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NEGRO GETS 15 YEARS FOR GIRL ATTACK

After deliberating for forty minutes the jury in the case of the State vs. Oscar Allen, charged with entering the home of J. V. Nelson last Saturday night a week ago and attempting to assault Susie Nelson, rendered a verdict of guilty and fixed the punishment at fifteen years in the pen.

One hour was consumed in arguing the case before the jury by the attorneys, and the case went to the jury at ten o'clock Tuesday morning. Judge Goodwin promptly passed sentence on the negro and he with about one dozen others will be carried to the pen at an early date.

In arguing the case before the jury District Attorney Early complimented the people of Winters for the law abiding spirit manifested, and permitting the law to take its course. The negro had a fair and impartial trial, an able attorney being appointed to defend him, and this with a similar case have been handled in such way that Runnels county's name has not been blackened by the acts of "Judge Lynch."

Judge Early also complimented the lawyers for the precaution used in handling such cases, and congratulated the people on getting prompt justice at the hands of the court for the first cases of the kind ever tried here.

Judge Goodwin ruled that the negro was of sufficient age to face trial in the district court on the indictment returned by the grand jury, and the jury to pass upon the negro's case took their seat in the jury box about five o'clock Monday afternoon.

The negro plead "not guilty" to the charge read to the jury. The first witness called by the state was Miss Susie Nelson, the young lady upon whom the negro stood charged with attempting to make the assault. Miss Nelson testified as follows:

"I am the daughter of J. V. Nelson of Winters. I attended the picture show at Winters on Saturday night, March 18th. I returned home about ten o'clock and went to my room and retired. My room adjoins that of my mother's. My sister, younger than my-

self was sleeping with me. Before retiring I noticed that the screen window was unfastened. I fastened it before going to bed. After I had gone to sleep I was awakened by some one getting in the bed with me. My little sister was on the side of the bed next to the wall. I reached out to see who it was getting in the bed with me and felt something like a man's head with my hand. The man's head felt wooly. I screamed and some one jumped out of the window. My father came in the room and we later examined the screen and found a hole cut in it where the hook fastened it on the inside. We also found a match and a piece of tobacco under the bed."

On cross examination Miss Nelson stated that it was dark and she could not tell who the man was, or could not say positively that it was a man, but was positive that she felt something like a man's wooly head, and saw something go out the window that she thought was a man.

J. V. Nelson, the father of the young lady took the stand and testified as to what he did when he heard his daughter scream. He stated that he attended a lodge meeting and returned home shortly after the children returned home from the picture show. He also testified as to the cut screen and how he heard the window fall as he entered the room after hearing his daughter scream.

Mrs. Nelson, the young lady's mother, was the third witness called for the state, and testified in substance as follows:

"I was at home while the children went to the picture show and Mr. Nelson went to lodge meeting on March 18th—Saturday night. A neighbor lady came over and sat with me. We heard a noise and I got up and looked around to see what it was, but did not go in Susie's room. When my daughter screamed, and after Mr. Nelson ran in her room, I saw a man pass by my window, outside. The moon was shining and I could tell he was a small man and dark color. I saw the defendant pass my house several times before this trouble, and he has passed by as many a six or eight time each day and would stop and look back as though he was trying to see in the house."

On cross examination Mrs. Nelson said she did not think the defendant showed signs of being idiotic any more than any other negro, and attempted to show the

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FALSEHOODS ANTAGONIZE MEXICANS

SAN ANTONIO, March 29.—Col. Sage wired Gen. Funston from Nogales, Arizona, saying that a story had been circulated across the border from Nogales to the effect that Gen. Pershing had joined Villa and his bandits and was fighting the Carranza troops. The message to Funston stated that the Mexicans at Nogales took the report seriously and became peeved because the Americans laughed at the report.

The parties guilty of starting the report gave as a reason for Gen. Pershing deserting by telling the Mexicans that Pershing had turned against the Carranza troops because he was disgusted with the way Carranza was doing about the expedition to catch Villa.

Such reports, it is believed, are started for the purpose of antagonizing the Carranza troops, and bringing about a general war with Mexico. The Mexicans are suspicious and easy to make believe that the move to catch Villa is an attack on Mexico.

Many San Antonio chaffeurs are being employed by Gen. Funston to drive auto trucks at the front, and the American troops are relying on trucks for supplies, Carranza so far declining to permit the use of the Mexican railroads for hauling supplies.

SAN ANTONIO, March 29.—Second Lieut. Joseph W. Allison, of the Thirteenth Cavalry, died at Fort Bliss this morning from pneumonia. It is not known here whether Lieut. Allison contracted pneumonia while in Mexico, or whether he was stopped at Fort Bliss en route to Mexico.

Lieutenant Allison was born in Tennessee, and was appointed to a military academy from Texas in 1910. He graduated in 1914, and ranked high among his fellow army officers.

EL PASO, March 29.—Gen. Dodd, in charge of the Seventh Battalion, has shifted his base of operations from El Valle to Madera, and is co-operating with the Carrancistas in throwing a ring around the Santa Maria Valley, which the American general says will be narrowed down, trapping Villa and forcing him to fight or surrender.

Reliable information received here says that Gen. Pershing is again using the Mexico & Northwestern railroad for transporting troops.

SAN ANTONIO, March 29.—Gen. Funston received a message from Gen. Pershing today in which Pershing requests that hereafter the location of the Mexican expedition be kept secret.

Gen. Funston declined to give out the whereabouts of the troops or what success they were meeting with. It is judged from the request that Mexican spies are communicating with Villa in some way and making it hard for the American troops to overtake him.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—By a unanimous vote the House this afternoon passed the army deficiency bill. The bill carries an appropriation of eight and one-half million dollars to cover the cost of the Mexican expedition.

SAN ANTONIO, March 28.—

General Funston announced this afternoon that he had received no word confirming a report sent out from Washington to the effect that Carranza had flatly refused to permit American troops to use the Mexican railroads for shipping supplies.

However, Gen. Funston shows to be worried and is greatly concerned over the failure to get permission to use the Mexican railroads. He stated this afternoon that he must have more motor trucks at his command at once if he does not get the use of the railroads in Mexico. There are six hundred and forty-two trucks now in use and bought and soon to be put in use, but this number is inadequate to handle the supplies and carry on the transportation for the United States army.

Gen. Funston reports the latest message from Gen. Pershing says the American troops are pushing ahead hoping to crowd in on Villa soon. While the troops have advanced to the interior of Mexico for a distance of more than two hundred and fifty miles from Columbus, New Mexico, the starting point of the expedition, no clash has occurred with the Mexicans and not a shot has been fired.

The engineers with the expedition are experiencing a hazardous task in preparing way for the troops to advance in their effort to surround the bandit Villa. Pershing reports that more aeroplanes are badly needed, but Gen. Funston reported today that he had not received notice that new ships had been shipped to him.

SAN ANTONIO, March 27.—Gen. Funston received a message from Gen. Pershing this afternoon, but declined to make the contents of the dispatch public, except to give the following excerpt:

American troops are experiencing great inconvenience from snow and rain, especially at night. The men are still wearing their summer uniforms, because in crossing the Mexican desert it would have been impossible with heavy clothing. Gen. Funston refused to answer the question if Carranza forces were co-operating with the United States detachment. There is no scarcity of food at the front, the General stated, but the problem is, to get enough forage for the horses. General Pershing will buy horses from the Mormons if they are needed.

Lieutenant Bowen, the injured aviator, returned to Columbus New Mexico, today, en route to Fort Sam Houston hospital, but the wounded aviator would not talk to reporters.

From reliable sources it was learned today that Carranza forces are not only failing to cooperate with the United States army, but they are even aiding Villa to escape. While Gen. Funston and other officials refused to confirm this statement, it is a well known fact here.

EL PASO, March 27.—Having broken through the Carranza troops guarding his retreat, Villa today is fleeing to the mountains of Sierra Tarahumare. The bandit leader is impressing Mexicans along his route, and is threatening them with death by the firing squad if they refuse to join his band.

American soldiers are in hot pursuit of Villa. Indications are now good for a long hard campaign, and three thousand more United States troops are preparing to leave Columbus, New Mexico. The protection of the line of communication, and the transportation of supplies are the greatest problems now confronted by Gen. Funston.

Watch the Fords Go By.

BALLINGER FARMERS OFFERED FREE SCHOOL

The Extension Department of the A. and M. College offers to send to Ballinger in July or August at least two men and one woman who will conduct for Runnels county a three-day's course in any of the branches of agricultural instruction we desire. The college lays down eight conditions, one of them being that the expenses of the lecturers must be paid, but the Business League will gladly pay these expenses and fulfill all the other conditions it can in order that the farmers of Runnels county may have this rare opportunity of having a short college course brought right to their doors.

The farmers will be asked to agree to but two things: at least 100 farm men and women over 16 years of age must agree to attend during the three days, and all, or the greater part, of those who agree to attend must meet some time previous to the opening of short course and organize so as to make arrangements for the course. If the farmers who gather at this meeting so desire, the secretary of the Ballinger Business League will take all this work in hand.

This is a great opportunity and one which has never been offered to the farmers of Runnels county before. But it is absolutely necessary that we get as many as 100 signatures of farm men and women who will agree to attend. Drop into the Business League at your earliest convenience and sign the petition, or else notify the secretary by letter or by phone to put your name on the list. Don't put the matter off; arrangements for the course must be made long in advance. Kindly state also what subjects you would like to hear lectures on.

BEGINNING IMPROVEMENTS

The Ballinger Dry Goods Co., have the work under way Wednesday toward the improvements on the front of their store building and will be modern and up-to-date in every particular.

FIGHTING FAVORITES FLUCTUATE

BERLIN, March 27.—Fighting favors on the French front changed yesterday when the Germans made a heavy break in the outer trenches northwest of Verdun. The gain is reported to be the greatest for the offensive move of the Germans in a fortnight. The Germans captured important trenches and several hundred French prisoners.

The Germans also claim a gain on the eastern front, where it is reported that the Russians were repulsed in their offensive attacks. The Russians suffered a loss at the hands of German aviators, important railroads and depots being destroyed by bombs dropped from the air.

BERLIN, March 28.—Fighting around Stelio is developing into strong British offensive movements. The British have gained at important points during the last two days.

The Russians have renewed fighting and are making furious attacks on the eastern front.

BERLIN, March 27.—German airmen today dropped bombs on Divinsk and Vilejki, two Russian cities through which supplies are coming to Kuropatkin's army.

The official German report says the Verdun situation is still unchanged today.

TWO CARS STOCK

M. B. Wardlow and S. M. Cameron shipped out Wednesday to the Fort Worth market, a car load of hogs and also a car load of calves.

Mrs. Frank Norton and little son, of Goldthwaite, who had been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Schuoler, left Wednesday to visit Mr. Norton's parents a few days before returning home.

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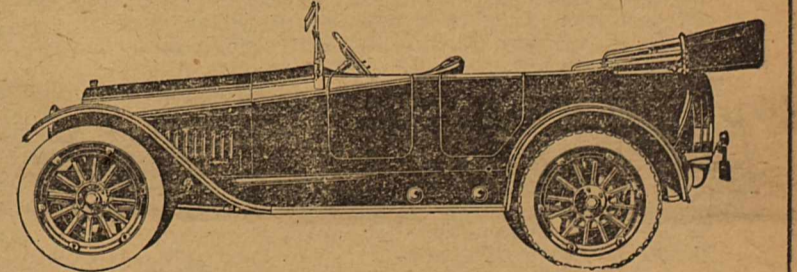
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The Strange Case of MARY PAGE

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SYNOPSIS.

Mary Page, actress, is accused of the murder of James Pollock and is defended by her lover, Philip Langdon. Pollock was intoxicated. Shale, a crook and tool of Pollock, was on the fire escape watching for Langdon. At Mary's trial she testifies that she had the revolver. Her maid testifies that Mary threatened Pollock with it previously, and Mary's leading man implicates Langdon.

"MY TIME WILL COME!"

KEEP your eye on this man Langdon! He was either in the room or at the door when James Pollock was murdered!" The words of the witness were like a stone flung into a pool of subtle inference that sent ever-widening ripples of suspicion itself. Every eye was on Langdon now, but except for a tightening of the muscles about his jaw he gave no sign of perturbation or anger.

The actor himself was uneasy now, however, and cast apologetic glances at both Mary and Langdon, moving nervously in the witness-stand as the prosecutor took up his questioning again.

"You say you overheard only a part of what was said before the police came. Will you tell us where you stood and why you heard only a part?"

"Yes, sir. The door opens out—as is always the case in hotel rooms—and when I started to open it I was behind it and therefore not visible from the room. But I could hear what was said when Mr. Langdon and detective Farley came out from the inner room of the suite where they had gone to look for Miss Page."

"And when the police came, did you remain in the room or did you join in the search for Miss Page?"

"I joined in the search, and went with the police down the fire-escape and through the back street."

"What had become of Miss Page?"

"I don't know."

"Do you mean that the police did not find where she had gone?"

"Yes."

"What did you do?"

"I returned to the hotel, got my hat and coat and went home."

"That is all," said the prosecutor. But the Judge leaned forward and voiced the question that everybody in the courtroom was mutely asking.

"Do you mean to say that a young lady in an evening gown and with no cloak walked through that street back of the hotel and that no one saw her? That you and the police got no clue in your search?"

"Yes, your Honor. Mary Page had disappeared absolutely, and no one knows where she went."

Langdon smiled, and the Judge sat back with a little exclamation that was not complimentary to the police; but when the name of the next witness rang through the room he leaned forward again and spoke with some irritation to the prosecutor.

"Is it your intention, sir, to develop through the testimony of THIS witness the whereabouts of Miss Page after the murder? It seems to me that that is the testimony that should be brought forward now."

"Your Honor, the movements of Miss Page between the time she was left unconscious in the room at the Republic until the following morning will have to be told by Miss Page herself. They are not known to me and I have no witnesses to testify to her whereabouts or actions. I have, in fact, been unable to get anyone who actually saw the prisoner during her flight. The truth must come out, of course, and I have in the meantime called the sister of James Pollock to develop an important line in the case for the State."

Again Langdon smiled, and the Judge sat back with a little shrug, as, amid a murmurous wave of comment and curiosity the name of the new witness was repeated:

"Ruth Pollock!"

The sister of the dead man who throughout the earlier testimony had sat unnoticed among the throng, was a tragic figure in her trailing black garments as she went to the stand.

"Miss Pollock, you have known the prisoner, Mary Page, for some years. Have you not?"

"Yes, we were at school together and remained intimate friends afterwards."

"Was your brother also a friend of hers?"

"He was."

"Was there ever any closer relationship than that of mere friendship between your brother and Mary Page?"

"Yes. They were engaged to be married."

Even the Judge sat forward in his chair at the words, so simply uttered and yet so sharply changing the aspect of things. The prosecutor's next question came quickly.

"Was your brother happy in his engagement?"

"I don't know how to answer that question. He was happy because he wanted to marry Mary, but he knew she didn't love him."

"If Miss Page did not love your brother, why was she willing to be his wife?"

The girl flushed and answered less readily:

"Well, you see—there were reasons—and she had promised."

"Will you please tell us those reasons?"

A little gasping sob writhed from a woman's overburdened heart broke the stillness at that question, and Mrs. Page suddenly drooped forward, hiding her face in her hands. She knew only too well what was coming, and the courage that had kept her erect and smiling during the torture of the trial, gave way suddenly at this tearing open of old wounds. All her agony found vent in that one piercing cry of grief.

With her own eyes tear-dimmed Mary stretched out her hands yearningly, half whispering, "Mother! Mother!" and Langdon was at her side in a moment. She waved him back, and, drawing her veil across her distorted face.

"How did you 'save him,' as you call it?"

"James told the detective that he had forgotten about giving the check to Mr. Page and that it was perfectly good."

"And Miss Page was naturally grateful to your brother for his having saved her father?" prompted the District Attorney, as Ruth broke off, not knowing how to go on.

"Grateful? Yes. She—she promised to marry him. I heard her tell Mr. Langdon."

"Was Mr. Langdon at the house at that time?"

"No, he came while I was sitting talking to Mrs. Page. Mary and James were in the next room, so I went to let Mr. Langdon in. He stopped at the gate, looking at my brother's automobile, and I walked down the path to meet him. While we were coming back toward the porch the others came to the door. Suddenly James caught Mary up in his arms and kissed her. She seemed to struggle against him and slipping away, ran into the house. Mr. Langdon, thinking that my brother had kissed Mary against her will, rushed at him and threatened to strike him."

"Your Honor!" It was Langdon's voice, suddenly harsh and strained, "I protest against this evidence as entirely irrelevant and leading up to nothing that has a bearing upon the case at present."

"The court cannot sustain your objection," said the Judge, curtly. "It is very unfortunate for you, Mr. Langdon, but whatever brings out the details of the relationship between Mary Page and James Pollock is decidedly relevant."

The District Attorney smiled in triumph. He turned to Ruth, who looked startled at the interruption, and said, gently:

"You were saying, Miss Pollock, that Mr. Langdon threatened your brother. Was there a fight?"

"No, Mary ran between them and said that James had a right to kiss her, that—that they were engaged."

"What did Mr. Langdon say then?"

"He didn't say anything. He just turned around and walked away, and Mary began to cry."

"Was the engagement of your brother and Miss Page made public?"

"Yes. At a dance."

"Did your brother and his fiancée seem happy on that occasion?"

"No. I—in fact, I know they were not."

"Did they tell you so?"

"No, but I overheard. I—was hiding in the conservatory."

With a smothered gasp of surprise Mary's head came up suddenly and for the first time the eyes of the two girls met; but now it was Mary's that were accusatory and Ruth's that were troubled and it was in answer to that reproach, rather than the startled look of Ruth that she said:

"It was all just in fun! I had promised a dance to Mr. Brandon, but I had told him that if he could find me before the music was half over, I would give him two more. For I had discovered a nook behind the palms which I was sure no one else could find."

She stammered over the girlish confession, a tide of crimson dyeing her pale cheeks.

"While I was hidden there, Mary and Mr. Langdon, who had been dancing together, came into the conservatory. I—I—didn't move because I felt I should look so silly, hiding like a kid behind the palms, and I thought they would soon go away. But—they didn't."

"Did Miss Page say anything about her engagement?"

"They were talking about it as they came in, and the first thing I heard was, 'I have given my word, Philip, and I must go through with it—even if it kills me.' She was half crying. Then Mr. Langdon said quietly, 'Mary, you don't love him, do you?' And Mary said, 'You know I don't, Philip. There is only one man in the world that I love.' Then he took her in his arms and she broke down and sobbed; but when he tried to make her say she would break her engagement she wouldn't, and she wouldn't tell him why she had promised to marry James. She only said that she could never be free unless James gave her back her promise."

