandoned by the Villistas. The wounded Mexicans had been left with scant food and some of them were in dying condition.

EL PASO, March 15.—Brig. General John J. Pershing will cross the Mexican border this afternoon with three thousand cavalrymen for the first dash into Mexico. Gen. Pershing received orders from the war department this morning to start on the expedition when ready. The war forces have been busy since the orders were issued to "get Villa" and the final details for the expedition were completed this morning shortly after Gen. Pershing was given orders to go.

Gen. Pershing will be in wireless touch with Gen. Funston on the march that is expected to reach Guzman, 90 miles South of Columbus, N. M., and where the first base of operations on Mexican soil will be established.

The camera men for motion picture companies who rushed from here to Columbus to get pictures of the movement of the troops, returned here today, greatly disappointed. Gen. Pershing issued orders that no movies would be made.

RAIDS CONTINUE ON BORDER.

EL PASO, March 15.—Border raids West of here were reported again last night. A band of Villista bandits dashed into New Mexico and looted homes on the outskirts of Hachita. The bandits were driven back across the border by civilians.

WAR RESOLUTION PASSES SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Senate this afternoon adopted the war resolution calling for an increase in the army. The resolution passed the House late yesterday without objection or a debate. The resolution calls for an increase of 20,000 men at once.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Authority has been given General Funston to dispatch troops into Mexico, and the general has been notified to use his own discretion in working out the details of the invasion for the purpose of capturing Pancho Villa and his band of outlaws.

President Wilson is at Hampton Roads and is keeping in touch by wireless with the latest developments in the Mexican trouble. The State Department announced today that European secrecy would be observed as to movement of troops.

Gen. Funston is busy getting ready to carry out the orders placed in his hands today by the

administration, and execution of orders will be promptly carried out and every effort made to capture Villa.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—In a long message received by the State Department today from Carranza, the Carranza government request the United States to give permission for Carrancistas to cross the border and enter Texas to capture Villa bandits. Up to a late hour the American government had not taken any action in the matter or made known whether it would grant the request.

In the message just received from Carranza the Mexican general fails to approve or disapprove of the action of the American government in sending troops into Mexico to get Villa.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 14.—Because the telegraph company was favoring commercial and press business today and delaying military telegrams, the war authorities seized the telegraph office and placed the wires under strict censorship.

This city is an army of camps and there are many blocks of tents. Freight trains are unloading tons of canned goods and supplies for the soldiers and great quantities of ammunition is being received here.

MONTEREY, Calif., March 13.—The Calded army headquarters building was damaged by a fire today, which destroyed records contained in the offices. Records in telegraph and telephone exchanges were also consumed in the flames which partially destroyed the building.

A possibility is being discussed in some way with the present crisis in Mexico. An investigation has been ordered into the causes of the burning.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The war department will provide 8,000 more troops for the Mexican border immediately. The administration is considering plans to ask congress for authority to recruit the army to the full war strength. It is known that this can be done without the aid of state militia or volunteers, and no call will be made for these at present.

MEXICO CITY, March 14.—

Mexican newspapers which are known to be friendly to the Carranza government, publishes reports today saying that the danger of a break with the United States is over. The opinion prevails with the leaders of the people of Southern and Central Mexico that the United States and Carranza can work in harmony in exterminating the Villa bandits.

LOOMIS RANCH CHANGES HANDS

In conversation over the phone with R. L. Maddox, Wednesday night we learned that a deal had just been closed in which R. F. Scott, of Paris, Texas, sells to R. E. Smith of Sherman, Texas, the Loomis ranch located in Concho County, near Paint Rock. The deal involves nearly one-half million dollars, and is the largest real estate deal made in this section of the state in several seasons.

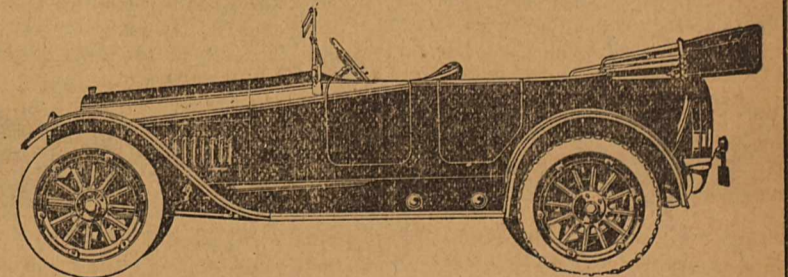
The Loomis ranch consists of 13,000 acres, several thousand of which is in cultivation, several hundred head of cattle, horses, mules, farming implements, etc. Everything goes in the deal, and Mr. Smith will take possession of the ranch within the next week.

The sum total of the deal in dollars amounts to about \$414,500, figured on a basis of \$30 per acre for the land, \$30 per head for 100 colts, \$25.00 per head for 600 head of stock cattle, everything counted, \$100 per head for 20 mules. In the deal Mr. Scott takes in exchange 2100 acres of land near Sherman, Texas, at a consideration of \$262,500, or \$125 per acre.

The deal was made through Harper & Alexander, a real estate firm of Ennis, Texas, and the Farmer-Graves Co., of Miles. Mr. Scott purchased the ranch from Loomis about one year ago, Lee Maddox making the deal, and when Mr. Scott took possession of the ranch he placed Mr. Maddox in charge. It is not known whether Mr. Maddox will continue to manage the property for the new owner or not.

W. T. Crockett of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

W. A. Nance Henry Jones



Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!! in SECOND HAND CARS

1 Brush, will run, \$40.00 cash.

1 Overland, dandy good car, tires all good, cost \$1100; will sell for \$350; \$200 cash balance \$12.50 per month. This car is worth \$500.

1 Auburn, 5 passenger, electric starter and lights, spare rim and tire, cost \$1850; will sell at \$450; \$250 cash balance next fall. A snap for some one on an up-to-date car.

1 new Ford will sell for \$15.00 off list.

1 4 passenger Metz, cost \$650 good as new, will take \$250 \$150 cash balance \$10 per month.

We Cut the Price on Everything for Autos
Gasoline 20c. Spark Plugs Champion X 30c. Any Plug not over 50c. Dry Batteries 30c. See us—

BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY

Opposite Court House Lawn.

Telephone Number 505

A Grand Array of Spring Wearables for the Women



EVERY woman in Ballinger and its trade territory will simply thrill at the truly remarkable display of new spring styles we are showing in our ready-to-wear section. Heretofore we have had magnificent showings but this season will far surpass anything we have had before.

All The Fads and Fancies of the season Await You

Every woman will keenly enjoy this glimpse of Spring. The colors, textures, and trimmings will delight you. The new plaited and circular skirts; cunning little short suit coats, mannish tailored suit coats; stunning separate coats for general and "dress-up" wear.

The fact that they have come straight from that master designer, Bischof should mean a great deal to you. Bischof interprets the new styles with amazing skill; he incorporates in his garments all the latest fashion tendencies and adds many delightful touches of his own.



Efficiency Is Our Watch Word

The entire sales-force of this Great Store is going to have something very interesting to tell the public, we hope by next week. The plans are now being worked out and we feel sure that our friends and loyal customers will be in-

Service Is Our Motto

terested. We may ask you for a little friendly advice, and we hope you will try to help in the same spirit of fairness that we have received from you in the past.—The Salesforce.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

THE GREATEST SHOWING OF SPRING MILLINERY WE HAVE EVER SHOWN

Something New Every Day

Each day's express brings us many beautiful styles in new Spring Millinery. The styles shown here are authentic and represent the cream of the most millinery. All the leading style experts of America have contributed to this wonderful showing. The workmanship is of the very best and the materials are absolutely authentic. Beautiful styles \$3.75 to \$15.

Try Our Special Trimming Service.



Chic Spring Veils

This has been predicted to be the greatest veil season for years. Paris, the great foreign style center says "veils will be good." New York our domestic style center says "veils will be good." So veils are good. Here you will find a stock of all the new styles new scroll and beaded border effects. Be sure and see them. Priced moderately 75¢ and up.

See the Products of Our Own Workroom.

Every Department of Ballinger's Greatest Store Is Full of Spring Merchandise

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

One of the busiest parts of this great store is our piece goods department. Such activity has never been apparent this early. The cause is the wonderful fabrics on display and the moderate prices that prevail.

BEAUTIFUL SILKS

Georgette crepes, pussy willow taffetas in plain and fancy colors, seem to have the favor.

Pussy willow 40 inches wide stripe and fancy, priced, a yard\$2.00
Georgette crepe, new shades of flesh, navy and white, 40 inches wide, priced, the yard\$1.00

SPRING BOOTS AND LOW SHOES

We are introducing each day some wonderful new spring styles in women's boots and low shoes. The shorter skirts this season demand that greater care be shown in the proper attire for the foot.

BE PROPERLY FITTED

The style, make or price, of a shoe does not mean as much as a good fit. A medium priced shoe will look better if it is properly fitted than a high priced shoe will if it is improperly fitted. We are prepared to fit your feet and no one will be allowed to leave the store with shoes that do not fit.

BOY'S DEPARTMENT

Great care has been taken in selecting our lines of boys' wearing apparel. Some times the boy is neglected but there is no excuse for that this season. Here you will find every thing for his entire wardrobe.

TWO TROUSER SUITS

A special feature in our boys' clothing department is a wonderful array of neat, serviceable suits with extra trousers to match. Buy a boys' suit with two pairs of trousers and he looks well at all times.

You will find a really surprising number at ...\$5.00
Many other styles and colors ranging in prices from \$2.50 to\$12.50

GROCERIES OF QUALITY

Good wholesome food will make life really worth the while. Order your groceries from us and you will be assured that they will reach you in absolutely the same condition that they leave the factory or producer.

SANITARY COUNTERS

Just now we are having installed two of the newest and most sanitary grocery counters made. These counters contain sanitary bins and greatly facilitate the handling of all bulk groceries. No hands need touch the merchandise. Our service is to be greatly increased.

SHELF HARDWARE

We have always carried a full and complete line of shelf hardware and now we have so arranged this department that one can almost serve himself. Everything is now in plain sight.

WARREN SHELVING

We have just installed five sections of the celebrated Warren shelving and shopping in our hardware is a great pleasure. We invite you to call and see how we have now in Ballinger a hardware department that would do credit to a large city. Greater efficiency is the keynote here.

PLEASING HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

A car of new furniture has just been unloaded and here you are sure to find just the article of furniture you want.

RUGS AND LINOLEUM

Beauty is just the word to describe the rugs we have just received. Seamless Axminster Rugs. Wilton Velvet Rugs, New Felt Women Rugs, Grass, Fibre and Matting Rugs. In fact all the new and desirable rug that will make your home so cozy and comfortable. We will be glad to have you see this display.

REPORT SECRETARY BUSINESS LEAGUE

The secretary begs leave to make the following report of the finances and activities of the league for the month of February, 1916.

Cash on hand February 1st, \$5.60. Amount received during the month, \$128.45. Amount expended, \$122.05. Cash on hand March 1st, \$12.00.

The secretary has received and answered during the month thirty inquiries about Ballinger and Runnels county. In nearly every case the inquirer was sent a copy of the prosperity edition of The Ledger. About five of these inquiries had to do with new enterprises. The remaining 25 were about the county and were the result of advertising. In all, the secretary has written about 75 letters during the month.

Twelve news items concerning the league were published in the local paper in March. Five arti-

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life.

If your work is tiring; if your nerves are excitable; if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions.

It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength.

Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

cles of some length bearing the secretary's signature appeared in addition to these news items. One of these articles appeared in the Farm and Ranch, and the same publication has accepted a second article by the secretary.

The Business League has accomplished the following additional results in the month just past. An 8x12 foot sign board with large lettering has been erected at the crossing of the Santa Fe and Abilene and Southern railroads, where it is calculated to attract and impress a large part of the passengers on those two lines. The league has got under way a city beautification campaign which promises to accomplish something definite and worth while within the next few weeks. The secretary has made one trip into the country for the purpose of running some surveyor's lines for two farmers south of Ballinger. He made another trip which covered a circuit of four country schools and in three of these he succeeded in organizing pig and peanut clubs. This work will be continued until a large part of the country schools have been lectured. The secretary furnished a lengthy write-up of Ballinger to a hotel guide published who requested it. He also took a hand in arranging for the moving pictures of the Bethel rabbit drive and of Ballinger which were made. The town reel will become the property of the league after a time.

The membership of the league is maintaining its interest and the subscription list is steadily increasing.

10 CENT "CASCARETS" BEST LAXATIVE FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't Stay constipated, headachy, bilious, with breath bad or stomach sour

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from a cold, constipation, indigestion, biliousness and slugs in bowels—you always get relief with Cascarets.

Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, bad cold, offensive breath and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and constipated matter which is producing the misery. A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing, too.

Prof. A. W. Cherry, principal of the Norton school and R. E. Dorsett of Norton, were in the city Saturday and Mr. Dorsett was here to meet his daughter Mrs. Burrell Wagnon and husband of Sidney, Texas, who came in at noon to visit her father and family a few weeks.

PREACHER ARRIVES FOR NAZARENE MEET

The revival which started at the Nazarene church last week is progressing under the most favorable circumstances. Dr. W. E. Ellis, of Hamlin, who has been doing the preaching was joined by his brother, Dr. I. M. Ellis, and the Ellis Brothers will have charge of the meeting, assisting the local pastor, Rev. Bost. Rev. Bost stated that last Sunday was a great day at the Nazarene church, and that while the meeting has only been in progress a few days much interest is being manifested and they are expecting an unusually successful revival.

Two services each day are being held at the church just south of the court house, preaching at ten o'clock in the morning and at seven-thirty in the evening, and when the weather is favorable there will be a service on the



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, 2226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. *

streets in the business section of the city at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Aches of House Cleaning

The pain and soreness caused by bruises, over-exertion and straining during house cleaning time are soothed away by Sloan's Liniment. No need to suffer this agony. Just apply Sloan's Liniment to the sore spots, rub only a little. In a short time the pain leaves, you rest comfortably and enjoy a refreshing sleep. One grateful user writes: "Sloan's Liniment is worth its weight in gold." Keep a bottle on hand, use it against all soreness, Neuralgia and Bruises. Kills pain. 25¢ at your druggist.

INSANE COMMISSION SENDS DOCTOR TO ASYLUM

Dr. Zachery, of Crews, was brought to Ballinger Friday and given a hearing to determine whether he was capable of caring for himself and after hearing the evidence the commission pronounced the man of unsound mind and recommended that he be placed in the asylum for treatment. Dr. Zachery has been in ill health for some time, but we understand that it is the opinion of the physicians that he can be restored to his normal mind after a period of treatment.

Mrs. N. A. Kerby of the Crews country, who had been at the bedside of Uncle Jim Kerby, left for home Friday afternoon and we are glad to report the old gentleman some better.

J. F. Stuart spent Sunday with home folks and returned to Winters Monday morning, where he is buying cotton this season. He is a prospective candidate for the office of tax assessor of Runnels county.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Meeting Cattle Raisers Association Houston March 21-23

\$12.80 Round Trip \$12.80

Tickets on Sale for Trains Arriving Houston March 19, 20 and 21. Limited March 27, 1916.

Through Sleepers



A. H. WIGLE, Agent

Home Celebration of Wonder Interest



The arrival of a baby in the household completely changes the entire aspect of the future. But in the meantime, during the anxious period of expectancy, there is a splendid remedy known as "Mother's Friend" that does wonders. It is for external use, relieves the pains of muscle expansion, soothes and quiets the nerves, extends its influence to the internal organs and removes to a great extent the tendency to worry and apprehension. It is a natural treatment, safe for the mother, has no drug effect whatsoever and for this reason must exert a most beneficial influence upon those functions directly connected with motherhood. In a very interesting book the subject is freely discussed and a copy will be mailed free to all expectant mothers by Bradfield Regulator Co., 406 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" today if you will then know why mothers for nearly half a century have used and recommended this splendid aid to motherhood. Their letters are messages of cheer, that breathe comfort in every word.

Appointments for Judge Thomas
L. Blanton, Candidate for Congress, 16th District.

Hatchel, March 17, 11 a. m.
Winters, March 17, night.
Wingate, March 18, 11:30 a. m.

SEVEN MONTHS TERM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The public schools of the Ballinger Independent District will close on or about the seventh day of April, according to announcement made by Scott H. Mack, president of the school board Saturday morning.

The school board met Friday night and spent several hours in discussing the proposition and making every effort to devise some ways and means for continuing the schools for the full nine months, but schools are expensive and can not be carried on without the cash.

The board is preparing a statement showing the financial condition of the school and making clear the necessity for bringing the present term to a close two months earlier than usual, and same will be published in this paper within a few days.

Suffice to say that the big increase in enrollment with a decrease in revenue is responsible for the short term. The last scholastic census of the district show an increase of fifty per cent in children, or an increase from

600 to 900, while the income is \$1400 shorter than last year and \$2500 shorter than four years ago.

It will also be remembered that it was necessary to call on the citizens to make up by private subscription money with which to teach out the full nine months last year, and with the money contributed for this purpose the teachers donated one-half month's services free, and the school board created a deficit of one-half month's expenses in order that the school might hold for the full term.

It is practically an impossibility to renew such arrangements for the present term, and there is nothing for the board to do but call for a close down, and suspend the school, and begin now arraignment that will prevent the recurrence of a short term.

While no announcement has been made to that effect, it is expected that a two months private school will be taught, and those desiring to keep their children in school and pay tuition can do so. It is probable that such an announcement will be made in due time, and the names of the teacher or teachers to conduct such school will be given.

When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you feel dull and stupid after eating.
When constipated or bilious.
When you have a sick headache.
When you have a sour stomach.
When you belch after eating.
When you have indigestion.
When nervous or despondent.
When you have no relish for your meals.
When your liver is torpid.
Obtainable everywhere

RETURNS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce returned home Saturday from an extended visit to Florida, Havana, Cuba, and also spent a day or two at Houston and Galveston before returning home. They report a most delightful trip. Mrs. Fannie Johnson who accompanied them on the trip stopped at Columbia, Tenn., to visit her son Joe B., a while and also will visit her daughter Mrs. Eugene Risser and family of Bonham before returning home.

Watch the Fords Go By.

WHEN FEELING TIRED

Hood's Sarsaparilla Builds Up the Whole System—Makes Pure Blood.

That tired feeling that comes to you in the spring, year after year, is a sign that your blood lacks vitality, just as pimples, boils and other eruptions are signs that it is impure; and it is also a sign that your system is in a low or run-down condition inviting disease. It is a warning, which it is wise to heed.

Ask your druggist for Hood's Sarsaparilla. This old standard tried and true blood medicine relieves that tired feeling. It cleanses the blood, gives new life, new courage, strength and cheerfulness. It makes the rich, red blood that will make you feel, look, eat and sleep better.

Be sure to get Hood's, because it is the best. There is no other combination of roots, barks and herbs like it—no real substitute for it—no "just-as-good" medicine.

WILL YOU SUPPORT SIX WEEKS TERM?

In order that the course of study outlined for the present term of school might be completed and thereby the usual promotions earned by the pupils, the board is planning to continue the term for six weeks on a basis of asking all who wish to keep their children in school to pay tuition. In this way the child can receive his or her promotion at the end of the term and be able to take up the work at the beginning of the next term as though the term had not been cut short.

With this object in view letters are being addressed to the patrons of the school, with the request that they either agree, or refuse to co-operate in such a plan. A blank is attached to the letters being mailed out, and the patrons can greatly aid in solving the problem that the board is battling with by signing this blank, properly filled in and returning it at once. The text of the letter, together with the blank form submitted is as follows:

Ballinger, Tex., March 14, 1916.
To the Patrons:
The board of Trustees have

made a trial balance of the books and find there is barely enough money to carry the public free school to the end of the seventh month. This leaves about two months work to be done to complete the scope of the work outlined in the Course of Study. Knowing the term might be cut short we have been pushing ahead as rapidly as thorough work would permit. We believe the work can be completed in six weeks by crowding all we can.

For complete information concerning the public school finances, watch the Daily Ledger, wherein the Board will set forth a full, analytical statement of receipts and disbursements. They have asked the present Faculty to teach the remaining weeks in order that the work of the second term may be completed, and the usual promotions earned.

This letter is to secure from you a statement of how many you will send to a pay school at the rate of tuition given in the Course of Study, as follows: For grades 1 to 4, \$2.00; grades 5 to 7, \$2.50; High School \$3.00 per month, payable in advance. Please sign and return the blank below.

W. S. FLEMING, Supt.

*refuse

I hereby agree to send..... for six weeks, and to pay in advance the tuition, at the above rates. Further, it is expressly understood that the control, discipline, and complete management shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing the Ballinger Independent School District.

Parent or Guardian.

*Erase one.

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.

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

Bank No. 14. OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of March, 1916, published in the Ballinger Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, state of Texas on the 13, day of March, 1916.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$109,419.88
Loans, real estate	17,147.00
Bills of Exchange "cotton"	14,476.81
Revenue stamps	60.00
Real Estate (banking house)	20,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,523.50
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	\$33,498.25
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	2,425.73
Cash Items	3,974.75
Currency	7,588.00
Specie	4,466.33
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	2,955.05
Other Resources as follows: Assessment Guaranty Fund	239.36
TOTAL	\$220,774.66

Liabilities	
Capital Stock paid in	60,000.00
Surplus Fund	9,500.00
Undivided profits, net	5,300.44
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	4,841.75
Individual Deposits, subject to check	130,788.46
Time Certificates of Deposit	10,344.01
TOTAL	\$220,774.66

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

We, Chas. S. Miller, as president, and C. A. Orbeck, as secretary of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chas. S. Miller, President.
C. A. ORBECK, Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, 1916.

SAM BAKER, Notary Public Runnels County, Texas.

(Seal)
Correct—Attest:

C. A. Doose,
C. O. Harris,
Chas. S. Miller,
Directors.

No. 3533

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

At Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business March 7th, 1916.

RESOURCES.

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b)	\$330,223.22	
Total loans		\$330,223.22
3. U. S. Bonds:		
a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$100,000.00	
c U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal saving deposits (par value)	\$1,500.00	
Total U. S. bonds		\$101,500.00
4. Bonds, securities, etc:		
6. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 7,600.00	
b Less amount unpaid	3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
7. a Value of banking house (if unencumbered)	\$ 20,000.00	
b Equity in banking house		\$ 20,000.00
8. Furniture and fixtures		\$ 5,000.00
10. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank		\$ 18,032.64
11. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	\$ 62,279.93	
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	\$ 52,507.50	\$114,787.43
12. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11)		\$ 3,739.69
14. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		\$ 1,313.24
15. a Outside checks and other cash items	\$ 2,459.35	
b Fractional currency, nickles and cents	171.10	\$ 2,630.45
16. Notes of other national banks		\$ 2,895.00
18. Coin and certificates		\$ 18,613.55
19. Legal-tender notes		\$ 250.00
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		\$ 5,000.00
22. Customers' liability account of "Acceptances" cotton		\$ 50,129.61
Total		\$677,914.83

LIABILITIES.

24. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00	
25. Surplus fund		\$ 26,500.00
26. Undivided profits	\$ 28,216.31	
c Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	4,422.22	\$ 23,794.09
27. Circulating notes outstanding		\$ 97,800.00
30. Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 28 or 29)		\$ 31,511.90
Demand deposits:		
32. Individual deposits subject to check	\$375,447.75	
33. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days		\$ 1,513.50
35. Cashier's checks outstanding		\$ 536.61
37. Postal saving deposits		\$ 525.32
Total demand deposits, Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39	\$378,023.18	
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice)		\$ 17,750.66
40. Certificates of deposit		\$ 17,750.66
51. Liabilities other than those above stated (Stockholders fund)		\$ 2,535.00
Total		\$677,914.83

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss:

I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March, 1916.

ANNIE VAN DOREN, Notary Public.

(Seal)
Correct—Attest:

J. Y. PEARCE,
J. McGREGOR,
D. M. BAKER,
Directors.

RECAPITULATION.

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and discounts	Capital Stock
U. S. Bonds	Surplus and Undivided Profits
Banking house, F. & F.	Profits
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	Circulation
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	Deposits
Cash and Exchange	
\$677,914.83	\$677,914.83

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION
Of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of March 1916, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 15th day of March 1916.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts, personal or Collateral	\$224,630.35
Loans, Bills of Exchange	43,983.16
Bonds and stocks	4,000.00
Overdrafts	
Real Estate (banking house)	39,000.00
Other Real Estate	22,429.85
Furniture and Fixtures	7,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	28,335.20
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check net	2,951.25
Cash Items	1,111.10
Currency	18,101.00
Specie	3,576.56
Interest in depositors guaranty fund	3,532.49
Other Resources as follows:	247.33
TOTAL	\$398,893.29

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus Fund	6,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	12,711.82
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check,	7,662.78
Individual Deposits, subject to check	269,536.78
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,540.85
Demand Certificates of Deposit	
Cashier's Checks	447.06
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	
Letters of credit	
Other liabilities as follows: Bills of Exchange	
TOTAL	\$398,893.29

State of Texas, County of Runnels, We, H. Giesecke as president, and A. C. Homann as cashier of said bank each of us solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. Giesecke, President.
A. C. Homann, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of March A. D., 1916.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
H. M. Josey, Notary Public, Runnels County.

Correct Attest: J. L. Chastain, J. F. Currie, E. D. Walker, Directors

RECAPITULATION RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$224,630.35
Overdrafts ()	
Bonds and stocks	4,000.00
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixtures	46,000.00
Other real estate	22,429.85
Interest in Guaranty Fund	3,779.82
Bills of Exchange	43,983.16
Cash and Exchange	54,075.11
	\$398,893.29

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	18,711.82
Bills Payable	
Total Deposits	280,186.47
	\$398,893.29



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about results in baking if you use

KC BAKING POWDER

It has been a stand-by for a quarter of a century. Guaranteed under all pure food laws.

25 Ounces for 25¢
(More than a pound and a half for a quart)

WILL BUILD SCHOOL HOUSE.

J. P. Whittington of the Toke country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and at a recent election for special school tax in his precinct, Mr. Whittington states the tax carried and now the old school building, one of the old land marks of that section will be torn down.

A modern up-to-date school building will be erected at once. The old building, Mr. Whittington says, has stood as a church, school house and lodge hall for about 30 years, and is one of the oldest buildings in Runnels County.

F. D. COOKE, M. D.
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.
Office over Pearce's Drug Store, Ballinger.

BIG BUILDING LITTLE PATCHING

We can supply the material for your big building job or the little patch work around your home. You do yourself an injustice if you fail to let us figure on your lumber bill.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

Meeting Independent Order Of Odd Fellows Mineral Wells March 20-24

\$8.10 Round Trip \$8.10
Tickets on Sale March 18, 19 and 20
Limited March 28, 1916



THE BANNER-LEDGER

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY
THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY
 The Banner-Ledger and the
 Runnels County Ledger were con-
 solidated January 28, 1913.

John W. Baker has withdrawn
 from the race for state treasurer.
 J. M. Edwards, of Runnels Coun-
 ty, will be the next treasurer.

The output of autos for the past
 year show a gain of forty per
 cent, and the count shows that on
 an average every ninth family in
 the United States owns an auto-
 mobile.

It is up to the Democratic Exe-
 cutive Committee to say whether
 the majority rule shall be adopt-
 ed in nominating candidates. The
 people have no power to act on
 the question.

Uncle Sam considers Villa a
 very live Mexican or he would not
 send 5000 men after him at an ex-
 pense that will figure up into the
 thousands. We predict that the
 bandit general will not be cap-
 tured alive.

It was an unfortunate day for
 Texas when the state was allowed
 to increase its representation in
 Congress. At least it was an un-
 fortunate day when the state
 turned out at large Jeff: McLe-
 more and Cyclone Davis.

HAVE A HEART

The merchants of Ballinger
 have agreed to close at six-thir-
 ty in the afternoon. When they
 entered this agreement they sup-
 posed that six-thirty would mark
 the close of their day's work.
 But many of their customers
 thoughtlessly order goods at such
 late hours in the afternoon that
 they keep the long-suffering deliv-
 ery clerks on the run for a
 full hour after other persons have
 closed shop and gone to their
 homes. Remember this, ladies,
 and send in your orders early en-
 ough for the delivery to be fin-
 ished by six-thirty. It will not
 inconvenience you in the least,
 but it will mean a great deal to
 the delivery men.

Watch the Fords Go By.

**GIRLS! HAVE A MASS
 OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR,
 SOFT, GLOSSY, WAVY**

**25-cent bottle destroys dandruff
 and doubles beauty of your
 hair.**

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

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

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

**STILL ANOTHER RABBIT
 DRIVE**

A very successful rabbit hunt
 was pulled off on Valley Creek
 near the Puckett School house,
 Wednesday, and those attending
 from Ballinger were: M. D. Chas-
 tain, H. L. Wendorf, Malcolm Mc-
 Gregor, Grady Chastain and Wil-
 lard Wooden. H. L. Wendorf was
 the champion of the day with 39
 scalps to his credit and Malcolm
 McGregor with a close second
 with 30 dead rabbits, the four
 men killing a total of 95 rabbits
 during the day.

A splendid dinner was served
 on the banks of the creek at the
 noon hour and all did full jus-
 tice, so they report.

SOCIETY

Miss Mary Phillips, Editor Phone 27

Miss Beulah Riggs, of San An-
 gelo, who had been visiting her
 friend, Miss Dovie Pipkin of S.
 Ballinger, left for home Wednes-
 day at noon.

G. W. Caswell of the Norton
 country, and R. S. Bowden and
 son of the Maverick country,
 were among the business visitors
 in Ballinger Wednesday.

C. C. Carter of the Norton
 country, was serving as a juror in
 the district court in Ballinger
 this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sides of
 Hatchel, motored over Wednes-
 day on a short visit to Ballin-
 ger.

Aug. Herring Jr., one of the
 prominent stock men of the Talpa
 country, was greeting friends
 and looking after business af-
 fairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Attorney J. Culp and W. A.
 Chanselor of Killeen, were in the
 city Wednesday attending to legal
 business in the District
 Court.

Mrs. H. L. Boren of Memphis,
 Texas, who had been visiting her
 parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gol-
 den and family the past several
 weeks, left for her home Wed-
 nesday.

E. Dan, of Bartlett, a former
 merchant of this city, who had
 been here attending district
 court, left for his home Wednes-
 day.

E. G. Bowden of the Norton
 country, and E. C. James of the
 Maverick country, were trans-
 acting business in Ballinger
 Wednesday.

Mrs. Sallie Plummer of San
 Antonio, came in Tuesday to visit
 her brothers, R. P. and B. C.
 Kirk, and their sister, Mrs. W. D.
 Gregory, and families, for several
 weeks. Mrs. Plummer, we are
 sorry to learn is in feeble health
 and is here to recuperate for
 some time.

Wm. Tipton of the Spring Hill
 neighborhood, came in Tuesday
 to accompany his daughter, Mrs.
 Lawson, who was en route to
 her home at Clarksville, Texas.

Sam Daugherty and Paul
 Crews of Winters, were trans-
 acting business in Ballinger
 Monday.

R. W. Gilliam left Monday af-
 ternoon for Ft. Worth where he

**The
 President's
 Wedding
 Cake—**

—an example of de-
 corative art never
 equaled in the his-
 tory of cake decorat-
 ing—an example of
 deliciousness, light-
 ness and wholesom-
 ness that would be a
 pride to any house-
 wife. It is

**Another
 Testimonial
 for
 CALUMET
 BAKING
 POWDER**

This world-famous
 Wilson-Galt Wed-
 ding Cake was made
 by Mrs. Marian Cole
 Fisher and Miss
 Pansy Bowen, both
 well known Domest-
 ic Science Experts.
 Calumet Baking
 Powder was used be-
 cause both these ex-
 perts use it exclusi-
 vely in their work
 and know it is the
 purest, the safest,
 the most wholesome,
 and economical to
 use.

So do millions of
 housewives who use
 it every bakeday—
 so will you if you
 try it on the things
 hardest to bake.
 Send your name and
 address for free re-
 cipe and history of
 the Wedding Cake.
 Then bake one just
 like it yourself.

Received Highest Awards
 World's Pure Food Ex-
 positions, Chicago and Paris.

**Calumet
 Baking Powder
 Company
 Chicago**

**W. D. JENNINGS IN JUDGE'S
 RACE.**

To The Voters of Runnels Coun-
 ty:

Doubtless, you already know of
 my candidacy for the office of
 county judge of Runnels County,
 yet I employ this method to place
 my cause before you in this way
 as it may be sometime before I
 can see you personally.

That you may have some knowl-
 edge at least of the man asking
 your support will say that, I was
 reared principally in Bell County,
 Texas, my father moving from
 Alabama and locating near Belton
 in 1883, and three years later lo-
 cating near Bartlett.

I was admitted to the practice
 of law in 1898 since which time I
 have been engaged in the prac-
 tice. I was located in Belton sev-
 eral years before coming to Run-
 nels county. Since 1906 I have
 been, and am now, located at
 Miles. During this time I have
 associated, more or less each year
 with commissioners court and un-
 derstand the duties of the court
 and of the county judge in con-
 nection therewith. I fully realize
 that the office to which I aspire
 is one of the most important in
 the county, since under and thru
 the advice and influence of the
 county judge, every person in the
 county is affected directly or in-
 directly through the county, or
 commissioners' court. A man to
 make you a good county judge
 should not be a man of narrow
 mind, contracted in his views or
 influence by personal or political
 favoritism, but should be sound
 in business affairs of the county,
 conservative in his policies, just,
 honest and firm in judgment
 whether passing upon questions of
 law on the bench or determining
 the rights between, and in every
 respect be faithful to the sacred
 trust conferred upon him by the
 people without fear or favor of
 any man.

As many of you know, four
 years ago I asked for this position
 and was defeated by only 106 vot-
 es. This support I feel warrants
 me to again ask your support, and
 having had years of experience in
 the practice of law also in hand-
 ling commercial business, I feel
 that I am qualified for this posi-
 tion, and now ask that you con-
 sider my candidacy for the office
 of county judge of Runnels coun-
 ty.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCE-
 MENTS.**

All Copy for Political Announce-
 ments 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.
 JOHN W. GOODWIN.
- Representative 11th District:
 WALLACE E. HAWKINS.
- For County Clerk:
 W. C. McCARVER.
 C. G. COCKRELL.
 H. G. SECREST.
 A. L. SPANN.
- For Tax Assessor:
 C. C. SCHUCHARD.
 T. H. CURRY.
 JOE TURNER.
 WILLIE STEPHENS
 L. R. LITTLE
- For County Attorney:
 C. P. SHEPHERD
- For County Treasurer:
 W. L. BROWN
- For Tax Collector:
 W. T. PADGETT.
 M. D. CHASTAIN
 JOHN BALLEW.
- For Sheriff:
 J. D. PERKINS.
 E. F. (Earl) EDWARDS.
- For County Judge:
 O. L. PARISH
 C. H. WILINGHAM
 W. D. JENNINGS.
- For District Clerk:
 (Miss) MARY PHILLIPS.
- For County Superintendent of
 Schools:
 W. W. WOOTEN.
 E. L. HAGAN.
- For Commissioner Pre. No. 1:
 E. C. MOOR.
 R. P. KIRK.
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 3:
 J. D. SMITH.
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 4:
 C. N. CRAFT.
 J. W. JONES

Judge J. O. Woodward of Cole-
 man, who had been looking after
 his candidacy for District Judge
 at Ballinger, and Winters, the
 past few days, returned home
 Wednesday afternoon.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Preparedness

If not, call The Ballinger Insurance Agency for full information as to how to prepare against these evils

Ballinger Insurance Agency

T. J. GARDNER, Manager

Is the liveliest national issue of the day. The meaning of the word
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 which may arise. Are you prepared for the fire demon or cyclone?

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

W. E. Branch left Monday for
 San Angelo on a short business
 trip.

Hugh Farquar of Hempstead,
 Texas, returned home Friday af-
 ter a short visit to his uncle, E.
 D. Jackson.

Miss Leota Scott is visiting
 relatives in Kerrville, Texas.
 Elliott Lowrey left last week
 for South Texas, on a short busi-
 ness trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter and Mr.
 and Mrs. Murray and children
 of Winters, visited Mr. and Mrs.
 L. P. Hinde Sunday.

We are glad to report that
 Miss Martha Pagles and her lit-
 tle brother, Willie, who have
 been seriously ill with typhoid
 fever the past few weeks, are
 greatly improved.

ELBERTA PEACH.

Ed McAulay and Mr. and Mrs.
 Claud Little of the Maverick
 country, and T. Jones Webb of
 the Tennyson country, were in
 the city Monday.

Ben F. Allen had official busi-
 ness at Miles between trains
 Wednesday.

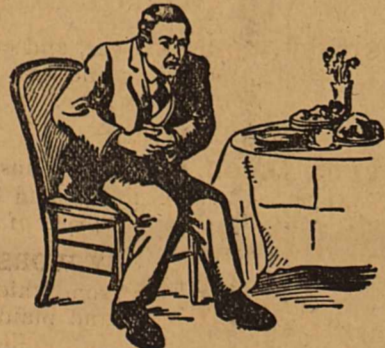
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I take this method to let
 the public know I have bought
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 and best of service promised.

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 10th Street, Ballinger**

BAD STOMACH?

ONE DOSE OF
 MAYR'S Wonderful Remedy
 Should Convince You that Your
 Suffering is Unnecessary.



A million people, many right in
 your own locality, have taken
 Mayr's Wonderful Remedy for
 stomach, Liver, and Intestinal Ail-
 ments, Dyspepsia, Pressure of Gas
 Around the Heart, Sour Stomach,
 Distress After Eating, Nervous-
 ness, Dizziness, Fainting Spells,
 Sick Headache, Constipation, Tor-
 pid Liver, etc., and are praising it
 highly to other sufferers. Get a
 bottle of your druggist today. This
 highly successful Remedy has been
 taken by people in all walks of
 life, among them Members of
 Congress, Justice of the Supreme
 Court, Educators, Lawyers, Mer-
 chants, Bankers, Doctors, Drug-
 gists, Nurses, Manufacturers,
 Priests, Ministers, Farmers, with
 lasting benefit and it should be
 equally successfully in your case.
 Send for free valuable booklet on
 stomach ailments to Geo. H. Mayr
 Mfg. Chemist, 154-156 Whiting
 Street, Chicago, Ill.
 For sale by Walker Drug Co.,
 and all other reliable druggists.

will attend the Fat Stock Show
 and will look after business a few
 days.

C. G. Seibel and G. A. Henniger
 of the Hatchel country, were
 transacting business in Ballinger
 Monday.

Alfred Luckett the hardware
 merchant of Miles, J. T. Billups
 of Truitt, Rouse Jeanes of Valley
 Creek, W. P. Hawkins and C. E.
 Jordan of Winters, were among
 the business visitors in Ballinger
 Monday afternoon.

Joe Vineyard, a prominent
 stock farmer of the Crews coun-
 try, was among the business vis-
 itors in Ballinger Monday.

J. W. Hall, of Fort Worth,
 came in Monday to visit his moth-
 er in Ballinger for a few days.

A. T. Stokes, the Winters hotel
 man, who had been visiting his
 sons, Lynn and George Stokes the
 past several days, returned home
 Tuesday.

H. K. Freeman, the Rowena
 banker, Deputy Sheriff J. L. At-
 well of Miles and T. A. Puckett,
 one of the prosperous stockmen,
 of Wilmeth, were among the busi-
 ness visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. R. Stubblefield of the Valley
 Creek country, John Henry Lewis
 J. A. King, Chas. Wimberly and
 Marshall Litt, S. V. Brandon, J.
 W. Rainwater, and Edgar Jayroe
 of the Crews country, were among
 the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

C. L. Harter of Wilmeth and
 J. Ed Gentry, and J. E. Kevil of
 the Marie country, were transact-
 ing business in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lewis and
 their daughter, of Miles, were
 among the visitors in Ballinger
 Monday and while here Mr. Lewis
 renewed with The Banner-Led-
 ger.

Mrs. Epperson of Bronte, who
 had been visiting her sister, Mrs.
 John Taylor and family the past
 day or two, left Wednesday af-
 ternoon to join Mr. Epperson at
 Santa Anna, where they will
 make their future home.

A. J. Peffer of the Winters
 country, passed through Ballin-
 ger Wednesday en route to
 Austin and Grimes counties to
 visit relatives a week or two.

John King and Joe Vineyard of
 the Crews country, who are serv-
 ing on the jury this week, were
 among the number who renewed
 their subscription to the Banner-
 Ledger Wednesday.

Misses Ida and Lydia Henniger
 of the Hatchel country, passed
 through Ballinger Thursday en
 route to Bangs to visit relatives
 and friends a few days.

Tom Greer, one of the pioneer
 stone masons of Runnels County,
 came in from New Mexico, Tues-
 day and will spend some time in
 Ballinger and Runnels.

R. P. Taylor of Norton, was
 transacting business in Ballinger
 Wednesday.

Mrs. Willie Willis, nee Miss
 Willie Westbrook, of Waco, who
 had been visiting her parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrook,
 and her sister, Mrs. D. M. Baker,
 returned home Tuesday after-
 noon.

C. W. Robinson of San Angelo,
 spent Tuesday with C. A. Freeze
 and left for points east in the
 afternoon.

J. J. Hubbard of Glascock
 County, came in Tuesday to look
 after business interests and to
 visit relatives a few days.

Hamp Vancil, one of the pion-
 eer stock men of the Winters
 country, was greeting friends in
 Ballinger Tuesday.

ty, before casting your vote at the
 next primary, for which, if elect-
 ed, I hereby pledge honest, faith-
 ful and conscientious service. To
 this end, I earnestly ask your sup-
 port.

Respectfully,
 W. D. JENNINGS.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—Local agent for Bal-
 linger territory to represent
 Illinois Bankers Life Associa-
 tion, of Monmouth, Illinois; Rates
 for \$1,000 insurance, age 15 to
 21, \$7.35; Age 30, \$10.50; Age
 40, \$14.00. Rates at other ages in
 proportion. For further informa-
 tion, contract etc., write M. W.
 Hulsey, General Agent, 304-6
 Guaranty Bank Building, Dallas,
 Texas. 17-37w

**HATCHEL LITERARY
 SOCIETY IN MEET.**

Program for Hatchel Literary
 Society, which meets Friday,
 March 24th. Music will be fur-
 nished by Hatchel band.

1. Roll call answered by each
 member with a good joke.
 2. Minutes by Secretary.
 3. Paper—Miss Truly.
 4. Music—Hatchel Band.
 5. Chrade—Thelma Davis,
 Pauline Kerley, Florence Guin,
 and Louise Tucker.
 6. Music by Band.
 7. Songs—Vesta Hobbs and
 Mord Tucker.
 8. Negro Dialogue—Elmer
 Barnhill, Omie Bradshaw, Ed
 Bradshaw, Robert Nutt, and Bert
 Wiygle.
 9. Address by Supt. Wooten.
 10. Business session.
- Music. Every body invited to
 attend.

MORTUARY.

Mrs. W. A. Gustavus, Sr.

Mrs. Virginia Ann, wife of W.
 A. Gustavus, Sr., died at their
 residence on Twelfth street Fri-
 day, March tenth at 5 o'clock a.
 m., and the funeral services were
 conducted from the family resi-
 dence by Rev. T. C. Jester at 3:30
 o'clock Friday afternoon and the
 remains were tenderly laid to rest
 in the city cemetery.

Mrs. Gustavus was 68 years of
 age at the time of her death, a
 consistent member of the Baptist
 church, a devoted wife and loving
 mother, and died in the triumphs
 of a living faith.

She leaves her husband and six
 children to mourn her death.
 Three son and a daughter, Miss
 Billie, Audy, M. N., and Dr. Gus-
 tavus, Jr., of this city, Mrs. Hous-
 ton Cole of Bryan, C. E. Gustavus
 of Amarillo and Tom Gustavus of
 Houston, all of whom were at her
 bedside at the time of her death.
 She had been in feeble health for
 many months, but her death came
 as a shock to the family and has
 cast a gloom over our entire city.

The Ledger joins a host of
 friends in sincere condolence and
 sympathy for the sad relatives
 left to mourn her demise, and can
 only point them to the all Wise
 God, who death all things well,
 in this sad hour of bereavement.

Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Crim and
 their singer, Mr. Cumbly, who
 had just closed a very successful
 meeting at Blackwell with 50 ad-
 ditions to the Baptist church,
 passed thru Ballinger Wednes-
 day to Talpa to begin a revival
 meeting.

VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK

TELL THE TRUTH ADVERTISERS

Wash Materials News

White Pique

For the making of wash skirts and suits, a narrow welt of medium weight, bleached pure white, also specially good for children's dresses, priced at **15c**

White Gaberdine

One of this season's best fabrics for the making of white wash skirts and suits, a 36-inch width of extra smooth weave and just the right weight, priced at **25c**

Mercerized Stripe Voile

A waisting weave, which will make an extra dainty stylish waist of little cost, A 40-inch width of sheer voile, with a half-inch satin stripe, priced at **25c**

Beach Cloth

Natural color for the making of wash skirts and suits, a 30-inch width with a mercerized permanent finish and does not wrinkle easily, the price **25c**

White Linene

A 33 inch width, bleached pure white, a soft finish, suitable for boys waists, children's dresses and fancy work, an extra good grade for **10c**

Embroidered Lace Cloth

A beautiful sheer material in pure white, with embroidered flowers of black, a material that will make especially pretty summer waists, priced at **25c**

Linen Dress Crash

An imported crash, which is warranted all "pure linen" a good weight, 34-inches wide, and smooth quality, very desirable for wash skirts, priced at **25c**

SPLENDID BARGAINS---GOOD FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY ONLY

APRON CHECK SPECIAL

7½¢ Grade for 5¢.

