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**SOMETHING NEW**

Lyon & Healy's Pianos  
 The World's Largest Music House.  
 Terms to suit you. Come and see them.  
**J. P. Martindale, 120 8th Street.**

**PROS GAIN  
 IN TUESDAY  
 ELECTION**

*By United Press.*  
 CHICAGO, April 5.—The returns from Tuesday elections show a big gain for the prohibitionists in Illinois and Wisconsin. A Socialist mayor was elected for the city of Milwaukee. La Follette was turned down by the Republicans in Wisconsin.

In Michigan, where the names of Henry Ford and Senator Smith were placed on the presidential primary ticket the count was so close that it will require an official count to determine the choice of the Michigan Republicans for president.

**NEW GAS WELL IN  
 SANTA ANNA FIELD**

Santa Anna, April 5.—J. A. Robertson & Son brought in another gas well on the Pitman lease yesterday. This well is near their pipe line that supplies the city of Santa Anna with natural gas and will be used to increase the supply.

The bringing in of the small gas wells leads the oil people to believe that there is a large oil and gas field in this section and that all the towns within reach of the field will soon be supplied with natural gas.

Operations were suspended for some time on account of shortage of water for boiler purposes. Since the rain renewed activity is being manifested and several new rigs are expected to enter the field.

**LEFT FOR HOT SPRINGS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. F. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom left Tuesday afternoon for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will spend several weeks recuperating.

Sam T. Wood of the Mud creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and while here renewed with The Banner-Ledger and Dallas News and also continues to send The Banner-Ledger to his daughter, Mrs. Ella Foreman of Mullin.

**PAY SCHOOL TO  
 BEGIN MONDAY**

This week closes the seventh month of the public free school and as announced several times recently through this paper and otherwise, the remainder of the term will be conducted on a pay tuition basis. Prof. P. C. Peters, principal of the central school and Prof. and Mrs. T. D. Mullins, of the South Ward school, will drop out and will leave for their respective homes. The remainder of the teachers will stay on the job for six weeks longer and complete the term. All the schools except the South Ward school and the pupils from that school who have agreed to pay tuition will be transferred to the central school.

In discussing the situation Tuesday Superintendent Fleming stated that there was an increase from day to day in the enrollment being made up for the pay term. Quite a number of the patrons who had not signified their willingness or desire to keep their children in school, have sent in tuition, and the list will be increased considerably from what was shown in the report made in this paper a week or ten days ago when 343 had been enrolled for the pay term and 239 had declined to enroll while 102 had not stated what they would do.

Several public spirited citizens who have no children in the school have volunteered to pay for tuitions and have handed in their check. This is to be commended and we trust others will do so, and thereby help the children who are desiring in their school work and who have expressed a desire to remain in school.

**A SCHOOL PICNIC AT  
 TOKEEN, TEXAS**

There will be a school picnic at Tokeen, Texas, on Friday, April 28th. There will be two basket ball games and a base ball game and plenty of cold drinks, also dinner on the ground. All candidates are invited. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring filled baskets.

Paschal Armstrong of the Valley Creek country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Fort Worth on a short business trip.

**VILLA FLEEING SOUTH;  
 PESSIMISM PREVAILS**

*By United Press.*

SAN ANTONIO, April 5.—With Villa headed towards Parral and his escape from the American troops around Guerrero, has caused a wave of pessimism to prevail over army headquarters. Gen. Funston announced today that the pursuit would continue south, and that more troops and better transportation facilities would be necessary.

Funston received notice from the war department at Washington today that 108 more new motor trucks were en route to Columbus, to be used in transporting supplies to army bases along the border and to the interior of Mexico. Gen. Funston's chief of staff declared that it would be absolutely necessary for the American troops to have use of the railroads south of Chihuahua and that the expedition could not be successfully carried on by depending on auto truck services alone.

Information coming through Mexican sources today stated

that Villa had been located to the southeast of Cmargo, near Santa Rosalia.

The morning papers carry an account of another clash between American troops and Villistas. According to the report a detachment of the Tenth Cavalry under the command of Col. Brown, struck the bandits Saturday near Agua Prieta, and killed forty of them. The report reaching Gen. Pershing and transmitted to Gen. Funston was not official and did not come direct from Col. Brown. The report came through friendly Mexicans, who said that the Tenth Cavalry caught the Villistas by surprise while they were grazing their horses and killed forty of them before they could get away and captured the horses of the dead bandits. The report failed to say whether any Americans were killed or wounded.

Communication with Gen. Pershing is very slow and unsatisfactory and it is now claimed that it will take many more troops to adjust matters in Mexico.

**FUMIGATING WITH  
 DEADLY POISON**

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Those contemplating moving into a new house and especially those about to reoccupy country homes or rent summer cottages which may harbor vermin would do well before the actually occupy these houses to consider fumigating with hydrocyanic-acid gas to eradicate bedbugs and other pests. This gas, as well as the sodium cyanid from which it is made, however, is one of the most poisonous substances known and the inhalation of a few breaths of the gas will result in death unless the victim be promptly rescued. For this reason those contemplating its use should first read carefully Farmers' Bulletin 699, Hydrocyanic Acid Gas Against Household Insects, recently issued by the Department. This bulletin by L. O. Howard and C. H. Popenoe, describes in detail the manner in which the gas is manufactured and used and the precautions which must be taken to avoid accident.

**OIL PAINTINGS.**

Through the courtesy of R. T. Williams of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., Miss Etta Mae Downes, a student of Daniel Baker College of Brownwood, has a display of beautiful oil paintings done by the young lady and represents some beautiful landscapes, flowers, fruits, etc., and shows conclusively the artist hand in each and every picture. Miss Downes will arrive in our city in a few days with the view of getting a class in oil painting. Her father, who has been in our city for some time past is figuring on moving his family to Ballinger to make their home as soon as they can secure a suitable residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker and baby, who had been visiting relatives at Hamlin returned home Monday night, and Mr. Baker reports heavy rains in that section last week.

Watch the Fords Go By.

**VOLUNTEER FIREMEN  
 IN BUSY MEETING**

The Ballinger Volunteer Fire Co. met Tuesday night and transacted considerable business. This was the regular monthly meeting and two new members, Buddie Cline and Ralph Willingham, were balloted on and received.

The annual dues to the state association were ordered paid and the secretary was authorized to send in the names of the delegates and necessary credentials for those who will attend the state meet from Ballinger.

B. W. Pileher, L. Cohen, Carl Dunn and H. C. Fletcher were appointed as a committee to meet with the city council and discuss a proposition to be submitted to the city looking to the purchase of an auto fire truck.

The boys are practicing several times each week getting in shape for the state meet and a good strong team will go from Ballinger and strive to bring back some of the prize money.

**SECOND ELECTION  
 WILL BENEFICIAL**

W. C. Penn and J. M. Garlington were elected aldermen in Tuesday's election, while W. A. Tally and J. S. Collins tied for the third place. The order called for the election of three aldermen to make up the board of five for the ensuing year. R. A. Nicholson and C. C. Cockrell are the holdovers. Unless one of the candidates withdraw it will be necessary to hold another election to vote off the tie.

Following is the vote polled: W. C. Penn 187; J. M. Garlington 152; J. L. McWhirter 96; W. A. Tally 136; J. S. Collins 136.

At a meeting of the city council held Wednesday morning an order was passed authorizing the mayor to call an election to vote off the tie, and the mayor has set the date for the election on Wednesday, April 12.

**NEUTRAL  
 VESSELS  
 ARE SUNK**

*By United Press.*

LONDON, April 5.—Submarines continue to raid and destroy steamers and torpedo subjects of neutral countries. Within the last twenty-four hours four steamers have been torpedoed, three of which were flying neutral flags.