"Do you mean to say," interrupted the judge, "that Mr. Langdon knew nothing of the episode of the forged check?"

"No. Mary told me she couldn't bear to tell him about her father. Besides, James had made her promise to keep that part of their engagement a secret from everyone."

"It seems incredible!" said His Honor, settling back, and the prosecutor asked, as if suddenly seeing a new viewpoint:

"Did your brother know of Miss Page's love for Mr. Langdon?"

"I don't know whether he knew then or not, but he knew later because Mr. Langdon told him. While I was still

back of the palms James came to hunt for Mary, and she didn't want him to see she had been crying, so she went out and Mr. Langdon stood waiting for James. He told my brother that Mary was very unhappy in her engagement, but felt that she was in honor bound to 'go through with it', and he urged James to set her free."

"What did your brother say?"

"Well, he was—very angry," she answered, deprecatingly. "I—I—know he thought it was just interference, and he said, 'I suppose you want her set free so YOU can marry her.' And Mr. Langdon said, 'I want her set free because she doesn't love you and is breaking her heart over her promise to marry you.' 'What is that to you?' asked James. 'Do you think she is in love with you?' And Mr. Langdon said angrily, 'I know she is, but that has nothing to do with the matter. Can't you be decent for once and set a girl free when she doesn't want to marry you?' That made James even more furious, and he fairly shouted, 'Mary will learn to love me fast enough, once we're married, and I shall never set her free. She has promised and I'm going to see that she keeps that promise. Besides, do you think I'm going to let everybody say she jilted me, after we've announced our engagement this way? I should say not.'"

"Did Mr. Langdon reply?"

"No. He just turned round with a shrug and walked away, and I came out and joined my brother."

"Did he ask if you had overheard?"

"Yes."

"Did you tell him of the conversation between Miss Page and Mr. Langdon?"

"Yes. I felt that he ought to know. You—you see, he was my brother, even though Mary was my friend."

"Did your brother make any comment?"

"No, he just flushed up a little; then he laughed and said they'd have to get over it, and he was going to marry Mary anyway."

"Did Mr. Langdon ever make any other plea to your brother, or see Miss Page again?"

"Not then, but Mr. Brandon told me."

"Your Honor!" broke in Langdon, leaping to his feet. "I object!"

"The court will sustain that objection," said the Judge, promptly. "Miss Pollock, you must not repeat what you have simply heard from others, only what you saw and heard yourself."

"May it please the court," cried the prosecutor, quickly, "I shall be glad to have all of the answer of the witness with the exception of the words 'not then' stricken out, for what Mr. Brandon said he will tell the court himself."

Brandon! Langdon winced at the name, and Mary, lifting her head, turned a pair of despairing eyes upon him that seemed to ask if all their friends were to be leagued against them in this fight for life and liberty.

He could object—could fight to have the witness kept out of the stand—but in the end he knew that he would lose and perhaps lend added weight to the testimony. He fancied he knew what THAT would be, and his teeth clenched in an agony of longing and a rage against the futility of that desire to spare Mary the raking up of these old memories—memories that brought a throbbing ache to his own heart that was only balanced by the bitter exultation of the thought that at least Pollock was DEAD now. And he vowed to himself that Mary should soon be free of the law as well as of James; but he did not face the fleeting thought of the price that might have to be paid for that freedom of Mary Page.

As for Mary herself, after that one fleeting glance at Langdon she drooped again like a flower cut off from rain and sunlight and air.

She would not look at Brandon when he took the stand, though his eyes as he glanced from her to Langdon were full of mute appeal as if he wanted somehow to explain that it was not by choice that he stood there; and there was an aggressive, almost a hostile note in his voice, as he answered the prosecutor's first incisive question:

"Mr. Brandon, you were present, were you not, on the night of the dance given to announce the engagement of Miss Page to James Pollock?"

"I was."

"You were well acquainted with both of them?"

"We all grew up together. I was not particularly intimate with Mr. Pollock," said Brandon drily.

"Did anything occur to lead you to believe that Miss Page was not happy in her engagement?"

"Yes."

"Will you tell us what that occurrence was?"

"I had a dance with Miss Pollock, but—she hid from me and it was not until later that I found her in the conservatory. She was crying and told me that Mary didn't want to marry James and that her brother and Mr. Langdon had just quarreled about it."

"What did you do?"

"I went in search of Langdon."

"Where did you find him?"

Brandon flushed, and again his eyes turned appealingly toward Langdon as if begging forgiveness as he said in a low voice:

"He was in the bar, drinking with a group of workmen."

"Did you join him?"

"Yes. Or, rather, I urged him to join me at one of the tables. I was surprised to see him take anything to drink, but when I said so he answered that he was drinking to forget that he had lost a girl who still loved him, though she was going to marry another man. I asked him if he meant Mary Page, and he said yes."

"Did you remain with him long?"

"No. I tried to persuade him to come home with me, and when he wouldn't, I left him. In the hall, however, I met Miss Page. I wanted her to see Mr. Langdon at that bar. I led her to the door. I remember how horrified she seemed, and how she struggled to control herself. I tried to steady her; but suddenly she went right over to Langdon's table, and several loafers gathered around them. She seemed not to see them at all. Her mind was apparently on Langdon alone. Langdon was just sober enough to realize that Miss Page ought not to be in such a place. He tried to push her away; but she cried out, 'Don't drink any more, Phil!'"

"Did Mr. Brandon make any reply?"

"Yes. He said, 'Why should I stop drinking? What have I to live for? Then she put her arms around his neck, and it was while they sat thus that James Pollock came in. This seemed to sober Langdon completely. I rushed forward, fearing there would be a horrible scene, and urged Pollock to go away. He pushed all of us back. 'I want to get at him!' he kept calling. 'Just let me get my hands on him!' Langdon was trying to get Miss Page out of the place. He did succeed, while several of us held Pollock back by main force, in getting Mary into a little ante-room, a sort of parlor next to the cafe."

"Yes, go on, Mr. Brandon," urged the prosecutor, who seemed pleased with his witness.

"Well, Pollock was determined to follow them, and we couldn't prevent him. I found myself dragged into the little room with him, and I slammed the door. But James, for some reason, was calmer now. 'What does this mean, Mary?' he said."

"It means, Miss Page answered, 'that I can't marry anyone but Mr. Langdon, and Langdon went on. 'Now, James, what are you going to do about it?'"

The prosecutor interrupted: "Did Mr. Langdon know at that time that Mary's father had forged Mr. Pollock's check?"

"No, sir, he did not, for Pollock produced it at that moment, and Langdon didn't know what it was. He looked at Miss Page, who seemed overcome with emotion. 'What does this mean, Mary?' he asked. But she didn't answer. Then Pollock told him—the straight truth. 'Her father did it, I remember he said, and she's going to marry me. Now do you understand?'"

"Langdon thought he was bluffing. 'You skunk!' he shouted; and Pollock waved the check in his face. Langdon grabbed it, and there was a struggle. The check tore in two, and when Langdon looked at the piece he held, he saw that it bore the forged signature, as Dan Page had written it. I saw him turn white as a sheet. But suddenly he smiled, and then he went calmly over to a lamp on the mantelpiece and burned it. I remember, as though it had been yesterday, how happy Miss Page looked when she thought this evidence against her father was destroyed."

The people in the courtroom gasped with relief. They could almost share Mary's sense of relief. But they were soon brought back with a shock as the witness went on:

"Pollock had fallen down; but he recovered himself, and began to sneer at Langdon. 'That isn't the check, anyhow, you fool! That's only a copy—for just such occasions as this!'"

"Was Miss Page disconcerted?" the prosecutor wanted to know.

"Oh, yes, sir. She said, 'What shall I do, Phil? I'll do whatever you say.' And he said, 'I won't influence you now. Do as your conscience dictates, or something like that. I can't remember every word, of course. There was something about his not being weak again, and then he turned as if to go. He looked pretty downhearted.'"

"What did Pollock do all this time?"

"He jumped up then, when he saw that Langdon's back was turned, and tried to put his arms around Miss Page. She leaped back, as if she hated him. I remember she said something like 'Don't touch me, James Pollock! I'll keep my word with you—I'll go through with this, but you'll regret this night to the end of your life! Yes, you'll regret it, I tell you!'"

The prosecutor beamed satisfaction. He rubbed his hands at these last words and asked:

"Miss Page threatened him, didn't she, Mr. Brandon?"

"Yes, I suppose you might call it that," answered the witness readily, with apparently no thought that his testimony might be sealing the prisoner's doom.

"That is all," said the prosecutor, looking at the jury with a triumphant expression.

"One moment," said Langdon. "I'll take the witness, if you please."

By adroit questioning the young attorney brought out the fact that Brandon, some time after the episode he had narrated, had come to New York and served on the Daily News as a police reporter. The District Attorney objected to this line of questioning, but the Judge permitted it to go on.

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"Did you notice anything peculiar about Miss Page's appearance at that time? And if so, tell the jury what you saw."

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tively an expression of horror on her face. I never saw any one so unstrung. She had on an evening gown, of course, and I saw—"

"Yes? What did you see?" cried Langdon.

"I saw a strange mark on her shoulder—finger-prints that came and went in the most uncanny way. I was quite unnerved myself. Miss Page was by this time looking through the door at you, Mr. Langdon."

"I object!" shouted the District Attorney. "This story has no bearing—"

"Overruled," his Honor calmly said.

"This testimony," cried Langdon, a triumphant note in his voice, "will have an important bearing on the line of defense I shall later adopt."

"I object again," fairly yelled the prosecutor. "Such talk tends to prejudice the jury—"

"Overruled," again the Judge drawled. "Is that the first time you ever saw these marks?" Langdon asked.

"Yes, sir."

"And the last time?"

"No. Six years later—"

"Tell the jury."

The witness coughed, as if preparing for an ordeal.

"It was the night of the opening of Miss Page in New York. I couldn't get a seat, so I stood in the rear of the theater, near the side. I was a police reporter then, and it was almost time for me to be on duty at the station. So I hurried away. Things were dull when I got there, so I sat in a corner near the stove and must have become a little drowsy. Pretty soon—I can't tell what time it was, but it must have been a couple of hours later—Langdon came rushing in. He was looking for Mary Page. We recognized each other, and I was surprised to find him in such a place on such an errand. Then he told me of the murder of Pollock."

"Somehow the night wore on. I had to stay on duty. In the morning, very early, the prisoners were brought out from the pen. I hadn't slept much. A paper was brought in, and I saw the staring headlines, telling all about the murder. That woke me up, I can tell you! What was my surprise, an instant later, to see Mary Page enter the room from a side door, in full evening clothes, but with no hat or coat! I could scarcely believe my eyes. I thought I'd gone mad, or something! Why, I'd just been reading about her—and there she stood, pale and beautiful, but bewildered and frightened. A police officer took hold of her."

"Who is this woman?" the sergeant said.

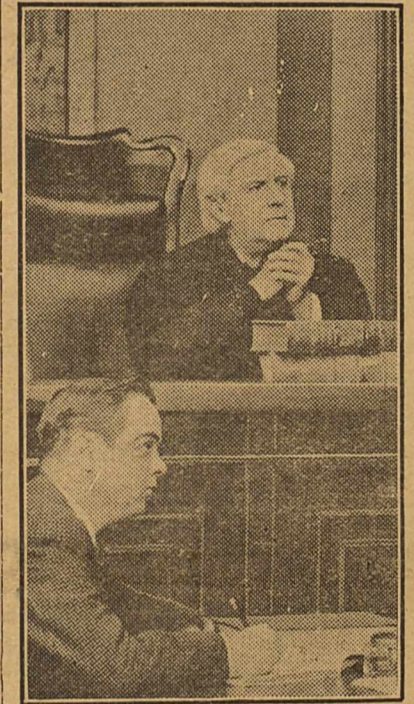
"We don't know who she is, the officer answered. 'She wouldn't talk. She was pulled last night with a couple of—"

"Just then I was close to her. She didn't recognize me; she seemed strangely dazed, almost hypnotized. Then she caught sight of the paper in my hand, with its big type running across the whole front page—'Sensational Murder.' She grabbed, and read it, horrified, and we all just stood there looking at her, without saying a word. Even the sergeant was silent. She seemed to devour the story. And then—some vision must have come before her eyes, for she whispered something about a 'bottle,' 'whiskey,' and her face and arms became tense. I looked at her bare shoulder, and that's when I saw those strange finger-prints again. They came and went as before."

"Then the outer door opened, and you, Mr. Langdon, came in. You looked tired, haggard, bedraggled. You still had on evening clothes, I remember," turning directly to the jury, "what a sensation Mr. Langdon's presence created, his name having been in every headline too. Miss Page saw him. He went up to her without a word, and they embraced each other. And then Miss Page stepped forward to the sergeant's desk and whispered, so low that I could hardly hear her, 'I give myself up.'"

"Everybody was astonished, as you might realize. Then she turned, and buried her head on Langdon's shoulder."

[Next Installment, Her Mother's Story.]



Do you mean that the check was forged?"

smothered the sobs that shook her thin shoulders like a storm, as the prosecutor repeated his question.

"It all happened several years ago—five—maybe six. Mary and I were very good friends at that time, and I was at her home a great deal. So I knew that—that they were greatly in need of money. I overheard Mr. Page say that there would be ruin for all of them, and that they'd be turned out of the streets unless he 'got the money' before morning. Mary overheard him, too, and when he went out she and I sat trying to think of some way by which we could raise money. It was while we were still talking that Mr. Page came back. He—had been drinking, and he was waving a check around his head and cried, 'I've done a good turn for a friend and I've been well paid for it. The Lord helps those who help themselves.' He seemed terribly excited, and went out again almost immediately saying that he wanted to cash the check before the banks closed."

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Made of a smooth galatea, with large sailor collar of contrasting color, embroidered 3-4 inch sleeves, an unusually well made garment priced at\$1.25

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Envelope style, which forms a combination suit, made of white crepe with val lace trimmed neck and bottom, a cool summer garment, priced at75c

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An assortment of pretty gowns made of good quality cambric, with trimmings of embroidery and val laces, priced at 35c, 40c and50c

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In this department you'll find styles adapted to the young man and to the conservative business man, in materials which are to your liking, fancy serges, plain serges and worsteds.

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Well tailored garments of weights that are right for summer wear, in 2 and 3 piece styles that are properly made and fit right, the price \$20.00 and\$15.00

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Soft shirts, negligee shirts, in fact all kinds of shirts, in the desirable kinds of percales, madras, and gaberdines, that will appeal to your knowledge of value, priced at \$1.50 and\$1.00

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If you could only see the many styles that we have in this department you wouldn't hesitate to come here to get your hat, and we believe that we have a style that will suit you.

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New shapes in wide wheat and oat straw novelties, made on the very best conforming blocks, which feel comfortable, priced at\$2.50

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The Runnels County School Betterment League has been organized for the purpose of encouraging school improvement. Its name tells its mission—to better rural schools. While a great wave of school improvement buildings, up-to-date equipment, increase of the school tax rate to the maximum in more than half the districts in the county, etc., still there is room for greater improvement than has yet been accomplished. And, while this improvement is to be fostered by

the league along general lines, for the present at least, stress is to be laid on Rural School Sanitation and Attractiveness.

In this we have the pledged support of the teachers of the county the county school trustees, and a great body of local trustees and patrons. Surely there will be found no one to be little or discourage the movement. The need for such an organized effort is evident, and co-operation is necessary to accomplish the most.

The plan is nothing new. Even the score card is borrowed almost entirely from other counties that have been getting marvelous re-

sults by this very method. The plan is as follows:

A score card is worked out as a basis for grading. For convenience the county is divided into five districts. A committee is appointed to visit each school in its district, examine carefully the conditions and grade every feature. Thus, every school enters the contest whether it so desires or not. Each school is expected to try to win first place in its district. After all the schools have been visited and graded another committee will visit the winning schools in the five districts, check up and compare carefully, announce the county winner and publish the results of its findings. These committees plan to visit all schools by April 15, and already you may see signs of improvements as a result of this anticipated visit.

Below is given a copy of the score card to be used this year. The number of points indicates the highest possible score for that item. You will note that credits are given those items for which teacher and children are chiefly responsible.

Inspection score Card.
I. House: Ventilation 5 points, state of repair 5 points, orderly

arrangement 10 points, individual hangers 5 points, cleanliness of floor 25 points, cleanliness of stove 5 points, cleanliness of black walls 15 points, Cleanliness of board 5 points, cleanliness of desks 5 points.

II. Grounds: Grading of grounds 40 points, rubbish 25 points, boundaries indicated 10 points, provision for healthful sports 25 points.

III. Water: Container 40 points, individual cups 40 points, source 15 points, possibility of infection 5 points.

IV. Toilets: Soil pollution 40 points, flies and other sources 30

points, light and ventilation 10 points, position 5 points, hangers 21-2 points, comfort (roomy) 2 1-2 points, height of stool 2 1-2 points, seat 2 1-2 points, freedom from odors 5 points.

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The Banner-Leader and the Runnels County Ledger were consolidated January 28, 1913.

Runnels County claims no corner on the rabbit industry and we are glad to see our neighbor counties, Taylor and Coleman, aiding in exterminating the pest.

Every business man in Ballinger should drop by the Business League and see the public road replacement arranged in the show window by Secretary Burges. It's a big argument for the road tax.

President Wilson objects to the newspapers referring to our chase after Villa as war. He requests that we call it a "Punitive Expedition," and says there is no cause for fear of war with Mexico. Mr. Wilson can call it punitive or any thing else he wants to, but Sherman had a different name for it.

Great things can be accomplished by community co-operation. If the people of this city would co-operate in a rat killing campaign, the city would soon be as ratless as the Sahara desert. "What good does it do to kill my rats," said a prominent citizen today, "if my neighbor permits his rats to increase and run at large?"

Grosvenor, in Brown county, was the scene of a shooting last Saturday night when one young man shot another who married the girl both were in love with. To kill a man under such circumstances is murder in the cruelest form,

Goodwin overruled a motion to continue a seduction case and ordered the case to trial. When the defendant found out he could not work the Court for a continuance he volunteered to marry the prosecuting witness—the girl he had wronged. The marriage took place in the district court room, Sam Smith and Miss Leona Lewis being made man and wife. A wrong was righted and a case was erased from the docket of the court. It was all in the day's work of the judge, and, while he may take no credit to himself for having untangled the case in the eyes of the people, the incident has not passed without leaving its good impression.—Brownwood News.

And it is to be hoped that the incident has left an influence that will guide others who might go wrong. This unfortunate couple.

And may it teach a lesson to others who fall by the wayside. Nothing is never gained by dragging such matters into court and the man who is guilty of such crime should bear the brunt of the punishment without making public the disgrace that has been brought up on the girl. Too often does the one most guilty go free. Yes, it was a good day's work for Judge Goodwin's court.