A good smooth quality apron check, colors of brown, blue and green, in all size checks, especially good for cook aprons, special for Friday and Saturday only, yard **5¢**

APRON PERCALE

6 Yards for 39¢

Light grounds with desirable small patterns also stripes, which are suitable for spring aprons, a good weight and fast colored, 8½¢ grade, special Friday and Saturday, only, 6 yards for **39¢**

WASH GOODS SPECIAL

20¢ and 25¢ Grades for 9¢

A special lot of high grade mercerized pongee and batiste in light and medium dark patterns, suitable for dresses, waists and kimonos, real 20¢ and 25¢ grades, special, Friday and Saturday, yard **9¢**

LADIES' BLEACHED VESTS

10¢ Grade for 6½¢

A full size, very elastic grade, bleached pure white, finished neck and arms, full taped, the real 10¢ grade, special Friday and Saturday only **6½¢**

BLEACHED DOMESTIC

8½¢ Grade, 15 Yards for \$1.00

A soft even thread bleached cotton, without starch, which is full 36 inches wide, especially good for underwear and general use, special for Friday and Saturday, only, 15 yards for **\$1.00**

DRESS GINGHAMS

8½¢ Grades for 6½¢

Many desirable patterns in medium and large checks, also stripes, many choice designs and colorings from which to select, extra special for Friday and Saturday only, a yard **6½¢**

WHITE QUILT SPECIAL

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Grades for 59¢

A special lot of white counterpagnes in medium size, good weight, and desirable honey comb patterns, a special for Friday and Saturday only **59¢**

STRIPED BEACH CLOTH

35¢ Grade for 24¢

An ideal wash fabric with a crisp finish, a 30 inch width, natural color with tiny stripe of one thread blue, for wash suits and skirts there's nothing better, special Friday and Saturday, yard **24¢**

Sometime Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack---Why Not Today

New Style Foot-wear

Canvass Oxfords

A comfortable style, for every day and outing use, with rubber sole and heel, 6 eyelet lace, a medium toe for comfort, the price **\$1.75**

"Baby Doll"

A misses style for growing feet, made of patent, with one inch flat heel, very flexible soles, ankle strap styles, sizes 2 1-2 up to 7, the price **\$2.50**

Patent, Two Strap

A good style, dressy shoe, with 2-inch concave leather heel, the toe is rather full, soles very flexible, one inch gros-grain silk bow, a good shoe for **\$2.50**

Dress Slippers

This shoe is cut from the best enamel kid skins, has hand turned flexible soles, a 2 1-2 inch Louis heel of leather, a perforated front in 10 strap style of 4-buttons, the price **\$4.00**

Children's Slippers

The real foot form styles, made for growing feet, the soles are very flexible, the heels very low, the toes full, a patent vamp and back, sizes 5 to 8, the price **\$1.25**

Children's Slippers

Made on the "Mary Jane last" of good quality patent colt from heel to toe, ankle strap, very flat heel, flexible soles sizes 8 to 12, the price **\$1.65**

Misses Slippers

A cross strap style in sizes 12 to 2, made of patent colt, the soles very flexible, the heel 3-4 inch high, the toe medium full the price **\$1.75**

New Spring Models MEN'S SUITS

Visit our store, and see the new models of the approved styles for the season of 1916 in men's and young men's suits, the attractiveness of which will appeal to your knowledge of values.

You may have in the past worn attractive garments but at no time, have you bought more beautiful fabrics, which are better tailored, than the garments which are offered for your selection at this store.

These clothes are designed and tailored by men who know how to produce a style which is suited for your special figure with a better fit, a less price than the so-called custom tailor.

We want you to get acquainted with our clothing department, and believe that it is to your interest to pay it a special visit—the styles and qualities will convince you. **YOU WON'T BE URGED TO BUY.**



CURLEE CLOTHES

BLUE SERGE
A staple garment which is made and properly tailored, of all-wool French serge linings and findings are of good quality, a special value **\$16.50**

NOVELTY WEAVES

Hard finish worsteds and colored serges, in colors of grey inter mingled checks and dark brown worsteds, medium weight materials for summer wear—properly tailored and priced at **\$16.50**

YOUNG MEN

A true novelty, made of all-wool worsted, in a dark ground with a two tone stripe of contrasting color, 3-button style, with patch pockets, a beauty priced at **\$20.00**

Men's Oxfords

GLAZE KID OXFORDS FOR MEN

A neat shoe that has a quantity of style, medium full toe swing last, flat heel, medium heavy sole, full kid lined, priced at **\$2.50**

HIGH TOE FOR MEN

A gun metal of 4 button style with full swing last, medium heel, English welt, soles of medium weight, a serviceable shoe, priced at **\$3.00**

New Furnishings

Men's Belts

Black and tan with real oxidize buckles, which will not tarnish, a tubulae style in imitation of seal skin, a good one priced at **50c**

Men's Socks

Brilliant lisle in black and solid fancy colors, a specially brilliant finish, spliced toes and heels of real Egyptian cotton, which will wear, the price **25c**

New Ties

A good selection of popular colorings, made from good quality silk, full 48-inch lengths special good grades for **50c**

Men's Garters

Either single or double grip, made of good quality lisle webbing standard makes, Paris or Boston velvet grip, the price **25c**

New Shirts

Made of that new material "Gaberidine" in fancy stripes, a coat style, detachable collars soft turn back cuffs, a specially good grade, priced at **\$1.00**

Men's Dress Shirts

French Percale, woven stripe madras, also whites in plain or pleated styles, all length sleeves, coat styles, shirts that fit and feel right, priced at **\$1.25**

A Complete Showing MEN'S PANTS

A complete assortment of men's pants, which have style, fit and sterling worth at the right price. A good fitting pair of pants adds largely to your appearance, and in this big assortment you can find just the weave which you want, and it is just as easy to procure good fitting pants as other kind.

Wear "Curlee" pants, they are modeled on the line which assure a perfect fit at the right price. They are quality pants, with the quality in them. Come visit our pant department, have just received a big shipment of these good models for your wearing. No trouble to show you. **YOU WON'T BE URGED TO BUY.**



CURLEE PANTS

STRIFE WORSTED

A pant made for wear, and cut on the lines of the higher grade pants, black and gray stripe in a narrow effect, priced at **\$2.50**

BLUE SERGE

An all wool garment of unusual merit, made in a medium full style, belt straps and two hip pockets an extra value at the price of **\$3.50**

FANCY WORSTEDS

A big assortment from which to choose—in dark and light weaves, stripes and plaids, medium and summer weights, the price **\$3.50**

HIGH GRADE WORSTEDS

Pants that are tailored for dress wear, that have a real hand-tailored look, made from choice "all-wool" chevots and worsteds, priced at **\$5.00**

Men's Oxfords

Nu Brown Oxfords for Men

A dark tan, made of selected willow calf stock, 4 button style, medium high toe with slight swing last, real welt soles, priced at **\$3.50**

Cushion Soles for Men

A blucher style oxford, made of best quality vici kid, extra flexible cork cushion soles, full rubber, kant slip heels, made for comfort, priced at **\$5.00**

**PAINFUL EFFECT OF
Rheumatism, Lumbago, Gout.**

It is now asserted with confidence that these painful effects due to uric acid in the system are entirely eradicated. A new remedy, called "Anuric," has been discovered by Doctor Pierce, which he finds is 37 times more potent than lithia, and is the cause of a drainage outward of the uric acid with which it comes in contact within the body. It will ward off backache, headache, an l the darting pains and aches of rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia—of those diseases which are caused by too much uric acid, such as gout, asthma, sciatica, renal calculus. "Anuric" prolongs life because old people usually suffer from hardening and thickening of the walls of the arteries, due to the excess of uric acid in the blood and tissues.

Send Dr. Pierce, chief physician at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for large trial package, or obtain 50c. package now at druggists.

Roy Bates of the Moro m. tain country, Charlie Ransbarger of the Pony creek country, W. P. Hearrell of Reagan County, and Max Winkle of Millersview, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

W. B. Alexander of Denton, is here in the interest of his patent cotton chopper.

**PROS WIN AT
CORPUS CHRISTI**

CORPUS CHRISTI, March 11.—As a result of an election held in this county yesterday 43 saloon will close their doors on May 1st. Out of 3392 votes polled the pros have a majority of 212. Corpus Christi gave a majority for the antis of 219, but this was overcome by the vote from other parts of the county which was already dry.

The campaign was a very hotly contested one, both the antis and pros contesting every inch of the ground, Rev. Ham, a Baptist evangelist, taking part in the campaign.

Raby Padgett left Monday afternoon for points in South Texas on a short business strip.

J. A. Weathersbee of the Maverick country, H. B. Witt of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

**Do Something
for your Cold.**

Do not let it wear you out and encourage sickness.

Take Dr. King's New Discovery. You will get instant relief.

Most of us neglect coughs and colds. We brush suggestions aside with the remark "I'll be better soon," and oftentimes we do get better. However, when that cough or cold gets a hold, it usually means annoyance, interference with our work and often a spell of sickness follows. Isn't it better immediately to check that cold and ease the cough? Dr. King's New Discovery does it! Search as you will, you will not find a better remedy.

Dr. King's New Discovery is made of Pine Tar mixed with soothing balsams and laxatives. It's antiseptic and kills the germs, allays the cold-fever and soothes the irritated, inflamed throat. The very first dose gives you relief. You cough with less strain. And if you have a hacking or dry night cough, grateful relief follows and you soon drop into a restful and refreshing sleep. Get a bottle to-day and let Dr. King's New Discovery be your cold and cough doctor. At all druggists.

BUYS WAGON YARD.

W. B. Harris, who moved to our city with his family a week or two ago, has closed the deal with J. C. Nix, in which he buys the Union Wagon Yard. Mr. Harris will now become a permanent citizen of Ballinger, and starts right by ordering The Banner-Ledger to his home.

Mr. Harris comes highly recommended to our city and proposes to keep a clean, up-to-date place as an inducement to the traveling public.

Mr. Nix was seen by the reporter and says he expects to continue to make Ballinger his home and will buy and sell horses and mules with headquarters at the Union Yard.

**EAT WITHOUT FEAR
OF INDIGESTION OR
SOUR, ACID STOMACH**

Instant relief! "Pape's Diapepsin" ends your stomach trouble forever.

Wonder what upset your stomach—which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sour, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented into stubborn lumps; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and erucate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have a bad stomach. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps this delicate organ regulated and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless relief is Pape's Diapepsin which costs only fifty cents for a large case at drug stores. It's truly wonderful—it digests food and sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing. Please, for your sake, don't go on and on with a weak, disordered stomach; it's so unnecessary.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

A new shipment of late copyrighted fiction has been received by the Carnegie Library, and over a dozen new books were put on the shelves last week. While a variety of tastes are being catered to in ordering the new books, a large percent of the purchases are for girls of the school age. The reason for this is that a great many more books are rented to young ladies, and more interest is taken in the library by the girls than the boys.

Pills Best for Liver.

Because they contain the best liver medicines, no matter how bitter or nauseating for the sweet sugar coating hides the taste. Dr. King's New Life Pills contain ingredients that put the liver working, move the bowels freely. No gripe, no nausea, aid digestion. Just try a bottle of Dr. King's New Life Pills and notice how much better you feel. 25c at druggists.

**SEDUCTION CASE
ENDS IN MARRIAGE**

Just as court convened Tuesday morning and while the attorneys were preparing to select a jury to try the cast of the State of Texas vs. Sam Smith, charged with seduction, the case was brought to a sudden end when it was announced that there would be a wedding.

Under the law governing prosecution in such cases the defendant can avoid prosecution, and punishment, if guilty, by marrying the girl he has wronged, provided she is willing to take him as her lawful husband. Acting upon the advice given him by his attorneys Judge M. C. Smith, the defendant took this course.

It will be remembered that Smith was tried one year ago for a crime he was charged with committing three years prior to the date of the trial, the child in the case being two years old when the case was called for trial. The case resulted in a hung jury. At the last term of court the case was continued on account of the absence of important witness. When it was called for trial Monday afternoon of this week the attorneys for defense made a motion for a continuance. The court overruled the motion and set the case for Tuesday morning.

When the case was called for trial one year ago Judge Smith made an effort to bring about reconciliation, the prosecutrix agreeing to settle the case by marriage, and manifesting a love for the man who had wronged her. The attorney for the defense was all smiles when he accomplished this end Tuesday morning, and stated that he had won his case.

With about a dozen witnesses present in the sheriff's office, including the parents of the young lady, District Judge Goodwin, District Attorney Early, District Clerk Miss Phillips, attorneys for the defense, County Judge Kleberg performed the ceremony that united in marriage Miss Leona Lewis, and Sam Smith, the ceremony being performed at nine o'clock. Those present at the wedding extended the hand of charity, and offered words of cheer to the newly married couple, and wished for them a life of happiness.

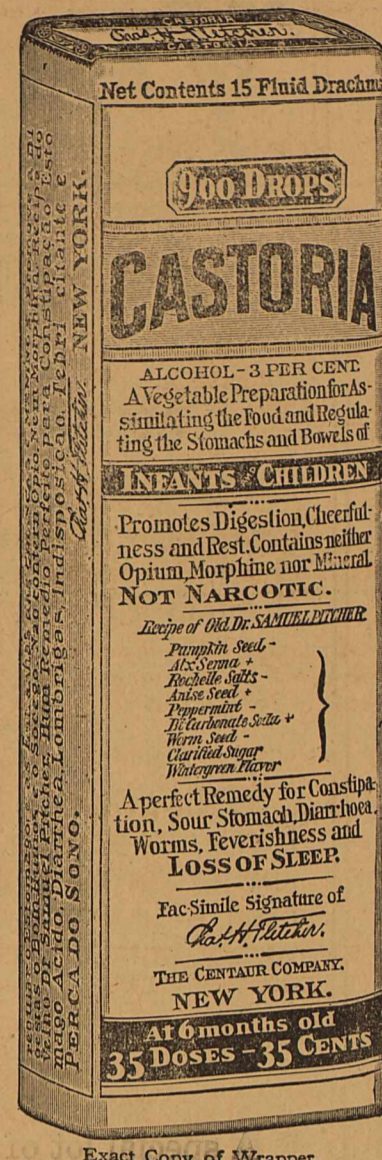
The case was erased from the docket, and all parties concerned left for their respective homes, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith with their three year old boy will go to Texarkana, where they will make their future home.

Resolutions

Whereas, the omnipotent God in his wisdom has called from the family altar of Sovereign T. M. Bales, his son Sompson, he having died on the 9th day of February. Be it resolved that we, the members of Hatchel Camp No. 2611, express our profoundest sympathy and sincerest respect to the bereaved family,

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the county paper for publication and also one to the bereaved family and that the resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this Camp.

S. V. HOBBS,
A. M. SPRINKLE,
Committee.



CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of

Dr. J. C. Hatherton.

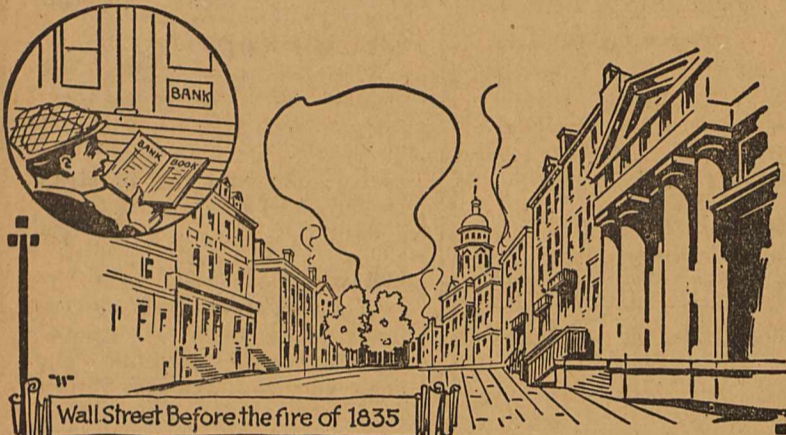
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In Use For Over

Thirty Years

CASTORIA

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.



Wall Street Before the fire of 1835

☞ Savings deposited with us are as safe as an investment in a United States government bond, while the earning power of your money placed in our vaults is greater than if invested in government bonds.

☞ A bank book showing an ever increasing savings account is one of the most valuable things you can possess. It carries with it an assurance of independence, and a relief from worries for the future.

☞ The saving habit should be cultivated as a virtue, and you will find in it a pleasure that far exceeds your expectations.

☞ Get the habit now. Take a part of this week's earnings as a beginning.

☞ Start a bank account with us today.

Farmers and Merchants State Bank
Ballinger, Texas
The Bank that Helps You Do Things

Statement of Condition of

...THE...

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF BALLINGER**

March 7th 1916

Resource.	
Loans and discounts	\$330,223.22
U. S. Bonds	101,500.00
Banking house, F. & F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,800.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	50,129.61
Cash and Exchange	167,262.00
	\$677,914.83

Liabilities.	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	50,294.09
Circulation	97,800.00
Deposits	429,820.74
	\$677,914.83

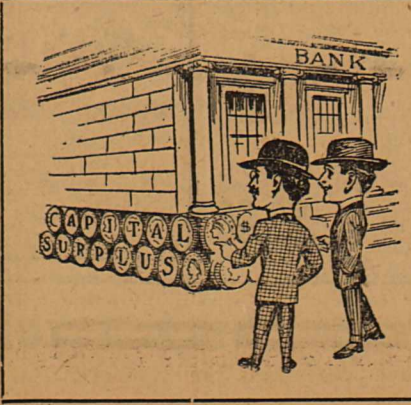
We invite attention to the above statement and on its merits solicit the deposits and financial patronage of the good people in our territory.

The Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.
Ballinger, Texas

Condensed Statement at the Close of Business March 7th, 1916.

Resources		Liabilities	
Loans and Discount	\$126,566 88	Capital Stoce	\$60,000 00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	14,476 81	Surplus and Unevided Profits	14,800.44
Banking House, Fur. and Fix.	24,523.50	Deposits	145,974 22
Guaranty Fund	3,194 41		
Cash and Exchange	52,013.06		
Total	\$220,774 66	T t l	\$220,774 66

The Above Statement is Correct
CHAS. S. MILLER, President and Cashier



The Solid Foundation

of this bank is its ample capital and big surplus, every dollar of which is for the protection of our deposits. An account here means doing business with a solid concern, and an institution it is no small advantage to be connected with.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
Ballinger, Texas

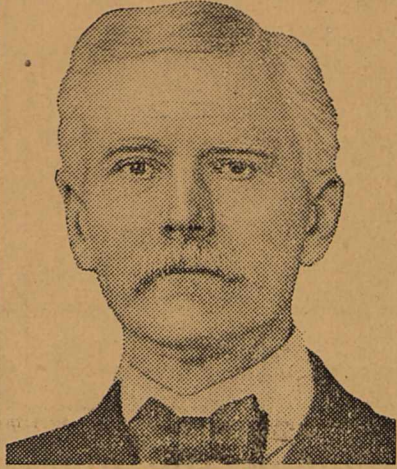
Well Known Remedy Relieves Chronic Case

Important to Dispose of Waste from the Stomach With Regularity.

People frequently attribute to failure of the digestive organs conditions that are primarily due to inactive bowels and apply remedies that from their very nature are more apt to aggravate than to relieve the disorder.

When the bowels act regularly the stomach is in better shape to perform its allotted tasks and can usually be depended upon. To keep the bowels in condition there is no more effective remedy than the combination of simple laxative herbs known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin which is sold in drug stores for fifty cents a bottle.

Dr. Caldwell has prescribed this remedy in his practice for over a quarter of a century and it is today the standard household remedy in thousands of homes. Mr. Thos. DeLoach, with the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, at Washington, wrote Dr. Caldwell recently that "Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is



Mr. Thos. DeLoach.

the best laxative I have any knowledge of and the cleaning up guaranteed by its use relieves every organ."

A bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin should be on hand in every home for use when needed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

MORE PORKERS GO TO MARKET.

Two car loads of hogs were loaded out from the local stock pens Tuesday and consigned to the Fort Worth markets. There seems to be no let up to the pork production that has been given a start in this country. The farmers have caught the fever and it is spreading until the hog industry is adding greatly to the bank accounts of the country.

In the lot of hogs shipped Tuesday was one purchased from the Blocker ranch by S. M. Cameron that weighed 700 pounds.

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.

H. L. WENDORF
dtf Hutehings Ave.

CARD OF THANKS

The friends of, and citizens of Ballinger generally, were so kind and considerate, attentive and helpful, during the illness and death of our dearly beloved wife and mother, that with hearts full of gratitude and love, we wish to express to one and all our thanks for the many kindnesses and words of consolation in our trying hour of sad bereavement.

May the good Lord watch over and protect you and your loved ones is our prayer.

W. A. GUSTAVUS, Sr.,
Sons and Daughters.
d&w lt.

Watch the Fords Go By.

QUICK SETTLEMENT
W. G. Bair informed us that a settlement was made to him by the insurance company represented by T. J. Gardner of Ballinger, Monday, for his household goods that were burnt just a week ago, and the settlement was entirely satisfactory.

Got Rid of My Corns With Magic "Gets-It"

Simplest Corn Cure in the World—No Pain, No Fuss. New, Sure Way.

When corns make you almost "die with your boots on," when you've soaked them and picked them and sliced them, when corn-swelling



Why Have Corns At All When "Gets-It" Removes Them the New, Dead-Sure Way? salves, and tapes, bandages, and plasters that make corns pop-eyed have only made your corns grow faster, just hold your heart a moment and figure this: Put two drops of "Gets-It" on the corn. It dries at once. You can put your shoe and stocking on right over it. The corn is doomed. It makes the corn come off clear and clean. It's the new, easy way. Nothing to stick or press on the corn. You can wear smaller shoes. You'll be a joy-walker. No pain, no trouble. Accept no substitutes. "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.

MODERN FIXTURES FOR BIG STORE

Five sections of modern hardware cases have just been installed in the hardware department of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. The new cases add greatly to the hardware department and the various lines are displayed in a most attractive way, the goods are protected from dust, Aside from the splendid display being enclosed in the glass cases, while the cabinets furnish room for the big line of screws, bolts, nuts, nails, locks, clamps, hinges, etc.

The grocery department of this store is also to undergo valuable improvements, two big sanitary grocery cases having been purchased and are now en route to Ballinger, and will be installed as soon as they arrive. A big auto delivery truck will also be put on at an early date, the auto delivery to be used in delivering goods for every department of the store.