**CECIL A. LYON DEAD AT  
 SHERMAN**

SHERMAN, Tex., April 5.—Brig. Gen. Cecil A. Lyon, Texas national guard, died at his home here last night.

Cecil Andrew Lyon was born Nov. 2, 1869, at Boston, Ga. At the time of his death he was vice president and general manager of the Hardeman County Irrigation company, a director in the Merchants & Planters National Bank, Sherman, Texas, president of the Lyon-Gray Lumber Co.; a director in the Great Southern Life Insurance Co., and one of the receivers of the International & Great Northern railroad. He became receiver of the road Aug. 10, 1914, and since then spent most of his time in Houston. During the time the Kirby Lumber Co. was in receivership, General Lyon was one of the receivers.

He became a member of the republican state executive committee in his twenty-first year and from 1900 until the formation of the progressive party he was chairman of the committee. He was a member of the republican national committee from 1904 until the formation of the progressive party in 1912, when he became the Texas member of the progressive national committee. He was a delegate to the republican national conventions of 1896 and 1900 and delegate at large in 1904 and 1908. He was a member of the Loyal Legion.

**FORMER BALLINGER  
 MAN HONORED**

Dr. T. O. Luckett was yesterday appointed county physician by the board of supervisors, succeeding Dr. F. H. Carter who held the office since January, 1915.

The selection of Dr. Luckett yesterday met with hearty approval on the part of the doctor's friends. The appointment came in the form of a surprise to Dr. Luckett, who did not know he was being considered for the place. He has practiced in El Centro and the valley for four years. He is considered especially suited to the office of county physician for this county, as he had extensive experience with tropical diseases while a resident of Colon, Panama, for more than six years, and conditions here are in some ways similar to those on the Isthmus.—El Centro Daily El Centro, California.

Dr. Luckett is an old Ballinger boy, is a brother of Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, and his old friends here will be glad to learn of his success in his chosen profession.

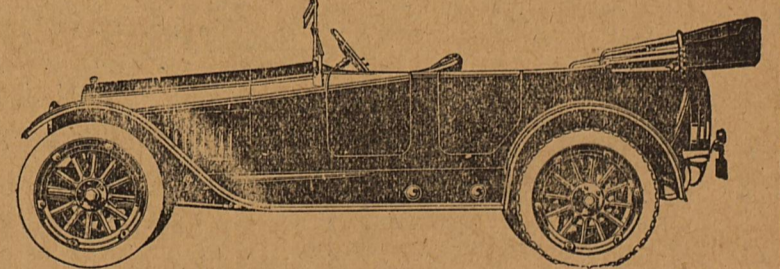
**BIG GAINS IN MILES SCHOOL**

Miles, April 4.—Supt. J. C. Wells reports that the scholastic census shows an increase of 122 or 40 per cent over last year, total 423. The school is very much crowded due to the children moving in after they were enrolled at other places last year. School will close May 19th.

Almost three inches of rain have fallen here in the last 24 hours and it is still raining. This will put the country in fine shape. The grass was beginning to come and will now grow rapidly while most of the farmers had their land broke and will begin planting right away.

Mrs. Lloyd Brown and little son of San Antonio, who had been visiting relatives in Ballinger the past several weeks left Tuesday afternoon for Belton, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. George Kearney awhile before going on home.

**W. A. Nance Henry Jones**



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

- 1 Brush, will run, \$40.00 cash.
- 1 Overland, dandy good car, tires all good, cost \$1100 will sell for \$350; \$200 cash balance \$12.50 per month. This car is worth \$500.
- 1 Auburn, 5 passenger, electric starter and lights, spare rim and tire, cost \$1850; will sell at \$450; \$250 cash balance next fall. A snap for some one on an up-to-date car.
- 1 new Ford will sell for \$15.00 off list.
- 1 4 passenger Metz, cost \$650 good as new, will take \$250 \$150 cash balance \$10 per month.

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

**BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY**  
 Opposite Court House Lawn. Telephone Number 505

**Banking  
 Essentials.**

1. Absolute SAFETY and ability to SERVE FULLY
2. CORDIAL and COURTEOUS TREATMENT of all patrons, be their accounts large or small.

This large, fast-growing, safe, solid, and progressive conservative bank meets the above requirements

Steady growth proves it.

...The...  
**Winters State Bank**

Winters, Texas

Correspondence Invited

**Tell the Truth Advertising**

When advertising lacks the TRUTH it is clearly a case of deception—some stores, seem to think that extraordinary promises and high sounding adjectives attract attention. They do the first time—but the advertising that pulls and continues to pull is TRUTH. There is no middle "TRUTH" in advertising—it is either true or not true—Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack cannot afford to misstate the facts—and our customers can always rely on one thing—that this merchandise advertised is just as represented.

**Tell the Truth Advertising**

# A Splendid Display of Seasonable Merchandise

Throughout The Length and Breadth of This Entire Store

**In Every Department**—are hundreds of new, fresh, seasonable items of merchandise, which we invite you to come and see. Items that have quality in them and are sold at the right price.

**Never in This Store's History**—has the selection been as good as this season. We have specialized in each department and have bought liberally of the kinds of merchandise, such as the people of Ballinger, and Ballinger's trade territory demand.

**We Invite You to Come**—In bringing together this mammoth stock of merchandise, we lay claim to more of your future business and believe that we are justified in asking for it.

**Our Store Service**—Each department is represented by a competent head, who is capable of buying and buying the right merchandise, and at the right price, which is being sold at a fair and legitimate price. Plenty of capable, painstaking salesmen and sales ladies, to look after your every need.

**Our Prices**—they are fair, they are just, and that is the reason why this store is growing in favor, why a customer who once trades at this house, remains its friend, and knows it is a safe place to trade—**Some time Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack—Why Not Today?**

## Soft Taffeta SILKS

Many shades of a good weight at—

**\$1.00**

They are the soft clinging kinds—in the solid shades and the two tone combination colors—there is no fabric this season which is better for the making of waists and costumes, and very economical, being 36 inches wide

## Pretty Fresh NECKWEAR

You should see the styles which are being shown at—

**75c**

No daintier designs can be found, and the materials on which they are embroidered, it is of extra sheer quality. These are collar and cuffs to match, and will brighten up any dress and add to its looks.

## Soft Sheer WASH GOODS

Many are the good weaves we show at—

**25c**

Sheer qualities in plain weaves, wide and narrow satin stripes also lace cloth, in widths of 32 and 36 inches, which will make an inexpensive waist, as it will self trim itself.

## A Complete Showing HOSIERY

We only tell you about the good styles which are—

**25c**

A brilliant black lisle of gauge weight, which has a long staple cotton spliced sole and heel, wide garter tops, these hose are extra value at the price.

## The Wanted Kinds DRAPERY

A nice assortment which are priced at—

**25c**

Plain grenadines with heavy borders and hemstitched edges, floral and conventional borders, also rice grenadines with floral borders, white and cream etamines with midé satin borders.

## Crepe-de-Chine SILKS

No silk holds a stronger favor than these at—

**\$1.00**

Never were the soft kinds of silk more in demand than this season, scarce and hard to get you'll find all the colors here. Maize, pink, light blue, Copenhagen, Myrtle, Nile and lavender.

## There's no end to the Good Things in Our Staples

This department is particularly strong this season with choice dependable merchandises—such as in use every day, and we believe our prices are reasonable—quality considered.