FUNNY FOLKS

People are thoughtless. They do things some times without any thought of injury to others. We are reminded of this by the way in which people have quit using the sidewalk and have beaten out a walk at the home of Mrs. R. A. Smith. It has become necessary to drive stobs along the walk to keep the people off the grass. If there had been no nice walk provided and the people had been compelled to walk on the grass they

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ly there is no magic or secret about it. They have been trying all their lives to make friends. If they have anything to sell, whether a line of merchandise or personal services, a host of their neighbors around them are glad to turn things their way. Buying in one's home town is the simplest

MAKING RACE ON THIS PLATFORM

Wallace E. Hawkins, candidate for representative from this district, has issued a statement to the voters setting forth some of the planks upon which he is asking for the support of the people in electing him.

Mr. Hawkins, it will be remembered, is principal of the Dublin public schools, and will not return home until about the first of June, and in order that the people might know what he stands for, he briefly submits the following and will begin as soon as he returns home to make clear his position on other questions that will probably be prominently before the next legislature. He says in part:

1. I am convinced that the present insurance law, under which insurance companies now operate commonly known as the Robertson Insurance Law, which requires insurance companies to invest within the state 75 per cent of their net reserve on Texas policies and which our last legislature sustained, is sound in business principle and prohibit no legitimate business. The Gibson bill, introduced and rejected in the recent legislature, tended to abolish the above clause of local investment, which in my estimation is a wise and liberal safeguard.

2. To the happiness and enlightenment of a state an efficient School System is indispensable. I am willing to be unusually persuasive and diligent in helping to give every boy and girl a useful,

are in this bill other features which seek, in my estimation, to bring about results which are impossible, such as tending to make a busy deserving farmer, a third farmer, a third banker, a third merchant and consequently nothing. More sense, time and efficiency are demanded in an agricultural occupation and occasion demands the attention of men to the conditions which have hampered and are limiting the happiness and favorable conditions of all farmers, landlords and tenants. I am of the opinion that the highest duty that could be performed now by the government, State or National, would be an effort to earnestly and sympathetically engage marked minds in working out the problems before the producers, such as generally elevating community living, and standards, better marketing, co-operative methods in business, facilitating better credits, which would enable homes to be owned and would prevent the fast decrease of land owners.

I am heartily in favor of the purpose and intentions of the Bonded Warehouse Bill but am persuaded that some of the provisions are detrimental.

I am in favor of an educative and voluntary Marketing System merits enlist the attention of pro-which will of its own inherent duers. In due time I hope to place my beliefs and opinions concerning same before you. I am well satisfied that legislation in the next session is most apt to center near the Warehouse and Marketing question and one can not be too liberal in one's reflection concerning the proposition.

5. There are many other questions such as good roads, laws for the prevention of exorbitant

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heard part of the confession, and denying on cross examination that threats were made to turn the negro over to a mob if he didn't say he was the negro who entered the room.

Earl Edwards also substantiated the testimony Crews and Jourdon.

Both the state and the defense rested after hearing the testimony of Edwards and court recessed at 6:30 until 8:30 Tuesday morning when the judge charged the jury.

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and the murderer should be dealt with accordingly.

Notwithstanding that the negro charged with an assault and attempt to rape the young lady at Winters confessed to the crime, the state in prosecuting the case had a hard time getting the confession before the jury, and the negro was convicted you might say "by a scratch." We can not complain at the people taking the law in their own hands, when justice in court is so often blocked by red tape and technicalities.

If the farmers of this county could get it into their "noodles" that the poultry crop of America each year makes a large figure in Uncle Sam's crop report than the wheat crop, they would realize the importance of growing poultry. The drouth that frequently puts the grain crop out of business does not disturb the poultry industry in the least. Its not too late to plant poultry.

If the war continues in Europe much longer the people of America will learn some lessons in economy. Junk dealers are beginning to enjoy a lucrative business and almost any kind of old junk is worth real money. Old newspapers are worth one cent per pound. Old magazines are worth one and a half cents per pound, and the newspaper industry grows more serious each day.

RIGHTING A WRONG.
At Ballinger this week Judge

would no doubt have registered a complaint. It's funny.—Ballinger Ledger.

The same kind of funny folks wore out a deep gully with their feet across the lawn of the First Christian church in Abilene. The sidewalk was there—two of 'em—and a blind man could have told that the gully was a disfigurement. Rather than walk two steps out of the way, our master the Great American Public strutted four times daily across that piece of lawn until last Friday the church was forced to block the path with sign boards and a warning. It reveals an American characteristic rather than pure carelessness. When the American starts anywhere he wants to get there in the quickest and shortest possible way, and he is inclined to trample on things. No doubt most of them felt a pricking of the conscience as they walked across the lawn, but they saw that everybody else was doing it and saved their own conscience with that reflection.—Abilene Reporter.

And you might have added, folks are like sheep; where one leads others will follow. Bad leaders make bad folks. If you'll keep off the grass maybe the other fellow won't find it so easy to ease his conscience when he makes a crooked step.

BUYING AT HOME CREATES HELPFULNESS
Success comes largely by favor. Many people wonder how some fellows get along so easily. Usual

and easiest way to create helpful business relations.—Ballinger Ledger.

Then you spoke a parable that applies alike to the consumer and the merchants as well. The merchant should be the leaders among those who buy at home.—Temple Telegram.

Certainly the merchants should take the lead and practice what they preach. And did you ever stop to think how discouraging it is to the home printer to know that some public officials send away from home for work that the home boys should have, all things being equal. Only a few days ago the copy for a communication to be published in our paper, boosting the town, was handed to us by a public official, and the copy was written on a common, ordinary printed letterhead, printed by some out of town printing plant. It is our business to boost our home town, however, and a pleasure, but it hurts when we do the boosting and the other fellow gets the business that should be handled by the home printer.

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.

R. B. Ingle and daughter of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Monday. Miss Ingle was operated upon a few weeks ago at the sanitarium for appendicitis, and we are glad to report that she has about regained her usual good health.

TRESSPASS 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

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fair and efficient training, and to those who desire it, close and specific education. However, the first duty of a state is to reach the largest number of children the greatest length of time with the most useful knowledge. Sensible of this momentous fact, the great State has appropriated a million dollars for rural schools. However, this is no pretext nor cause for encroachment, upon giving reason why such appropriation should not be closely and securely guarded, in order to arrive at an economic and complete distribution of the same to the little school houses at the cross-roads, rather than to superfluous clerk-hire traveling inspectors and general looseness in systematic distribution.

3. The more or less inconvenient and unpleasant taxes, the payment of which is the duty of every citizen assures him, or rather should assure him, wise and sensible application of it to the governmental institutions, and further, it demands its trustees candidly to avoid the accumulation of debt, not only avoiding useless occasion of expense, but also strenuous efforts to discharge every deserving debt. Our penitentiary and asylum systems have been, in my estimation, wanting in concentrated business attention, which the result of useless expenditures. I shall dutifully give close attention to these systems with the hope that it may result in some occasional good. I cannot here forget the necessity for more facilities for the care of the insane, which is a pressing necessity and, in general the concentration of power in the above system.

4. I shall favor severe and accurate amendments to what is generally known as the Permanent Warehouse Law which is now in vogue, productive of the following effects: The elimination of the prodigal sampling countenanced by the 24th legislature which says, "Under this act the ginners shall take from each bale of cotton ginned by him three fair, true and correct samples of cotton, weighing not more than 5-13 ounces, and place same in separate receptacles, etc." the prohibition of expensive and burdensome duties on farmers, and ginners which result in no good and are void of returns There

rates of interest, etc., but in due time I hope to make myself plain on subjects in my opinion, which will be of interest in the next legislature. I hope in the near future that the roads of the counties of Runnels and Coke may be classed as among the best in the state.

NEGRO GETS 15 YEARS FOR GIRL ATTACK

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cunningness with which the home was entered by the intruder when some objection was made to the answer.

A written confession, signed by the negro, under oath, was not allowed to go before the jury because it had not been secured according to the letter of the law and was excluded on a technicality. The statement excluded was made after the negro had been arrested and brought to Ballinger.

The state then made an effort, and did get before the jury the confession made by the negro at Winters before he was placed under arrest. Paul Crews was called to the witness stand and said: "We were working on several suspects and I told this negro that I had enough evidence on him to know that he was the negro who entered the room, and if he would tell the truth about it I would do my best to protect him and bring him to the Ballinger jail, but if he did not tell it I would tell the people what I knew and he would have to stand the consequences. The negro said, 'boss I am the man.' He told me how he entered the room and said that he went there to ravish the young lady." On cross examination Mr. Crews stated that he did not threaten the negro by telling him that he would turn him over to a mob if he didn't make a confession, but said he made the negro believe that he had some evidence on him, and told him it would be better for him to tell the truth and get the protection of the officers.

King Jourdon, constable at Winters testified about as Mr. Crews did, stating that he only

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Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 22nd:
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. McCAVER,
C. C. COCKRELL,
H. G. SECREST,
A. L. SPANN.

For Tax Assessor:
C. C. SCHUCHIARD,
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. WILLINGHAM,
W. D. JENNINGS.

For District Clerk:
(Miss) MARY PHILLIPS.
For County Superintendent of Schools:
W. W. WOOTEN,
E. L. HAGAN.

For Commissioner Prec. No. 1:
E. C. MOOR,
R. P. KIRK,
R. W. (Bob) GILLIAM.

For Commissioner Prec. No. 3:
J. D. SMITH.
For Commissioner Prec. No. 4:
C. N. CRAFT,
J. W. JONES

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Colds are annoying. They interfere with our duties. In our weakened condition they may end in a spell of sickness or even more serious ailments. Fear, however, should be overcome, for in Dr. King's New Discovery you have an effective remedy.

Dr. King's New Discovery contains the ingredients which fight cold germs, which soothe your cough, healing the irritated and inflamed mucous membranes. Just as soon as you start taking Dr. King's New Discovery your recovery is assured. Without assistance your weakened system tries in vain to throw off these cold germs. Your system cries for help and Dr. King's New Discovery is just the remedy needed. Get a bottle to-day. Take at once. You will feel much better to-morrow. All druggists.

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69¢

25 dozen men's negligee shirts, no collar, attached cuffs, easily worth 85c, **69¢**

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Men's silk fibre hose, black and white, easily worth 35c **25¢**

25¢

79¢

1 special lot men's soft shirts, broken lots and sizes, values up to \$1.50 **79¢**

79¢

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100 men's straw hats, sailor style values up to \$3, special **\$1.50**

\$1.50

10¢

Men's black silk hose, second quality, worth 20c special **10¢**

10¢

\$1.48

Men's silk negligee shirts, collar attached, easily worth \$2.00, special **\$1.48**

\$1.48

98¢

10 dozen men's work pants, kaki, check and plain cloth, worth \$1.25 **98¢**

98¢

19¢

Mexican work hats, the regular 25c quality, here special **19¢**

19¢

98¢

Extra large auto veils, all colors, actually worth \$1.25 to \$1.50, special **98¢**

98¢

98¢

Auto caps in silk and satin, all colors and combinations, special **98¢**

98¢

50¢

Large aprons, full length, all sizes, at this store, special **50¢**

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69¢

Mary Newton dress made of fast colors, gingham, ages 2 to 6 years, only **69¢**

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\$4.95

Wonderful assortment, extra size all wool skirts, in black and navy at **\$4.95**

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Kimonos

Big values in silk and crepe kimonos, from \$1 to **\$10.00**

\$10.00

April Our Banner Month.

A 75 percent gain over last year is our aim. With your help we will do it. We will do our part—

—Our March business shows a fifty per cent gain over same month 1915. Wonderful. There must be a reason why?

Merchandise of the Right Kind at the Right Time at the Right Price

—We predict a seventy-five per cent gain in April

The store was never so fine, never so beautiful with new goods, never so ready to give the best of service.

EXTRAORDINARY offerings of merchandise at special prices during April. This is to be a great month, a month of fine and genuine opportunities, a month which the keynote is Economy. Read the details and come for a share of the good things.



A Wonderful Array of Ladies' Spring Suits

Ranging In Price \$7.50 to \$25.00

We want it known that every printed word put forth by this store is to be accepted at its full worth.

The suits offered herewith are marked at an exceptionally modest price. You may compare them with suits for which other stores demand very much higher prices and if ours suffer by comparison, we shall not urge confidence in our announcements. Such is the strength of our belief as to the moderation of our prices. Here you will find wool suits, silk and wool combination and Palm Beach and keep cool style suits. Every wanted style and color at from

\$7.50 to \$2.00

The Spring Season Opens Gloriously In

Our Millinery Department

Never before in the history of this store has there been offered such a complete and distinctive line of smart and fascinating spring headwear. Nowhere (not even here) has it ever been equalled before.

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We Carry an Immense Stock of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

This store was never better prepared to meet your every want in suits, dresses for women and children, skirts, kimonos, house dresses, etc. We alter free every garment sold and guarantee a fit.

Magnificent Showing of Wash Goods and Silks

The new spring silk and wash goods are here and the offerings include the cream of the season's creations at prices much lower than usual. Our showing is complete and expressive of the newest ideas for those bewitching spring and summer costumes. Come in and let us show you just how much we have and the extremely low prices we are quoting.

Shoes for Men, Women and Children

Every Wanted Style, That's Good for Spring 1916 Is Here

We mention makes sold only by us in Ballinger and we positively guarantee them to be as good for the price quoted as any made in America. These are made especially for us by the best manufacturers in the country.

Howard & Forster, all styles \$5.00. The famous Weber all styles \$2.50 to \$4.00. Wickert and Gardner, all styles and widths, \$4.00 to \$5.00. Val Duttonhofer, all styles and widths, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00.

Spring Oxfords for Men. \$10,000 Stock Here—Find Your Choice.

Mrs. King's Slippers ready for Little Tots. \$10,000 Stock Here in Which to Select From

The Suit You've Been Looking For

Is Here

Frankel Fifteen, America's greatest \$15.00 suits represents the standardization of men's clothing values the entire market appreciates and respects it. Frankel Fifteen is a suit which is \$15.00 anywhere in the United States, and is maximum in efficiency, style and finish. It's no speculation to buy this suit at \$15.00.

Big range other suits in Palm Beach and Keep Cool at \$7.50 to \$15.00.

Prices herewith quoted should appeal to the economical shopper.

5¢

Splendid pearl buttons, sizes 14 to 20, usually sold at 10c, special **5¢**

5¢

10¢

The much wanted red on white embroidery braid, 6 yards pieces, special **10¢**

10¢

10¢

Large oil cloth bib for the little fellows special only **10¢**

10¢

19¢

Mennen's & Williams talcum powder, all odors, special **19¢**

19¢

25¢

6 spools Clark's best spool cotton thread, special **25¢**

25¢

10¢

50 pieces shadow lace, 3 to 5 inches wide, readily worth 15c to 20c yd, only **10¢**

10¢

\$1.00

3 pair children's rompers ages 2 to 6 years, value 50 each, special **\$1.00**

\$1.00

98¢

Extra large auto veils, all colors, sold at \$1.25, special **98¢**

98¢

69¢

100 Mary Newton children's gingham dresses, ages 2 to 6 years, special **69¢**

69¢

79¢

1 lot slip-over muslin gowns, very well made, very special at **79¢**

79¢

23¢

50 bolts reps, whip, cords, poplins and piques, values up to 65c, very special **23¢**

23¢

23¢

Ladies' black silk hose, seconds, values 35c to 50c, special pair **23¢**

23¢

5¢

50 dozen ladies' handkerchiefs, actually worth 10c to 12 1-2c, special **5¢**

5¢

April Our Banner Month

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MEN'S FURNISHINGS

The new Broadway shirts are here \$1.00 to \$5.00. Wilson Bros. and Varsity Underwear. Knox and Stetson hats. New belts, New neckwear.

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MEN'S CLOTHING

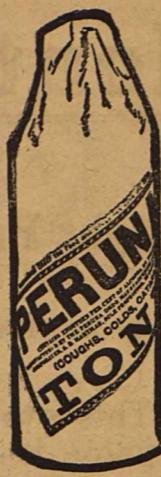
500 choice suits to select from in serges, worsteds, cashmeres silks and Palm Beach. Every wanted style and color. Prices \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, and \$15.00.

Stomach Trouble Solved

Most stomach troubles are not diseases. The stomach is simply weak. Tired out. The right kind of a tonic is what is needed. A few meals, well digested, will furnish natural strength. That is what a tonic will do for you. It will start the stomach going right. Then the stomach will take care of itself.

PE-RU-NA Good the Year 'Round

Always Ready-to-Take There is no use of writing a new prescription every time a remedy is needed for a weak stomach. No use whatever. The old, well-tried remedies, put up on purpose for such cases, are a great deal better than an off-hand prescription. Peruna is the remedy that people have relied upon for a great many years. It is ready to take, composed of pure drugs, of uniform strength and composition. Not an experiment. Peruna is a substantial, household remedy, with forty years of splendid history behind it. In buying Peruna you take no risk. You know what you are getting.



H. G. McKnown of the Wingate country, who was here Monday attending court as a juror, received a phone message that his sister-in-law was dead at Wingate. The court excused Mr. McKnown and he returned to his home to attend the funeral.

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Resources.	
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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.

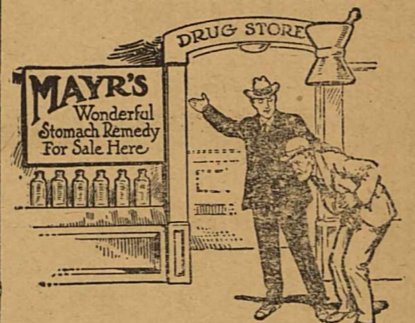
ELDER & SON RETIRES FROM BUSINESS

A deal was closed Tuesday in which E. F. Elder & Son, Otto, sells their confectionary and cold drink business to R. L. Sides of Hatchel. Mr. Sides is engaged in the general mercantile business at Hatchel, and will not come to Ballinger and take charge of the business at present, but will place his son-in-law, Bill Smith, in charge of the business and the business will continue in the present quarters on Hutchings Ave., adjoining the Ledger building.

The Elders owns their own homes here and expect to continue to make Ballinger their living place. E. F. Elder will take Mrs. Elder to South Texas for a visit with hope of benefiting her health. Otto, when interviewed by a Ledger reporter, stated that he expected to engage in the drug business or the gents furnishings business and would open for business as soon as he could get a suitable location.

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DELEGATES ELECTED

At a meeting of the Ballinger Volunteer Fire Company, Monday night, the following delegates were elected to represent their company at the State meeting in May: G. W. Hull and T. S. Sailors, and Miss Mary Phillips, Sponsor. Miss Phillips will appoint the maid of honor at some future date.