RATES FOR Classified Ads

IN THE BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

One cent per word first insertion
Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.

Black face type double regular rate

Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.

Call Telephone No. 27.

WANTED

BORROW NOW—Funds will be scarce in midsummer. Describe security and state how much you want and what for. Address the W. C. Belcher Land and Mortgage Co., Fort Worth, or J. B. Goodnight, Abilene, Texas. 9-19td 4tw

WANTED to hear from owner of good farm for sale. Send cash here please leave your name at W. B. Wood & Son grocery store and we will call on you.

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

FOR SALE

1000 FEET 1 to 3 inch galvanized pipe, one 80 barrel water tank, in good condition, for sale cheap. Geo. M. Vaughn. 10-1tw 6td.

FARM—100 acre tract in Runnels County, 35 acres in farm 15 more tillable, balance good grass; small house, well and windmill, tank and good orchard. On main road 6 miles from good town. Must be sold in 60 days, will put a price on it to move it, small cash payment, balance long time, title good. If you want to buy a genuine bargain write at once, address Lock Box 114, Brownwood, Texas. 10-3tw

FOR SALE—Barred Rock eggs, \$1.00 for 15. 7 miles north of Ballinger. R. L. Wiley. 17-3w-pd

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, 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. 18-10-24-7w pd.

PIANO—We have a new piano in exchange for Edison Diamond Disc phonograph which we will sell in the vicinity of Ballinger at a bargain if taken at once. For particulars write E. M. Roberts Jewelry Co., San Angelo, Texas. 10-2tw.

WHO WANTS a fine blooded stallion, Suffolk stock, to keep on shares. Write or call on G. W. Brister, Benoit, Texas. 10-3twpd

EGGS FOR SETTING—Rhode Island Red from select pen. \$1 per setting. Phone 3302. Mrs. J. H. Taylor. 6-6td2tw

FOUND

FOUND—Raincoat, owner can get same by calling at Ledger office and paying for this notice. 13-1td1tw.

LOST.

LOST—One pair black mules, 15 1-2 hands high, 8 and 10 years old, need roe-hing, barefooted. Phone 5404. Jack Beard. 14-2td 2twpd.

DIRT BROKEN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNEX

Quite a crowd gathered at the First Baptist church Wednesday morning to witness the breaking of dirt for the new Sunday school building and to attend the services that preceded the breaking of dirt.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins of Abilene, who is here attending the Bible Institute, delivered a short but very appropriate address, and R. T. Williams, superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school, moved the first spade of dirt from what is to be the basement of the new building, and the work was started under the most fitting and favorable circumstances.

The contract for the new improvements, which is in the hands of Chas. Eisenhuth, calls for the expenditure of about \$4,000, and the Sunday School annex to this church is to be modern throughout. The building is to extend back the depth of the lot from the present church building and will be a one story stone structure with basement, providing greatly needed room for the rapid increase being made in attendance at this Sunday school.

A. S. Bishop, of Temple, who had been visiting his nephew, J. W. T. Bishop, near Ballinger, left Monday at noon to visit at San Angelo a few days before returning home.

BALLINGER MARBLE & GRANITE WORKS

We are opening a marble yard in Ballinger and will have a car of marble here and be ready to deliver goods at an early date. In the mean time we are ready to quote you prices and take your orders. Until we can get a permanent location and get our stock here please leave your name at W. B. Wood & Son grocery store and we will call on you.

WELLHAUSEN & CORNELIUS.
17-wtf.

ALL OUT OF SORTS

Has Any Ballinger Person Never Felt That Way?

Feel all out of sorts?
Tired, Blue, Irritable, Nervous.
Back feel lame and achy?

Perhaps it's the story of disordered kidneys—

Bad blood circulating about;
Uric acid poisoning the body.
There's a way to feel right again.

Stimulate the sluggish kidneys;
Do it with Doan's Kidney Pills.
Doan's are recommended by many Ballinger people.

Here's one case.
Mrs. E. E. Street, 704 11th St., Ballinger, says: "I suffered a lot from back and dull pains thru my loins. I had severe headaches and dizzy spells and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and scanty. I used Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and they soon strengthened my back and put my kidneys in good working order."

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

E. C. MOOR BUYS PALACE CAFE AT WINTERS

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moor are at Winters for awhile, Mr. Moor having recently purchased the Palace Cafe at that place, and took charge about a week ago.

The name of the cafe has been changed to The Moor Cafe, and Mr. Moor is busy making improvements and putting new life into the business. Mr. Moor is an experienced cafe man, and the people of the north end of the county will get good eating when they take their meals at the Moor Cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Moor will continue to make Ballinger their home and will spend part of the time here until he gets a good man to take charge of his business at Winters. 1tdw

Mrs. C. Steinfield, of Miles, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Bauman and family, left for home Monday and we are glad to report her little grand child improving right along when she left.

Will Currie of Concho County, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR CATARRH?

Ask Yourself the question. How often has the doctor failed, as have ointments, salves, vapours? What you should do.

The easy, common-sense method—that costs so little—that is so quickly and vigorously effective—is often the last resort of many Catarrh sufferers. Why, it is hard to say. One of the specialists of the Swift Specific Company in Atlanta—a physician of standing and national reputation because of his knowledge of blood disorders, made the assertion that if the majority of Catarrh sufferers would buy and faithfully take S. S. S., they could effectually get rid of Catarrh.

S. S. S. goes straight to the seat of trouble, the blood. It spreads its influence over every organ in the body, comes through the veins and arteries, enables the mucous surfaces to exchange acids and irritating substances for red blood corpuscles that effectually cleanse the system and thus put an end to all Catarrhal poison. S. S. S. cleans out the stomach of mucous accumulations, enables only pure, blood-

making materials to enter the intestines, combines with these food elements to enter the circulation, and in less than an hour is at work throughout the body in process of purification. S. S. S. is made from barks, roots and herbs that are food and tonic for the blood. It stimulates—gives the blood power to throw off poisons. You will soon realize its wonderful influence by the absence of headache, a clearing of the air passages, a steadily improved nasal condition, and a sense of bodily relief that proves how completely Catarrh often infests the entire system.

You will find S. S. S. on sale at all drug stores. It is a remarkable remedy for all blood affections, such as Eczema, Rash, Lupus, Tetter, Psoriasis, Boils, and all other diseased conditions of the blood. For special advice on any blood disease write The Swift Specific Company, Medical Department, Room 11, Atlanta, Ga. Avoid substitutes.

Z. E. Tongett, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday and while here renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

W. W. Farmer and his mother and father came in from Higgins Friday and will spend some time on their ranch near Ballinger for the benefit of his mother's health.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Compton, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were in Ballinger Saturday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Mathis of Austin, who came in at noon. Mrs. Mathis is a sister of Mrs. Compton.

Charlie Grant and W. H. Rodgers, of Winters, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Friday.

Mrs. Lon Mapes of Pony Creek who had been visiting at the home of George Mapes of San Angelo, passed thru Ballinger Saturday morning en route home.

Judge M. C. Taylor of Norton, was in Ballinger Saturday and informed us that he was making his arrangements to move to this place next week where he and his wife will make home for the present, having sold their home place at Norton to Tom Setser.

W. W. Holliday, who with his family, came in from Artesia, N. M., a few days ago, returned to that place Saturday to ship out his household goods to Runnels County to make his home again.

Gust Johnson, one of the pioneer readers of The Banner-Ledger, who lives east of town, handed us a dollar Saturday evening to keep the paper coming another year.

Clarence Hinds of the Pony country, F. M. Murphy and W. B. Kelsy, C. E. Good, J. D. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hambricht of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

J. B. Carleton and daughter, of the Maverick country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

AUTO CONVENIENCE FOR GRAND JURORS.

A few years ago when a farmer living fifteen or twenty miles from the county site was called on to serve his country as a juror, he kissed his wife and children good bye and came to town to stay until court adjourned, or at least until Saturday night. With the modern way of traveling living at home and courting in town is made easy. Out of the three or four dozen men who have been called here from the country to attend the present term of court most of them spend each night at home, going and coming in their autos. The foreman of the grand jury, Edgar Jayroe, lives about twenty miles from Ballinger. In addition to the pleasure and satisfaction of being at home with his family at night, he enjoys the auto ride going and coming. The same is true with R. W. Bruce, another member of the grand jury, and several others.

Good For Colds.


Honey, Pine-Tar and Glycerine are recognized cold remedies. In Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey these are combined with other cough medicine in a pleasant syrup. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey quickly stops your cough, checks your cold, soothes irritation of the throat. Excellent for young, adult and aged. Its one of the best cough syrups made. Formula on every bottle. You know just what you are taking and your doctor knows its good for coughs and colds. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Only 25c at druggists.

\$210.45 PAID FOR RABBIT SCALPS.

Commissioners' court adjourned Tuesday, having held a couple of days for the monthly term. Very little business came before the court for the March term, and aside from looking after routine matters, and paying out bounty money there was little business to go on the minutes.

The court received and passed 4209 Jack rabbit scalps and issued warrants for same.

The Supremacy of Peruna as a Household Remedy 44 Years of Leadership



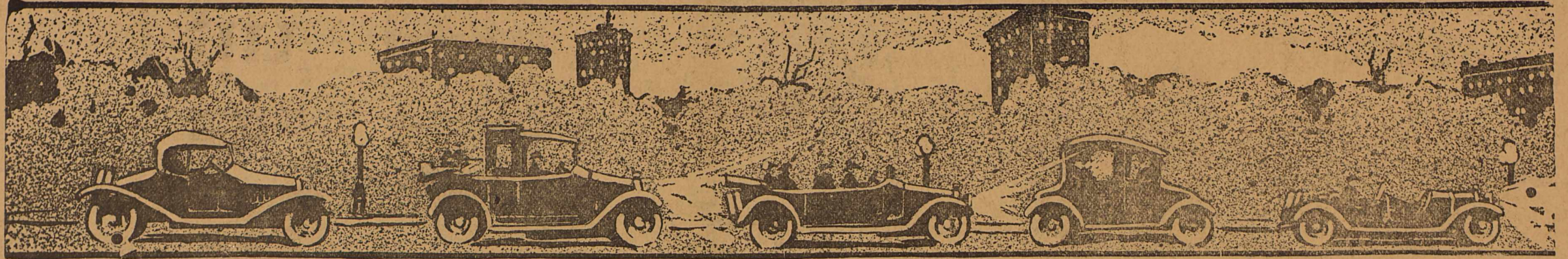
Returned to His Work.
Mr. Julien Gondeau, Erwinville, La., suffered with catarrh of the stomach. He did not know what his trouble was. He was unable to work. Could hardly eat anything. After taking Peruna a short time he is now in perfect health. He says: "I am now doing all my work. I am confident that any one suffering as I was could be cured by Peruna."

A Housewife Restored.
Mrs. R. W. Conslan, Box 22, Greensboro, Ga., suffered several years with catarrh of the stomach. She was in such poor health she could not attend to her household duties at all. Peruna was recommended by neighbors. She was induced to begin the use of Peruna. She says: "After taking five bottles of Peruna I am happy to say that I am entirely cured. My indigestion is entirely gone."

Every Change of Weather.
Mr. E. Arnold, Westery, R. I., contracted a severe cold. The cold settled in his side and produced a condition that was thought to be pleurisy. Every change of weather would bring a return of his trouble. After taking Peruna all his ailments have vanished.

Pain in the Stomach.
Mr. Henry Kneek, Box 850, No. 1118 S. Vista Ave., Janesville, Wis., writes: "I wrote you about four weeks ago that I had a pain in my stomach. I followed your advice, and used three bottles of your Peruna, and I am all right now. I am very thankful for your advice and your medicine."

Three substantial men, heads of families, made efficient once more by Peruna. These are only samples of what Peruna is doing every day, everywhere. Surely, this is a splendid work. Anything that conserves family life and makes the home more desirable and comfortable, nourishes the heart root of civilization. Peruna is a great civilizer.



The Car You Want at the Price You Want to Pay

We have in stock ready for immediate delivery the greatest collection of automobiles the market affords. Right here in Ballinger at the garage of the HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS Co., you can obtain the greatest car values ever offered the American public. Here you will find the car you want at the price you want to pay. Great care has been exercised by us in choosing for our customers the very utmost in car value for the money invested. The fact that each car sold by us has to prove satisfactory should influence your buying. Every line of automobiles we sell is of proven worth with a double guarantee—to you by us and backed by the manufacturer. If you are going to buy a car you owe it to yourself to see the wonderful values we are now offering. A few hours spent in careful study before you buy a car may save you many hours of work and worry in the future.

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The Alluring APPERSON "JACK RABBIT"---The Automobile You'r Proud to Own

Chummy Roadster

The grandest car in its class. All the power and speed one could desire; with such ease and comfort, beautifully finished, luxuriously easy riding.

Ready for Delivery in Ballinger **\$1625**

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No mere words can express the real charm of this gerat automobile. A demonstration and you will know how we feel about this car.

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THE HUDSON SUPER SIX IS HERE

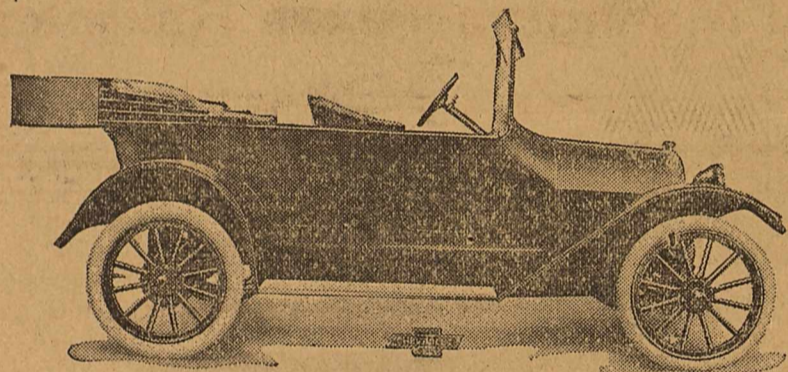
The Most Talked of Automobile That Has Ever Been Manufactured

You have only to gaze on this marvelous car to appreciate its wonderful qualities. It is vibrationless and one can hardly tell the engine is running. Its high power reserve enables it to creep on

high gear, to pick up quickly (it will pick up to 50 miles in 30 seconds) to mount hills without effort and to avoid changing gears. Make it a point to see this marvelous car, f. o. b. Ballinger..... **\$1475**

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Equipped With Auto-System Lights and Starter

TRANSMISSION—The FOUR NINETY has three speeds forward and reverse. It has a left-hand drive with center control.

WHEELBASE—102 inches; wheels 30x3½; weight 1700 pound; 25 h. p. motor with magneto.

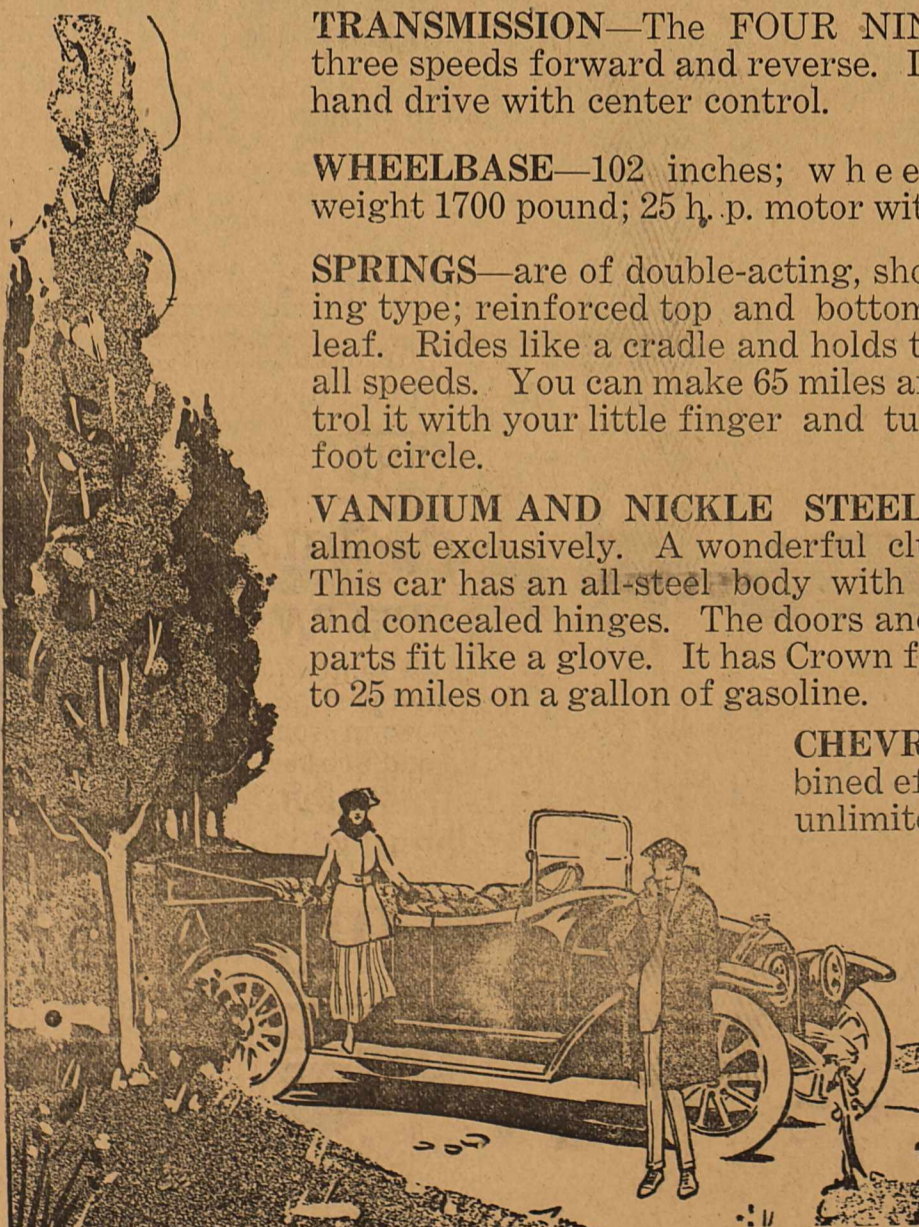
SPRINGS—are of double-acting, shock absorbing type; reinforced top and bottom of center leaf. Rides like a cradle and holds the road at all speeds. You can make 65 miles an hour, control it with your little finger and turn in a 20 foot circle.

VANDIUM AND NICKLE STEEL—are used almost exclusively. A wonderful clutch collar. This car has an all-steel body with flush sides and concealed hinges. The doors and all metal parts fit like a glove. It has Crown fenders. 20 to 25 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

CHEVROLET—The result of ten years of combined efforts, experimenting, study, backed by unlimited capital and thirty-three years of successful experience.

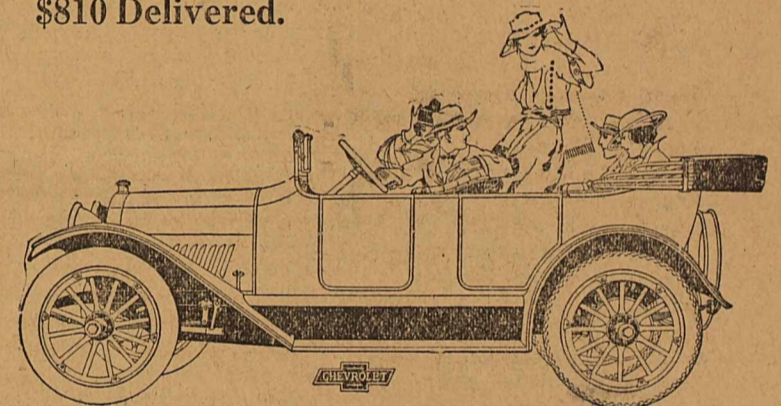
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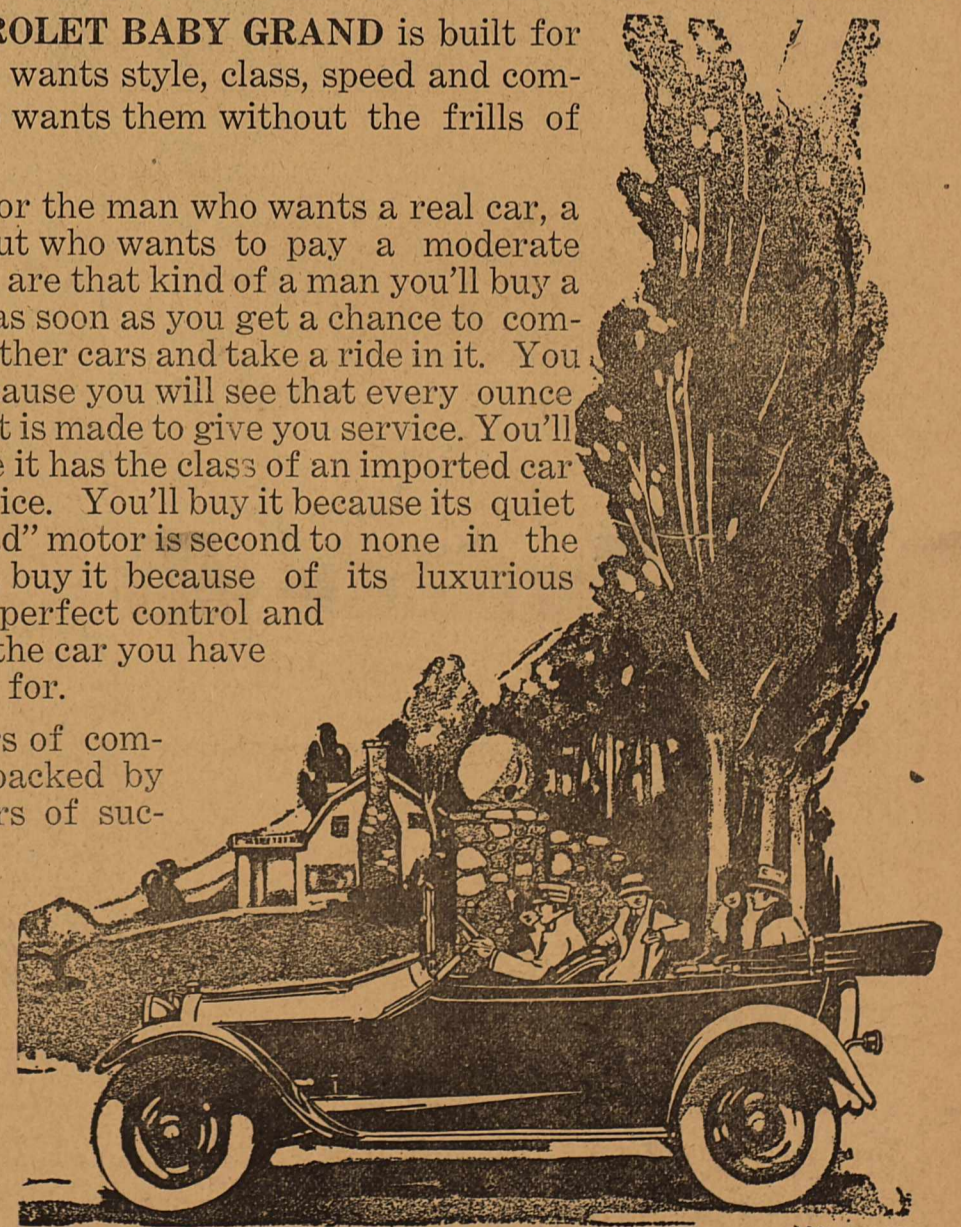


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THE CHEVROLET BABY GRAND is built for the man who wants style, class, speed and comfort, but who wants them without the frills of fancy prices.