### DOMESTIC The Hope Brand

You know the quality for it's the best 36 inch soft, finished, just the right weight, priced at .....10c

### SHEETING Bleached Peperell

Has been the standard of sheeting since your childhood, and measures the width marked, 81 inches wide for ..... 30c

### GINGHAMS Special Dress Style

Every conceivable color in combination plaids, small checks, also solid colors, extra smooth quality, priced at ..... 10c

### SHIRTING Chevoit Weights

Solid blue, and fancy stripes, in the extra stout kinds for the making of work shirts for men and boys, priced at .....10c

### GALETEA A Good Cloth

For the making of middies—boy's wash suits—a real laundry material in stripes and solid colors, priced at 15c

### WHITE PIQUE A light Weight

A small cord of medium weight, for the making of skirts, suits and boy's waists—a smooth even weave, priced at .....15c

## A Big Showing of Authentic Styles In Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Easter will soon be here, hundreds of women are thinking and talking about new clothes. Never in this store's history has this store been better equipped to meet the demands of the public. Never has the store looked more interesting—beautiful new goods exquisite new fashions are here in abundance.

Many have already bought in our ready-to-wear section, more are to buy, when they become acquainted with the many pretty styles we have.

### Silk Dresses

Everything about the new silk dresses suggests daintiness and individual style so necessary in spring apparel. Soft taffetas and Georgette are used extensively in the making and when combined with Crepe-de-Chine and Chiffon, you have the most charming effects. Draperies are very much in evidence in these charming styles.

Priced upward from \$12.50

### Other Dresses

To attempt a description of the pretty, dainty styles we have in sheer dresses we would use the word "beautiful" every othertime. The materials are charming and developed into a wonderful array of attractive designs.

Some are white with touches of color, others are sheer stripes, some are of sheer materials in flowers. Made with frills, ruffles and over draperies, a noticeable feature are the skirts which are the distended or full kinds. Priced upward from \$5.00.

### Beautiful Skirts

Never were skirts more beautiful than this season—never were the materials more beautiful—never did the styles portray a more varience—the most striking designs for years—never were the colorings more conspicuous than this season. It seems that there is no plaid too large or stripe too wide to be worked up into a beautiful dressy skirt. **Black Taffetas**, a good selection of this wanted fabric, made into beautiful skirts you should see. Priced upward from \$5.00.

### Children's Wear

**For the "Little Miss"**—Pretty styles in gingham, which are well made in single and two piece styles, garments which are well made at prices that are reasonable. Priced upwards from 50c.

**Cute Little Suits for Cute Little Boys.**—Made of extra quality stripe galetea, for the little fellow with his first pants, a middy style blouse with straight pants, also whites cut on the same lines. Priced upwards from 75c.

## You'll Find a Real Complete Stock Ladies' Underwear

From the cheap kinds, but which are good values at the price—to the better kinds—our stock is complete.

### RIBBED VESTS Cut Very Full

Bleached pure white, taped arms and neck, which are cut right, and will feel right, priced at .....10c

### BLEACHED VESTS A Special Grade

A gauge weight of beautiful quality, silk taped arms and neck, cut on the style which will stay on the shoulders, priced at .....15c

### LISLE VESTS A Good One

A light weight, which is very elastic, silk trimmed neck and arms, cut very full, a specially good grade at 25c

### UNION SUITS Well Made

A ribbed garment which is cut full, very narrow shoulder straps, knit trimmed bottoms, a good grade for ..35c

### RIBBED UNIONS Very Elastic

Torchon lace trimmed bottoms, silk taped neck, buttonholed tops, low cut fronts bleached snow white, priced at ..... 50c

### LISLE UNIONS A Gauge Weight

A beautiful silk lisle garment of standard cut, ribbon taped arms and necks, thread lace trimmed bottoms priced at .....\$1.00

### Good Serviceable Brasseries

Style of the corsets demand the brassiere as a necessity. We are showing some exceptionally good models at the right price.

At 50c.

made of extra stout cambric, wide embroidery trimmed front and back, reinforced under arms, a well made garment at .....50c

At 75c.

a handsome cluny top, with cluny shoulder straps, cut from stout nainsook, a beautiful garment, priced at 75c

### Why Not Fit Your Dress Over a Splendid Model—

## FROM OUR CORSET DEPARTMENT

The most important feature in getting your clothes to look right is portrayed in the corset that you buy and wear—it must have the right style—but then you must consider comfort also—Thompson's Glove Fitting—have the essential points.

**At \$1.00**

a splendid model of batiste, with a low bust, and long boneless hips, 4 good stout hose supporters, priced at ....\$1.00

**At \$1.50**

a double boned model of stout batiste, long flare hips, satin and applique trimming tops, 6 Hold-fast supporters, priced at .....\$1.50

**At \$2.00**

a front lace model designed for stout figures, made of strong coutil, medium low bust, long hip, at .....\$2.00

**At \$3.50**

High grade models made of linen batiste and French coutil, front lace styles, with beautiful trimmings at top, priced at .....\$3.50

# Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

TELL THE TRUTH ADVERTISERS

### New Spring Neckwear

Dainty designs in ties and sheer white collars, which add very much to the appearance of your waists.

### NEW TIES

Crepe-de-chine Windsors in pastel shades of plaids, also fancy colored dots. They are new and priced at 25c

### NEW COLLARS

Sheer organdies and mulls with pretty embroidered designs and fancy edges, splendid designs, priced 50c

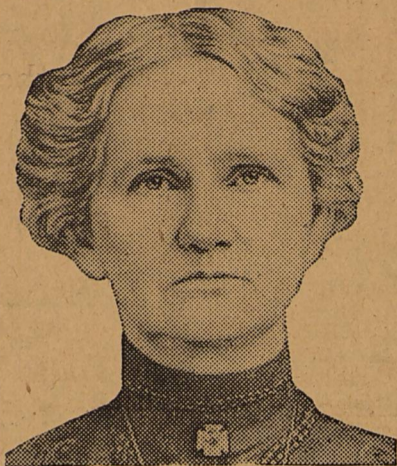
## The Standard Remedy in Countless Homes

Relieves Constipation Easily  
Without Gripping or  
Discomfort.

Indigestion and constipation are two conditions that are closely related and the cause of much physical suffering.

The tendency to indulge one's appetite is more or less general and most people suffer at one time or another from rebellion of the overtaxed organs of digestion and elimination. A pleasantly effective remedy, that will quickly relieve the congestion of poisonous stomach waste and restore regularity, is the compound of simple laxative herbs. Sold in drug stores for fifty cents a bottle under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This is a mild, pleasant laxative tonic, free from opiates or narcotic drugs, and has been the standard household remedy in thousands of homes for many years.

Mrs. Oliver Young, Merrill, Wis., writing to Dr. Caldwell, says she knows of nothing so effective for regulating the stomach and



Mrs. Oliver Young.

bowels; since taking Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin she feels ten years younger; her work seems easier and she has regained her appetite.

Get a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin from your druggist and have 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.

### Sheriff's Sale THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Rannels:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Rannels County, of the 5th day of April, 1916, by Mary Phillips, District Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Seven Thousand and Seventy Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgement in favor of Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Austin, Texas, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1753 and styled Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Austin vs. M. E. Harrell et al, placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins as Sheriff of Rannels County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of April 1916, levy on certain real estate, situated in Rannels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Rannels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 325 acres of land out of the Northeast corner of a 1280 acre survey, known as Abstract No. 456, Survey No. 541, originally granted to John Jacob Taylor by virtue of certificate No. 1446 and patented to M. T. Johnson, Assignee, July 27th., 1855, by patent No. 80, Volume 7, and which such 325 acres are more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the original North east corner of said Survey No. 541; thence South 75 West with original North boundary line 1334 varas to corner; thence South 15 East with East boundary line of a public road projected through said Survey 1376 varas to corner; thence North 75 East 1334 varas to a stake in original East boundary line of this survey; thence North 15 West 1375 varas to the place of beginning.