Captain Carlos Dunn, of the fire team, is making practice runs every afternoon and says the boys are doing some splendid work and expects to have them in tip-top shape before the meeting and will attend with the intention of capturing one or more of the prizes at the state meeting.

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Many people cough and cough—from the beginning of Fall right through to Spring. Others get cold after cold. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you will get almost immediate relief. It checks your cold, stops the racking, rasping, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take. Antiseptic and Healing. Get a 50 cents bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. "It is certainly a great medicine and I keep a bottle of it continually on hand" writes W. C. Jesseman, Franconia, N. H. Money back if not satisfied.

Mr. and Mrs. Weisenbacher of Norton, were the guests of Mrs. S. B. Caperton and family, Tuesday and were doing some shopping in Ballinger.



ZANE GREY

GRAFT

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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, and by another son, Tom. Bruce is in love with Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust.

"Just a minute, Captain Monk," said a voice. "Mr. Fisher will sound his buzzer when he's ready for you to come in."

"All right, all right!" boomed Monk in a deep voice.

The buzzer sounded; Monk went in. And right behind him was Tom. Monk, it was plain, supposed that he was attached to the office. Fisher, glancing at Tom, paid no more attention to him. As Tom had hoped, he supposed that Monk had brought some one with him.

Tom realized in a moment that luck had favored him to an almost incredible degree, for Monk, without preamble, launched into a report of the most confidential sort.

"Well, it's all right, boss!" he announced. He spoke in what he evidently believed to be a low, carefully modulated voice, but every word was audible to Tom. "I brought in the cargo all right, all right. And none of them smart Alecks of customs boys was a bit anxious to search the ship—not with the lions and tigers and critters of that sort the hold was full of. So, the opium's all ashore and in Gruen's place."

Tom had heard all that he needed to know. Slowly and so as not to attract suspicion to himself he went out the door.

Fisher, meanwhile, had frowned slightly as he saw Tom go.

"Look here, Monk," he said, "this sort of thing ought to be kept pretty much to ourselves. The next time you have a confidential report to make don't bring any one with you."

"What?" roared Monk. "I didn't!"

"Then who was that fellow who came in with you?"

"Him? He works for you, don't he? He just followed me in, and when you didn't say nothing I supposed he was all right."

They stared at one another a moment. And then Fisher, with a sudden suspicion, reached into his desk for a batch of photographs, which he studied. He cried out sharply and then handed Monk a picture of Tom Larnigan.

"That's him!" said Monk. "Yes, and he's Tom Larnigan," said Fisher, "a government special prosecutor or agent—a spy set upon the syndicate to destroy it! A fine trick we've let him play on us!"

"The —!" said Monk, with a great deep sea oath. "I'll get him or my name's not Monk!"

"You'd better try!" said Fisher satirically. "If you don't he'll get us—I can promise you that! I'll go to work too. Go along now and warn Gruen to be careful. That wild animal store of his has been too useful to us for us to let the government get on to its real character."

Fisher, when Monk had gone, telephoned at once to Stanford Stone, telling him what had happened.

"All right," said Stone after a moment. "I suppose I shall have to pull us out of the hole that you and Monk in your stupidity have dug for us. Fine business!"

Stone set the wheels of his organization turning at once. He sent for Dunn, the man who served him in his most critical affairs and over whom he held as a constant threat his knowledge of a certain criminal episode of the past.

"As a matter of fact," said Stone, "I'm not sorry this has happened. Fisher's a fool, but his folly has turned out well this time. Larnigan will go to Gruen's. You can see to it that when he does so he walks into a trap."

Meanwhile, however, there had been a change in Tom's plans. He had gone immediately to the office of the Independent, the newspaper which was backing Bruce Larnigan's fight, with Jack Stevens as its editor. There he had found Bruce and also a telegram from Washington ordering him to go at once to Rio de Janeiro, where, it was said, the consul would be able to give him instructions concerning a special mission connected with the operations of the graft syndicate.

"You'll have to go," Bruce said. "But I'm nearly well now. I'm well enough, at any rate, to take hold of this affair. So there need be no change in our plans."

And another factor was about to be introduced into the case. Dorothy Maxwell and her chum, Kitty Rockefeller, were by this time, thanks to their more or less accidental success in the past in helping the Larnigans, convinced of their own powers as detectives. Dorothy had been engaged to Bruce Stanford Stone was in love with her, and owing to his hold upon her father and his threat if she did not yield to him to ruin him Dorothy was afraid to come out openly against Stone. In secret, however, she was his enemy.

The two girls while out walking spied Dunn and, remembering him from previous attempts against the Larnigans, determined to follow him. Dunn, how-

ever, recognized them, and when they entered Gruen's store almost on his heels they were seized and thrust into a small storeroom in the cellar. In the next cellar, although they did not know it, were some of the lions that had been imported, with the opium, by Monk.

Meanwhile Dunn made all his arrangements with Gruen. A trap door was arranged so that it would drop any one who stood upon it into a cellar, and this cellar was the one that contained the lions.

"That'll be the finish of any one who goes down," said Dunn gloatingly. "Mr. Tom Larnigan won't find it easy to argue with our friends down there."

However, Tom had decided not to go to Gruen's. He was impatient for the time of his departure for South America to come, and he and Ben Travers, his old friend, went down to the docks to see about his passage. Monk, with some of his crew, spied them, and Monk saw the chance for his revenge. At a word from him the two were seized and dragged on board his ship. They were roughly handled and were left unconscious. And Monk, gloatingly, went to the telephone and reported to Fisher, who happened at the time to be with Stone.

"Good enough!" said Stone. "South America? They'll be gone for months, and by the time they return we'll be invincible. It's different from what had been planned, but it will do. Tell Monk we won't forget to reward him!"

A little later Stone heard from Dunn of the capture of the two girls. His



They Were Roughly Handled and Left Unconscious.

rage equaled his astonishment when he saw Dorothy. He realized then that he had no chance to win her, and his love for her turned to hate.

"Is Molly's place still running?" he asked Gruen.

"Yes," said Gruen, with a grin.

Molly's place was a dive of a singularly notorious sort. It was a resort of the worst type, a place to which the women of the streets sank when they were nearly at the end of the tether. No woman who ever entered it came out alive. Its customers were sailors and men of the roughest sort. And it was to this place that Stone ordered the two girls to be taken!

The girls had not been idle during their captivity in Gruen's cellar. They found a pick and a crowbar in their cell, but could make no impression upon the heavy door. So they turned their attention to the padlock. This was not on the door by which they had been thrust in, but on a smaller door which might lead, they thought, to the cellar of the next house. As a matter of fact, though they did not, of course, suspect it, it actually led to the cellar in which the lions were confined.

It was Bruce and Jack Stevens who came to Gruen's instead of Tom and Travers. But that made no difference to Dunn's men and Gruen. They were attacked at once, and Bruce was knocked senseless at the beginning of the fight. Jack, stepping on to the trap, fell into the cellar among the lions. In horror, he backed against the door, and it opened behind him. The two girls removed the padlock just in time and dragged him through, closing the door before the lions could enter.

But now the men who were to take the girls to Molly's place came in, and Stevens, against fearful odds, put up the best fight he could. The noise brought the police, and Stevens and the girls were rescued just in time. The police cleared out the store above as well and saved Bruce. But no one could save Fisher. Coming to see the success of his plan, he fell through the trap, and there was no one to open the door for him. The lions made him their prey instead of Stevens.

Out at sea Tom Larnigan came to his senses to see Monk's evil eyes glaring down at him.

"Well, you're here! And there's no turning back on this ship," said Monk. "So I suppose," said Tom coolly, "where are you bound, captain?"

"Rio de Janeiro."

"Good! Look at this, captain."

Tom showed his telegram from Washington and the official papers that gave him his authority.

"We'll go with you as passengers," said Tom. "I imagine you know enough of Uncle Sam to understand that it's time for you to turn against the men you've worked for!"

[Episode No. 11 Next Week.]

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AGED PIONEER DIED THURSDAY

William Glenn Cathey died at the home of his son-in-law, T. S. Lankford, in Ballinger, Thursday afternoon, March 23, at two-thirty o'clock at the ripe old age of almost eighty years.

Grandpa Cathey, as he was familiarly known by a large host of friends, has been a resident of this county for many years. No man could claim more friends among his acquaintances, and he was loyal to every trust. Becoming a member of the Methodist church at fourteen years of age, he had lived for sixty-six years a life in keeping with the teachings of his church, and while his body has returned to dust, the influence of a christian and sunshiny life will never die.

For the greater part of his residence in this county, Mr. Cathey has lived at Wingate. He visited in Ballinger often, coming here to see his children, and always had a good word for his many friends here. During the last two or three years his visits have not been so often on account of his feeble health. About one month ago he was brought to the local sanitarium for treatment, and when the physicians announced that on account of his age they could only give him temporary relief, he requested that he be removed to the home of his daughter, where he could spend the remaining days of his life, and be surrounded with his children and grand children. He died as he lived, in perfect peace and his death is only a sleep.

Deceased is survived by a wife and five children and quite a number of grand children and several great grand children. Mrs. T. S. Lankford, a daughter, and E. J. Cathey, a son, reside in Ballinger while two sons, J. W. Cathey, and E. M. Cathey, reside at Wingate. Mrs. Johnson, a daughter, resides in New Mexico. All were present at the funeral, expect Mrs. Johnson.

The funeral services were conducted Friday morning at ten o'clock, the services being held at the residence where death occurred. Rev. Yates pastor of the Methodist church at Wingate, conducting the services, and a long procession formed and accompanied the remains to the City Cemetery where they were tenderly laid to rest.

In the death of Grandpa Cathey Runnels county has lost a good citizen, and The Ledger joins the many friends of the relatives, whose loss is the greatest, in extending sympathy.

TRY "CASCRETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS IF SICK OR BILIOUS

Tonight! Clean your bowels and stop headache, colds, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box now. Turn the rascals out—the headache, biliousness, indigestion, the sick, sour stomach and bad colds—turn them out tonight and keep them out with Cascrets.

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

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

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

A NEW CANDIDATE

Quite a number of the friends of R. W. Gilliam are urging his name for commissioner of precinct No. 1, and they all believe that he will be the right man in the right place. He will not make a canvass but will accept the place if his friends see fit to give it to him.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Ballinger Weekly Banner-Ledger. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

SELLS LAND

Mrs. Mitt Osgood of Wyoming, who is visiting at her old home near Marie, was in Ballinger Monday and while here closed a deal in which she sold to Will Ash, of the Marie country, her 400 acre farm in Wyoming for a total consideration of \$2,500.00.

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.

RECEIVES NEWS OF UNCLE'S DEATH

U. P. Melton received the sad message Sunday of the death of his uncle who died at Houston Saturday. Deceased was the only brother of Mr. Melton's father.

ITCHING

Eczema, Piles, Itch, Erysipelas, Pimples, Red Nose, and all Skin Diseases are quickly relieved by Zinac Salve. Mailed prepaid. Trial size 50c or large family size \$1.00. Address
**E. M. Drez Co., Box 238
Station B, Cleveland, O.**

Fence Against the Filthy Flies

Let us help you do it. We carry a big stock of screen doors.

All sizes and at prices you can pay. Screen your house and cheat the doctor out of a patient.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

HIGH CLASS AUTO FOR JITNEY SERVICE

W. E. Brooks is going pretty strong in providing for the traveling public between Ballinger and Winters. Mr. Brooks received through R. P. Kirk, the local Studebaker agent, a seven passenger Studebaker Six Saturday, and Monday morning put the big car on the inters-Ballinger line, carrying out the first load at nine-thirty.

The big Studebaker takes the place of one of the Fords which Mr. Brooks has been using on this line, the other Ford being retained for the service. Heretofore Ford cars have been used exclusively by Mr. Brooks, but he decided to put on the larger car on account of its capacity to haul a larger number of passengers, and aside from this passengers on the Brooks line can now travel in Pulman de luxe style.

Dangers of Draft.

Drafts feel best when we are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous and the result is Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles or sometimes an attack of Rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leaves. Those suffering from Neuralgia or Neuralgic Headache will find one or two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for Neuritis too. Price 25c. at your druggist.

Watch the Fords Go By.

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Besides the relatives of Wingate Rev. Yates and Messrs. S. L. Eason E. B. Laughter, D. W. Rogers, Morrison, of Wingate, and W. P. Hawkins of Winters, also John Big by, John Simmons and J. M. Greenhill of the Pony creek country, were in Ballinger Friday to attend the funeral of Grandpa Cathey. Also Dr. Dixon and wife, E. J. Guinn, Mr. Findley and the Gannaway brothers of the Wingate country.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

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

ARM FRACTURED WHEN CHILD FALLS FROM SWING

The little five-year-old daughter of Hays Dickinson, who lives north of Ballinger, fell from a swing Thursday and sustained a badly fractured arm. The child had made a swing with strings and climbed up in the swing when it gave way with the above results.

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.

J. H. McDonald, of Union, N. M. came in a day or two days to visit relatives and to look after business affairs. While in Ballinger Saturday, he ordered the Banner-Ledger for Albert Moreland, of Pinon, for the ensuing year.

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

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

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

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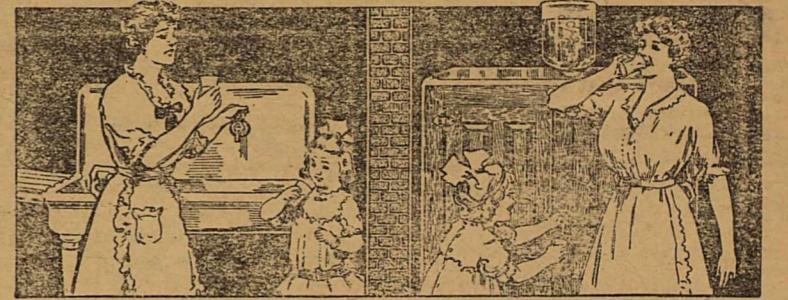
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Otto Ocker, of the Olfin country who had been with his father-in-law, F. G. Hoelscher to Marlin, passed through Ballinger en route home and says Mr. Hoelscher is doing very nicely when he left him. Mr. Ocker says it is awful dry in that section.

C. A. Rogers returned home Tuesday at noon from Brownwood where he had been to attend the funeral of his uncle.

You can buy it for less at the Cash Grocery Co.'s store. 28-3rd Stw.

A Tale of Two Homes



Which home is yours? Is your only supply of drinking water that which comes warm and distasteful from the faucet?

You would get a world of convenience and enjoyment from the built-in water cooler of the

AUTOMATIC REFRIGERATOR

It insures plenty of cold water, and it is cooled by the same ice that is so easy to get at that children can help themselves. It means no extra ice expense to have this cooler. It takes perfect care of food and water.

No other refrigerator can use holder and inverted water bottle without infringing Newell patents.

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After a residence of some time in Oklahoma where thousands of dollars are placed on farms at 5 1/2 and 6 per cent, I have completed arrangements for placing loans in this locality and solicit your business. Rates the lowest, cost the least and service the quickest.

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good lumber when they see it are unanimous in their verdict all comes from this yard. Ask a builder friend you have where to buy the lumber for that little job you contemplate and if you take his advice we'll get you order.

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The GIRL and the GAME

A Story of Mountain Railroad Life
By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

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

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SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad by George Storm, a newsboy. Grown to young womanhood, Helen saves Storm, now a fireman, her father, and his friends Amos Rhinelander, financier, and Robert Seagrue, promoter, from a threatened collision. 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 his 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. Spike steals records to protect Rhinelander, and Storm and Helen save Spike from death in the burning court house. Vein in Superstition mine pinches out. Seagrue salts it and sells it to Rhinelander.

TWELFTH INSTALLMENT

BURIED ALIVE

Seagrue's sale to Rhinelander of the Superstition mine did not go through as smoothly as he had expected. Meeting Rhinelander at the office of an attorney in Las Vegas, the details of the transfer were arranged without much difficulty. Rhinelander's only care was to be sure that the conveyance should give him a clear title to the valuable property, and having satisfied himself on this point, the minor details were easily arranged.

While the attorney was embodying these items in a supplementary agreement, Rhinelander wrote out a telegram to Helen telling her that he was completing the transfer of the mine and would come up on No. 8. When the final draft of the contract had been made in duplicate, and signed by the two parties, in due form, Rhinelander handed over a second check to Seagrue, and putting the agreement in his pocket, left the office.

Seagrue watched him go with something of relief and a great deal of satisfaction. The whole scheme he had so successfully compassed looked to him almost too good to be true, and he had a hearty laugh with the attorney before they left the office together.

But, unexpectedly enough, opposition developed in an unlooked-for quarter, namely, among minority stockholders of the mine itself. Rumors flew thick and fast, and at Oceanville Seagrue was openly accused of underhanded work in parting with the property. To afford a clear understanding of his position, a meeting of the stockholders of the mine was called, and Seagrue, when the time came, addressed the gathering in explanation of the sale.

"I have understood," he began, "there has been some criticism of my action in disposing of the Superstition mine to the Copper Range and Tidewater people. Some of our stockholders have been unkind enough to hint



Helen Told of the Disaster.

that there was treachery in my part of the proceedings. I have called this meeting to explain without any mingling of words why I was forced to act as I did on my own responsibility and to act quickly."

He related in detail the story of the sudden word received from the mine foreman announcing the petering out of the vein. In more veiled language, but still making himself plain enough to be understood, he disclosed the thought that had come to him of getting the mine ready for sale by salting it, and of his subsequent success in unloading the property on Rhinelander without serious loss to any of the shareholders.

In spite of his explanation, protest was heard almost at once against his summary action in selling out without authority from the directors. Seagrue met the criticisms firmly. "If I had stopped to ask the directors for au-

thority as to what to do, the news of the failure of our principal vein would have been all over Nevada. It would have been too late to sell the property at any price to anybody."

"If the vein could be recovered, what difference would that make?" asked one of the disaffected shareholders.

"It would make the difference that you would be holding the sack instead of the other fellow," retorted Seagrue, bluntly.

The chairman, one of the larger minority stockholders, proved one of the least tractable of the dissatisfied. He rose to reply to Seagrue's address. "You are telling us," he said coldly, "that you disposed of one of the best quartz properties in the Superstition mountains for a song because your foreman told you the vein had pinched out. And you say your expert corroborated his statement. By what right did you go ahead in this fashion without calling us together to decide whether we did not want further expert advice on the possibility of locating the vein?"

"That part of the matter has been threshed out already," said Seagrue angrily.

"No, it hasn't," retorted the chairman. "Not to our satisfaction. Where the investment is so large, our interests should have been given the most careful consideration before you disposed of them."