It is built for the man who wants a real car, a beauty car, but who wants to pay a moderate price. If you are that kind of a man you'll buy a Baby Grand as soon as you get a chance to compare it with other cars and take a ride in it. You will buy it because you will see that every ounce of steel it's got is made to give you service. You'll buy it because it has the class of an imported car but not the price. You'll buy it because its quiet "valve-in-head" motor is second to none in the world. You'll buy it because of its luxurious comfort and perfect control and because it is the car you have been looking for.



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JUDGE GOODWIN FOR RE-ELECTION

Judge Jno. W. Goodwin, who is here holding the March term of court, announced Tuesday that he had decided to offer himself as a candidate for re-election. This will be gratifying news to the many friends of the splendid judge in this county, as well as in the entire district composed of Brown, McCulloch, Coleman, Concho and Runnels counties, where for nearly sixteen years he has served the people in the most faithful way.

For some time Judge Goodwin has had his friends guessing, having declined to say definitely whether he would offer for re-election or not. Realizing his worth as a trial judge many people of the district have expressed to Judge Goodwin their desire to see him continue to serve on the bench of this district. Not being a politician and a poor campaigner, Judge Goodwin has depended on his friends to express themselves, and has repeatedly stated that it was up to them to say whether he should continue on the bench.

If Judge Goodwin has any opposition, or enemies in the district no one will claim that it is because he has shown partiality in the discharge of his duty, or the neglect at any time of his duty. In speaking of this the Brownwood Bulletin says:

"One of the chief factors that commend him to favorable consideration is his acknowledged impartiality. In the court house he has neither friend nor enemy, but everyone looks alike to him, and the pole star which guides his conduct during the trial of every case is 'What says the Law?' irrespective of whether the litigants are high or low. During all these years on the bench he has displayed these rare qualities which fit him for an ideal judge, and during all this time no one has ever had the temerity to assert that he had any 'pets.' Non-resident lawyers, who practice before him, and who are accustomed to have experience elsewhere, frequently say that it is refreshing to try a case in one of his courts on account of his utter fairness and his usually correct rulings during the progress of the trial.

It is frequently urged against an aspirant for re-election, that a change should be made, and somebody else given the office. In ordinary county offices, where hundreds of people are qualified to take care of them, this suggestion frequently holds good, but it has no application whatever to a district judgeship, where matters of large magnitude and importance have to be passed upon, but on the contrary when a district judge

To The People Of Texas:

In the Annual Report of the Texas Railroad Commission for 1900, then presided over by that grand old com-moner, John H. Reagan, after noticing the great increase in the amount that the Railroads of Texas had to pay in satisfaction of Jury verdicts and Court Judgments for personal injuries, the report says:

"While we have no official information showing the cause of this great increase, we understand, in a general way, that it probably results in a large degree from the activities of regularly organized personal injury bureaus. The only direct interest which this Commission has in this question grows out of the fact that, as the amount of these payments are increased, the available revenues of the railroad companies are reduced thus necessarily operating, to that extent, to prevent the reduction of freight rates, or, it might be, to cause an increase of them."

What Judge Reagan and his associates foresaw and warned against has actually happened. The Railroad Commission of Texas has increased freight rates. Not much yet; but it is hoped the increases will be sufficiently liberal to relieve the roads of their distressing necessities.

The Commission, after the most ex-

haustive, patient, laborious and painstaking investigation ever before undertaken by a state rate-making body, in which hearing the Commission was assisted by able attorneys and experts, in no way connected with the railroads; and with the single purpose of learning the truth and doing their duty as sworn officials of your choosing, the Commissioners have found that the railroads are entitled to earn more revenue to enable them to pay their operating expenses and a fair return upon the value of the property devoted to public use.

It would not be fair to charge the entire increase to personal injury payments. Such payments had, however, a considerable influence in the way of increased expenses; but there are many other ways of unnecessarily increasing the expenses of the railroads. The legislature can, and in the past has done so. And every expense imposed or forced on the railroads by the legislature must be considered in fixing freight rates paid by the people, and mostly by the producers of the wealth of the state.

The last legislature was importuned, by selfish interests, to pass wholly unnecessary and expensive laws, such as the so-called "full crew bill" and others, that would, had they been enacted, have increased the expenses of the railroads of the state about

four million dollars per year. The legislature, however, refused to place this enormous expense on the shippers and producers of this state, and you justly owe your lawmakers a vote of thanks for thus protecting you. For if the legislature had passed these laws, the increased expense would have had to be taken into consideration by the Railroad Commission in fixing the advances allowed, or to be hereafter allowed.

The action of the legislature has saved the shippers and producers of this state a vast amount of money.

The financial condition of the railroads forced us to ask an increase in freight rates. We would have been glad, had the condition of the roads been such, that we would not have had to ask for such increase.

The way to protect yourselves in the amount of freight rates is to assist the railroads in reducing expenses and in preventing their operating expenses from being further increased. Will you thus help yourselves, your neighbors and your friends?

Your state and county officials publish statements of their public acts for the information of the people; while railroads are privately owned, they are operated for the benefit of the public, and the people are entitled to know how they are affected by railroad legislation and regulation.

General Managers Texas Railroads

has made good, his long years of service are only an additional reason why he should be retained, as it is everywhere recognized that years of experience are necessary, even with the best lawyers, to fit them for competent district judges. In this day efficiency is demanded in every department of life, and efficiency alone will satisfy the public. No well-informed or unprejudiced man in all this

district will challenge the efficiency of Judge Goodwin, and his capability as a judge. The members of our Supreme Court who make good, usually hold their positions as long as their physical and intellectual powers are at their best and render better service every year, the same holds good of the judges of our courts of Civil Appeals, and the people have long since learned that changes in these courts, unless a man is shown to be unfit or incompetent, should not be made. The same likewise holds good with our district judges. In addition to this, a genuinely good lawyer makes quite a sacrifice to become a trial judge and serve the public in this capacity for a number of years, because if he remains up on the bench for ten years or more, he naturally gets out of touch with his clientele and is put to quite a disadvantage, should he be compelled to re-enter the practice of law; and if he has made a first-class judge for ten or fifteen years, and it is manifest that the situation can not be improved by a change, it is an injustice, both to the judge and to the public to bring about a change and individual preferences and individual likes and dislikes should yield to these higher and weightier considerations. It matters not who may offer to succeed Judge Goodwin, it goes without saying, that the situation at best can not be improved upon, and in view of what has been stated, there is the risk that the conduct of the courts might not, for a time, at least, be up to their present high standard, and this is said without any thought of disparagement to any of the many honorable and capable members of the bar throughout the district, who might aspire to this position."

Judge Goodwin will be busy in court and will probably not be able to make a return visit to this county before the primary, but we bespeak for him an endorsement that shows the appreciation of the good people of this county. ltdw.

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

E. L. HAGAN FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

To The Citizens of Runnels County:

I shall be a candidate for the office of county superintendent and am, therefore, asking your vote and influence.

If elected, I shall endeavor to conduct the administration of the schools as economically as the conditions will permit. I shall endeavor to place the schools so as to be as convenient and accessible as possible. I shall grade the schools in such manner as to permit all pupils of scholastic age to attend the school in the district in which they reside, if they so desire. I shall make an effort to secure the most able and experienced teachers, and hope to have the schools conducted in such way as to prevent confusion and give to the pupils the most efficient and practical education. I believe in eliminating from the schools all useless technicalities and using common sense methods in adjusting all difficulties that may arise. I shall always hold it as my duty to make every effort to promote the moral, physical and intellectual interests of the pupils and shall at all times be ready to counsel with teachers and patrons as to the best methods of securing satisfactory results.

If elected, my entire time will be at your service and you will at all times find me in my office, except when visiting the schools. ltdw E. L. HAGAN.

UNCLE JOHNNIE ANNOUNCES FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Fellow Citizens:—My reason for offering for tax collector of Runnels County is because I want the office and I crave to be honored one time by my countrymen. I am running on my own initiative. I am hungry for the vote and the moral support and influence of every white man in the county, the vote of a nigger or Mexican, but I will not knowingly accept if a certain number of these should vote for me and I am elected by that number I will resign on the spot and go home and go to work. If I am elected by the good people of my county, noth-

ing could induce me to accept a third term. I believe in passing the pie—rotation. I do not believe in one man eating pie at the public counter all his life, while the other boys eat corn pone and frizzled bacon. It is morally wrong.

It is the chiefest desire of my heart to be honored by the citizenship of my county, showing they endorse the stand I have taken for God and the right and self protection and our homes.

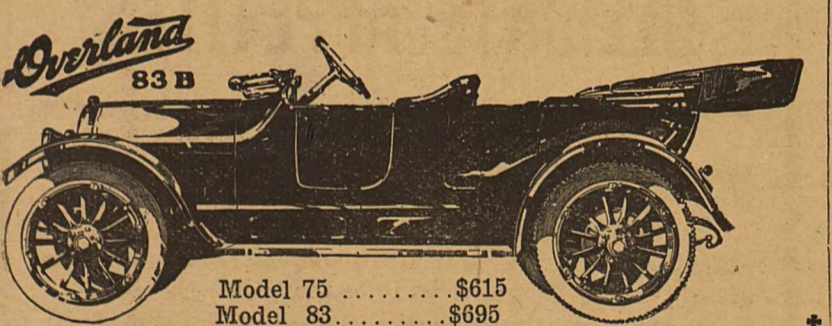
I'm a farmer. I have no fight to make against any man because he is a town man, but I hold that being a practical farmer should not disqualify a good citizen from holding an office of trust. I'm a democrat. Have been here 12

years. Owe no man. I'm an optimist and believe in a square deal. I will not hinder voters from their business or impose on their hospitality in canvassing the county, but I want to grasp the right hand of every honest man I can.

Thanking you kindly for every courtesy. I am,
Most cordially yours,
dw JOHN BALLEW.

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Ballinger, Texas

Annual Financial Report For the City of Ballinger

Ballinger, Texas, February 1, 1916.

Hon. Mayor and City Council:

Ballinger, Texas.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to report as follows for the year ending January 31, 1916.

Special Water Works.

Balance Feb. 1, 1915 (with treas)	\$ 257.41	
Balance Feb. 1, 1915 (with Col.)	97.54	
Received water rents	9,063.25	
Balance over pair Feb. 1, 1916..	15.00	
Disbursements—		
Fuel	\$ 2,154.38	
Salaries	2,476.50	
Expense and repairs	1,677.45	
Improvements	942.79	
Paid for other funds	1,033.83	
Balance February 1, 1916.....	1,148.25	
	\$ 9,433.20	\$ 9,433.20

I am herewith giving you a statement of what your water plant has cost to date.

Distributing System

5273 feet of 8 inch mains		
3554 feet of 6 inch mains		
24,021 feet of 4 inch mains		
37,726 feet of 2 inch mains		
70,574 feet of all size mains at a cost of	\$32,664.20	
Stand Pipe \$3,000, 50 fire plugs	4,250.00	
\$1,250.00	3,750.00	
375 meters		
Total cost of distributing system	\$40,664.20	

Pumping Plant

House	\$ 1,695.30	
Pumps, 3 large, 4 small	3,410.00	
2 boilers	3,500.00	
1 oil tank, pipe and etc	834.35	
Total pumping plant	\$ 9,439.65	
Filter system	4,775.00	
2 dams	5,828.60	
Land	2,775.00	
Total cost of plant	\$63,482.45	

General Fund

Received taxes and etc	\$ 4,554.16	
Received renew warrant Ballinger State Bank	1,080.00	
Disbursements—		
Warrants out Feb. 1, 1915	\$ 1,136.09	
Lights	1,080.70	
Salaries	995.00	
Fire Station expense	257.90	
Fire department	156.10	
Rents	144.00	
Health and sanitary department	346.05	
Money borrowed	1,200.00	
Interest on money	166.00	
Fire hose	208.00	
Insurance	142.64	
Office supplies and printing	432.30	
Sundry expense	113.75	
Warrant out Feb. 1, 1916.	744.37	
	\$ 6,378.53	\$ 6,378.53

Street and Bridge

Balance February 1, 1915	57.94	
Money borrowed	2,250.00	
Received taxes	2,513.61	
Interest on balance	260.34	
Disbursements—		
Money borrowed	2,250.00	
Interest on money borrowed	113.50	
Street work	2,993.91	
Balance warrants out Feb. 1, 1916	275.52	
	\$ 5,357.41	\$ 5,357.41

Water Works (Int.) Fund

Balance February 1, 1915	\$ 6,650.14	
Received taxes	4,105.53	
Disbursements—		
Interest	\$ 2,867.45	
Balance February 1, 1916	7,888.22	
	\$10,755.67	\$10,755.67

ASSETS

Water works system	\$63,482.45	
Land (80 acres)	2,500.00	
Blocks 77 and 79	1,000.00	
50x140 foot lot 20, block 9	2,000.00	
Fire department	3,000.00	
Street Machinery and tools	4,000.00	
Delinquent tax	3,000.00	
Cash in treasurer's hands	9,284.51	
Cash in secretary's hands	597.89	
	\$88,864.85	

LIABILITIES

Water works bonds	\$40,000.00	
Street bonds	20,000.00	
Balance due street machinery	4,384.00	
Warrants outstanding	1,019.91	
Accrued interest	500.00	
Accounts due	1,050.00	
Assets in excess of liabilities	21,910.94	

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. LUSK, City Secretary.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR:

In compliance with your request, we have audited the books of the City Secretary and Treasurer, and beg to submit herewith our report, showing the condition of the various accounts:

TREASURER'S BOOK

S. W. W. Fund		
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	\$ 257.44	
Received from secretary	9,176.29	
Warrants paid	\$ 8,245.33	
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	1,188.40	
	\$ 9,433.73	\$ 9,433.73
General Fund		
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	\$ 55.46	
Received from secretary	4,554.16	
Warrants paid	4,566.69	
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	42.93	
	\$ 4,609.62	\$ 4,609.62

W. W. Fund

Balance on hand February 1, 1915	\$ 6,650.14	
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Received from secretary	4,105.53	
Warrants paid	2,867.45	
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	7,888.22	
	\$10,755.67	\$10,755.67
S. and B. Fund		
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	\$ 103.29	
Received from secretary	2,513.59	
received money borrowed	2,250.00	
Interest on daily balances	260.34	
Warrants paid	4,962.26	
Balance on hand February 1, 1916	164.96	
	\$ 5,127.22	\$ 5,127.22

SECRETARY'S FINANCE LEDGER

S. W. W. Fund		
Balance February 1, 1915	\$ 257.44	
Paid treasurer	9,176.29	
Warrants issued	8,299.95	
Balance	1,133.78	
	\$ 9,433.73	\$ 9,433.73
General Fund		
Balance February 1, 1915		1,136.09
Warrants issued		5,242.44
Paid treasurer	4,554.16	
Money borrowed	1,080.00	
Balance	744.37	
	\$ 6,378.53	\$ 6,378.53

W. W. Fund		
Balance February 1, 1915	6,650.14	
Paid treasurer	4,105.53	
Warrants issued		2,867.45
Balance		7,888.22
	\$10,755.67	\$10,755.67

S. and B. Fund		
Balance February 1, 1915	57.94	
Paid treasurer	5,023.93	
Warrants issued		5,357.41
Balance	275.54	
	\$ 5,357.41	\$ 5,357.41

SECRETARY'S CASH BOOK

S. W. W. Fund		
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	97.54	
Receipts water rents	9,070.05	
Amount paid treasurer		9,176.29
Amount refunds		6.00
Balance over paid	14.70	
	\$ 9,182.29	\$ 9,182.29
General		
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	710.04	
Receipts taxes	4,487.64	
Paid treasurer		4,554.16
Balance on hand February 1, 1916		643.52
	\$ 5,197.68	\$ 5,197.68

W. W. Fund		
Balance on hand February 1, 1915	209.39	
Receipts	4,066.81	
Paid treasurer		4,105.53
Balance on hand February 1, 1916		170.67
	\$ 4,276.20	\$ 4,276.20

S. and B. Fund		
Over drawn February 1, 1915		110.36
Receipts	2,431.64	
Paid treasurer		2,513.59
Refunds, etc.		9.29
Over paid February 1, 1916	201.60	
	\$2,633.24	\$ 2,633.24

We hereby certify that the above report is true and correct, as shown by the city books.

T. J. GARDNER,
C. R. STEPHENS,
E. SHEPPERD.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by C. R. Stephens, T. J. Gardner, and E. Shepperd, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1916.
(Seal) PAUL TRIMMER,
Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

SECOND PRIMARY

USELESS AND ABSURD

Mr. Editor:—What causes this agitation of a second primary? What benefit will be gained by it? Can any man, (without an axe to grind) give a just and sufficient reason why one primary will not suffice? Call to mind the lengthy campaign that the candidates have made and yet to make. It takes money to run for office these modern days, and let us not add any more expense and anxiety to those of our friends seeking office.

I am charitable enough to assume that any one running for office in this county is competent to fill such office creditably; therefore, we cannot be injured by electing any of them. We are thankful, for many good ideas we get from the east, among the sticks, but, on this question let us draw the line. This second primary idea is a product of that section and let us drop it like a hot potato. We wish no second primary precedent to obtain in Runnels county. What's in your second primary? Nix! It's useless, extravagant and absurd. This community stands pat against it.
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A meeting has been called for the business men and citizens of West Texas to meet at Sweetwater on April 5th to take steps looking towards the locating of agricultural college some where in this section of the state, and Ballinger has been called on to join in presenting the petition to the next legislature.

The following towns have agreed to help work for the new state agricultural school: Lubbock, Amarillo, Canadian Fort Stockton, Midland, San Antonio, Childress, Quanah, Memphis, Plainview, Pecos, Sweetwater, El Paso. Ballinger has been called on to join in the campaign, and well she should, as there is no more desirable place in all the territory for the school than on the banks of the Colorado River in Runnels county.

Our present representative Judge R. S. Griggs, is in receipt of a letter concerning the proposition, and when asked what he thought of the probability of the proposition being put through stated that some time in the near future the legislature would establish an agricultural school in West Texas.

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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. Safebreakers 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. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagrue, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blueprint. Storm is employed by Rhinelander, Spike, befriended by Helen, in turn saves her and the right-of-way contracts when Seagrue kidnaps her. Helen and Storm win for Rhinelander a race against Seagrue for right-of-way. Helen, Storm and Rhinelander rescue Spike from Seagrue's men.

TENTH INSTALLMENT

"A DASH THROUGH FLAMES"

While the fight was going on in the two camps, Seagrue, ignorant of what was taking place, urged his claims before the city council in Las Vegas for a right of way through their city property.

The council listened coldly to his demands. And the chairman of the ordinance committee, after a conference with its members, informed Seagrue that what he asked was unreasonable. "The Copper Range & Tidewater railroad has one right of way through the city property. We can not grant another."

Seagrue took the rebuff calmly. Without abandoning further effort to induce favorable action in behalf of his road, he stopped a passing messenger boy, wrote a telegram and handed it to him for dispatch. What the councilmen thought of the situation did not seem to disturb Seagrue materially, for having done this, he turned again to the committee and renewed his argument.

Helen, with Rhinelander, Storm and Spike, was heading, in Seagrue's machine, for the bridge on which they had just derailed the outfit car toward camp. Storm, looking back, discovered that the ditched car had caught fire and was burning up.

"It's small loss," said Storm. "And, anyway, it would cost more time and money to get it on track again than the car is worth."

"But," exclaimed Rhinelander, urging haste as he suddenly bethought himself of the contents of the burning car, "my most important deeds are in that car."

"What do you mean?" demanded Storm.

"I mean what I say," explained Rhinelander. "The right of way deeds for a lot of our property around here



Helen Restrained Her Companion.

were in my desk. And with Seagrue on the job every minute, trying to hold us up, and disputing our title for every piece of land we acquire, this will put us in a bad fix."

All haste was made to get back to the bridge, but they reached it too late to do anything. A hurried conference brought no relief to Rhinelander's view of the situation until Helen suggested a way out. "Uncle Amos, we can get copies of those deeds from the county recorder in Las Vegas."

"Right!" exclaimed Rhinelander, "we can. I hate to lose the originals, but since they are recorded, we're safe. The thing to do now," he said in haste to his companions, "is to get back to Las Vegas without loss of time and have certified copies made before any of our friends discover our loss."

In Seagrue's camp, the fight over

idle men hung around in discontented groups. The scrimmage had not added any to their good temper and the loss of work continued to irritate. A man from the outfit car brought a telegram to Seagrue's foreman, the man known only as "Bill." Bill opened the message. His experience deciphering telegraphese was not wide and he stumbled over the penning for some time before he finally made out the contents:

LAS VEGAS REFUSES RIGHT OF WAY. BRING OUTFIT INTO TOWN.—SEAGRUE.

Bill studied the message in dismay. It meant good-bye to all hope of patching up Seagrue's difficulties, and the abandonment of the construction. Without much of an effort to break the fall of the unpleasant intelligence, Bill told the men the orders and though they were greatly disgruntled and disinclined to do anything, he hurried them along to the job of striking camp.

Helen, with her companions in the commandeered machine, was approaching Seagrue's camp when the men with her discovered that the headquarters of the enemy looked deserted. Not a man was anywhere in sight around Seagrue's place. The machinery had disappeared and the outfit train was gone. Everywhere were marks of a hurried departure.

"Now what the blazes does that mean?" asked Rhinelander, gazing astonished at the deserted village.

No one could answer. "You don't suppose they've quit?" mused Rhinelander, speaking to no one in particular.

Storm scanned the abandoned camp. "Good riddance, anyway," he muttered.

"Not for me," declared Spike, dumfounded as the others were, as he got out of the car. "Not for me," he repeated, looking in every direction for a sight of Seagrue's missing equipment. "Those guys, wherever they are, have got my kit. And just now," he added dryly, "it's the only one I happen to be carrying around with me."

A native son, who had been watching the cleaning up of Seagrue's camp, sauntered past the group. From him they learned that the men had gone with his train to town. Spike appeared disconcerted about the loss of his belongings.

"Don't worry," said Helen, lightly. "I can arrange that for you. I am going to return the machine to Seagrue in Las Vegas. You can get your kit there at the same time."