Levied upon as the property of Dan Moser and M. E. Harrell and that on the first Tuesday in May 1916, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Rannels County, in the city of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Dan Moser et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in the Banner-Ledger, a newspaper published in Rannels County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of April 1916.

J. D. PERKINS,  
Sheriff, Rannels County, Texas.  
3tw-7-14-21

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Bank & Trust Co. of Austin, Texas, vs. D. N. Cox et al, placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins, as Sheriff of Rannels County, Texas, did on the 5th day of April 1916, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Rannels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being all that certain tract or parcel of land out of block No. 2, of South Ballinger Addition to Ballinger and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Northeast corner of a two acre tract of land out of said block sold to E. W. Long by L. D. Evans and wife; thence North 60 West 81.05 varas to stake for corner; thence North 30 East 208.95 varas to a stake for corner; thence South 60 East 81.05 varas to stake for corner; thence South 30 West 208.95 varas to the place of beginning, containing 3 acres of land.

Levied upon as the property of D. N. Cox and that on the first Tuesday in May 1916, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Rannels County, in the city of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said D. N. Cox.

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J. D. PERKINS,  
Sheriff, Rannels County, Texas.  
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C. W. Harper, proprietor of the Brock Stable, ordered Tuesday The Banner-Ledger to the address of his friend, J. J. Mundy of Sweetwater, with his compliments.

Mrs. Frank Norton and little son, came in from San Angelo Tuesday afternoon, where they had been visiting relatives, and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Schooler, before returning to home at Goldthwaite.

### Insomnia.

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper, and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere.

Mrs. Fanny Chambers Iglehart, of Austin, came in Wednesday at noon to visit her nephew W. E. Chambers and family.

G. H. Dierschke of the Olfin country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and was in fine spirits over the recent splendid rains and says there will soon be plenty of work for all farm hands.

Ed Vernetta, of Houston, who had been looking after business interests in this section, passed thru Ballinger Thursday en route home.

## TO WIN OR DIE IN ATTEMPT

LONDON, April 6.—The Germans have captured the village of Haucourt nine miles Northwest of Verdun, and have resumed the offensive against the French along a wide stretch of the battle line. Reports received here say that the Germans are moving on a tremendous scale and expect to tear down the French fortifications or die in the attempt.

Ed Boyken, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

E. A. Jeanes, the produce man, had business at Talpa between trains Thursday.

W. F. McShan, of the Pony creek country, was in the city Tuesday to meet his daughter, Mrs. Euda Silvy and baby girl, of Brownwood, who came in at noon to visit her parents.

Rev. G. W. Green of South Ballinger, returned home Tuesday morning from a visit to friends at Miles. He had been over on the Concho fishing but got rained out and came to Miles to visit a few days before returning home.

B. F. Corum, the painter, has just finished the artistic touches with his paint brush on the J. J. Erwin home and the place is now certainly a beauty and adds very greatly to the looks of that part of the city.

Watch the Fords Go By.

### RATES FOR Classified Ads

IN  
THE WEEKLY BANNER-  
LEDGER  
One cent per word first insertion.  
Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.  
Black face type double regular rate.  
Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.  
Call Telephone No. 27.

### WANTED

WANTED—Your hogs. Highest market price paid for hogs. J. H. Taylor, Ballinger, Phone 3302. 6-2td2tw.

WANTED—Man and wife to stay on farm, man to help with farm work, wife to keep house for man and children. Apply to A. F. Lee Maverick or Ledger office. 1-3dlw

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

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.

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

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two scholarships in Tyler Business College. If you contemplate going to a business college, you can not beat this one. For particulars call on or address the Ballinger Printing Co. tfdw

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.

### POSTED

#### Trespass 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

### LOST.

LOST—Escaped or stolen from my lot Tuesday night one red roan horse, 16 1-2 hands, long bodied, if branded will be U on jaw. Shod all round. Will pay liberal reward for horse or information. Notify J. D. Perkins, or E. P. Talbott at Pierce-Fordyce Oil Co.

### YOUNG MAN, YOUNG WOMAN, BE A CHIN UPPER.

You do just four things and no more. You think; you remember; you imagine; you act. When you learn to think better, remember better, imagine better or act better, you are increasing your efficiency, and, therefore your income. You may feel you are very successful now. Suppose you are; it isn't a question of what you know, but of how beneficial a practical business education will be to you in addition to what you already know. Did you ever stop to think that eighty-five per cent of the men of this country are only earning \$15 per week or less? That ninety-two per cent fail in business between the ages of 40 and 50? That ninety-five per cent have no money at the age of 60? You will agree with us that to violate a part of the laws of business means partial failure, and to violate all the laws means complete failure. You are also aware that to observe part of the laws of business means partial success, and to observe all of the laws of business mean complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher per cent of the laws of success and, therefore, enable you to be nearer the maximum success. The late Prof. James, of Harvard declares that the average man only uses ten per cent of his brain power. Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man? Even that would mean you are only using twenty per cent of your maximum possibilities. The purpose of our course is to produce a maximum of proficiency with a minimum effort. The business world wants thinkers and doers. There's a famine of high priced men today; there are thousands of men worth a thousand dollars a year, but only a few worth ten thousand a year. Be the latter kind of a man; you can if you will. We know that a man is worth only about \$2.00 a day from the chin down, selling muscle, but as high as a hundred thousand dollars a year from the chin up, selling brain. Be a chin upper and sell the higher type of brains! you can't afford to be a chin downer; there's no room for such a man in the high salaried class. We have been very successful in getting men out of the eighty-five, the ninety-two and the ninety-five per cent class. Why not let us help you? We have been marvelously successful in raising salaries, as it conclusively proven by the letters in our catalogue from former students. Take our thorough practical course of Book-keeping, Business Administration and Finance, Shorthand, Stenotypewriting, Cotton Classing, or Telegraphy. Learn how to think, to remember, to imagine and act. Our large catalogue is free for the asking, if you will only fill in the following blank, giving your name and address.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.  
Name .....  
Address .....

### 40,000 VOICES

#### And Many Are The Voices of Ballinger People.

Fourty thousand voices—What a grand chorus! And that's the number of American men and women, who are publicly praising Doan's Kidney Pills for relief from backache, kidney and bladder ills. They say it to friends. They tell it in the home papers. Ballinger people are in this chorus

Here's a Ballinger case: Miss W. B. Stamps, 205 N. Sixth street., Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were out of order. I suffered from pains in the small of my back and felt dull and languid. I used two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store, and they proved very beneficial. I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a good medicine and gladly recommend them."

T. S. Lankford left Thursday morning for Santa Anna and other points east on a short business trip.

W. J. Smith of Mineral Wells, came in Wednesday night to look after business in Ballinger and this county a few days.

W. A. Sommers, one of the prominent stock-farmers of the Talpa country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

Lee Stokes came in from San Saba Thursday at noon to visit relatives and friends and to look after business affairs in Ballinger.

# PREPAREDNESS

It's a Good old world after all  
if you are Prepared---

What is preparedness? Do you know? We think it is health.

Health means strength, vitality, vigor, success. If you are in ill health you are incapacitated to the extent of your illness. If the blood stream or nerve current is cut off to certain organs in your body, it is a wonder that the medicine you have taken, so often fails to reach the mark.

## OUR METHOD

We remove every impingement from the arteries and nerves, and thereby turn the real life-giving forces loose and the effected parts again take on health.