"You wouldn't have got ten cents out of your interests," exclaimed Seagrue, "if you had tried what you now propose."

"Even that wouldn't have been a serious matter," persisted the chairman, "as compared to what you have done. None of us here are dependent on dividends from the Superstition mines for our bread and butter. We feel, as business men, that we are entitled to consideration. You haven't given us that. By your own confession, you have disposed of this property under false pretenses. You have, by your conduct toward your competitors, justified the suspicion that has arisen among your own associates, Mr. Seagrue."

"I don't wish to make any unfair insinuations or to assert what I cannot prove, but," interposed a second shareholder from the foot of the table, "I want to call forth your attention and the attention of every man in this meeting to the fact that the moment it is discovered by the Tidewater people that this mine was salted, we shall be called on to refund every dollar of the money paid to us."

"If that is the case," sneered Seagrue, "I should say you fellows had better stop talking. Your greatest safety," he added, without much display of sympathy for the uneasy ones, "lies in keeping your mouths shut."

"It is a matter of no moment whatever," declared the stubborn chairman, "how much the thing is discussed. You know the men in this room, Mr. Seagrue, well enough to know that we should all take the same position concerning what you confess you, yourself, have done in this matter. No matter what happened, we should never approve such proceedings."

"As things stand, I don't know what else you can do," said Seagrue, sullenly. "You talk here as if you owned this mine. I want you to understand that I hold the control of it, and you will do as I say."

"No," declared one stockholder, jumping up, "I won't do any such thing."

"Then you may do as you wish," replied Seagrue, loftily, "but I am through with the Superstition mine."

The heated discussion continued. Almost everyone in the room took sides against Seagrue. Finally, at bay himself, and realizing the trouble the minority stockholders could put him to, he made a further conciliatory proposal. "As we cannot agree," he said, "I am willing to buy your shares in the mine at their par value."

This seemed to pour a little oil upon the troubled waters. After some further wrangling, details were actually arranged then and there for the transfer of the minority shares, and the meeting closed in a better feeling than it had opened.

At the mine, Helen and George Storm were talking together when the foreman joined them. Helen asked him about the work.

"If you'll come this way," he suggested, "I'll show you exactly where we're going to drill today."

A messenger handed Helen a dispatch. It was from Rhinelander announcing the completion of the transfer and advising her he would arrive on No. 8.

"First, we'll go down and meet Mr. Rhinelander," said Storm to the foreman. "When we come back we'll see where you're working."

Rhinelander returned well pleased

with the result of his trip.

They walked over to the mine together and entered it. While they were talking, a man came to Mr. Rhinelander, saying that the foreman had asked to see him. Accompanied by Helen and Storm, Rhinelander walked down the tunnel to where the men were working.

The foreman turned from his work. "How are things looking?" demanded Rhinelander.

"Why, to tell the truth," answered the man reluctantly, "they are not looking as good this morning as they were yesterday."

"What do you mean?" "We had trouble with this vein once or twice before," began the foreman, guardedly, "but it didn't turn out very serious. This time it looks as if the vein had pinched out on us. Just come over this way."

Rhinelander stood as if rooted to the ground, looking significantly at the while from Helen to Storm. "Helen," he said quizzically, "what does that sound like to you?"

Helen looked at him evenly. "It sounds," she replied, "very much like Mr. Earl Seagrue."

Followed by his companions, Rhinelander joined the foreman. They examined the rock in turn and held a long discussion. The foreman suggested calling in an expert.

"No," said Rhinelander, stubbornly; "I just bought this mine on the recommendation of an expert; all I want is a little hard-headed, common sense here, and I am going to have it. The best authorities in the mining world told General Holmes he had a property here that would last as long as these mountains lasted."

"But Seagrue must have known all this," interposed Helen.

"He thought it time to unload, beyond a doubt," answered Rhinelander. "Helen," he exclaimed, "I know Seagrue better than you do. I know how full his head is of schemes and all that. But I want to tell you it is a fact that Earl Seagrue is a quitter. He gives up too quick and starts a new scheme. Now, I am not going to quit on the Superstition mine until I've made a thorough investigation of this trouble. I am not a miner," he

said, speaking to the foreman; "I'm just a plain, everyday railroad man. But I've heard that things can be done even when a vein pinches out. Now, you get busy," he said to the listening foreman, "and tell me, now and here, what's the first thing to do to try to pick this vein up again."

"You might pick it up," responded the foreman, "for a song, if you're lucky. It all depends. You might spend a million dollars and never pick it up."

"Well, we don't have to spend the million all at once, do we?"

The foreman admitted he did not.

"Very well," continued Rhinelander, sharply. "How's the first part of that money to be spent?"

The foreman scratched his head and looked up and down the wall. He selected a place that looked to him like a possibility. "Looking," he said: "Cross-cut through there and we might pick up the vein."

Rhinelander asked further questions: the hard-headed miner seemed to have, he thought, some good ideas. "All right," said Rhinelander, at length, "cross-cut right there, just as you say. We'll see how we come out. If we get beat, we'll try something else."

Under the impetus of new hope, the work went rapidly forward. Every man in the mine took courage. So long as there was a possibility of doing anything they were glad to work to save their own jobs. The crew at hand went vigorously to work under the foreman's directions. In a short time a hole had been primed for a blast, the fuse lighted and the men rushed out. The explosion followed and they went back.

Work was proceeding in this fashion when something occurred that drew Helen's attention. She was looking into the tunnel when she noticed that one wall near the roof seemed to be weakening. A large piece of rock had dropped from it. The men were called out and Helen, with

Rhinelander, Storm and the foreman, went over to examine the break. All waited on the old miner for a verdict as to the condition of the roof. He made a pretty careful examination and seemed satisfied there was no danger. "That roof," he declared, "will never cave in."

"If that is so," said Rhinelander, "and you ought to know, if anybody knows—send the men back to work."

Elasting their way into the wall where the foreman had indicated, the men, busied with their work, failed to notice a gradual weakening of the tunnel roof. Helen, outside the mine and occupied with other matters, heard the blasting within, but gave the subject no further thought. It was not until a moment following one of the heavy explosions that she heard a great crash behind her, and, looking back, was horrified to see a mass of rock crashing through the roof of the tunnel. She ran forward in dismay. The disaster was complete. Where the tunnel had opened, a great cave-in now raised a solid barrier. Men on the outside ran up, white-faced, to where she stood. Questions flew back and forth. A round-up was hastily made to determine who had been caught on the inside. Rhinelander and Storm were nowhere to be found—they had almost certainly been caught with the crew in the tunnel.

Spasmodic efforts were made to clear the opening. Men, losing their heads, rushed hither and thither, accomplishing nothing and adding to the panic that possessed everyone at the thought of the tragedy within the closed tunnel. Bidding a man to stop his useless efforts to tear away the fallen rock, she gave him directions as to what to do. "Telephone for doctors," she said hurriedly, "while I go over to the Neighbor mine for help."

Both hastened away. Helen reaching the edge of the cliff, where the aerial railway ran from the mountainside down to the valley below, stopped. It would take her fifteen precious minutes to run down the trail. Could she, by any possibility, ride down the aerial cable?

She grasped the hook of the frail aerial carriage and clinging to it with both hands, pulled the release. Like

owner of the Superstition. Halting on the way, he dashed up into Seagrue's room and told him what had happened.

"The main tunnel of the Superstition mine has collapsed," he cried. "We're on the way out in a car. Rhinelander, Storm and a crew of the men are caught inside."

"Sorry to hear that," said Seagrue, shortly. "Go on. Don't lose any time. I'll follow." He called to his servant for his coat and hat as the doctor ran out. Putting on the coat he hesitated, changed his mind, and decided not to go. He threw his hat and coat on the table again and sat down.

In the tunnel the men had been caught like rats in a trap.

Serious as their situation was, none of them lost their heads, and Rhinelander and Storm, in particular—neither of them unused to great peril—were calm. But what to do in circumstances so strange to them, the two could not tell. A hurried examination of the cave-in showed their exit completely cut off. This misfortune, however, did not paralyze their activities.

With the two railroad men encouraging them, the men worked hard to get through the obstruction in front of them. They toiled unremittingly, knowing how every hour within their prison would lessen their chances for life. One of the men, exhausted by the labor, picked up a water canteen. It was broken. A canvass was made of the situation and it was found they had no water. Gloom settled for a time on them. Thereafter, questioning the foreman carefully, Rhinelander picked a place where the experienced miner thought they might, with a little work, get through and turned to the men. "Dynamite through this wall," he said.

The men began. The moment the blast was ready, it was set off and they were back again at their drills preparing for the next. Working thus with frenzied energy, they tore great holes into the tunnel's side, but seemingly with no hopeful result. And the work was beginning to tell on them. By the time they had gotten what they hoped might be the final shot ready, Rhinelander and the miners—all in the tunnel except Storm—were on the verge of collapse.

Nerved to a final effort by the hope of life, the shot was fired. No ray of daylight greeted their straining eyes as the smoke thinned away. The air, now foul, had so overcome them that few could crawl forward to examine the shattered wall. One grizzled fellow, sturdier than his mates, staggered to it. He looked for a moment at the rock and cried out. Animated by fresh hope, the exhausted men responded by dragging themselves to him.

The blast had not given them the hoped-for avenue of escape. But broadly lined across the jagged surface now dislodged, they saw staring at them as if in mockery of their state, the lost vein, the lead of precious quartz again before them. Untold riches confronted them.

Seagrue, in his room, had heard the distant report of the explosion, but he had been drinking of late and his nerves were on edge.

He strode up and down the room revolving in his mind the situation of the men imprisoned within the big tunnel. He knew enough of the mine to understand perfectly the peril of their position and the necessity of a quick rescue if their lives were to be saved. Further than this, he charged his mind with nothing of responsibility; indeed, he would hardly have walked across the street to save one of the imperiled men. Yet, a strangely persistent curiosity moved him to want to know more of the fate of those who were thus struggling for their lives.

A decanter stood on the buffet and he turned to it. While he poured brandy into a glass, he heard a strange noise in an adjoining room—a sound as if of a miner's doublejack. It startled him unpleasantly. He called to his servant and the man, thus abruptly summoned, came quickly, carrying an ice pick.

"What's that noise? What are you doing?" demanded Seagrue, harshly.

The man in a half-frightened way began to laugh. "Only picking a little ice, sir," he said, apologetically.

Seagrue, without answering, snatched the ice pick from his hand. "Give me my hat and coat," he exclaimed with anger. And as the man hurriedly produced them, he added curtly: "Get out." And serving himself, he laid ready to start for the mine.

Attempt after attempt on the part of Rhinelander, Storm and the miners to open a way of freedom was failing, and overcome by the foul air, the men, one after another, had sunk down from exhaustion.

Outside, the engine and little train had brought Helen and the relief and the men were running up the slope.

The few men attacking the face of the cave-in, now greatly re-enforced, worked with desperate energy at the fallen rock. The cool-headed foreman assumed leadership and organized the men so that no energy should be wasted and slowly but steadily the willing workers ate a hole into the mass of splintered rock before them.

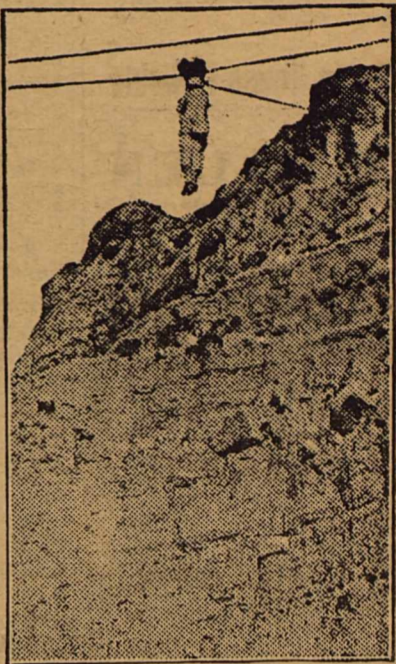
In the tunnel where Rhinelander and his stupefied companions lay in varying stages of distress and despair, Storm heard at length the sound of the work on the other side of the wall. He shouted feebly to his companions. "They're coming!" he cried. "Hang on, boys. Get your heads close up here. There's a little air seeping in."

Rhinelander, in spite of the fact that he was among the oldest of those caught in the horrible trap, was standing the strain better than most of them. He, in his turn, encouraged the

others not to give up and was the first to hear a call coming through the cave-in. He answered it with all the strength he could summon.

Encouraged on the outside by the word that the imprisoned men were still alive, the rescuers redoubled their efforts. The battered foreman, heading the line in the narrow hole, picked through the shattered formation, sent back word he was nearly through and a shout of joy went up from the anxious hearts of those gathered outside. The doctors were already busy laying out their temporary hospital and making ready to take care of the exhausted men the moment they could reach them.

To the prisoners the sound of the pick and the dislodgment of rock was



Grasped the Hook of the Frail Aerial Carriage.

coming so close that Storm and Rhinelander almost felt they could see the work. In another instant a shaft of light, gleaming like a star, greeted the staring eyes of the two men and they cried out together to greet the man on the other side. A second and larger piece of rock fell and was dragged away and more light shot into the prison house.

"Water!" cried Rhinelander. "For God's sake, boys, push in a canteen."

Helen heard the cry. Half-dozen willing men ran for the precious fluid. A bottle of water was pushed into Storm's hand and the next moment the half-conscious men were being revived by him.

Nerved, despite exhaustion, to a final spurt of energy, the rescuers rapidly enlarged the hole until Helen, eager at the foreman's elbow, said she could get through, and against his protestations of danger crawled first through the cave-in, closely followed by the chief surgeon who, once inside, began to treat the most helpless of the suffering men.

The condition of the uncertain entrance called for the greatest care on the part of the rescuers. Great masses of rock, suspended by not more, it would seem, than a thread, hung threateningly over the ragged passage. But time was too precious to wait for further safety and the moment the men could be passed out, they were turned over to the hospital staff.

Rhinelander had refused to leave until the last of the miners had been taken out to safety. Storm followed him. Helen was the last to come through.

A great crowd had gathered about the mine and as the imprisoned men were revived, and the chief surgeon, covered with dust and debris, announced that no lives would be lost, cheers went up again.

Seagrue, elbowing his way through the bystanders up to Rhinelander, congratulated him on his escape.

Rhinelander smiled grimly. "That was a close squeak, Seagrue. Helen," he exclaimed, addressing his words to her, "we came near losing out, girl, but we didn't—quite. I'm all right and so is George Storm, here." He laid his hand on his stalwart foreman's shoulder. "The rest of the men," he added, "will be as good as ever by tomorrow. But that isn't all, Seagrue. We've relocated the vein!"

Seagrue started. "What do you mean?" he cried.

"I mean, we have found the vein again," exclaimed Rhinelander, "and that we're going to take a million dollars in quartz out of the Superstition in the next three months."

Seagrue refused to credit his hearing. He started for the tunnel and, despite the warnings of those about him, crawled through the opening and made his way to where the final blast had disclosed the glistening vein. He picked up the ore thoughtfully and looked from it back to the rock wall. It was a vision to dazzle the sight of a prospector. Untold wealth was symbolized in that great deposit. The starry scene with his shareholders in the darkness before his eyes. He stood a moment in deep study.

At the mine entrance the men were getting on their feet and telling listening comrades their experiences.

Storm was dismissing the men for the day and, released from further toil, they slowly filed away. Turning from them, he joined Helen and Rhinelander. Together the three discussed their great new fortune.

Within the gloom of the tunnel stood Seagrue. He had taken out his contract and was looking intently at it. Something it suggested seemed to appeal to him; some hopeful idea, perhaps, occurred to his mind, for he smiled.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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County Judge Presents Facts on Road Tax Proposition

To The Qualified Property Tax-Paying Voters of Runnels County, Texas, Greetings:

On February 18th, 1916 it was ordered by the Commissioners' Court of this county, on its own motion, that an election be held on April 8th, 1916, for and within Runnels County, Texas, by the qualified property taxpaying voters of this county to determine whether or not an additional ad valorem tax shall be levied by this county for the further maintenance of roads and bridges, provided that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of this county, voting at said election, shall vote such tax not to exceed 15 cents on the \$100 valuation of property subject to taxation in this county.

This levy, if authorized by the voters, shall be for road and bridge purposes in addition to the amount now authorized to be levied by general law.

Should the election carry in favor of this additional tax, annual thereafter said tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes until such time as the qualified property taxpaying voters of this county at an election for that purpose shall otherwise determine, on which account an election shall be ordered by the commissioners' court upon a petition of at least 100 qualified property taxpaying voters of this county.

In case a tax is levied, all the funds arising therefrom shall be expended among the several commissioners' precincts, according to the assessed value of each precinct.

Had it not been for the fact that the Commissioners' Court could transfer money, as it did, from the other different county funds—sinking funds expected—to the road and bridge fund, the road work would have ceased before now and the writer is afraid it will cease ere long because the court has gone its legal limit in transferring from the other county funds and because the money obtained from the present road and bridge levy is about consumed.

The writer makes these statements so that you may understand that with the assistance of the other funds as explained the road work has continued thus long. Without this explanation, the writer would have created the impression, and false it would have been, that the present road and tax levy, and the money collected thereunder, were the sole causes of the road work continuing as long as it has.

By voting for this tax, you will provide the county and indirectly yourselves with additional road money. The county will get every cent by means of this additional tax.

By a road bond issue, which is advocated by many, the people would of necessity have to pay interest on the bonds and must pay a tax to create a sinking fund with which to redeem the bonds at their maturity. While, under the special tax levy, the people pay no interest on the money received therefrom, but do receive thereon from the county depository interest on the daily balances of such fund in such depository.

Where you have paid the road tax of \$3.00 to relieve you from road duty, and more you have paid—say—\$3.00 under this additional levy, you may make back more than you have paid in taxes, should you be needed and free to work on the county roads. Not only that but you will have better roads to travel which you agree will be worth the tax.

To the writer's mind there is but one argument against this tax and that argument is that you are satisfied with the roads you have and the condition they are in and are willing to leave them so.

Should this election carry in favor of the tax, the commissioners' court may levy any rate of tax that it, in its judgment, sees fit, however, not more than 15 cents. If the court sees fit to levy a rate only of 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 cents it can do so, but it cannot levy a tax in excess of 15c. 15c is its limit. The presumption is that the court will levy only such a tax as is absolutely necessary.

Unless the road and bridge fund of this county is increased by this tax, there will be no more roads opened, no better roads, but only patched roads. For most of the money, now obtained from the present levy for road and bridge purposes, is used, and can be used only for patching.

Unless this additional tax is ob-

tained, the roads, will, by lack of funds, remain in the condition that they are, if not, grow worse. And so the roads will have to take care of themselves and be satisfied with the mercy they would be shown.