"Then you go with Helen," directed Rhinelander, speaking to Storm.

He drew a pad from his pocket and wrote a note to the county recorder, asking him to deliver the certified copies of the deeds desired, to Helen. She had, meantime, gone over to their own camp with Storm, where both changed for the ride into town. When Helen reappeared Rhinelander gave her the order:

THE COUNTY RECORDER: ORIGINAL DEEDS COVERING OUR RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH LAS VEGAS WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE. PLEASE ISSUE CERTIFIED COPIES TO BEARER, MISS HELEN HOLMES.—AMOS RHINELANDER.

Helen read the note and handed it over to Storm for safekeeping. The two got into the motor car, called Spike, and the party started for Las Vegas.

Seagrue, whose persistence was proverbial among those that knew him, still stuck to his arguments before the council committee. They had again refused his requests and the scene had degenerated into a kind of wrangle with Seagrue walking up and down the room in a rage while the discussion went forward. It was only after the chairman had told him for the last time there was no chance of their changing their minds that Seagrue gave up.

Seagrue took his hat and left the room. Outside, he met his friend, the sheriff, and into his sympathetic ears Seagrue poured his troubles. His equipment train pulled into the Las Vegas terminal about the same time with an angry gang of men on board.

Helen, driving into Las Vegas, stopped the machine near the station. Spike's eye fell at once on the missing equipment train away from which Bill, in no very pleasant mood, was walking when Spike stepped out of the machine. As Spike advanced, Bill looked him over contemptuously, eyeing him from head to foot, to express his sentiments before he spoke. Helen and Storm came forward. Bill, with a lowering glance, faced them. "What're you doing with Seagrue's machine?" he demanded with insolent bluntness.

"I took it," returned Helen, "to save the lives of three men."

"You mean you stole it!" exclaimed Bill.

"Look here," interposed Storm, "mind your words, you hobo, or you'll be in trouble before you know it."

Helen restrained her companion. As they left Bill directed Spike to stay there to watch the train. He,

himself, hastened to Seagrue, whom he found at the moment the sheriff was leaving him. Bill told his employer the machine story and the two went back to the outfit train to see what condition the motor car had been left in.

Spike came forward as Seagrue and Bill appeared and while the latter two examined the machine.

"The girl and Storm came up with this crook in the machine," Bill said, nodding toward Spike.

"Where are they now?" demanded Seagrue of the convict.

"Up town getting something to eat," answered Spike.

In the restaurant, to which Storm had taken Helen for lunch before they should go up to the courthouse, Storm, while Helen was ordering, took from his pocket the note for the recorder and gave it to her. Helen opened, read and laid the note on the table with her pocketbook. She and Storm were just enjoying the prospect of a substantial meal, when Seagrue, walking in, approached their table. He spoke to them unconcernedly and, without waiting for an invitation pulled up a chair and sat down with them.

As tactfully as she could, she made her explanations to Seagrue, about commandeering his motor car. Seagrue affected truculence and declined to accept her apologies. But he drew a pencil from his pocket, at length, and using the note lying beside Helen's pocketbook for a pad, wrote on it an exorbitant figure. Showing this to Helen, he said dogmatically. "That's what it will cost, if you want this thing settled without trouble for you."

Helen flushed a little with indignation when she saw what he demanded but she was resolved not to quarrel. "All right," she answered simply, "Mr. Rhinelander will send you a check."

The luncheon Storm had ordered was just coming in and while Helen and Storm watched the waitress, Seagrue, leaning forward, looked again at Rhinelander's note still lying on the table. He began to read it. Storm saw the impertinence and leaning over, coolly picked the note from under Seagrue's eyes and folding it, put it in Helen's pocketbook.

Seagrue, somewhat disconcerted at being caught, rose and left the table



The Crowd, Angry at Spike, Surged Forward.

without further words. By the time he gained the street he had charted the situation, imprudently revealed through Helen's carelessness in guarding the instructions, pretty clearly in his mind.

Returning to the train he found Bill, Spike and Lug. Taking Bill aside, Seagrue called Lug over and told the two about Rhinelander's loss of the deeds and the effort Helen would make to secure certified copies of them. While he was talking he looked at his watch.

"In five minutes," said Seagrue, "the men in the recorder's office will start for dinner. You two fellows take Spike and go quietly up to the courthouse. When the office is empty get the book of deeds and bring it to my room. Bill, can you trust Spike?"

Bill answered he thought he could. "Don't lose any time," directed Seagrue. "You may have to hunt around a little up there. Report to me down at the room."

Bill and his companions stepped over to the train for a jimmie. Spike watched them disappear and hurried up street himself. He now made himself responsible for a further interruption to the lunch that Helen and Storm were just beginning to relish.

"Seagrue," he whispered, "is up to some work."

"What work?" demanded Helen in alarm.

"Don't know yet," answered Spike, "but I'll find out."

"Do Spike!" she murmured, hurriedly. "Don't let him make any more trouble for us, will you?"

Spike nodded to reassure her, and trotted away. When he got back to the train Bill and Lug came from one of the cars. Bill had a revolver in his hand.

"Bill, where's my kit?" demanded Spike.

"Stow it," muttered Bill, "and follow me."

When the three shambled up to the courthouse square, the clerks were leaving the building and the last man out closed the front door. Bill resolved to get in through a convenient side entrance and dispatched Lug around the building to force a back window.

By the time the street was clear, Lug had effected his entrance and opened the door for his companions. With Spike, Bill made his way to the

recorder's office and began a search among the books. It was not until he had tossed one book after another aside and when, finding the lost book of deeds, he consulted the index book and threw open the pages containing Rhinelander's right-of-way deeds, that Spike got the least inkling of what he was after.

But the moment Bill found the page he was looking for, he slapped his hand down on it exultantly. "That's the book we want," he exclaimed huskily.

Spike stretched his eagle neck forward. "Fine!" he muttered, grinning. "Hold on! What's that?" he whispered in alarm, grabbing Bill's arm with a start.

Bill, alarmed, looked around. "Somebody's coming," cried Spike, under his breath. "See if Lug's there."

Bill unsuspectingly ran out to see if their lookout had been disturbed. The instant he left the room Spike, watching his chance, ripped the two leaves recording Rhinelander's deeds forcibly from the book and stowed them into the breast of his shirt just as Bill returned.

Bill grabbed up the book and going to an open window, dropped the book where Lug stood waiting. The moment the latter caught the heavy volume he made hurriedly away with it for Seagrue's room.

Spike and Bill were less fortunate in their escape. They walked into the hallway and had reached the head of the stairs when they were seen by the day watchman. With a shout he hailed them.

Bill, without hesitating, whipped out his revolver and fired. Spike angrily caught his companion's arm, wrested the gun from his hand and stuck it in his own pocket. The watchman, pulling his own pistol, dropped back into a doorway. Bill dashed down the corridor one way, while Spike made a record sprint down the stairs the other. The watchman chased Bill, and Bill reaching a window, sprang through it to the ground. Getting on his feet, he ran for safety down the street.

The one shot fired in the courthouse had already made a commotion. Spike gaining the foot of the stairs hid himself just as clerks, coming in at the front, ran upstairs to see what was

going on. In doing so Bill unluckily struck a projecting awning hook with his head. The blow was sharp and the end of the hook penetrated his temple. Bill sank to the pavement unconscious.

Some of the idle laborers who had been alarmed at the shot, seeing Bill go down, came forward. Bill, bleeding at the temple, lay while Spike, wondering what had happened, stood by. The sheriff came up.

"There he is," said one of Seagrue's men, pointing to Spike. "There's the man that did the shooting."

The crowd worked in and the sheriff, despite Spike's protests, laid his hand on Spike's shoulder and told him that he was under arrest, turning him over to a deputy as he did so, with orders to search him. In a moment they found on Spike the revolver he had taken from Bill at the courthouse. The sheriff opened the gun. It contained five loaded shells; the sixth had been discharged.

The crowd, angry at Spike, surged forward, the sheriff holding them back as best he could while he directed his deputy to take the prisoner away.

Helen and Storm, finishing their lunch, had gone to the courthouse and were busy with the recorder who was trying to find the missing book, when a clerk coming in told about the fight down street, and of a prisoner, named Spike, the crowd was trying to take from the sheriff.

Storm and Helen, not waiting to pursue their search, left the room to ascertain what the disturbance was about.

By this time the sheriff and his deputies had succeeded in getting Spike to the calaboose where they pushed him inside. But the crowd, now a mob, had followed hard on their heels. It was growing larger every moment and the feeling was running higher. In fact, Storm and Helen had hardly reached the street when they were told there was a good prospect of the city jail being raided and Spike being dragged out and hanged to the first pole.

Seagrue had sent Lug out to look for Bill, whose disappearance disturbed him. And Lug, finding his partner lying deserted on the sidewalk, tried hard to bring him around. He stopped a man running past and with his help propped Bill up.

Helen and Storm, reaching the edge of the crowd in front of the jail, saw and heard enough to make them realize the seriousness of the situation. They looked at each other.

"What do you think?" asked Helen of her companion anxiously.

Storm shook his head. "We've got to get help, Helen, and get it quick."

"The only place it can come from is the camp, then," responded Helen with decision. "And we must go after it, George."

They hastened to the station and told the story to the agent. Storm wrote a message, directing a boy to rush upstairs with it and get it off.

When Rhinelander opened the telegram a few moments later, he read:

SPIKE WORKING IN OUR BEHALF IN TROUBLE WITH SEAGRUE'S GANG. THEY ARE STORMING JAIL TO LYNCH HIM. ON ENGINE. HAVE HELP READY AS SOON AS WE ARRIVE.—STORM.

Rhinelander, without loss of time, assembled his men, told them of the trouble at Las Vegas and asked if they were willing to help rescue Spike. They answered with an affirmative yell and he ordered them to climb aboard a flat car.

In front of the jail a man was haranguing the crowd and urging them to get the murderer. And his listeners were already in a humor to rush the place. Within, the sheriff and his men were anxiously watching developments.

The sheriff ordered a deputy to slip quietly out the back way and get hold of a car. The moment the machine appeared the sheriff smuggled Spike out, meaning to take him to the county jail for safe keeping. Unfortunately, an alert rioter saw the move. He gave the alarm.

Before Spike's captors could get him away the crowd headed the machine off. It was then a case of any port in a storm and the officer with his little party took refuge in the city council chambers, handcuffing Spike to the floor in order to have everyone free to hold the rioters at bay.

Helen and Storm had boarded a switch engine in the yards and run it down to camp where the flat car filled with men was coupled to it and with Rhinelander in charge, headed again for Las Vegas.

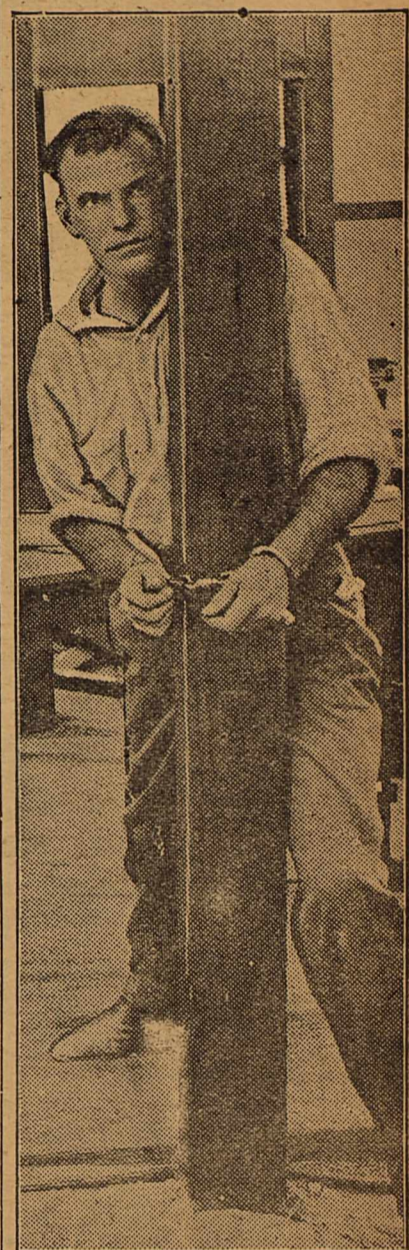
The sheriff in the council chamber found himself surrounded. He went to the door and addressed the mob. He told them he would defend the prisoner with his life. The officer went inside, fastening the door behind him, and his men made a barricade of desks to protect themselves from occasional bullets that now whistled through the big windows opening on Main street. But though the men made themselves safe for the time being, a stray shot struck the wires leading from the telephone and in contact with a scratch pad. Unobserved by anyone in the excitement of the moment the paper caught by the short circuit began to smoke. In a moment it blazed up; little tongues of fire began to lick the wall beside which the pad lay. At this juncture Rhinelander with his men eager for a fray pulled into the station.

Scrambling from the flat car they hastened, led by Rhinelander, up Main street. The sheriff perceiving timely aid in sight, bunched his men and charged out into the street. Taken front and rear, the mob scattered and the sheriff dividing the new arrivals into possees under his deputies, pursued

the rioters as they dispersed. Desultory shooting went on for a few minutes. Rhinelander with Helen and Storm, had joined the sheriff and explanations had just begun when Helen, looking down street, called the attention of her companions to smoke issuing from the front windows of the city hall.

"By jingo," cried the sheriff, dashing away, "I've got a prisoner chained in there—Spike."

With exclamations of horror, Helen and her companions followed the officer on the run. The fire in the council chamber was making headway fast. Helen, going as close as she dared to the open window, called loudly for Spike. There was no answer. Fol-



Struggling to Tear Loose From His Shackles.

lowed by Storm she rushed for the door. But the sheriff caught the young engineer and held him back. Helen had already passed through the doorway and amid the smoke and flame saw Spike, chained to the floor, struggling with superhuman strength to tear loose from his shackles.

Outside, Storm, hurrying off the hands of the restraining sheriff, ran in after Helen. He found her vainly endeavoring to release Spike. The heavy black smoke billowing from the rear wall threatened to suffocate them. But Storm, Helen and Spike helpings, seized the heavy chains in his hands and, ripped the boards in which the staples were embedded, completely out of the floor. Then pushing Spike with loud shouts ahead, dragged the boards after him, Helen and Storm, half choked, hurried from the burning room into the street.

Firemen coming up took charge of the conflagration. But the sheriff detained Spike again, telling him he was a prisoner.

In Seagrue's room, not far away, Doctor Torpy was examining Bill's head. He discovered almost at once that the forehead had not been shot at all.

"You're not hurt," said the doctor, laughing. "But they're trying to hang one of your men down street right now for shooting you. Better notify your gang to call things off." The doctor turned to the window, threw up the sash and called out into the street.

The sheriff, below, was turning Spike over to a deputy when, hearing his name called, he looked up and saw Torpy at the window. The doctor beckoned. "Bring that man up here, sheriff," he cried.

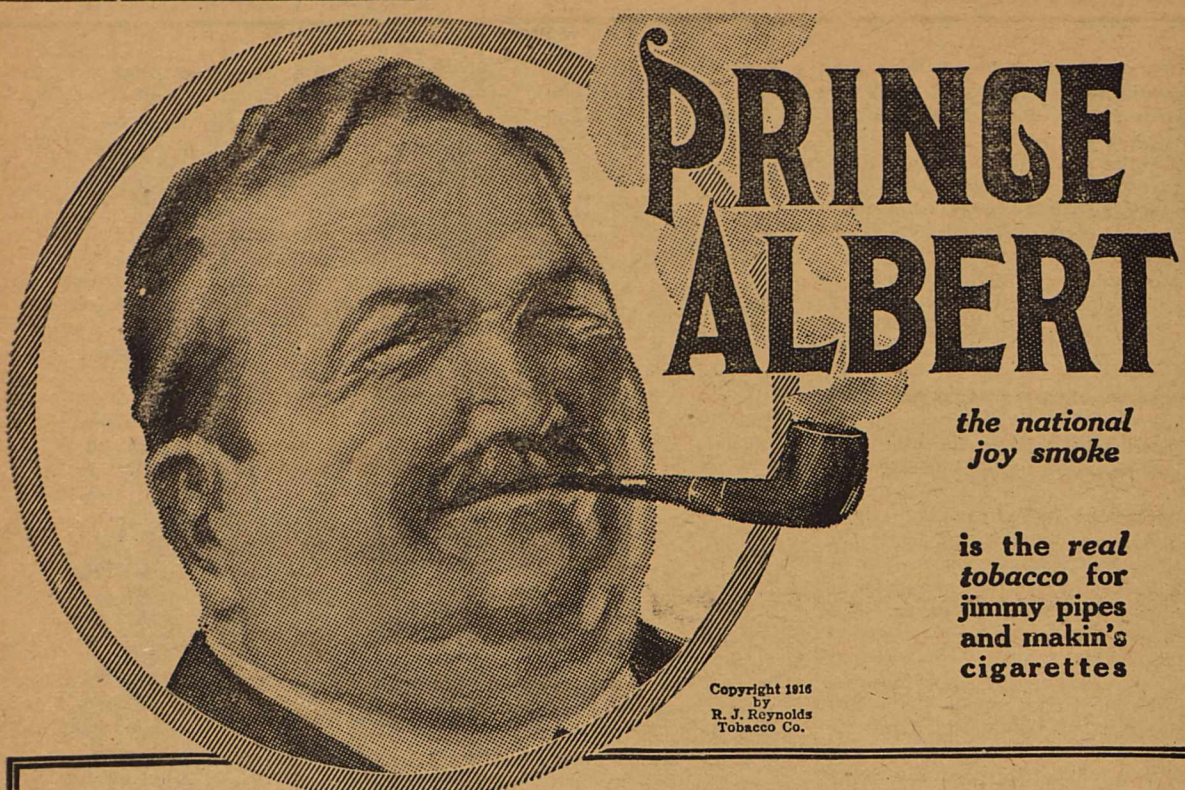
In walked the sheriff, followed by Spike, Helen, Storm and Rhinelander. Bill sheepishly submitted to being made an exhibit and the surgeon showed to the sheriff the wound made on his temple by the awning hook. There was nothing to do but release Spike with apologies which the latter received with a dry grunt.

Helen could not restrain her satisfaction but more good luck was in store for her. She saw on the table the missing book of deeds. "There!" she cried to the sheriff, "is your real explanation." She pointed to Seagrue. "Arrest that man, not Spike!"

Seagrue, knowing the sheriff was his friend, boldly denied all knowledge of the book. "These people," he pointed to Storm and his companions, "probably planted this here in my absence. You ought to arrest them!"

Spike smiled grimly as the sheriff looked from one to the other of the contending parties and listened to the angry accusations. The bald-headed convict drew from his blouse the two sheets missing from the book of deeds and quietly handed them to Rhinelander. "I thought it just as well," he said, dryly, "to make sure these didn't get away."

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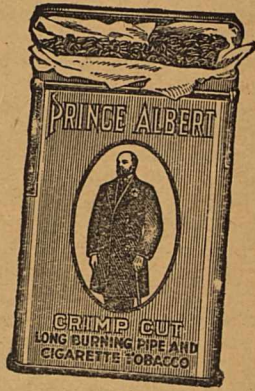
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Personal Study of Villa | by One Who Knows Him

(By Basil Dillon Woon, who was a Correspondent With Villa's Army for Two Years.)

Speaking out of a knowledge of Francisco Villa gained during two years of actual contact with him, I was neither astonished at the Columbus raid nor am I at a loss to predict what will happen next.

The character of Doroteo Arango, alias Francisco Villa, presents a curious psychological study. There are two distinct Villas, to make it clear; the Villa of victory and the Villa of defeat.

I saw Villa and talked with him after the battle of Torreon, when he, at the head of 4000 Constitutional troops, took the city from twice as many Huertista soldiers. He was gay, good-humored and had a smile for everyone. He ordered double pay for his men. He gave a banquet that night, which I attended, to his officers and his captured officers.

These latter were nervous, and they had a right to be. Villa's orders, given long since, were to shoot enemy officers but to spare private soldiers on condition they changed sides. At Torreon, however, Villa showed the magnanimous side to his nature by not only freeing the Huertista officers captured, but by banqueting them besides.

Six weeks later I was again with Villa when he was forced to surrender the town of Jiminez, sixty miles south of Chihuahua. His actions on this occasion were exactly the reverse of those at Torreon. He not only executed every prisoner captured, privates as well as officers, but he had a number of his own men shot on imaginary charges of desertion, treason, cowardice, and so forth. Most of these were innocent, as Villa must have known.

Villa's fits of anger are like

tropical storms, as a rule—short, but terrific while they last. He is capable of lashing himself into a terrible passion and in the next hour become again as amiable as ever. Long periods of defeat, however, render him sullen and at times ferocious, and on these occasions he is hated by his men and feared by his officers.

A humorist in a grim way, Villa had a certain regard for the conventions in his attitude toward women. In passing through a small town in Upper Durango once the "presidente" of the village, anxious to placate him and prevent his troops from looting, offered Villa the choice of the "two prettiest girls in the town." Villa's answer was a startling question to the "presidente."

"You have two pretty daughters of your own," he told the covering official. "Can I have one of them?"

At the same time he had one of his staff level a revolver at the man's head. The "presidente" looked at the revolver, swallowed once or twice, and then told Villa he could have both his daughters if he would spare his life.

Villa's answer was an order to one of his lieutenants.

"Take this man out and execute him," he said. "He is not fit to live."

The "presidente's" daughters remained unharmed.

But this was in one of Villa's happy moods. At other times, though I have never seen him actually harm a woman, he frequently did cruel and barbarous things—such as shooting their husbands and forcing them to witness the execution, taking their boy babies away from them and pretending to kill them, and so forth.

Knowing Villa as I do, I would not put any act beyond him when he is in one of his berserker rages. At present he is incensed the United States and will do any thing to gain his revenge for the recognition of Carranza. He is a brave man of the stoic kind, and when he is desperate he is dangerous. Added to this, he knows every mile of the country in which he is now operating and has the active co-operation, though their fear of him, of the Mexicans living there.

The campaign to exterminate Villa and his band will not be an affair of a few days. It may last six months and it may take many more thousand men than is generally supposed. Villa will not make any stand-up fight, but ambushes, sniping guerilla tactics and night surprises in the brush are to be looked for by the United States troops. Every water well in the path of the troops will probably be poisoned. The Americans will be deluded time and again by wrong information and

wearied by long marches, ending fruitlessly, over barren deserts and mountains.

It is no child's play that General Funston and his men will soon be about. There are no double-track railroads into the Chihuahua wilderness. There are few wagon roads and not very many trails. The country is not thoroughly mapped. It is almost uninhabited. There is very little water and what there is may be poisoned. There is no feed for the horses and no roads suitable for the passage of supply wagons. It will be necessary to blast passage for artillery through mile upon mile of solid granite in the Sierra Madre passes.