Allow us to prepare you.  
Write for our proposition.

## Grogan Wells and Boone Institute of Massage

(Canfil's Healthatorium)

Sweetwater, Texas

### Needle Workers St. Patricks Meet

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tally on the evening of Saint Patrick's Day the members of "The Needleworker's Club" entertained their families and a few friends, with a three course dinner. The first thing on the program was matching for partners then supper was served which was enjoyed by all present. The menu, consisted of, first course fruit cocktail, second course, fried oysters, fried chicken, potato salad, pickles, deviled eggs, light and dark bread sandwiches, third course, coffee, lady fingers and shamrock cakes.

The decorations carried out the Saint Patrick scheme, the shamrock centerpiece, napkins and jardeners of growing shamrock made one think of Dear Old Ireland. Then a reading by Rev. Stanford, "The Origin of Saint Patrick's Day."

Song entitled "Where the River Shannon Flows."

Musie on the Victrola was enjoyed by all.

A reading by Master Chester Cad Ueckart, a song "It's a long way to Tipperary," then a reading by Buster Talley which was enjoyed by all.

Each one present took part in the old time games that were played; "Going to the Circus," "Ha! Ha! game," "Guessing Contest," and "Old Time Sayings," this being followed by a chorus of all of "Jaunita," and more Victrola renditions.

Those who were fortunate to receive an invitation were: Rev. Stanford, Messrs. J. H. Wilke, Frank Wilke, Cad Williams, Henry Wilke, Chester Cherry, Dick Ueckart, Lemmie Davis, Harry Lynn, C. J. Lynn, C. C. Schuchard, Edwin Schuchard, Kyle Reed Dickinson, J. B. Moore, and Frank Ward; Miss Bessie Corbet, Mrs. Lemmie Harris, Members of the Club, Mesdames J. H. Wilke, Mattie Dickinson, Chester Cherry, Cad, Williams, Dick Ueckart, Julia McMinn, Lemmie Davis, T. L. Davis, C. J. Lynn, O. B. Corbett, J. F. Moore, C. C. Schuchard J. B. Moore, W. A. Talley and Miss Fannie D. Moore.

As each guest departed they expressed themselves as wishing

how soo again the club would entertain.

Rannels county will vote this week on a special road tax to create a fund of \$27,000 annually for building good roads. The tax should carry readily. Rannels county has so many good things to be proud of that it only remains for good roads complete the list. —Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Thanks for the suggestion. We are going to do our best. The farmers need better roads to haul more hogs over to ship to the Ft Worth market.

Those who oppose the double primary contend that the action of the committee in ordering the second election was illegal because a majority of the committeemen were not present. The Terrel election law is silent on this question, and now is a good time to settle it for the benefit of future committees.

Quite a number of public spirited citizens have volunteered to pay tuition for children who are not able to pay their way through the remainder of the present school term, and have handed Superintendent Fleming a check for same. The term of the public free school closes Friday, and there are a number of children in school who are doing good work and desire to remain throughout the term, but their parents are not financially able to send them. If you want to help in this work and will hand the school board a check the money will be applied where it will do the most good and the child most deserving will get the benefit of it. The price for the remainder of the term is \$3 for the primary \$3.75 for the grammar school and \$4.50 for the high school.

Dallas has had sixteen homicides since January 1st That's just a little better than an average of one a week. We are waiting to hear from Houston.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

**Melton Dry Goods Co.**  
EVERYBODY'S STORE

REASON NO. 1  
36 inch bleached domestic, no starch, worth on today's market 10¢, April price, a yard 7 1/2¢

REASON NO. 2  
36 inch check nainsook, very special at this month at only the yard 10¢

REASON NO. 3  
100 bolts fast colored gingham, St. Louis wholesale prices today 9 1/2¢, our April price to you 10¢

REASON NO. 4  
40 inch sheer white lawn, a bargain at 15¢, April price very special, only, a yard 12 1/2¢

REASON NO. 5  
100 pairs men's patent oxfords, made by Stacy-Adams, worth \$5.00, April price \$2.95

REASON NO. 6  
75c extra size Turkish towels, will leave this store in a hurry, our April prices, a pair 49¢

REASON NO. 7  
40 inch percale finish, half bleached domestic, worth 12 1/2¢, April price, a yard 8 1/2¢

REASON NO. 8  
72 inch linen damask, worth \$1.00 and sold at most places \$1.25, special during April 89¢

REASON NO. 18  
Men's union suits, easily worth 75¢, April price 49¢

REASON NO. 19  
25 dozen men's negligee shirts, no collar attached cuffs, April special 69¢

REASON NO. 20  
30 dozen men's wash trousers and knickerbockers worth \$1.25, April price \$1.00

REASON NO. 21  
Men's black and white silk fibre hose, worth 35¢, April price the pair 25¢

REASON NO. 22  
1 lot men's straw sailors, all sizes and values up to \$3.00, April price \$1.50

REASON NO. 23  
3 pair Boy's rompers for \$1.00, worth 50¢ the pair, April price, pair 35¢



**HOW TO MAKE A DOLLAR MAKE A DOLLAR**

There are more than 999 reasons why you should come to Ballinger and do your Spring trading with Melton Dry Goods Co. We mention in this big circular forcible and invincible reasons why you owe it to yourself and family, to take advantage of this great store's selling power. Read this advertisement through carefully, sift and compare and aright every sentence, word, description and price and see to your own satisfaction how we have paved the way for you to make your dollar make dollars if you

**BUY IT IN APRIL**  
---EVERYBODY'S STORE

REASON NO. 41  
You will find in every instance that our prices are dependable, new Spring merchandise, are as low and in many instances lower than last spring, when cotton was only bringing you about 8 cents. By the power of low prices, we are going to make it well worth your while to—Buy It In April!

**READ! BEHOLD! DIGEST! ACT!**  
We now inaugurate the greatest business building campaign ever mapped out and planned by any mercantile establishment in Runnels County. It is the firing of the first gun in a most arousing and soul-stirring selling campaign. We are going to make the name MELTON DRY GOODS Co., reach the most remote parts of the surrounding country for more than fifty miles. By the power of low prices, dependable and reliable merchandise and a \$75,000.00 stock to select from, thrifty, frugal, economical and quality wise folks are going to flock to this great store this Spring and the majority of them will buy their Spring bill of goods at Melton Dry Goods Co., Ten thousand people are being notified of this great "Buy It In April" campaign and we urge you to come at once while stocks are at their best.

REASON NO. 42  
Buy It In April  
Prices take effect the moment you receive this circular. If you are thrifty, if you want your dollars to make dollars you will buy your Spring bill in Ballinger and you will Buy It In April.

**Come to Ballinger** Just think of a \$75,000 stock of crisp, new, desirable Spring and Summer merchandise to choose from at these irrestable, appealing and most noticeable "Buy it in April" prices.

**Other Reasons Why You Should Come to Melton Dry Goods Co., and Buy During April**  
—Because we are going to divide profits during April in order to accomplish our aim to gain 75 per cent this month over the same month 1915.  
—Because we carry a \$75,000 stock of dry goods, ready-to-wear, clothing, millinery, and shoes, and you can find every wanted style in every line that's good for Spring 1916.  
—Because we appreciate your business and give you the best of service and have but one price, that means to you and all.

**COME TO BALLINGER AT OUR EXPERIENCE—Read Carefully**

Spend the amount of \$15.00 with us in any department of our store, during April and we will reimburse you your railroad fare both ways from Miles, Paint Rock, Rowena, Winters, Hatchel, or Taupa. If by auto or team, buy the same amount and we will allow your railroad fare rate of 3¢ per mile both ways. Come at our expense and see the best selected stock of dry goods in Central West Texas, at prices in reach of all. Come!