Suffer the roads must, in the event the tax fails to carry. The roads' need, cries and walls can be but half administered to under the present conditions and circumstances. To have the additional tax would put the roads in better shape than they are now and possibly not let them fall back of the convalescing stage. To keep the roads in this stage, in the writer's humble opinion, would be a vast improvement over what their condition is now. Under present conditions, the court has done remarkably well. But it could do more if it had the necessary funds.

It is up to you Mr. Voter, to leave the Commissioners' Court groping in darkness or lead the Court to a brighter dawn of better roads.

In behalf of the Court and in behalf of yourselves, the writer appeals to you for co-operation. Co-operation is a greater and better asset to this court than opposition.

The writer has long concluded that the only way to build or construct roads in this county is by means of money, the "jits" as it were.

If you fail the court in this matter, it will be of little help to you in your road troubles and road building. The court cannot meet your road needs without financial aid.

It is up to you, Mr. Voter. The court has practically gone its limit. He, who dances, must pay the fiddler.

The court would relieve your road troubles. But for the lack of funds and on account of its limited statutory powers, its course is short and its distance small. With the present status of funds, the court is about at its row's end.

During his administration as county judge, it has been the writer's good fortune to have associated with him as members of the commissioner's court good and true men whose purposes, aims and endeavors have been the improvement and upbuilding of the public roads of the entire county. Their difficulty has been as herebefore indicated.

The writer leaves the proposition with you. Should the tax lose, remember, the court will be at your mercy, and its efforts but feeble, and the same patch work will necessarily have to go on, provided the funds warrant it.

The writer is not a candidate for re-election nor for any other public office. This article is issued to you not for political reasons nor selfish motives but as a sound business proposition for good roads. All of this is submitted to you for your calm consideration.

"Here is hoping."
 Very respectfully,
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LOSES HIS TWIN COLTS.

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FRUIT GROWERS

USE SMUDGE POTS

Several hundred smudge pots were started to burning Monday morning when the temperature dropped to thirty degrees. There is a different report from the man on the hill and the man living in the valley. The hill residents says the temperature dropped only to 32 while the man in the valley claims he had 30 degree weather. There was thin ice in certain localities, and the fruit men played safe in smudging.

It is claimed that the fruit is in a stage at this particular time that will make it easy to kill. It will take a harder freeze a week or ten days from now, and prospects are good for another good fruit crop year.

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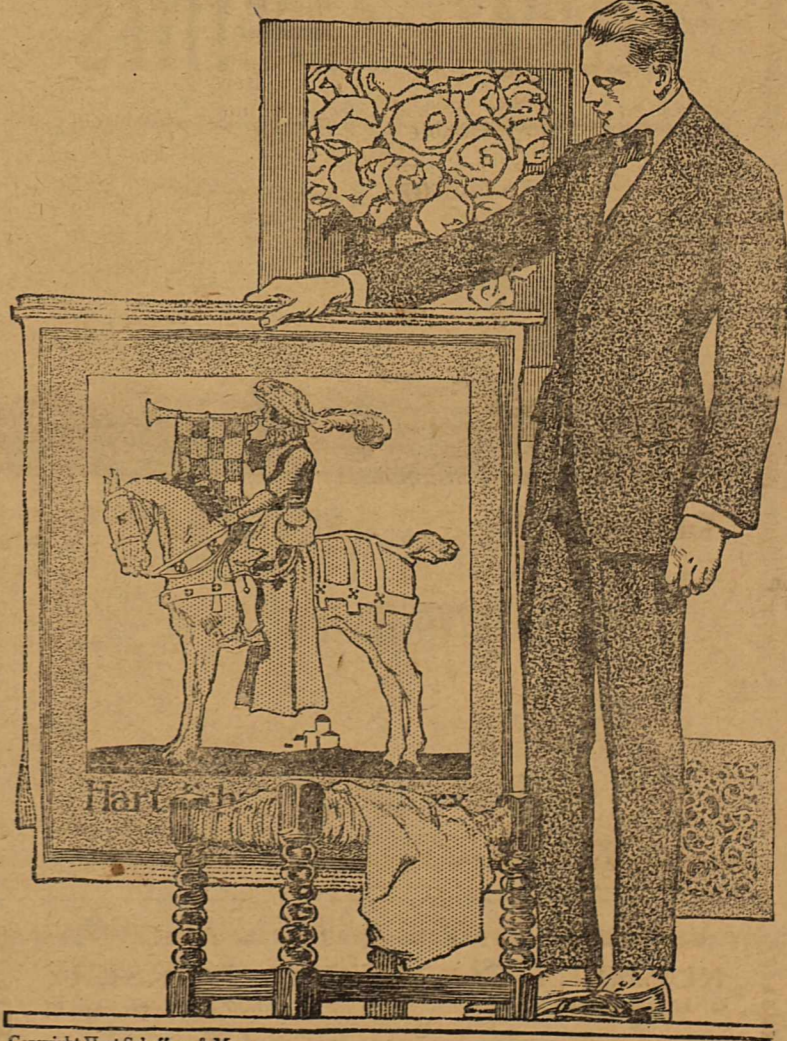
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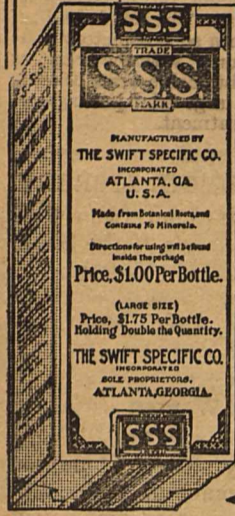
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Foster Forcasts Heavy Rains; Will Have Frost April 1 to 6

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent April 1 to 5, warm wave March 31 to April 4, cool wave April 3 to 7. This will be the most severe storm of April and heavy rains are expected from it. Its cold wave will reach meridian 90 about April 6 and frosts will go much further south than usual. The storm center is expected to pass thru the southern states and up the Atlantic coast. It will be the most severe storm of the month and during its transit colder weather and more rain than usual are expected.

Temperatures of April will average higher than usual but the first half of the month will be colder than usual. Most rain is expected during first half of month; not much rain last half of month. From about March 30 to April 12 a great fall in temperatures is expected and during the week centering on April 11 killing frosts are expected to go further south than usual. Great high temperature waves will prevail during last half of April, one of them crossing meridian 90 near April 20 and another near April 27. Frosts will again go far southward about first of May. April will be a good crop weather month. Immediately following April 14 will be one of the finest crop growing periods of the Spring months and farmers should have their grain in the ground ready for that favorable season. Probably the most important growth of the crops will occur from April 14 to 30. Of course the latitude must be considered. Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about April 6, cross Pacific slope by close of 7, cen-

tral valleys 8 to 10, eastern section 11. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about April 6, central valleys 8, eastern sections 10. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about April 9, central valleys 11, eastern sections 13.

This will be a great storm on the Pacific slope and will decrease in force as it nears the Atlantic coast. Heavy rains are expected along and south of latitude 40, particularly in southeastern states. Most rains on Pacific slope will be south of San Francisco. Severe storms are expected west of meridian 90.

Indications are that the cold wave of this storm will cause heavy snows in the northern Rockies; that following that cold wave a great rise in temperatures will melt much of the deep snows in the Rockies and cause floods. To some extent similar conditions will prevail in the northern Alleghenias and it may be well to expect floods.

Last half of April will be rather quiet and favorable to farmers work. A great boom in crop growth is expected during those two weeks.

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.

BALLINGER'S MUSICAL ORGANIZATION.

The business men of Ballinger are supporting an amateur musical organization for the benefit of all the people of the city and surrounding country and through faithful work at practice this organization has become sufficiently capable and efficient to render music equal to organizations in the professional class.

The Ballinger band furnishes open air concerts, weather permitting, for the benefit of the public and notices of these concerts are given through the local press and at each of the moving picture shows. These concerts usually take place on the court house lawn, a place of beauty, but devoid of seats for the comfort of those attending these concerts.

The only pleasure the band boys get out of these concerts is the spirit of appreciation of their efforts shown by our citizens, in the number of people attending these concerts and as summer time is approaching, this organization will probably render concerts more frequently, as the public appreciation of their music is reflected in the attendance.

Why cannot our city dads and commissioners be prevailed upon to furnish seats in our "beautiful park" to make it comfortable for the public, who do turn out to enjoy that which it takes money and hard work to accomplish.

Why this apathy towards all the efforts of the business men of Ballinger to make Ballinger a place worth while to live in and to build up.

A. C. HOMANN.

8TH STREET CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Sunday marked the closing of the Assembly year for the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, or as some one called it, the closing of the fiscal year. As is the custom with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. a congregational meeting was held. This meeting was held at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, with a fairly good representation of the membership body present.

The various departments of the church reports were made by the officers of the different departments, and all the reports were encouraging to the members of the church, and were declared to be the best reports made in quite a number of years. For the first time in several years the year closed with all debts paid and money in the treasury.

After hearing the various reports, Rev. R. R. Rives, the pastor, asked to be excused, and C. A. Dooze was elected chairman, and the work for the coming year discussed. The members expressed themselves as being well pleased with their pastor and all entered into the plans for the coming year with the most optimistic view of a greater year's work.

A membership canvass was made for pledges to carry on the work for another year, and the new year will begin on the first of April under the most favorable circumstances.

For some time this church has carried a debt of \$500 on its manse. At a Session meeting of the church held Sunday afternoon it was decided to pay off this debt at once, and more than half of the money was subscribed in the Session meeting, and by the time this is in print it is expected that the remainder will be raised and the church will be free from debt, and will begin at once a plan for making needed improvements in the church.

For Your Child's Cough.

If your child has a cold, nose runs or coughs much get a small bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Its pleasant Pine-Tar-Honey syrup, just what children like and just the medicine to soothe the cough and check the cold. After taking, children stop fretting sleep good and are soon entirely well. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c at your druggist.

Little Helen Marie Malone, daughter of B. L. Malone, died last night at their home in Brady. M. O. Curry, Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Bell and Harry McGhee went to Brady this morning to attend the funeral. The little girl was a year and a half old, and died of pneumonia.—Brownwood Bulletin.

W. F. McShann, of the Pony creek country, A. C. Herring, of Talpa, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Election Notice.

By virtue of an order passed by the Board of Trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District, at their regular meeting on March 3rd, 1916, I Scott H. Mack president of the Board of Trustees order an election to be held at the City Hall in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on Saturday the 1st day of April, 1916, between the hours as prescribed by law, to elect four trustees for said Ballinger Independent School District as provided by the amend special act of the 29th legislature of Texas, creating and regulating the said Ballinger Independent School District.

J. F. Lusk is appointed manager of election.
SCOTT H. MACK,
President Board of Trustees.
H. W. LYNN,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

Notice to Prospective Candidates of School Trustee

All parties who desire their names on the ticket for school trustee, of the Ballinger Independent School District at the coming election on April 1st, 1916, will please hand their names to either the president or secretary of the School Board not later than Friday, March 31st, 1916 at 1 o'clock p. m. so that the ticket may be printed in time for the election Saturday.

The names will be placed on the ticket in alphabetical order.
SCOTT H. MACK,
President Board of Trustees.
H. W. LYNN,
Secretary Board of Trustees.
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SAN ANGELO BOY HANGED BY VILLA

(San Angelo Standard)
How a San Angelo boy, after seeing two of his fellow workmen slaughtered without any sign of mercy and for no just cause, pleaded with Pancho Villa to spare his life; how the Mexican bandit disregarded the pleas for life and ordered his paid executors to carry the prisoner to a tree and there hang him, and later to burn his body, is the horrible story told in a letter received at the Wm. Schneeman home on Preusser street.

The boy upon which Villa spent his wrath was Will Corbett, who, when a small lad, attended the San Angelo public schools. Scores of people now residing in San Angelo remember the youth with whom they attended school. As a boy he was known as "Bill Nye" because of his witty remarks in the school room and on the campus.

He left San Angelo about seven years ago, about the time his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Corbett, who lived at the corner of North Oakes and Seventh for a number of years. The father was one of the pioneer ranchmen of West Texas, having operated in the San Angelo country for years prior to his removal to New Mexico.

Bill Corbett had a herd of cattle on the Paiomas ranch and was located about twenty-five miles from the border. With two other men, whose names are not known, he was found by Villa and put to death only after he had been tortured. He lived to see the execution of his two companions by the Mexican bandit and then made a desperate plea that his own life be spared.

This the Mexican rebel refused and he was carried out to the nearest tree and put to death by hanging. After his body had remained suspended from a limb a sufficient length of time to extinguish every spark of life, it was cut down and then burned.

The letter was received several days ago at the Schneeman home and was forwarded to other relatives. The Schneemans are related to the Corbetts. A sister of the dead boy taught school in El Paso for several years and is known in that section of the state.

Corbett at the time he met his death, was about 27 years of age.

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

TWO MEXICAN BOYS DROWNED IN CONCHO

To save his younger brother from drowning, Manuel Gonzales, a 9 year old Mexican lad, son of Bignino Luna, and wife, of West Concho avenue, paid the price with his own life. The two were drowned in the North Concho, 2 blocks west of the viaduct, clasped in each other's arms, Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

Juan, the younger boy, was running along the river bank, when his foot slipped and he fell into the shallow water. Manuel, who was trailing along behind, followed his brother into the water in an effort to save him. Neither of the two were able to swim and both went down amid cries for help.

Their father, a laborer in San Angelo, happened to be home at the time. Attracted by cries for assistance, he rushed to the spot, only to find that the bodies had disappeared. They were later recovered, but efforts to resuscitate them proved futile.—San Angelo Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Owens, of San Saba came in Monday afternoon to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Huffstater and family of the Valley creek country.

Horace Murphy, who lives just across the Colorado from the city, was transacting business here Wednesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

Dock Harter of the Wilmett country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Why those Pains?

Here is a testimonial unsolicited

"If I had my will it would be advertised on every street corner. The man or woman that has rheumatism and fails to keep and use Sloan's Liniment is like a drowning man refusing a rope."—A. J. Van Dyke, Lakewood, N. J.



Sloan's Liniment



FILLS PAIN
for
**RHEUMATISM
SPRAINS
SORE MUSCLES**

IMPROVEMENT FOR NINTH STREET

The city, aided by the property owners on Ninth street near the business part of town has a force of men at work grading and putting in better shape that street. The gravel and chalk dirt removed in making the excavation for the basement for the Sunday school annex to the First Baptist church, is being used on Ninth street. This was in bad shape and is not receiving attention any too early.

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

Nathan Crockett of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and was all smiles over the arrival of a fine baby boy born at his home March 22nd.

W. S. Alcorn, of the Crews country, came in Sunday to bring his daughter, Miss Susie to the Halley & Love Sanitarium, where a successful operation for appendicitis was performed and the young lady was doing very nicely Monday.

We regret to note that Mrs. W. T. Nichols is quite sick at her home ten miles south of Ballinger. Mrs. Nichols has been sick for the past ten days. She was reported as being some better Tuesday.

Rev. Overman of the Mazeland country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Watch the Fords Go By.

"ONE HORSE FARMER" MAKES GOOD RECORD

Henry Seipp, of the Maverick country, was a pleasant caller at The Ledger office Wednesday afternoon, and talked in the most optimistic way about the present year as a crop year. "I am not worrying about this little dry spell," said the "One Horse Farmer." "If it does not rain a drop this year I can make out on what I made last year." Mr. Seipp means by this that he made enough last year to last him two years. He lives at home, and if you don't believe he lives high just drop by and take dinner with him when you are in that section of the county some time.

Mr. Seipp says we did not have any rain until May in 1909, and then it only rained five inches from May to September, and he made 14 bales of cotton on that five inch rain. He says conditions are much better this year. The farmers have their land broke and worked down in a condition ready for planting and when the rain does come business will pick up in a hurry.

"As a rule the people in this country can't stand prosperity," said Mr. Seipp, "and when they make a good crop they do not conserve it, but are extravagant and wasteful. I believe that He who gives us the rain and other blessings is still alive and knows what's best for us."

Mr. Seipp keeps tab pretty closely on his farming business, and can tell you what he made and what he received for it in dollars and cents. He has a rain gauge and keeps a record of the rain fall, and he reports the total rain fall for 1915 at 21 and 13-16 inches.

Helping You Out



No wash day is a pleasant day.
But your next wash day can be made easier.
You can eliminate most of the hard rubbing.
TEXWAX WILL HELP.

A cupful of TEXWAX shavings dissolved into your boiling wash, will work on the dirt and loosen it.

Then, hot rinsing, and only slight rubbing, and you will have a clean, white, wash. TEXWAX loosens the dirt without injuring the finest linens.

A little TEXWAX added to the starch produces that desired finish on your linens. As an ironing wax, it is incomparable—makes the iron glide easily over the clothes. TEXWAX is odorless.

TEXWAX is sold in one-pound packages, with full directions on each package. It is one of the Quality Products made by The Texas Company. There is a Texaco dealer near you. He will tell you about other Texaco Products for home use.



THE TEXAS COMPANY
General Offices - Houston, Texas.

A Fine Aid For Mother-to-be

We are all greatly indebted to those who tell their experiences. And among



the many things which we read about and are of immediate importance to the expectant mother, is a splendid external remedy called "Mother's Friend." This is applied over the muscles of the stomach. It is deeply penetrating in its influence. Mothers everywhere tell of its soothing effect, how it allays pains incident to stretching of cords, ligaments and muscles. They tell of restful comfort, of calm, peaceful nights, an absence of those distresses peculiar to the period of expectancy, relief from morning sickness, no more of that apprehension with which so many young women's minds become burdened. It is a splendid help. Get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" from your nearest druggist. Ask your husband to get it for you. Then write to Bradford Regulator Co., 408 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for a very handsome and instructive book. It is filled with suggestive ideas of great help to all women interested in the subject of maternity. And best of all are some letters from mothers that are real inspirations. Write today.

HOG SHIPPING CONTINUES

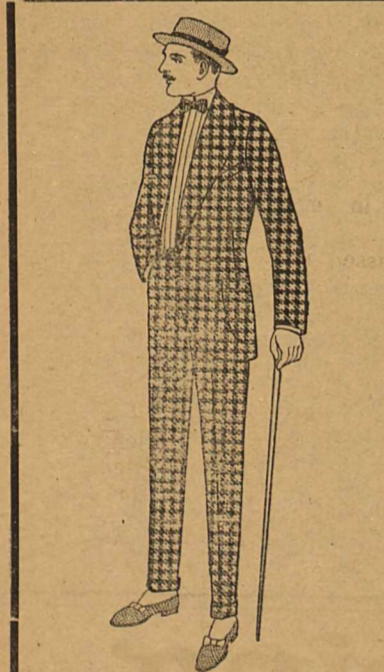
There is no end to the pork industry in this county since the experiment has proved so profitable. Wardlow and Cameron shipped out a car load of hogs Wednesday. Many cars have been shipped from here during the last fall and winter, and it is expected that the pork output from this county will more than double for the next year.