No, it will be no simple matter to oust Villa—and after Villa goes there will always be some of the other bandits left. It is the job of a large army to exterminate them all.—San Antonio Express.

The European war is causing a fertilizer famine in America on account of the shortage of potash. "The fertilizer manufacturers are up in the air; the farmer is in the hole." Better use Farmogerm and save money and make more. Circulars free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 25-4tw

SIDNEY CASKEY RETURNS TO FIRST LOVE

Sidney Caskey, who quit the barber trade about one year ago and accepted a position with Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, returned to his old trade Saturday morning, having accepted a position with the City Barber Shop. E. V. Rhodes, brother of H. O. Rhodes, proprietor of the City Shop who has been here with his brother, has resigned his position with the City shop and left a day or two ago for Temple where he will engage in business for himself. Mr. Caskey will take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Rhodes.

DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER! THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

Look at tongue! If coated, clean little stomach, liver, bowels.

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally has stomachache, indigestion, diarrhea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeiters sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

ARCADE TO MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS.

The building formerly occupied by a barber shop next to the Schawe grocery store, is being put in shape for occupancy again, and the Arcade racket store will move into same in a few days. The Arcade is at present located in the Wooden building on Eighth Street.

Election Notice.

By authority invested in me, as mayor of the City of Ballinger, I hereby order an election to be held on April 4th, 1916 in the City Hall, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, for the election of three aldermen and a city attorney, who will serve the city the next ensuing term and J. F. Lusk is hereby appointed as presiding officer of said election.

J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

Brooks Dozier and wife of Miles were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

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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.

BALLINGER STORE ELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the new stockholders of the old firm of Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., a new name, new directors, new policies, etc., were chosen, and an organization perfected. The new firm will be known as the Melton Dry Goods Co., "Everybody's Store." U. P. Melton, who has been guiding the destiny of this store for some time was selected as general manager, and will continue at the head of the business.

The Melton Dry Goods Co., is a firm of all Ballinger people, and not a single stockholder lives outside this city. Mr. U. P. Melton stated Friday morning that "The Melton Dry Goods Co., is a firm composed of Ballinger people, managed by Ballinger citizens, and first and last for Ballinger and her upbuilding." Officers elected for the ensuing year are: D. M. Baker, president; C. A. Doose, vice-president; C. R. Stephens, secretary and treasurer; Jno. A. Weeks and J. Y. Pearce, directors.

A new charter and papers for incorporation for the dry goods store were received Thursday, and organization was immediately made. "Everybody's Store" is the slogan decided on to represent the spirit and policy of the new firm, and further announcement of the new business will be made in advertising next week.

TRESPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY, Concho county, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sides and Mrs. S. D. Williams of Hatchel, were among the visitors in Ballinger Thursday afternoon.

STRANGER FOUND DEAD IN BED

J. T. Henry, age 75, of Austin, was found dead in his bed at the home of Mr. Thorp in the western part of the city Sunday morning. The remains were carried to the undertaking parlors of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., and prepared for burial and were interred in the City Cemetery Monday afternoon.

Deceased came to Ballinger last Wednesday accompanied by his son. They were stopping with Mr. Thorp, an old friend, and it was hoped that a visit to this county would prove beneficial to Mr. Henry's health. He had been suffering with asthma. Death was sudden and the relatives and friends knew nothing of it until late Sunday morning.

Relatives came in from Austin Monday at noon to be present at the funeral.

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

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

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. (Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A. C. Herring of Talpa, and R. L. Carleton, of the Crews country, were transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Gardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Gardui, 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 Gardui, 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. I wish every suffering woman would give

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The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Gardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Gardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Gardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

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TEXACO GASOLINE a clean, powerful product—provides steady, even, power from first to last.

TEXACO MOTOR OIL thorough lubrication, saves wear, saves power, and cannot deposit hard carbon. Our agent in your town will be pleased to serve you with these or any other petroleum products.

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Let us furnish you with a good fresh stock of melon seed. This will insure you getting the best results. Seed is guaranteed.

Variety	Pound	10 Pounds
Tom Watson	80c	\$7.00
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Fresh Cut Flowers for Weddings and Funerals.

J. M. Johnson, E. F. Edwards, Wm. Smiley, W. H. Rodgers and Judge J. P. Cogsdell, of Winters were among the number attending district court in Ballinger Monday.

Rank Foolishness

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. A microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

J. F. Easterwood of Concho County, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. Nancy Collins of the Hy-ton country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Brown wood to visit her two daughters near that place.

It does not matter whether you plant a garden or field on rich or poor land, it pays to use Farmogerm with or without fertilizer. Try it and see for yourself. Particulars free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 25-4tw

Max Russell, manager of the Russell ranch near Leaday, was among the business visitors in the city Thursday.

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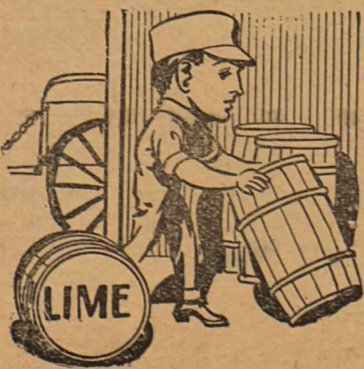
I am here to stay and to build up a clean, up-to-date grocery trade. I pay strictly cash for my groceries and sell the same way, dealing on the smallest margin of profit possible. Everything in my store is a leader, nothing at cost to make up for it on some thing else, everything must bear its own profit.

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"GRAFT"

Each Episode Suggested by a Prominent Author
Serialization by HUGH WEIR and JOE BRANDT
Produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company
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SYNOPSIS.

Dudley Larnigan, district attorney, because of his fight on the vice and liquor trusts, is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. The fight is continued by his son, Bruce, who is elected district attorney. When Larnigan saves the children of one of the conspirators this man agrees to expose the trust and is murdered. Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust, over the dictaphone hears of a plot to kill Larnigan, with whom she is in love. She warns him, he escapes, and two more of the conspirators are killed. When Bruce Larnigan goes to Chicago to fight the grain trust he is assaulted and thrown overboard. He is rescued by his brother Tom, who takes up the fight. Dodson, head of the grain trust, fearing exposure, kills him. Tom Larnigan opens a fight on the textile trust. Ayres, the head of the trust, in an effort to kill Tom, kills his own son. Tom, Ben Travers and Stevens go after the railroad monopoly. An attempt is made to wreck the special train on which Tom and Ben travel. When Kitty Rockford, the railroad president's daughter is saved by Tom and Ben, the railroad president declares he'll help the grafters. The conspirators plot to involve this country in war in order to sell munitions. Bean, an inventor, makes a machine to blow up an interned warship. Tom Larnigan gets Bean drunk. He gives away the plot, and Carney, another of the graft conspirators, is killed.

EIGHTH EPISODE

"Old King Coal"

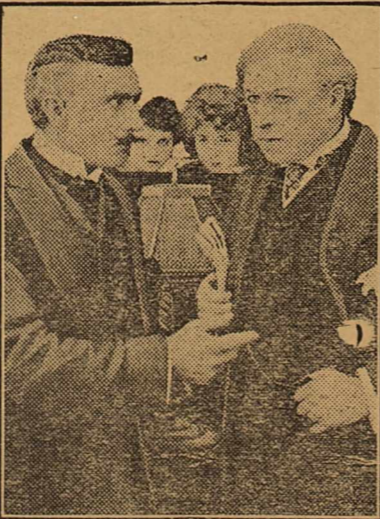
Suggested by JAMES FRANCIS DWYER, Author of "The Spotted Panther," "The White Waterfall," and "The Blue Moon"

"DUNN—this sort of nonsense has got to stop!" said Larnigan Stone, with a grim meaning in his tone. "Every time these Larnigans escape from your traps. I'm beginning to think that you forget that I'm in a position to enforce the orders I give you."

"Well—I got an idea," said Dunn. "It looks good. Bean's sore—he's afraid he won't get any more money. He thinks Tom Larnigan put over something pretty raw, and he's got it in for him. So here's the lay out. Bean says that if he can get into the Larnigans' flat he can fix things so that anyone who goes inside the front door will never come out again! I say—it's worth while. Let him make good."

Dunn went off to find Bean. And an hour or so later he telephoned to Stone. "Bean's been there—and you never saw a prettier job!" he reported, enthusiastically. "He's got the whole place wired—and every wire leads to some explosive!"

"Fine work!" said Stone. "I believe you've got them this time, Dunn. Well—we got Dudley Larnigan when he was



"Let him come! I've got ways of taking care of him!"

district attorney of New York, and it would be a strange thing if we couldn't put these two sons of his out of the running!"

Stone was smiling as he made his way to the home of Roger Maxwell, head of the Insurance Trust and the father of Dorothy Maxwell, the girl whom both Stone and Bruce Larnigan loved. Dorothy alone knew the truth concerning Stone, and, though she loved Bruce, and hated Stone, she was constrained to silence because she knew that her father was in Stone's power; that he was deeply involved in the criminal machinations of the gang that the Larnigans had sworn to run to earth. Stone had threatened, more than once, that if she betrayed him he would see to it that her father was ruined, and she had, therefore, had to be content with doing what she could in secret to help Bruce. And in this, for some time, she had had the aid of Kitty Rockford, her best friend, whose betrothal to Tom Larnigan Dorothy expected to be announced at any time.

Dorothy saw Stone come in; she knew that already a number of other

men, prominent in the Graft trust, were in the house.

"We'd better keep our ears open, Kitty," she told her chum. "I think those men are planning some new deviltry."

"I heard Mr. Weisner talking about interference with his business," said Kitty. "He said that if any outsiders came skulking around the coal mines they'd better look out—that there was trouble enough there already without bringing in any more from outside."

"They'll talk in the library," said Dorothy. "If we slip in there now and go into the little alcove, we can curl up in that big settee. If they find us we can pretend to be asleep."

They put their plan into execution, and, as they expected, they soon heard the voices of the members of the syndicate—the survivors of the original fifteen. Stone spoke first.

"Weisner—you needn't worry," he said. "I saw Larnigan just now—met him as he came from the station. He's taken his mother and his brother down to the country. He explained to me that he wanted them to be where it was safe and quiet, because he had to go down to Pennsylvania!"

"And you'll keep him away, I suppose," said Weisner, with a sneer. "Me—I don't trust you or your arrangements, Stone! You've had plenty of chances at these Larnigans, and you've messed up every one of them! Let him come, say I! I've got ways of taking care of him if he turns up!"

The two girls couldn't hear all of the conversation. It was Weisner's voice, heavy and powerful, that was most plainly audible; Stone, from a more highly developed sense of caution, pitched his tone low, so that only an occasional word that he uttered was clear and distinct. And so the two girls did not realize that Tom would be in peril even before he left New York; they thought that for him the danger would begin to be acute when he reached the coal fields. As soon as they could they stole out and managed to get away unobserved.

"Suppose we went down?" suggested Dorothy. "Down to Pennsylvania? I don't believe Tom realizes the dangers he will face down there—and we might save his life! I'm sure we could be of some use."

"I'm willing," said Kitty, eagerly. Tom, meanwhile, had gone unsuspectingly toward his flat. He meant to accept Stone's invitation. Stone could, he knew, give him valuable information as to conditions in the coal fields, and he had offered to do so. He did not see the spy who lurked in the lower hallway of his apartment house; it was with the utmost unconcern that he inserted his key in the door. He stopped for a moment, holding the door open with his foot, and bent down to stroke a cat that had rubbed against his leg. The cat, he guessed, must belong to his neighbors. Then he straightened up, and pushed the door open. But just then a mouse ran across the doormat; the cat sprang after it, in hot pursuit. Instantly there was a blinding flash; a deafening roar, and a great explosion hurled Tom half way down the stairs. He was bruised and shaken, but he was not seriously hurt; no bones were broken. And, even as he picked himself up the spy, hearing the explosion, ran off to report that he had walked into the trap.

Stone was appalled and astonished when Tom came, as he had promised to do. But he was able to conceal his astonishment and his dismay.

"You must spend the night," he told Tom. "You can get an early morning train—you might as well have one more night of comfort. I'm afraid you'll find it pretty rough down in the coal fields. The hotels are poor, and everything is upset and disorganized by the strike, so that it will be even worse than usual."

Tom agreed, and Stone, after Tom had retired, sent for Dunn.

"He's fooled us again," he said, bitterly. "I don't know how—and I don't care! But—I've arranged a last chance for you! He's in this apartment, asleep! You can get through the window—and this time take no chances!"

"Suppose I'm caught—it's murder you're asking me to do!" gasped Dunn, growing pale.

"You've done it before—and I still have the proofs!" said Stone, fiercely. "What would you rather do—have me hand those proofs to the prosecutor, with the certainty that you'll be convicted, or take the chance that you won't be caught? Who is going to catch you? There's no one to give the alarm except myself!"

Dunn hesitated. But he knew that Stone held the whip hand.

"I'll do it," said Dunn, gloomily. "All right," said Stone. "There's the way you can get in."

And at once he went downstairs and notified the hall boy that he had seen

a burglar, trying to get into his rooms! Treachery was the very breath of life to Stone.

"I caught a burglar for you, Mr. Stone," said Tom, when he saw Stone returning, with two or three of the employees of the house. "He's tied up in there!"

"Good work!" said Stone. The man had missed his vocation; anyone who had seen him then, and had known, too, what his real plan would have been, would have been convinced of that. In him a great actor was lost to the stage. He concealed his fury, his dismay at the sight of Tom Larnigan, who had once more escaped. Tom had been too much for Dunn, that was all.

Down in the coal country Dorothy and Kitty saw much of the misery inevitably attendant upon a strike. The miners were grim and determined; certain elements among them had begun to riot and to try to destroy the property of the mining companies. The militia and the state police suppressed all violence ruthlessly, but the temper of the men was growing uglier, and there could be no doubt that, sooner or later, they would organize and seek to settle the matters in a pitched battle.

But the two girls, although they saw much that was of vital interest, did not, for a long time, discover where Tom Larnigan was, nor what he was doing. Tom, as a matter of fact, knew that he could not hope to accomplish much unless he was able to discredit Weisner. It was Weisner's claim that the shortage of coal, and the resultant



The Temper of the Miners Daily Was Growing Uglier.

high prices in the cities, were chargeable to the strikers, and this had done much to inflame public opinion against the men. Tom, on the other hand, was sure that Weisner was resorting to an old trick, and holding back great reserves of coal.

So he was making his hunt off the beaten path, looking daily, for some evidence that would support his belief, since he knew that a guess, no matter how close it might prove to be to the truth, would be useless against such enemies.

And one day, on a specially built sliding, he found a long string of coal cars, fully loaded. There was proof of the most glaring sort that he had been right, for, across the track, a shanty had been built by tracklayers—right in the path of the loaded cars! Tom began at once to take notes and photographs and in this occupation Weisner surprised him.

"Who are you? What right have you got to come butting in?" asked Tom, angrily, when Weisner began to abuse him.

"I'll tell you who I am—and in a hurry!" said Weisner, with an oath. "I'm Weisner—the boss of this whole country, and don't you forget it!"

Tom's anger was too strong for his discretion. In a moment he and Weisner were grappling. In a primitive, savage combat. Tom, with a fair field could have killed his opponent, but some of Weisner's henchmen hurried to his assistance, and in a few minutes Tom, unconscious and bound, was thrown into the tool shanty. Weisner, raging, went up the hill along which the sliding ran, and stopped, at the top, where the first car stood. Suddenly an evil light came into his eyes.

"He wants the coal moved, does he?" he snarled. "Well—moved it shall be!"

At once he sprang to the car, uncoupled it, and began to try to move it, so that, getting on the grade, it would roll down upon the shanty by the force of gravity.

And at the same moment Dorothy Maxwell, who chanced to be within hearing, understood his purpose, and suspecting that Tom was in the shanty, ran desperately toward it. The car gained momentum; Dorothy saw that she would be too late. But Kitty Rickford, nearer the bottom of the hill, understood Dorothy's frantic gestures. She ran toward the shanty, not knowing what she would see, but realizing that there was some danger for some one inside, since she could see the car racing down. And, just in time, she dragged Tom outside—and a moment later the car ploughed through the frail structure, smashing it to kindling wood.

The two girls freed Tom. And then they saw a group of men gathered on the hill about half way up. Tom went up; he returned, sober faced, in a few moments.

"Weisner's foot caught as he started the car—caught in the brake," he said. "He was dragged along and killed."

Tom could not avert much of the trouble that followed, but Weisner's death and the government action that followed Tom's report brought about a speedy settlement of the strike. And one more name was crossed off the original list of fifteen.

[Episode No. 9 Next Week.]

Husband and Wife Both Saved from Suffering

I wish to tell you the good results myself and husband received from Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. About eleven years ago I had a severe attack of La Grippe and was confined to my bed about eight weeks under the doctor's care. He pronounced my case kidney trouble and rheumatism and not relieving the results from the doctor's treatment I should have received, I decided to try Swamp-Root. After taking several bottles of Swamp-Root I was able to get up and attend to my work. About a year later my husband was affected with a severe attack of kidney trouble and doctored for some time with the doctors and received no benefit. Knowing of the good I had received, he decided to try Swamp-Root. His condition was such that he was confined to his bed and words cannot tell how he suffered, but after taking Swamp-Root he was relieved so he could go on with his work without pain. I wish to heartily recommend Swamp-Root to all persons afflicted with kidney and bladder troubles and you may publish this letter if you wish.

Yours truly,
MRS. A. E. BRIGGS,
Eldred, Pa.
Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 25th day of May, 1912.
Ira McCarthy, Notary Public.

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

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LAND DEAL.

The deal was closed Thursday in which Judge J. W. Powell sold to D. N. Cox 14 acres of improved land in South Ballinger near the ward school building for a consideration of \$1300.

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S. T. Wood of the Mud Creek country, S. A. Mathews of the Hatchel country, and G. W. Sellers of the Wingate country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

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BALLINGER LOSES AN- OTHER NEGRO CITIZEN

Sheriff Perkins, acting upon authority given him in a warrant received from Williamson county, arrested one Lorenzo Odom, a negro, Monday morning and placed him in jail to await the arrival of officer from Georgetown, and the negro will be carried back to Georgetown to answer to gambling charges. Lorenzo came to this county last September, but he armed himself with a poll tax receipt and declared the full rights of citizenship, and when told a short time ago that he would not be allowed to vote on a poll tax receipt issued in this county replied to the advice given him by the officers by saying that "all the Gods in Heaven and the devils in hell could not keep him from voting." He didn't vote in the recent election.

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BRUSH PILE FIRE ENDANGERS GARAGE

The Volunteer Fire Company was called to the home of C. W. Northington near the Methodist church Saturday afternoon to prevent the burning of Mr. Northington's garage. Some children touched a match to a pile of brush near the garage and the flames were scorching the auto house when the fire company reached the scene. Just a case of careless children playing with matches.

Watch the Fords Go By.

WE'RE AHEAD OF TEXAS, SAYS VISITOR

West Central Texas, particularly that part in the Ballinger territory, is far ahead of any other section of the state, according to M. Oppenheimer, a business man of Temple, who is attending district court in Ballinger today. Business conditions in this part of Texas are flourishing in comparison to those of other sections, Mr. Oppenheimer thinks.

Although Rannels County is suffering from a slight drouth at the present time, Mr. Oppenheimer believes that the prosperous times of the preceding two years offset any temporarily adverse condition which may be confronting the farmers of the county. Apparently the drouth which is being felt slightly in West Central Texas at present is also being considered in other sections of the state, in some parts with even alarm. Bell county had rain the first part of the year, Mr. Oppenheimer said, but another fall would be appreciated by not only farming elements but also by the business men who depend upon the agricultural section for their livelihood.

Mr. Oppenheimer is accompanied on the trip by Express Agent Kelley of the Wells Fargo Express Co., of Temple, who is also a witness in district court here this week.

"Bell county is making rapid strides in scientific farming," said Mr. Kelley. "The business men of Temple have done more for the farmers of Bell county than any other set of men, having employed a farm demonstrator—one of the highest priced in the state—a canning club demonstrator, and inaugurated numerous other movements tending toward improving the agricultural resources of the county. Bell county farmers are learning to farm in the right way and the best results ever attained by any county in the United States are being reaped now. Temple is proud of the pace she is setting for Temple is in the heart of a farming country and upon the agriculturists depend the welfare and prosperity of the county metropolis."

The two Temple gentlemen expect to return to their home Tuesday afternoon.

How to Prevent Croup.

When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that he eats a light evening meal, as an overloaded stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptom—hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtainable Everywhere.

Adolph Wilke received word from his wife at Austin stating that her mother died in that city Sunday and Mrs. Wilke would return home in a few days.

NEW MAN AT DRUG STORE

J. M. Pyburn, formerly with the J. Y. Pearce Drug Store here, has accepted a position tendered him by the Walker Drug Co., and began work today. Mr. Pyburn is an experienced pharmacist, a registered man, and Ballinger people will be glad of his decision to make his home here permanently.

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BUYS CREAMERY

J. C. Cook and family of San Saba, moved to our city recently to make Ballinger their future home. Mr. Cook has bought from W. A. Bridwell the ice cream and creamery department of the The Ballinger Bottling Works and will manufacture the Star Ice Cream at the same old stand. Mr. Cook is an experienced ice cream manufacturer and his cream will be known as the Star Ice cream. He comes to our city highly recommended as a business man of sterling worth and integrity.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Rannels.

Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared M. Kleberg, County Judge, Feb McWilliams, W. D. Meadows, J. D. Smith, and C. N. Craft, County Commissioners, all of Rannels County, Texas, who being duly sworn, each on his oath, depose and say: That he has fully complied with the provisions of Article 867, R. S., as set forth in said Article, taken in connection with Chapter No. 164, Acts of the 29th Legislature, 1905, known as the Depository Law, by having actually counted and inspected all the cash in the hands of W. L. Brown, County Treasurer of Rannels County, Texas, as set forth in said County Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending January 31, 1916, and find the same to be as follows:

First Class, Jury Fund, cash balance	252.11
Second Class, road and bridge fund, cash balance	2,190.66
Third Class, common county fund, cash balance	1,459.83
Fourth Class, special fund, cash balance	2,360.98
Fifth Class, advertising fund, cash balance	168.75
Sixth Class, court house bonds sinking fund, cash balance	1,660.02
Seventh Class, B. B. sinking fund, No. 1, cash balance	1,808.53
Eighth Class, B. B. sinking fund, No. 2, cash balance	1,735.67

Amount due County	\$11,636.55
By balance commissions due	130.45
By outstanding checks	12.25
By amount overpaid by tax collections	18.00
By balance, January 31, 1916, as certified by depository	\$11,669.75
By amount included in report deposited since Feb. 1, 1916	127.50

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M. KLEBERG, County Judge.
FEB. McWILLIAMS,
Commissioner Precinct No. 1.
W. D. MEADOWS,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2.
J. D. SMITH,
Commissioner Precinct No. 3.
C. N. CRAFT,
Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of March 1916.