**Melton Dry Goods Co.**  
EVERYBODY'S STORE

REASON NO. 24  
50 dozen ladies' handkerchiefs, colored borders, values 10¢ April prices, each 5¢

REASON NO. 25  
25c men's and William's Talcum Powder April price, the can 15¢

REASON NO. 26  
Muslin gowns for women, slip over effect, worth 85¢ to \$1.00, April price 79¢

REASON NO. 27  
1,000 yards linen torchorn, and cotton laces, 2 to 4 inches wide, cheap at 8 1/2¢ to 10¢, April price, 5¢

REASON NO. 28  
22 inch rick silk poplins, a variety of shades, very special during April 45¢

REASON NO. 29  
Growing girls baby doll patent pumps, size 2 to 7, special April price \$2.50

REASON NO. 30  
8 styles women's all-leather slippers, sizes 2 1/2 to 8, very special during April \$1.50

REASON NO. 31  
Men's all-leather scout shoes, tan and white, April selling price, only \$2.50

REASON NO. 9  
36 inch diamond Hill  
cambric, very special  
during our great  
April movement at  
10¢

REASON NO. 10  
25 pieces wash dress  
goods includes pique,  
reps, and ratines, val-  
ues up to 50¢, April  
price, yard ..... 23¢

REASON NO. 11  
20 pieces white lawn  
sheer quality, worth  
12 1/2¢, April price, the  
yard  
10¢

REASON NO. 12  
32 inch white crepe  
goods, suitable for un-  
dearwear, 15¢ values,  
April special, the yard  
12 1/2¢

REASON NO. 13  
40 inch white sheer  
lawn, very special dur-  
ing April, the yard  
12 1/2¢

REASON NO. 14  
Ladies' black & white  
silk fibre hose, real  
value 75¢, very special  
April price, pair  
50¢

REASON NO. 15  
1 lot boys' wash hats,  
assorted colors, values  
to 50¢, April price  
25¢

REASON NO. 16  
Best safety pins, all  
sizes, cheap at 5¢ a  
card, April movement  
price  
3¢

REASON NO. 17  
4 bottles snow white polish,  
Whitmore brand, April ... 25¢

REASON NO. 43  
Men's Black hose, all  
silk, second quality,  
worth 20¢, April price,  
pair ..... 10¢

REASON NO. 44  
Wilson Bros. & Var-  
sity union suits, best  
values possible, sizes  
34 to 50, price ..... \$1.00

REASON NO. 45  
\$1.50 men's white pleat-  
ed shirts, all sizes 14  
to 18, very special  
April price ..... \$1.00

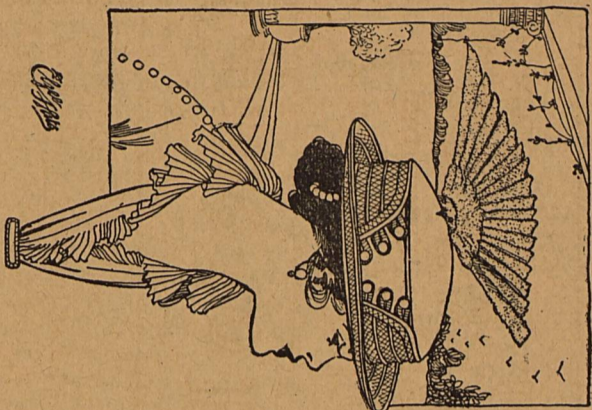
REASON NO. 46  
Men's Balbriggan  
shirts and drawers,  
worth 35¢ a garment,  
April price ..... 25¢

REASON NO. 47  
Men's new style low  
cut shoes, all leathers,  
gunmetal and vic,  
special, pair ..... \$2.98

REASON NO. 48  
10 dozen men's silk 4  
in hand ties, late arri-  
vals, very special at  
35¢, April price ..... 25¢

REASON NO. 49

**Lovely Millinery**

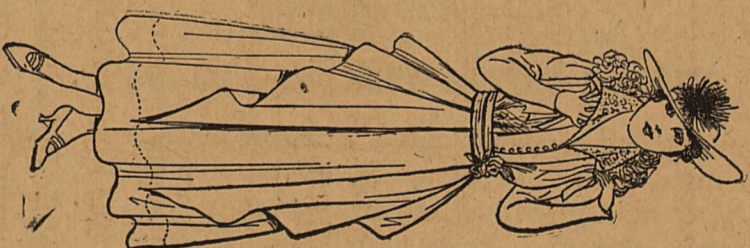


If ever our stocks earned us  
this reputation it is this year.  
Stunning, attractive, becom-  
ing, irresistible. Hundreds of  
Spring hats and shapes suit-  
able for every woman. Here  
you will find a hat for every  
face—a price for every purse.  
Beautiful tailored and dress-  
up hats are here from Gage,  
Fisk, Elzee, Regina and many  
other well known makers.  
These hats are beautiful  
but very low in price, for \$2.50,  
\$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50 and up  
to \$1.95, \$2.50, and \$2.95. These  
are beautifully trimmed in flowers and are  
easily worth \$1.00 more than prices quoted.

**Miles of Wash Goods, Mercerized Fabrics and Silks, Awaits Your Inspection**  
Since you find it necessary to have these wash goods in order that your spring and summer wardrobe may conform to fashion's requirements, it is imperative that you do not miss an opportunity like this to select your spring needs from our unusual assortment. Here you will find cotton voiles, shantung, whipcords, Danish cloth, poplins, seed voiles, silk stripes, etc.

**HANDSOME SILK AND WASH DRESSES**  
500 or more ranging in price \$1.98 to \$25.00  
With Spring at the door and almost here, we have prepared something extra for our patrons, and offer here an extensive group of dresses in every style, color and size that worthy in silks, lingerie, linens, and voiles.  
50 beautiful wash and poplin dresses, assorted shades and combinations, sizes 16 to 40, values \$8.50 to \$12.50, April prices ..... \$7.45

**More Spring Suits, Dresses**  
at very low prices that gave us a new record of sales in the women's wear department last Spring.  
150 SPRING SUITS NOW ON DISPLAY.  
In this collection of finery we are prepared to show you the most exclusive and natty styles in women's outer apparel. Every new model of merit is represented. No duplicates. You will find silk, silk and wool, serges, gabardines and black and white checks. Every wanted size from a 13 junior to a 42 regular women's sizes. A wonderful collection of wool suits at from \$10 to \$25. Palm Beach \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10



REASON NO. 32  
Boys' Palm Beach  
suits, ages 8 to 16  
years, best styles, spe-  
cial April price  
\$3.95

REASON NO. 33  
Boys' sport blouse  
waists, ages 6 to 14,  
short sleeves, very  
special April price  
50¢

REASON NO. 34  
Men's all wool serge  
suit in all sizes. This  
garment is a bargain  
at \$12.50, April prices  
\$10.00

REASON NO. 35  
Boys' apron overalls,  
ages 4 to 10 years,  
very special during  
April  
50¢

REASON NO. 36  
25 pieces hair bow rib-  
bons, all colors, and  
kinds, values to 40¢,  
April price, yard  
25¢

REASON NO. 37  
150 bolts English long  
cloth, 10 yards to the  
piece, worth \$1.50,  
April price, bolt  
98¢

REASON NO. 38  
1 lot wash goods in a  
variety of colorings,  
values up to 25¢, spe-  
cial April price, yard  
13¢