THE TEXAS WONDER cures kidney and bladder troubles, discharges, 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, 2228 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. ©

THE CANDIDATES

W. C. Penn, W. A. Talley and T. J. Gardner, are the three names that will appear on the ticket Tuesday as aldermen in the city election.



Go to the Original \$15 tailors, the only store in town where you can get real \$25 to \$30 Suits made to your individual measure for

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We challenge any tailors, large or small, to make you a \$25 suit better than ours at \$15. Call at our store and allow us to show you our line of samples, which consist of the latest patterns and styles. Fit and workmanship guaranteed.

Men's Furnishings

The swellest line of furnishing goods in the city is represented in our immense showing. The utmost care is exercised in the selection of these stocks. All the newest effects for spring are here, in shirts, neckwear, hose, collars, hats, etc. Get acquainted with our line.



Paul C. Sulak Prop. Ballinger, Texas

The Red Front

WILL DISCUSS SECOND PRIMARY

Through the secretary, C. R. Crews, Chairman A. K. Doss of the Runnels County Democratic Executive Committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee to be held in Ballinger at two o'clock next Monday, April 3rd, for the purpose of discussing the proposition of adopting the majority rule in nominating candidates for county offices.

Judge Doss stated that other matters would probably come before the meeting, but the main object for calling the committee together was to discuss the second primary proposition. It may be that a definite conclusion will not be reached at this meeting, but it is the desire of the chairman, as well as members of the committee, that the public and the various candidates be advised as early as possible whether there will be one or two primaries held. There is quite a difference of opinion, or wishes in this matter, but the question rests entirely with the Democratic Executive Committee, and any way they pass on the proposition will have to be accepted as final, and the people will have to govern themselves accordingly in nominating candidates for the respective county offices.

DRENNON GETS A NEW TRIAL

Judge Goodwin rendered a decision in the Lee Drennan case Thursday morning, granting the defendant a new trial. Judge R. B. Truly, attorney for Drennan, presented a motion for a new trial Tuesday afternoon and the case was argued at length before Judge Goodwin and he took it under consideration and granted the application for the new trial as above stated.

In granting a new hearing Judge Goodwin fixed bond for Drennan, making the bond \$500. It is believed that the young man's friends will promptly make this bond and he will be released from jail under bond, pending a retrial of the case six months hence.

Drennan was convicted of maiming and given two years in the pen at the last term of court. The trouble for which he was convicted grew out of a difficulty with a boy in which the boy lost two teeth. According to Jailor Armstrong and the officers quite a change has come over the young man during the last month or two, and seems to have reformed and repented for the wrong committed, and his friends are taking more interest in his behalf.

Williams Sentenced to Pen. Grover Williams, who was the last prisoner to stand trial at the present term of court, and who was given one year in the pen by the jury was brought into court Thursday morning and Judge Goodwin passed sentence on him, after overruling a motion for a new trial. Williams declined to waive his two days privilege allowed him and accepted sentence when he was first convicted, and consequently he avoided being carried to the pen with the bunch of convicts that were carried off Wednesday afternoon. It will now be necessary for the transfer agent to make another trip to Ballinger to get the twelfth man convicted at this term of court.

Court Nearing an End. Judge Goodwin excused the jury Thursday morning, all cases on the docket having either been continued or settled by compromise, except the one case tried Wednesday, in which O. H. Green was suing his brother, C. L. Green on a debt of promisory note. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Judge Goodwin began at once after excusing the jury on the non-jury civil cases, and expects to dispose of these in short order and court will probably adjourn for the term by Saturday.

John Black, the merchant of Marie, and E. B. Warmock, of the same section, were in the city Monday and while here Mr. Warmack ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

Mrs. W. B. Page left Wednesday at noon for Miles to visit her sister, Mrs. Smith a few days.

DYSPEPSIA OVERCOME

Tone Up the Stomach with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

When you have dyspepsia your life is miserable. You have a bad taste in your mouth, a tenderness at the pit of your stomach, a feeling of puffy fullness, headache, heartburn, and sometimes nausea.

Dyspepsia is difficult digestion—that is what the word means—and the only way to get rid of it is to give vigor and tone to the stomach and the whole digestive system. Hood's Sarsaparilla, sold by all druggists, is the one medicine which acts on the stomach through the blood and also directly. Its beneficial effects are felt at once. Improvement begins immediately.

Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, makes the rich red blood that is needed for perfect digestion, and builds up the whole system. Be sure to get Hood's, for no other medicine can take its place.

BAGGED ONE TURKEY EACH

Dr. J. G. Douglass, C. R. Stephens and R. G. Erwin returned from a hunting and fishing trip of a few days on the Llano, Monday night. They made the trip overland in autos, and report a most pleasant outing. They caught plenty fish and each one succeeded in getting a nice turkey tom, and entertained some of their friends with a wild turkey dinner after they returned home.

PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN FOR INDIGESTION OR SOUR ACID STOMACH

In five minutes! No dyspepsia, heartburn or any stomach misery.

Sour, gassy, upset stomach, indigestion, heartburn, dyspepsia; when the food you eat ferments into gases and stubborn lumps; your head aches and you feel sick and miserable, that's where you realize the magic in Pape's Diapepsin. It makes all stomach misery vanish in five minutes.

If your stomach is in a continuous revolt—if you can't get it regulated, please, for your sake, try Pape's Diapepsin. It's so needless to have a bad stomach—make your next meal a favorite food meal, then take a little Diapepsin. There will not be any distress—eat without fear. It's because Pape's Diapepsin "really does" regulate weak, out-of-order stomachs that gives it its millions of sales annually.

Get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. It is the quickest, surest stomach relief and cure known. It acts almost like magic—it is a scientific, harmless and pleasant stomach preparation which truly belongs in every home.

W. F. Atnip, of the Valley creek country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and reports the rabbit hunt in his neighborhood a grand success. While the crowd was not extra large they had a fine dinner and killed about 35 or 400 of the long eared pests.

Cleve King, one of the successful farmers just across the river, from Ballinger, was transacting business in the city Monday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

J. A. Weatherbee, of the Maverick country, L. S. Alexander of Winters and E. W. Petty and H. Kay Berry of the Maverick country, were serving on the jury this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichols of the Maverick country, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sides and Mr. and Mrs. Reagan of Hatchel, were among those shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

Sewell Havenhill, Tad Richards, I. A. Garrick and T. E. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spill of Winters, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Walter Midgeley of Paint, Rock, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from Mineral Wells, where he attended the State Odd Fellows meeting last week.

W. A. Ogle, the irrigation farmer of the mineral well fame, says they even come to his place at night by the auto load to get samples of his noted well water.

ZEPPLINS GERMANY'S FIGHTING MACHINES

AMSTERDAM, March 28.—The Zeppelin has been vastly improved lately. There is no doubt that the Germans take it very seriously as a fighting machine. Still greater aerial activity on their part may be executed soon.

The prediction is that of a neutral, recently arrived from Germany, where he had an opportunity to see and hear much concerning the Kaiser's plans for air raiding, but whose name, for obvious reasons, cannot be published.

According to his account the newest Zeppelins is much longer and narrower than its predecessors, the latest form having proved more readily manageable in heavy weather. The gondolas hang much deeper than formerly and a bridge connect them. Both gondolas and the bridge are metal plated in the hope that they may prove bullet-proof.

Each new Zeppelin carries about ten machine guns and two or three small cannon. Formerly the cannon were mounted on special platforms. It was found, however, that these were often hit, diminishing the craft's efficiency; so at the present both machine guns and cannon are inside the gondolas, protected by thick steel plates.

Several new bomb-throwing machines have been adopted. An equipment has also been provided for pouring out poisonous gases upon enemies.

The improved type of air ship is built almost entirely of a combination of aluminum and steel, the rudders have been much simplified and the motors are far more powerful than the older ones.

The Friedrichshafen plant has been increased fully 100 times in size and the number of employees has been multiplied by at least twenty. By April the Germans expect to be able to send three Zeppelins to the front weekly.

The Parseval and Schutte-Lanz factories are said also to have increased their output at least ten times.

In many German quarters the prediction is that air craft will prove the war's deciding factor.

Attorney F. T. Neal of Eldorado, and Judge C. L. McCartney of Brownwood and Attorney J. P. Cogsdill of Winters were among the out of town lawyers attending district court in Ballinger Monday.

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State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss.

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C. P. SHEPHERD, Manager. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of March, 1916. (Seal) J. L. Chastain, My commission expires June 1917

Jno. F. Currie, after being absent from the city several days, returned Wednesday and is now at his post of duty.

M. F. Treadwell came in Tuesday afternoon from San Angelo, and was accompanied by his wife and little son and daughter, to make Ballinger their future home.

Mrs. R. A. Smith left Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives and friends at Austin a few weeks.

Bill Smith and wife of the Hatchel country, will become permanent citizens of Ballinger, Mr. Smith having accepted a position with R. L. Sides, who recently bought the Elder & Son's confectionary and cold drink business.

Fred Prusser of the Hatchel country, and Henry Knox one of the prominent stock men of the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. John Kipp and daughter, Miss Beatrice, left Tuesday afternoon to visit friends at Brownwood a day or two.

Bob Crockett of the Moro country, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

BACKACHE AND RHEUMATISM.

Dear Mr. Editor: "For the benefit of others, I gladly give this statement regarding the merits of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets. Am nearly 76 years of age. I suffered from backache, weak back, rheumatism, and could not control the excretion of the kidneys. I can safely say that 'Anuric,' the new discovery of Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., has done me more real good than anything I have ever taken for these ailments."

Mrs. N. M. FLINT, Dawson, Texas.

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Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., has been testing this medicine. The relief obtained by sufferers has been so satisfactory that he has placed "Anuric" with the druggists in town. If not obtainable, send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for large trial package, or 50 cents for full treatment.

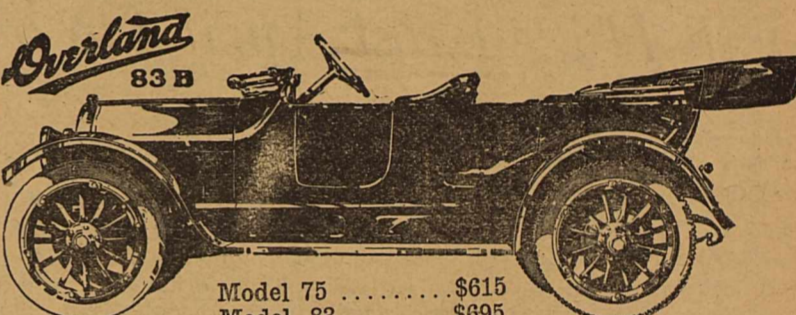
TEA AT CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Saturday afternoon from 3:30 until 6:30, the ladies of the Shakespeare Club will give a tea. The money received from this affair will be used to buy additional books for the library.

Shoes Wanted.

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

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Model 83 \$695
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Every other car on the road is a Ford; more than half the cars bought this year will be Fords. There's a mighty good reason. Ford cars are filling a place in every field of human activity. Cost about two cents a mile to operate and maintain. Better order yours today. Runabout \$390; Touring car \$440; Coupelet \$590; Town car \$640; Sedan \$740. All prices f. o. b. Detroit. On sale at

Harwell Motor Co.
Ballinger, Texas

Effective January 10th, 1916

To all Patrons of The Leach Auto Works

I intend to keep employed a very limited amount of workmen and by so doing, conduct a Quality Service Station only. Can take care of any high-class technical job requiring skill and painstaking care.

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

Yours Truly
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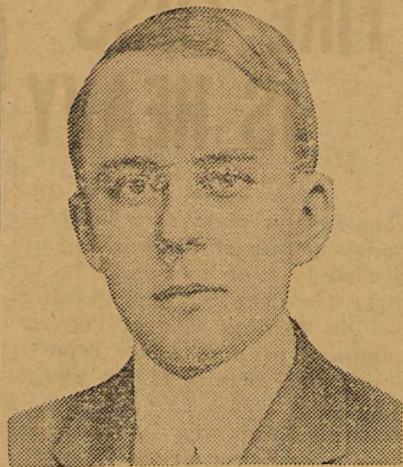
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Mr. Frank Klima, of 2309 Ashland Ave., Baltimore, Md., wrote Dr. Caldwell recently that he had tried about everything without being helped until he got a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin,



Mr. Frank Klima

which he considers the greatest known remedy for indigestion, constipation and stomach troubles.

Get a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin from your druggist and keep it in the house. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

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WANTED TO BUY to ton of maize. B. N. Northam, Ballinger, Texas. 31-3twpd

BORROW NOW—Funds will be scarcer 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—Mules and horses mules from 15 to 16 hands high, from 4 to 8 years old, broke to harness, good flesh. Horses from 15 to 16 hands high, good colors and sound, from 5 to 8 years old. Will be in Ballinger at Street & Middleton's barn, until Tuesday, April 4th. C. B. White. 28-2td-1tw-pd

WANTED—Local agent for Ballinger territory to represent Illinois Bankers Life Association, 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 information, contract etc., write M. W. Hulsey, General Agent, 304-6 Guaranty Bank Building, Dallas, Texas. 17-3tw

FOR SERVICE—Rainbow, the spotted high bred saddle and harness stallion, will make the season at Harper's stable, at Ballinger. For terms, see D. A. Cross. 25-4tw-pd

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

FOR SALE

EGGS FOR HATCHING—Pure blooded Plymouth Rock, eggs, 15 for \$1.00 Put in your order now. H. A. CADY. 27-3tdltw

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.

HAY FOR SALE—Five hundred bales Johnson grass hay at 25 cents a bale. O'Kelly & Walton. 25-3tdltw

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Tresspa's Notice

All parties are hereby warned not to hunt, shoot or otherwise trespass on the Routh old place near Ballinger, now in my control or they will be dealt with as the law directs. R. D. Rogers. 31-3tw

water being ordinary flow and flood waters from the watershed of Oak Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River, in Runnels County, Texas, the dam to be constructed is located on the A. J. Lively Survey No. 311 and about 250 varas North 50 East of the Southwest corner of said Survey on Oak Creek in Runnels County, Texas, 3-4 of a mile in a northerly direction from the town of Maverick.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are described as follows: beginning 118 varas east of the southwest corner of the said Lively Survey on the east bank of Oak Creek; thence down Oak Creek 134 varas; thence East 792 varas to the Southeast corner of Borders' farm; thence north about 500 varas; thence west about 300 varas to the east bank of Oak Creek; thence down Oak Creek to the place of beginning, containing 50 acres, situated in Runnels County, Texas, 20 acres of which are out of the north part of Biriano Sandoval Survey No. 312, and 30 acres of which are out of the southwest part of A. J. Lively Survey No. 311.

A hearing on the said application of the said J. V. Borders will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the County Court House, in the City of Ballinger, County of Runnels, said State, on Friday, the 28th day of April, A. D., 1916, beginning at 1:00 o'clock p. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable, and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 18th day of March, A. D., 1916.

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

Board.

Attest: W. T. POTTER,
Secretary.

(SEAL)
wt-31-7-14-21.

MOTHER! DON'T TAKE CHANCES IF CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious,
clean little liver and
bowels

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue. Mother! If coated or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailments, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrup. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

FOR COMMISSIONER

In this issue of The Ledger will be found the announcement of R. W. Gilliam, more familiarly known as Bob Gilliam, for commissioner of precinct No. 1. His many friends have decided to offer his name for this position and he has agreed to accept the place if elected but does not expect to make a canvass at all. He is one of the pioneer and substantial citizens of this county and is well and favorably known to all the older citizens as a man well qualified to fill the position. dw

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He wants to hold your trade

and tries to sell you brands

he knows you will like.

He is always ready to recommend

KG BAKING POWDER—Ask him



48 YEARS LABOR FOR THE STATE

Transfer Agent Cunningham, of the Texas penitentiaries, left Ballinger Wednesday afternoon with eleven men, that according to sentences passed by Judge Goodwin during the present term of court, will work for the state at hard labor for a total of forty-eight years. The terms for which the prisoners have been sentenced range from one year to fifteen years, and is as follows:

Felix Jackson, negro, two years for burglary.

Charley Chase, negro, two years for burglary.

Jack Jones, negro, two years for hog theft; the first case of the kind in the history of the county.

Ben Scotty, alias "Whistling Rufus," negro, three years for bootlegging; the first prisoner to go from this county for selling liquor since the local option law was adopted five years ago. A negro was convicted for bootlegging at the last term of court, but escaped from the jail, and is the only one of the eight prisoners who escaped at the same time who is still at large.

John Jackson, alias "Peg Leg," negro, one year for bootlegging.

Charley Jones, negro, two years for bootlegging.

Josi A. Valasque, Mexican, two years for forgery.

Sam Turner, white, six years for forgery. Turner was convicted in three cases and given two years in each.

C. E. Tennyson, white, three years for swindling in excess of fifty dollars.

Earl Younger, negro, ten years for attempt and assault to rape.

Younger was convicted at the last term of court and escaped jail before sentence could be passed on him. It will be remembered that he attacked a young lady school teacher in the Pumphrey country about one year ago.

Oscar Allen, negro, fifteen years for assault and attempt to rape. This negro was convicted ten days after committing the crime. He entered the home of J. V. Nelson at Winters and secreted himself under a young lady's bed while the young lady was attending a picture show and attacked her after she had retired.

Mr. Cunningham arrived here Tuesday at noon and remained over until Wednesday afternoon. The last court completed passing sentences Tuesday afternoon and the prisoners were ready for the transfer agent immediately. The transfer agent will pick up three more convicts at Belton as he passes thru that city tonight, and one of them is the first bootlegging case for Bell County, since local option was adopted in that county only a few months ago, the law going into effect on Christmas night.

The transfer agent stated that the number of prisoners turned over to him at this time was unusually large number for a town of this size. The largest number ever carried to the pen at one time since he has been on the job was when he carried eighty-six from the northern part of the state picking them up at Fort Worth, Dallas and the smaller towns in that section of the state. Of course he had some help to handle so great a number, but he left Ballinger with the convicts received here single-handed, having the men chained together.

Court Takes Up Civil Docket.

The civil docket was called Wednesday morning, and the first case on the docket was that of S.

M. Cameron vs. F. & M. Bank, debt suit. Judge Goodwin sustained a motion made by the defendants for a continuance.

The second case called was that of O. H. Green vs. C. L. Green, suit on promissory note. The court went into the trial of this case at ten o'clock and the greater part of the day was consumed in trying the case.

OIL DEVELOPMENTS.