(Seal)

O. L. PARISH, County Clerk,
Rannels County, Texas.
By W. C. McCarver, Deputy.

ABILENE GRAND JURY BREAKS THE RECORD

(Abilene Reporter)

In district court here Saturday morning Special Judge W. P. Mahaffey set a new record for the quick dispatch of business. Four felony cases were tried and verdicts rendered in three hours and twenty minutes' time.

During the day six cases were tried and as many convictions secured. Only one sentence was suspended out of the six. All were pleas of guilty, four for burglary, one for forgery and another for horse theft.

The grand jury adjourned and brought in a record-making report. In a session of only eleven days, the grand jury returned sixty-nine bills of indictment, thirty-eight of which were for felonies.

In making its report to the court the grand jury said in part:

"We find that some of our young men are making a practice or habit of buying whiskey or other intoxicating liquors from boot-leggers. We recommend to the young manhood of the county to cease such practice for two reasons: (1) The habitual use of intoxicating liquors may lead to a drunard's life; and (2); it encourages some one else to violate the law and have to suffer the penalty by going to prison. We recommend to the fatherhood of the county a careful oversight of the manner in which their young sons are allowed to conduct themselves. We believe that some minor offenses, if not grave ones, would not be committed, if people would keep out of bad company. We find that personal influence is a potent factor in shaping the life of a young man."

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Duard Knox, who had been in the U. S. Navy the past several years returned home Saturday night from San Francisco, Cal. and reports quite an experience since he left home and is mighty glad to be back at home again.

Bob Bowden, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and returned home in a new Chevrolet car, purchased from the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

Watch the Fords Go By.

REVIVAL SCHEDULED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. E. R. Stanford returned from a trip to Waco and Fort Worth in time to preach Sunday. The Win-One Evangelistic Campaign was launched and many volunteers agreed to work faithfully to win one person or more during the campaign, which closes Easter Sunday. Five persons united with the church at the close of the morning service.

A revival meeting will begin next Sunday at the church. Rev. Henry Stanford, M. A., B. D. from Rogers, Texas, a cousin of the pastor, will assist in the meeting. Services will be held each day at 10 a. m., and 7:45 p. m. A large choir will render excellent music. All those who sing or play instruments are cordially invited.

The public is invited to attend these meetings from the first service. The team will be Stanford & Stanford. Lend your help, your prayers and your presence. The preaching service will begin next Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.
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MADE AUTO TRIP TO CISCO.

H. L. Mobley and family spent Saturday night and part of Sunday in Cisco. Leaving Ballinger Saturday they went to Brownwood, and from there across the country to Cisco, returning to Ballinger late Sunday afternoon, making the 250 mile trip successfully and report a very pleasant time.

Sign of Good Digestion.

When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

Uncle Jack Wright, one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of Comanche, came in a day or two ago to visit his nephew Jap N. Adams and family.

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First Episode

MARY'S DEFENSE

AS Philip Langdon's car threaded its way through the heavy traffic, dodging drays and clamorous trolleys on its way toward the grim building where so many tragedies are staged by "the law" the young attorney felt his heart sink into engulfing waves of doubt and fear.

For the first time since the beginning of the trial he had lost his buoyant hope, his tremendous faith in his ability to prove Mary Page innocent and if need be to snatch her from a cell by the sheer power of his love.

The evidence was so overwhelming, so irrefutable. And Mary herself utterly unable to explain those last tragic moments. He knew she couldn't remember—couldn't explain. But the jury would not be convinced. He realized that.

Over and over in his brooding mind he saw again the tragedy of that night when the body of James Pollock, the clubman and wine agent, had been found with a bullet in its heart and beside it the unconscious figure of Mary Page. Between them had lain that revolver with its one accusatory empty chamber, the revolver that Mary herself admitted she had carried.

That Mary was innocent he had never doubted. His love was too great to admit of doubt, but he was a lawyer, and now he saw only too clearly that his defense might prove unconvincing in the face of the damnable facts—first, that Mary had hated and feared James Pollock, who forced his attentions upon her; second, that she had carried the revolver hidden in the front of her dress when she went into the anteroom where Pollock was waiting, and, third, that the shooting had occurred directly after the door had closed upon the two of them.

If he, Langdon, had only been five minutes earlier—that was the acid that ate into his soul. If he had only reached that door five minutes sooner perhaps that fatal shot would never have been fired.

He wondered irritably why it was that the public, and that portion of it that comprised the jury, couldn't see how improbable it was that Mary would have ruined her career in such a fashion, however much she hated Pollock. It was inconceivable that a girl who at the falling of the curtain at 11 o'clock had touched the goal for which she had striven and been hailed as the greatest star of the century could have killed a man of her own accord at midnight and watched the dawn come from a cell in the Tombs.

He knew how much her career had meant to Mary. How close to her heart was the triumph and the fame, and to lose it this way—

He sighed heavily, then, realizing that they were approaching the Tombs and that to the world at least he must be the confident attorney, he straightened his shoulders and forced a smile to his lips.

Close to the curb two women were listening while a third read aloud from the early edition of an afternoon paper, stippling the monotony of her tones by ejaculations and questions.

From his car Langdon could plainly see the huge headlines two women were reading:

LOVER'S LAST FIGHT FOR LIFE.

State's Case Against Famous Actress Almost Complete—Young Lawyer Fights Final Hopeless Battle.

With a shudder of aversion Langdon dragged his eyes away. The notoriety of it was almost as bitter to him as the awful overshadowing fear. He hated to think that Mary's name should be dragged in the mud of common gossip as an actress who had shot a millionaire in the anteroom of a huge hotel, while just outside the door, amid laughter and music and lights, the great world indulged in supper dancing. He hated the thought that his love for Mary had become a spicy morsel to be rolled on the tongues of the general public, but, after all, what he had to bear was pitifully small compared to the burden on Mary's own slim shoulders.

The car drew up at the curb, and as Langdon leaped out somebody shouted harshly:

"Here's Langdon!" And the whole throng of men and women came surging toward him, sweeping him into the current of a wave of humanity. Jostling and staring, they flung a thousand questions at him, pulled at his arms and pressed against him until at last the impregnable doors clanged behind him, leaving him breathless with a feeling of being bruised and battered mentally as well as physically.

The quiet of the prison was almost like peace for the moment, but he

knew that beyond that pool of silence in which he stood another clamorous throng surged about the door of the court and filled the room itself—thousands of them, some men and many women, voracious for sensation, glutted with the lure of this tremendous tragedy that was being played for them by living puppets. The law had indeed discovered the secret that every theatrical manager sighs to know—"what the public wants."

With a word or two to the officials, Langdon went hurriedly down the echoing corridors to Mary's cell; past row after row of monotonous barred doors, from behind which faces peered out with idle curiosity—faces, savage, despairing, dull with indifference or ravaged by tears. But they meant nothing to Langdon, for heart and brain alike were speeding on ahead of him to that distant narrow room where Mary waited.

At the cell door he halted and quickly removed his hat, unhidden tears springing to his eyes, for Mary was kneeling like a little child, her head in her mother's lap, and the elder woman was praying aloud:

"And God give us strength to go through this day and grant justice to this, my child!"

"Justice, dear God, justice!" echoed Mary. And no artistry of the great actress could have given to that simple prayer the poignancy that a great faith and a great sorrow gave to it.

Then they spied Langdon, and Mary, jumping up, gave a cry of joy and ran into his arms. He held her tightly, and the actress in her would have applauded if she had known the effort that lay back of his cheery greeting, his word of hope and the tender smile with which he put into her hand white roses to pin against her dark frock.

"I think we had better go on into court now," he said as she drew the blossoms through her belt. "The men are waiting, and it's about time, you know."

For an instant Mary shuddered and clung to him with closed eyes.

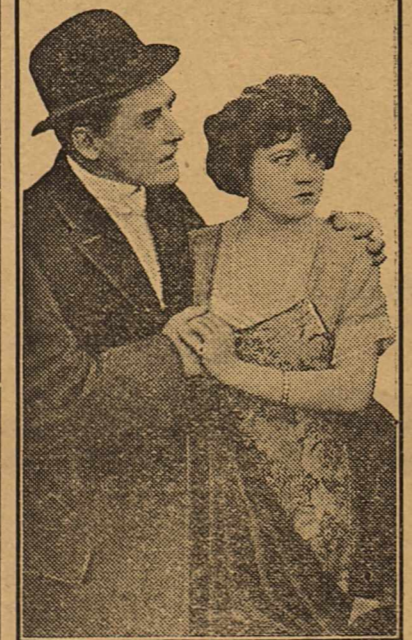
"If I could only be there without going across that awful bridge," she sighed. "Somehow the people are less terrible when they are sitting down and keeping quiet."

"I know, dear, I know," said Langdon sadly. "I wish to God I could spare you, but it's really only your way of expressing sympathy, and I'll give you a happy thought to say to yourself when you cross today. Just look straight ahead and say over and over: 'Today Philip begins my defense. Today we will begin to prove my innocence.'"

"Then you think"—cried Mrs. Page. "The state will undoubtedly rest its case this morning," he answered gravely. "Our chance is coming now."

"Oh, then I shan't mind anything," cried Mary and, kissing him, lifted her lovely head.

And now the end was almost come. The last witness for the state was



"If I could only be there without going across that awful bridge."

called to the stand, and Langdon drew a deep breath. Unless some one was called in rebuttal he knew that now the final stone was to be laid in that carefully built tower of evidence against Mary Page.

The police had sworn that they saw Mary threaten James Pollock with a revolver in the park that afternoon. Employees of the theater had testified to her fear of his attentions; her own maid had been forced to admit with faltering tongue that her mistress had cried out that he was a devil, and she wished he was dead. Waiters and innumerable patrons of the Hotel Republic, revelling in the publicity, had told gloatingly of having seen Mary Page, drunk apparently, reel from the cafe on the night of the murder and go directly to the anteroom where

James Pollock was waiting. And now the last man was on the stand—the hotel detective who, together with Langdon himself, had found the dead man with his living but unconscious companion.

The monotonous questions of name and age and occupation were rattled off swiftly enough, and then the detective, with the ease of one used to testimony, gave a brief resume of how he had first been called by the head wait-



"We found Mary Page lying in a faint,"

er, to whom complaints had been made of the riotous behavior of a big supper party from one of the theaters.

"It was a pretty noisy bunch," he said coolly. "But they didn't seem to be doing any harm, so I just stood at the door watching them, and presently James Pollock came in."

"He was in evening dress," he continued, "and he called a bellhop and gave him a message, pointing out the young lady who was sitting at the head of the table with the noisy party."

"Was that young lady Miss Page?" asked the district attorney, indicating Mary with a jerk of his head.

"It was," said the detective firmly. "Then Mr. Pollock went down to what we call the little gray room and, going in, shut the door. The bellhop started into the dining room, but almost before he'd taken a step the young lady, Miss Page, threw her wineglass on the floor with a hysterical sort of laugh and came reeling out of the room with her hands stretched out, as if she didn't know where she was going."

"I turned away to call one of the maids to take charge of her, and when I came back she was making straight for the gray room, walking as firmly as if she'd never had a drink in her life. She went in and shut the door, and a minute afterward Mr. Langdon there comes flying out of the cafe and shouts:

"Which way did Miss Page go?"

"In the gray room," I answered, and with that he ran toward it, with me beside him, but before we got there we heard a shot, and—" He paused, enjoying to the full the sensation of the moment and the tense whispering wave of sound that quivered through the crowded room. "When we had broken in the door we found James Pollock shot through the heart and Mary Page lying in a faint beside him with a revolver not six inches from the ends of her fingers."

Mary, who had been watching him as if fascinated, quailed from that curt, almost vindictive, description of the finding of the bodies of the living and the dead, and, resting her arms on the edge of the dock, she buried her face in them and for the first time sobbed bitterly.

A murmur of sympathy arose, and several people stood up, only to be rudely pushed back into their seats by those behind. And now the district attorney, going to the grewsome array of "exhibits" in the case, picked up the revolver and, showing it to the jury, put it into the detective's hands.

"Is this the revolver," he demanded dramatically, "and is the prisoner the woman whom you found locked in the room with the dead body of James Pollock?"

"Yes," answered the detective. And at the word the pencils of the reporters began to spin like mad across the floor

ing yellow of their copy paper, and a gasp of dismay wrung from some woman's throat faded into a stifled sob.

One of the jurors blew his nose loudly, and two or three exchanged significant glances, and Langdon, the sweat beginning to bead his forehead, knew that they had already made up their minds that Mary was guilty.

The detective, released, stepped down from the witness box, and now the district attorney turned smilingly to the judge and said, with an oratorical flourish:

"Your honor, the state rests!"

The last stone in that brutal gallow of evidence had been cemented into place.

Four excited and self-important office boys scuffled out of the room bearing sheets on which was scrawled:

"State rests its case after evidence of Detective Farley." And through the open door as they went came a murmur like the distant roar of wild beasts, the unadmitted public clamoring for the news borne by the boys en route for the newspaper offices.

But when the door closed again a tense silence held the room in thrall. Even Mary's sobs had ceased, and, lifting her tear stained face, she smiled rainbow wise at Langdon, as if she would have said: "Now is our chance! Now we will tear down this awful temple of doom that has been built for me!"

Langdon drew a deep breath, fung back his shoulders as if breathing a tremendous current and said quietly: "Your honor and gentlemen of the jury, you have heard the case against Mary Page. Now listen to the case for Mary Page."

"She has declared herself that she has no recollection of those final moments in that hotel room to which she had been lured by a miserable beast. She remembers only a flash—like a dream—of his leering face, and then blackness swept over her. Gentlemen, it is not the first time that Miss Page has been affected in that same fashion. And if Mary Page killed James Pollock she did it in a moment of insanity superinduced by the horror of intoxication that has pursued her since the day she was born."

As with one accord the jury sat up and leaned forward in their seats, and onlookers broke out into a sudden babble, in which the word "insane" bobbed like a cork on a sea of rumor, and not even the judge's gavel could secure silence for several moments. In that time the color crept back into Mary's cheeks, and somehow she felt deep in her heart that the tide of feeling at least was turned again in her direction.

The district attorney was frowning and whispering to his assistant, who nodded from time to time as he nervously fingered the pile of papers in front of him, but now Langdon was speaking again:

"It is my intention, your honor and gentlemen of the jury, to show you step by step through this girl's life the part which that horror of intoxication has played, a horror that has entangled her in this mesh of tragedy. I shall call as my first witness Mary Page."

It came as an overwhelming surprise, this calling of Mary to her own defense, and, although she strove to be calm, she was obviously startled and afraid, and wave after wave of excitement swept through the room. At the reporters' table one "sob sister" whispered to the other:

"Poor thing! She can't stand much more. It's wicked to call on her."

"Miss Page," said Langdon, and his voice was very gentle, "isn't it true that because of a strong prenatal influence you were born with an unnatural horror of intoxication?"

"It is true," sighed Mary, but in an instant the district attorney was on his feet.

"I object!" he cried. "That question concerns something that took place before Miss Page's birth. She can—she must, in fact—know it only by hearsay."

"I must sustain your objection," said the judge. "Mr. Langdon, your question was unfortunately worded. Can you alter it?"

"I think I can," said Langdon. "Let us put it this way: What is your earliest recollection of your father?"

"I object to that also!" stormed the district attorney. "It is not relevant. What have a child's vague recollections to do with the action of a woman of Miss Page's age?"

The judge hesitated, and Langdon, still smiling, said quickly:

"I withdraw my question. The witness is excused."

"Do you wish to cross examine?" asked the judge, and the district attorney, with a scowl, shook his head.

"Are you through with me?" gasped Mary in bewilderment, and Langdon nodded. And now, as the throng waited, he turned to the little gray haired mother, and his voice rang out (was it with triumph?):

"Mrs. Page!"

In an instant the room was in an uproar. More copy boys rushed or the door bearing flapping sheets covered with scrawled, disjointed words, and the onlookers, who had so far considered Mrs. Page as merely a "prop," a bit of the setting in this gripping tragedy, now scrambled up on to their seats to gaze at her. In vain the judge thundered with his gavel, and in vain the police shoved back the spectators and even thrust one or two hellcrazier ones out into the corridor, where they were welcomed with a roar from the waiting throng. The noise did not subside until curiosity had been sated.

"Mrs. Page, how long ago was it that you met your husband, Daniel Page?"

"Thirty-one years ago at Christmas," she said softly, and the district attorney leaned forward scowlingly, waiting to leap at the first irrelevant question.

"And you became engaged almost at once, did you not?" The question and the answer were equally quiet.

"Yes."

"But you were not married for some time?"

"No." The gentle old voice shook now, and a faint flush crept into the thin cheeks.

"Why?" The question snapped sharply, but her answer was long in coming.

"Because," she said at last. "I found that Dan drank, and I—I said I would not marry a man like—like that."

"But you did later on?"

"Yes," she continued. "He promised me that he would stop, and I believed—God knows a woman always believes that—from a man."

"Please make only direct answers to the questions," broke in the judge sternly. But some woman in the back of the room said aloud:

"That's the truth she's speaking. Let her say it."

"Silence!" commanded the judge. And now Langdon said:

"Will you tell us as concisely as possible of what happened after your marriage?"

For a long time it seemed as if she could not go on, and Mary leaned toward her, whispering softly:

"Oh, mother—mother, darling!" But as if the words were a draft of encouragement Mrs. Page took up the thread of her story.

"What happened," she said wearily, "is what happens to thousands of women. We hadn't been married very long before my husband began to drink again. The first night he came home really drunk was the night I had planned to tell him that Mary was coming to us from God. I don't think I shall ever forget the horror of that time. And all the while that I was making ready for her he was making my inability to go out with him an excuse for debauch."

"Oh, your honor," and now she turned to the judge, "it's no wonder my child is full of the fear of drink. For night after night I walked the floor, and I prayed like a wicked woman that my baby might die before it came into the world—because I was afraid it would bear the taint—would be born with that awful devastating thirst!"

More than one man in the room and, indeed, more than one of the jurors moved uneasily at the words, quietly spoken, but pregnant with tragedy.

"On the night that Mary was born," she went on, "Dan was too drunk to even be told—that—he had a daughter."

A murmur of sympathy crept through the room, and one voice could be heard distinctly:

"Oh, well, that's not unusual. Most men do—beastly drunk."

"I felt then," said Mrs. Page tenderly, "that it didn't matter, I had my baby, and I was too full of happy dreams for her future to fear for the present."

"Somehow," Mrs. Page continued, "the years passed, and Mary reached sixteen, but each of those increasing years had increased her fear of drunkenness. She was even afraid of her father, and because we were too poor for her to have pretty clothes she

shuddered and buried her face in her hands—her eyes tear blinded and her mouth distorted with the anguish of memory.

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A quivering mean like a vocal echo to her mental agony slipped from Mary's lips, and dropping her head, she sobbed aloud.

"Please go on, Mrs. Page," said Langdon warningly, and though the mother yearned toward her daughter, she took up her story again in a voice that rose word by word into a poignant cry straight from a mother's anguished soul.

"He dragged Mary to the center of the room—that flaming poker in his hand. He forced her to her knees. I struggled to get to them, but I was weak—dazed, half-conscious because of a blow on the head. It was all just a nightmare to me! But I heard Mary scream and scream and scream, and then—I saw—the poker burn into my child's forehead! I smelled the scorched flesh and from somewhere I got the strength to leap upon him—and then—the door was burst open and—Mr. Langdon came in."

"He—he had been worried about us," she panted, her voice breaking now, "and, coming back to the house, heard the cries. My husband rushed at him and they fought. Then suddenly Mary, who had been lying in a moaning little heap on the floor, writhed—got to her knees—to her feet—and before I could stop her, began to dance wildly about the two men, laughing and shouting and singing. And then, while we stood there appalled, even Dan—sobered by it—she ran out of the house—and into the street."

"Philip was after her in a moment. But it seemed hours before I could crawl to the door, and I saw—Mary disappearing down the street—and heard James Pollock make an insulting taunt. Then I was knocked down by my husband, who rushed by me with an oath."

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"Three hours later Philip brought Mary home—wrapped in his coat. Her nightgown was in ribbons; her feet were torn and bloody where she had danced and run over stones and stumps in the woods near our home. Her hands were bruised from snatching at trees and rocks by the way. She was in torture with the burn on her forehead, but she was—quite sane. And, your honor, she had no recollection of anything that had happened after she saw her father advancing with the red-hot poker."

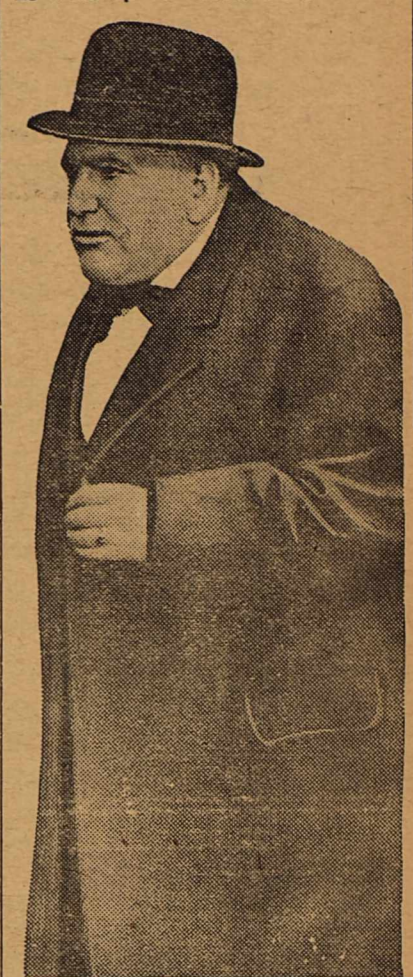
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improper and insulting language. He didn't mean it—he didn't know what he was saying—but it was terrible for Mary, and she urged Philip to leave at once. I heard them—and heard Dan's words—and I ran out to help, leaving the poker thrust into the hot coals of the range, for I had been fixing the fire.

"We—we got Dan into the house and on to a sofa in the kitchen at last, where he lay babbling about James Pollock, with whom he had been drinking and who was also—or who had tried to be—a friend of my daughter's."

Again the whispering murmur of excitement swept through the room, but died of its own accord.

"Dan slept for a long time, and when he woke up he wanted more to drink."



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I had sent Mary to bed, and I was alone with him. I tried to reason with him, but he forgot I was his wife. He was insane with that awful thirst. He ordered me to bring him the bottle of whisky out of his cabinet, and when I wouldn't—he beat me. He threw me down and kicked me and struck me with a chair. And, though I tried to keep back a cry that would rouse Mary, she—she heard and came running down, poor child, in her little nightdress.

"She screamed and ran forward and dragged at her father. Trying pitifully to protect me—and at last—he turned—upon her."

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