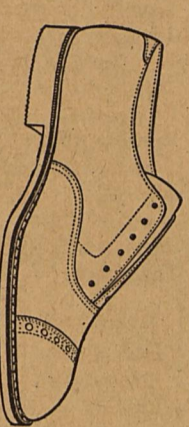
REASON NO. 39  
36 inch all-wool serge,  
worth 47 1/2¢ wholesale  
today, all shades, spe-  
cially, yard  
50¢

REASON NO. 40  
Large size white handkerchief  
for men, worth a dime ..... 5¢

**Shoes for Every Member of the Family**

**Good Values, Best Styles, Popular Prices**

The line of shoes we handle gives the best service and you will find, style, finish and fit, in every pair. This season we are showing an immense line of men's and women's, and little tots spring slippers. We are sole agents in Ballinger for the following:  
Howard & Foster shoes for men, 20 different styles, all leathers at ..... \$5.00  
The famous Weber shoes for men, vicid kid, patent and Russian leathers, sizes 5 1/2 to 11, prices \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00  
MEN'S WORK SHOES  
The Lion brand. You will find all leather work shoes here for \$2.50 to ..... \$4.00



The best not too good for our customers



**Women's Fine Slippers**  
The new things are here for spring 1916. The pretty white slippers, patent pumps, and dull kid leathers are here, all sizes and widths, made by Wickett & Gardner at \$4.00 and \$5.00. Val D'Aut-ten hofier \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

REASON NO. 52  
\$1.50 LADIES' LINGERIE WAIST \$1.19. This line consists of 50 dozen ladies' lingerie waists, white and colors, sizes 34 to 44. Actually worth \$1.50 to \$2.00, special April price ..... \$1.19

**Clothing for Men, Young Men and Boys**

Never have we been better prepared to meet your every want in the clothing line. Here you will find suits for every occasion. For men, young men and boys at a little less price than elsewhere.  
OVER 400 SUITS READY FOR YOUR CHOOSING.

**Men's Wool Suits at \$10.00**

at this price you will find many styles and colors, in wool serge keep cool and other material in sizes 33 to 44. Specially priced during April ..... \$10.00

**Suits at \$15.00**

If you should look the country over for a suit and wanted to pay as much as \$20.00 you could not find a better suit than what we will offer you at \$15.00. In many styles and shades, sizes 33 to 44. See this wonderful suit values at ..... \$15.00

**Palm Beach and Keep Cool Clothing**

We are now showing a great variety in Palm Beach suits. In regu-lars, stouts and slims, prices \$7.50, \$8.50, and \$10.00.  
"Buy It In April!"

REASON NO. 51  
FRANKEL BROS. SUIT FOR \$15.00. Without doubt the best men's and young men's all-wool guaranteed suit on the market and over all Texas at \$20.00, all sizes, shades, and styles, only \$15.00

**Melton Dry Goods**  
INCORPORATED  
EVERYBODY'S STORE

THE BANNER-LEDGER PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

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

Heavy rains make bad roads; bad roads make votes for the road tax. Vote April 8th.

Villa may have the Mexicans buffaloed, but the bandit will find American nerve, and brain mixed.

The money the city is paying for street lights would pay the interest on sufficient bonds to take over the light plant and then some.

Houston may hold the record for murders, but we must take our hats off to Dallas for mystery murders.

With oil well drilling at Santa Anna, Coleman, Abilene and San Angelo, it is safe to say that Ballinger is betwixt and between.

It is claimed that all good road questions in Rannels county have been defeated in the past by voters failing to vote. Show your colors this time so this excuse can not be offered again. Vote.

The average annual fire loss in the United States is figured at two dollars for each inhabitant. At the rate Texas fires have been burning for the past month this state will run the average up.

We were offered a proposition this week to trade printing for stock in an oil well company. Printing cost money, while most oil stock is worthless, hence we didn't trade.

Good roads will bring more people to Ballinger to trade, and every merchant should not only be

A petition was circulated among the business men and considerable cash raised to be used in fixing the approaches to the two bridges and other places in the roads leading to Ballinger. This is an expensive way to build roads, but it will do until the people can vote for the special road tax next Saturday.

There are more than 700 autos in Rannels County. If every auto owner votes for the road tax the question will carry by a big majority. However, people who travel in wagons and buggies need good roads just as much as the fellow who rides in an auto, and the question should be unanimous.

A French scientist has discovered that electric fans are more effective in saving the fruit crop than smudge pots. Frost does not form when the atmosphere is moving, and the greatest damage occurs when it is calm. This kind of preventative would be more expensive than death to the fruit crop.

Abilene is boosting about Taylor county shipping nineteen carloads of hogs this year, while a year ago there was not a carload of hogs in the county. Well, that's some improvement, but we can go you one better. Rannels county has shipped more hogs than Taylor county this year, and a year ago there were more dogs than hogs rendered for taxes in Rannels county. We believe that the farmers have found that the hog industry pays better than the dog industry.

There is not a man under the shining sun who reads every report coming from Mexico and sent out from points along the border, who can tell you anything about the conditions as they exist in that country. It's guess work from start to finish, and whether the United States will go to war

ple of this city shall adopt the commission form of city government or not, it has been suggested that the prospective candidates and the aldermen to be, be reminded now that the move on the part of the commission form advocates will not be a reflection on the men elected.

It is not known at this time who will be elected as aldermen, but the men elected will no doubt be good men for the aldermanship, and the asking for the commission form election at this time will not in any way be brought about on account of any men, or certain set of men being elected, but because the people want to pass on the question, and if possible try out the commission form which is proving so successful for other cities and towns of equal size.

We have been reliably informed that the petition calling for the election is being drafted and when put in circulation will be liberally signed, and presented to the mayor.

SEEING THINGS AT ANGELO.

Persistent reports have been received by The Standard during the past two weeks of the appearance of a strange, moving light in various parts of the heavens after nightfall, and most of the reliable citizens who have reported the incidents have believed the light was carried either by an airship or a dirigible balloon.—San Angelo Standard.

We have often been told that people traveling through this country in autos selected the via Angelo route, as that place has the reputation of being a fine filling station, and now it seems that airship travelers also have adopted the Angelo route. During the last two or three months The Standard has persistently reported these strange objects passing over that city. While Dodd and Pershing are scouring the mountains in Mexico trying to find Villa that fellow may have gone north over San Angelo. See-

ing things in San Angelo is made easy and people of that city are quick to tell what they see—sometimes.

farmer will be tempted to do the same thing because of the dry weather, and if they all do—well, you know what the result will be. Practically all men who have made a study of the market situation as it probably will be next fall and winter are advising strongly against an increase in cotton acreage. Grow more milo, kaffir, feterita, and Sudan grass and less cotton. Sorghum crops smile at rains and laugh at droughts.

If you raise your bread and meat, Your need never taste defeat. If you raise your eggs and milk, Then you wife can dress in silk. He who plants but little cotton Will find his troubles soon forgotten.

Would you prosper? This is how: Raise pigs and peanuts; milk a cow.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Don't Yield to the Temptation. (By A. E. Burgess) Since the dry weather and the cold snaps have killed out most of the grain in this section, it will be a great temptation to farmers to go in heavy for cotton again this year. Don't do it! Remember 1914. A wise man never makes the same mistake twice.

Plant feed crops, raise more animals and grow oil of your own living that you can at home. It will then concern you little what the price of cotton is. Before you plant an excess of cotton remember that every other

city of Ballinger do now hereby order an election for one alderman for the city of Ballinger, said election to be held at the City Hall in the city of Ballinger on Wednesday, April 12th, 1916, and J. F. Lusk is appointed manager of said election.