N. K. Freeman and Peter Awalt, of Rowena, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and left a nice line of job work at the Ballinger Printing Co., dealing with their oil well proposition on the Wagoner land near their city.

They now have everything in shape to begin upon a test well and will go down at least 3500 feet if necessary and all are very sanguine of striking oil in the near future.

THOSE SUDDEN TWINGES

Bring Suffering to Many a Ballinger Reader.

Pain is nature's signal of distress.

A warning not to be ignored. Those sharp twinges in the back—

Those sudden, stab-like pains when stooping.

Are frequent signs of kidney trouble.

To remove kidney pains you must assist the kidneys.

Use a tested and proven kidney remedy.

None more highly endorsed than Doan's Kidney Pills.

Endorsed abroad—endorsed at home.

Read Ballinger testimony.

G. W. Newman, preacher, 906 Sealy Ave., Ballinger says: "My kidneys were out of order. I suffered from dull, throbbing pains across my loins. I often had such sharp catches in my back, I could hardly straighten. The kidney secretions passed irregularly and annoyed me greatly. Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store, put my back in good shape and rid me of kidney complaint."

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

The Cash Grocery Company wants your butter and eggs. 28-3rd-ltw.

Watch the Fords Go By.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

E. A. Hearndon, of Abilene stopped over Sunday to visit his friend, W. E. Branch, and family, on his way home from Miles.

Lawrence Wardlow left Saturday for his ranch near Sonora after a few months visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlow.

Miss Catherine Hinde visited in Winters Friday.

Miss Leota Scott has returned home from Kerville, where she spent a few weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. Boase, who recently moved to Ballinger from Temple, spent last week with her friend, Mrs. J. W. Black.

ELBERTA PEACH.

Notice to Wool Growers

It will soon be shearing time, and if you want wool sacks please advise me at once the exact number desired.

R. G. ERWIN, Secty.

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H. A. Mitchell of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Dr. J. T. Boon of Glen Cove, came in Tuesday to accompany Mr. Mack, who was operated upon in the afternoon for appendicitis at the Halley & Love sanitarium, and is doing nicely at present.

Elo Michaelis, one of the prominent young stock farmers of the Wingate country, was serving as a juror this week in the District Court.

August Seipp of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Attorney J. B. Dibrell of Coleman, was looking after legal business in the District Court in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milam of Winters, who had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Rad Brown and family, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Cecil Glenn of the firm of Dunn & Glenn, left Tuesday afternoon for Coleman to visit friends and to look after business affairs a day or two.

J. W. Tippett of the Crews country, and Aug. and A. C. Herring of Talpa, J. P. Knight of the Winters country, and J. R. Harris and S. D. Williams of Hatchel, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging
Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave

Up in Despair. Husband

Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

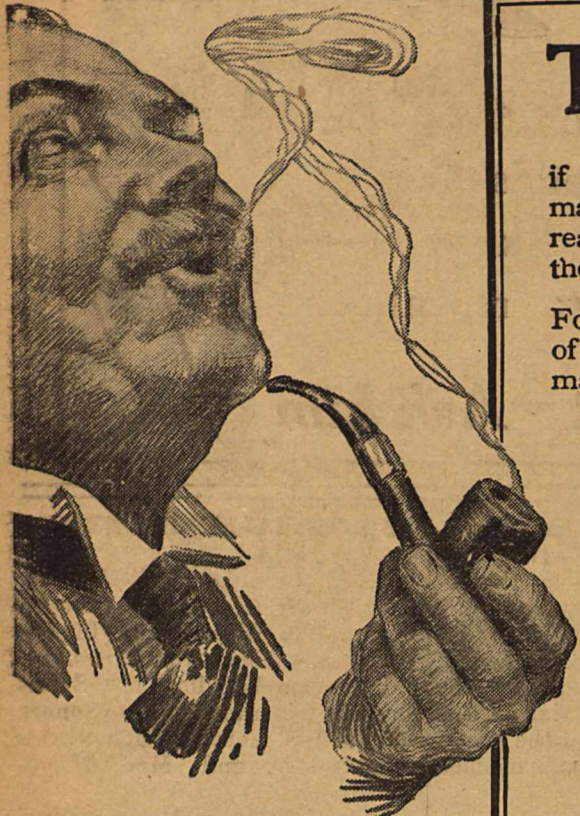
The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women" in plain wrapper.



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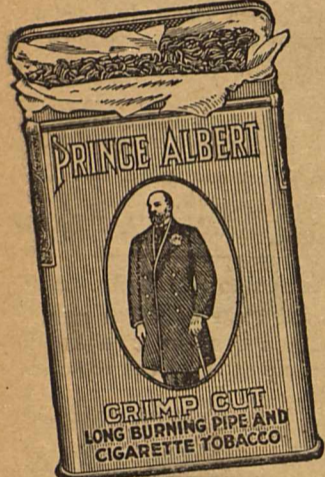
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is so friendly to your tongue and taste that it is mighty easy to get acquainted with. You'll like every pipeful or cigarette *better than the last* because it is so cool and fragrant and long-burning. You'll just sit back and ponder why you have kept away from such joy'us smokings for so long a time!

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WANTS HIS ROAD FIXED GOOD FIRST

Mr. Editor:—Let me say something about this road tax election. In the first place I am for the road tax, but an idea projects itself into this question; how about the distribution of funds? I am advised that every precinct can use its own money, but will the roads situated eight or ten miles from the county seat get an equal share? Heretofore it has been the custom to work from Ballinger out and before going very far out the funds have been exhausted. Why not make a change and work to Ballinger from the outside line of the roads district? Do you ketch me?
S. D. WILLIAMS.

Yes, we get your idea, Mr. Williams, but we do not think the question you raise is sufficient grounds for defeating the tax issue, even if the court did see fit to begin work at Ballinger, which we do not know that they will do.

However, did it ever occur to you that all the roads can not be made first-class from the first year levy of the fifteen cent tax? If you were serving the county as commissioner would you not be in favor of working the roads that were used most first, and extend the work just as fast as the money could be collected? And did you not know that the nearer you came to Ballinger the worse you will find the roads, because the travel is heavier? Again, what difference does it make which end of the road you are going to travel over is put in good shape first? And would it not be better to have five miles of good roads and five miles of bad roads than to have ten miles of bad road?

We believe that the commissioners court will handle the twelve or fifteen thousand dollars to be raised annually for the best interest of the people of their respective precincts. However, the money will not all be placed at their disposal to be expended at once, as would be the case in a bond issue, and if they make mis-

takes they can profit by them, and when our roads are in good shape the tax levy can be decreased or cut out entirely. Remember that the court has authority to levy fixed at the maximum of fifteen cents for the first year, and decreased each year following, and whatever they think is necessary, not to exceed fifteen cents, and it is possible that the levy will be in a few years our regular road tax will be sufficient to take care of the work, after the roads are once put in good shape.

We should not allow any isms or ideas as to how we think the funds should be expended, or which man's road is worked first, to defeat the proposition. Let's make it unanimous.—Editor.

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.

McCHRISTAN-RUSSELL

At the home of Rev. J. W. Bost, he officiating, the marriage vows were spoken at 1 o'clock Monday, that united in matrimony Mr. W. W. McChristan and Mrs. Ruth Russell, prominent citizens of the Hylton country.

DAMERON-DOYLE

Rev. G. W. Newman, at his residence, officiated at the marriage services in which Mr. Lorne Dameron and Miss Ruby Doyle, were united in marriage. Mr. Dameron is a prominent young farmer of the Valley creek country and Miss Dyle is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Doyle of the Valley creek country. The Ledger is glad to join friends in congratulatory and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the happy young couple.

MORELAND-WYNING

Rev. G. W. Newman spoke the beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony Thursday afternoon at his residence in Ballinger, that United in marriage Mr. J. T. Moreland and Miss Pearl Myning, in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. Mr. Moreland is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moreland, and is a young man of sterling worth and ability and the bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wying and all popular and highly es-

teemed citizens southeast of Ballinger. The Ledger joins a host of friends in best wishes and congratulations for the happy young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith returned to Ballinger Thursday from an extended visit to New Mexico and Mr. Smith says he is back for "keeps" as there is no other place that looks as good as Ballinger and Runnels county to him.

The Cash Meat Market, Turner and Chapman, proprietors, have just installed an electric meat scales for use in their meat market and it is sanitary and accurate in every respect.

We are sorry to note that W. S. Harman was seriously ill at his home in the city Thursday.

Miss Ruth Grundy

Word was received in Ballinger Wednesday of the marriage of Miss Ruth Grundy, formerly of Ballinger, and Percy Davis, formerly of Miles. The marriage took place at the home of Mrs. Shelton, a friend of the contracting parties, in Abilene, the county judge of Taylor county, Judge Over-shiner, performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Grundy, and is well known in Ballinger where she spent most of her early life. The man of her choice is the son of Sam Davis, formerly of Miles, and is also well known here.

Mrs. Grundy was due in Ballinger this week on a visit to friends, but the unexpected marriage of her daughter caused her to postpone her visit. The wedding is the climax of one of those cases where cupid has its way.

The friends of the contracting parties in Ballinger will join The Ledger in best wishes for a happy life.

To The Hen—Oh, Lovely Hen!

Alas, my child, where is the Pen that can do justice to the Hen! Like Royalty, she goes her way Laying foundations every day Though not for Public Buildings, yet

For Custard, Cake and Omelette. Or, if too old for such a use They have their fling at some abuse,

As when to censure plays unfit. Upon the stage they make a hit, Or at elections seal the fate Of an obnoxious candidate. No wonder, child, we prize the Hen, Whose egg is mightier than the pen.

—Selected.

W. G. Chapman, of South Ballinger, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and had just returned from a fishing trip near Stacy, and reports that section awful dry and desolate looking.

NO RELIEF FOR BAD CROSSING

It will be remembered that the city, through both the Business League and the city administration, has been trying for some time to get the Santa Fe to remedy the bad crossing on the Ballinger Winters road just east of Ballinger. Secretary Burges, of the Business League, recently had a survey made and a map drawing, outlining what changes the people desired made, and submitted these with a strong appeal to the Santa Fe asking the railroad company to take up the matter and give the traveling public relief. Today Mr. Burges received a letter from the Santa Fe which says in part: "The undercrossing at this location would be at least ten feet below high water, which would put ten feet of water in the crossing every time there was a high rise in Elm creek. Drainage conditions are such that an undercrossing at this location is impossible. I have recommended, however, that we install an electric bell at this crossing.

"With reference to the unfortunate accident at crossing west of Ballinger recently, I believe that you will agree with me that condition of the crossing had nothing whatever to do with the accident, and that same would have happened if the crossing had been paved with brick."

The above letter, we understand, is being treated as definite in the efforts made to get relief for this bad crossing. While the electric bell will help some in lessening the danger to the traveling public, it is far short of what the people want. At present the approaches to this crossing are almost impassable. On the south side of the railroad, especially, chug holes not only make rough traveling but adds to the danger, for it is a daily occurrence for autos to go dead trying to get over these holes.

With reference to the high water mark interfering with the undercrossing proposition, we can't agree with the Santa Fe official who wrote the above letter. We know nothing about railroad building, and very little about the high water mark of Elm creek, but it does not take a surveyor's level to tell that the lowest point required for the building of a passage way under the Santa Fe at this place would not be as high, and we believe several feet higher than the public road at the foot of the public bridge on Elm creek, and when the overflow from the creek passing around the bridge the public road can not be used anyway. It is also a well known fact that the high water sufficient to overflow the approaches to the bridge, and which according to the Santa Fe would overflow the undercrossing does not come on an average of once in ten years.

As to comparison of the crossing west of town where the fatal accident recently occurred to the crossing in question, there is no comparison. The west crossing is on level ground and a train can be seen coming from either direction for two or three miles, while the crossing in question makes a steep grade necessary, and people traveling on this road can neither see trains coming or see parties coming from the opposite direction until they have reached the summit of the dump. The prediction is made almost daily that the cost to the Santa Fe as the result of accidents will some day be expensive. The condition of the crossing is such that as a rule people are careful in traveling this way, but some day the precaution will be forgotten by the reckless driver, and then the story will be "I told you so."

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, cures the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

J. M. Hinkle and son Carl, of the Crews country, came in Saturday to accompany Mrs. C. E. McVay and little son, who were en route home to Hillsboro, after a pleasant visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hinkle.

F. Voelker and two daughters, of the Hatchel country, Jake Stubblefield and J. M. Mackey of Norton, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Hon. Jim Callan of Ft. Worth, recently elected president of the Cattle Raisers Association, came in Tuesday at noon to look after business interests in this county a few days.

8 KILLED; FIRE LOSS IS HEAVY

The Ledger received a bulletin Sunday telling of the burning of the County Club at San Antonio at three o'clock Sunday morning and the burning to death of six prominent people. Later reports brought the details of the awful tragedy.

The fire followed a Saturday evening party given at the County Club just outside the city limits of San Antonio, by Mr. and Mrs. Talbot La Puelle. Those who died in the flames, had retired to their rooms in the club, and were cut off from escape by the flames which gained good headway before the fire was discovered by the steward of the club.

Those dead are: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walthall and their maid, Ellen Cockrell, of San Antonio; Judge J. E. Webb (of San Antonio; Mrs. Maco Stewart, of Galveston, and wife of the president of the Stuart Guaranty and Title Co., of Galveston; Homer Jones, Vice president of the Stuart Guaranty and Title Co.

Judge Walthall, succeeded Attorney General Lightfoot, when Judge Lightfoot resigned, and later Judge Walthall made the race for attorney general against the present attorney general, B. F. Looney, and there was only three or four thousand votes between the two candidates. All the other parties burned in the fire following the Saturday night's frolic, were prominent in society of the South Texas cities.

2 Children Burned in Oklahoma

While their parents were absent from the home Saturday afternoon, the two little girls, ages five and three, of Mr. and Mrs. Jaek Balle, were burned to death at Altus, Okla. The mother had gone to a nearby neighbor's and the home was nearly burned up when she returned, and her children had been cremated in the building.

Half Million Fire at Houston.

Fire starting in the cotton sheds of the M. K. & T. railroad at Houston early Sunday afternoon, destroyed those buildings, the Heitman warehouse, one large rooming house, 48 freight cars and damaged other property, at loss estimated to be one-half million dollars. The fire company had trouble in controlling the fire on account of the high wind that was blowing throughout Sunday.

GIRLS! THICKEN AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR AND STOP DANDRUFF

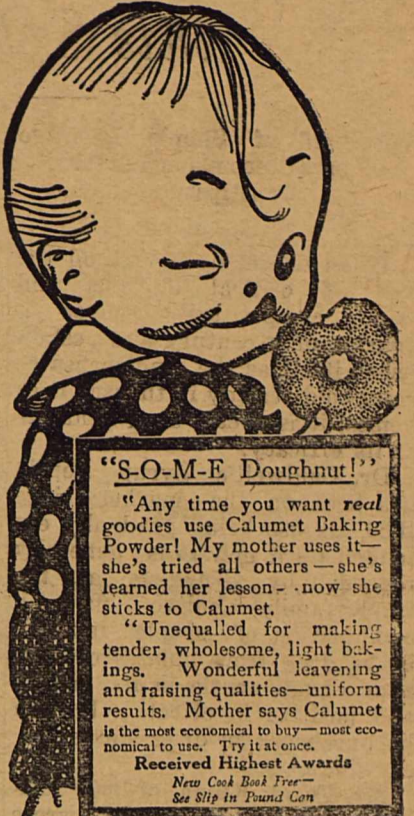
Try this! Your hair gets wavy, glossy and abundant at once.

To be possessed of a head of heavy beautiful hair; soft lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff is merely a matter of using a little Danderine.

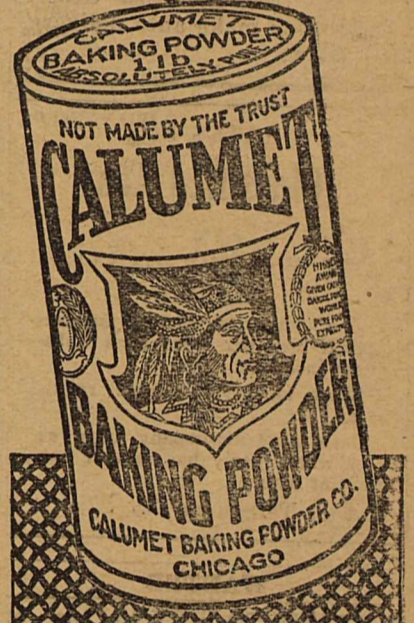
It is easy and inexpensive to have nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine now—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed and within ten minutes there will be an appearance of abundance, freshness, fluffiness and an incomparable gloss and lustre, and try as you will you can not find a trace of dandruff or falling hair; but your real surprise will be after about two weeks' use, when you will see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp—Danderine is, we believe, the only sure hair grower, destroyer of dandruff and cure for itchy scalp and it never fails to stop falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

B. N. Wortham of the Benoit country, I. M. Turner of the New Home neighborhood, S. A. Hargroves of Millersview, and H. H. Ratchford of Paint Rock, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.



"S-O-M-E Doughnut!" "Any time you want real goodies use Calumet Baking Powder! My mother uses it—she's tried all others—she's learned her lesson—now she sticks to Calumet. "Unequalled for making tender, wholesome, light bikkings. Wonderful leavening and raising qualities—uniform results. Mother says Calumet is the most economical to buy—most economical to use. Try it at once. Received Highest Awards. New Cook Book Free—See Slip in Packet Case."



Cheap and big can Baking Powders do not save you money. Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

GIRL MURDERED AT OAK CLIFF

DALLAS, Tex. March 27.—Miss Zola Cramer, 26 years old, a trained nurse was criminally assaulted and murdered on the High school grounds at Oak Cliff, last night. Miss Cramer had just returned from a week's visit at Edom Van Zandt County, Texas. No clue has been uncovered to the identity of the murderer by detectives working on the case.

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R. R. and W. R. Ash, and E. B. Warmock of the Marie country, Sam Briley of the Winters country, and J. D. Moreland, southeast of Ballinger were among the number here at district court Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Thomas and Mrs. C. F. Osgood, of the Marie country and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gray and son, of Crews, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

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- Satnday, April 1 and Monday, April 3
- 48 pieces enameled ware (many kinds) each19c
 - 48 pieces enameled wash basins, each10c
 - One lot blue and white enameled ware, each39c
 - All dress gingham, yard8 1-2c
 - Men's 50c work shirts, each39c
 - 75c lamps (complete)58c
 - Men's Nainsook underwear25c
 - Garden seed, 2 packages for5c
 - 48 frying pans, worth 20c, now10c
 - 1 lot Ribbons, all colors, wide, only the yard10c
 - Ladies' trimmed hats \$3.50 value each\$1.98

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