There is a Real Difference Cream of tartar, derived from grapes, is used in Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder because it is the best and most healthful ingredient known for the purpose. Phosphate and alum, which are derived from mineral sources, are used in some baking powders, instead of cream of tartar, because they are cheaper. If you have been induced to use baking powders made from alum or phosphate, use Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder instead. You will be pleased with the results and the difference in the quality of the food. DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MADE FROM CREAM OF TARTAR DERIVED FROM GRAPES

AN ELECTION TO VOTE OFF TIE The City Council met in regular session April 5th, 1916, to canvass the vote of the election for city aldermen of the city of Ballinger, held April 4th, 1916. The body found from the said election returns that W. A. Talley and J. S. Collins each received 136 votes for said city alderman, it being a tie vote the election was held void as said W. A. Talley and J. S. Collins and said City Council so declared and authorized J. W. Powell, mayor, to order another election for our alderman as the law directs. I, J. W. Powell, mayor of said city of Ballinger do now hereby order an election for one alderman for the city of Ballinger, said election to be held at the City Hall in the city of Ballinger on Wednesday, April 12th, 1916, and J. F. Lusk is appointed manager of said election. J. W. POWELL, Mayor. Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co. Watch the Fords Go By.

Preparedness... Is the liveliest national issue of the day. The meaning of the word "PREPAREDNESS" is the state of being ready for any emergency which may arise. Are you prepared for the fire demon or cyclone? If not, call The Ballinger Insurance Agency for full information as to how to prepare against these evils. Ballinger Insurance Agency T. J. GARDNER, Manager Office with Bennett Abstract Co. Telephone No. 317

a voter but a worker for the success of Saturday's election.

Gen. Slocum has offered \$50,000 reward for Villa and Gen. Carranza has added \$50,000 to the reward offer. Just to make the offer interesting we will send our paper as reward for one year to the man who shoots the bandit.

Candidates who have not interviewed the dear people will now find the farmer a mighty busy man, and has something more important on his mind than who's who in the race for county office.

Local self government is making a strong effort in Fort Worth today to override the state law. It is against the state law to keep picture shows open on Sunday, yet the people of Fort Worth are voting on the question.

Dr. S. P. Brooks launched his campaign for senate on anti-preparedness plans. He soon felt the pulse of the people thumping and changed his ideas and removed this plank from his platform and substituted the preparedness plank. He is running faster now.

Some mathematician has figured that to remove the water of the Pacific Ocean it would require the filling of a tank a mile wide, a mile deep and a mile long every day for 440 years. We are not going to tackle the job.

"I want to thank you for urging the people to keep their chickens at home," said Mr. ... You can't raise chickens in the garden. At least you can't mix chickens and gardens and flower beds successfully."

One year ago Gen. Pershing and Bandit Villa posed together at El Paso, for a picture. Gen. Pershing no doubt would be glad to pose with the bandit again if Villa would stand still long enough for the picture man to snap them.

with the Mexicans or not, it is a safe bet to say that our Uncle Sam is going to be called on to take a big hand in establishing a government down across the Rio Grande. That much for an opinion, any way.

The streets of Brady are being put in god condition. Brady is like Temple in one respect. We have a public square that is not all that it should be.—Temple Telegram.

Fix it. Ballinger's public square is a beauty spot on the city's map and is the pride of every citizen and a joy forever. The roads leading to our public square from the four corners of the county are not what they should be, but we are going to vote to fix them on April 8th, then our county friends can get in their auto and come in on Sunday afternoons to attend our band concerts that are held on the public square.

Andrew McBeath, of the Temple Telegram has acquired the habit of killing flies until it now comes natural with him. He says he can go around over the room and kill every fly that enters it without getting mad about it. As a rule habits are hurtful to people, but this kind of a habit is more hurtful to the fly than to the man. To kill a fly may save the life of a sweet little baby, or save the life of an old "grouch." It's Mack's business to say nice things about the newspaper boys of Texas, because he is editor of "The Press" column, but he has taken on a side line in the fly swatting work. The later calling will prove more profitable and of greater benefit to his country. This country needs more fly swatters.

IT WILL NOT BE A REFLECTION.

In view of the fact that three aldermen are to be elected next Tuesday, and in view of the fact that a petition is being prepared asking the mayor to call an election to determine whether the peo-

ing things in San Angelo is made easy and people of that city are quick to tell what they see—sometimes.

A STRAY LETTER FOR PUBLICATION.

The Ledger is in receipt of a letter with no name signed to it, and as we do not know who wrote it of course it goes to the waste basket instead of in print. We can not publish communications for people who decline to give us their name. It is not necessary to sign your name for publication, as you can write under an assumed name, but the publisher must always know who is the author.

The letter just received is a good one. It deals with the man who steals the virtue of an innocent girl by promise of marriage, and after dragging the girl's name into disgrace marries her only when he can choose between marriage and the prison walls.

The writer goes pretty strong in criticizing such men and places them in a class with bandit Villa and suggest that they should receive the punishment often meted out to negro brutes.

AN EXAMPLE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

While the court now in session has turned out the greatest number of convicts of any court ever held in the history of the county; yes, several times more than were ever convicted at any one term of court before in this county; the world will no doubt take notice that the citizens of this county stand solid for law enforcement, and criminals hereafter will hunt greener fields.

Out of twelve cases tried it is a remarkable fact that ever one resulted in conviction. Another noticeable feature of the court's work is the promptness with which the juries acted. In several cases, while two hours was the time the jury was out only a few minutes, while two hours was the greatest time consumed in passing on any case tried.

The present term of court has

farmer will be tempted to do the same thing because of the dry weather, and if they all do—well, you know what the result will be. Practically all men who have made a study of the market situation as it probably will be next fall and winter are advising strongly against an increase in cotton acreage. Grow more milo, kaffir, feterita, and Sudan grass and less cotton. Sorghum crops smile at rains and laugh at droughts.

If you raise your bread and meat, Your need never taste defeat.

If you raise your eggs and milk, Then you wife can dress in silk. He who plants but little cotton Will find his troubles soon forgotten.

Would you prosper? This is how: Raise pigs and peanuts; milk a cow.

Safe Medicine for Children

"Is it safe?" is the first question to be considered when buying cough medicine for children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has long been a favorite with mothers of young children as it contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. It is pleasant to take, too, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. This remedy is most effectual in relieving coughs, colds and croup. Obtainable every where.

John Walden and son Joe, of Coke county, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

C. O. Wilson, of New Mexico, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to his old home in Bell county to visit a few weeks.

Rev. R. R. Rives and J. N. Clappitt, who represented the Ballinger church and J. V. Davis of Winters, who represented the church at that place, returned home Thursday at noon from Goldthwaite where they attended the meeting of Presbytery the past few days.

RELIABLE REMEDY RESTORES KIDNEYS For many years druggists have watched with much interest the remarkable record maintained by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It is a physician's prescription. Swamp-Root is a strengthening medicine. Dr. Kilmer used it for five years in his private practice. It helps the kidneys, liver and bladder do the work nature intended they should do. Swamp-Root has stood the test of years. It is sold by all druggists on its merit and it will help you. No other remedy can successfully take its place. Be sure to get Swamp-Root and start treatment at once. However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention the Ballinger Banner-Ledger. No fair minded person will criticize the President in his action towards Mexico. He has handled the expedition into that country wisely. Mexico is being entered by our soldiers not to make war, but to hunt down some cut-throats, and if those folks keep their coats on we will soon be done with the job and the Carranza government will be in a very much better position to restore peace to Mexico.—Abilene Reporter. Do you know what you're talking about, or are you just guessing? We do not like to refer to the expedition as war, but it is rather an expensive pleasure trip, don't you think? S. C. Findley, of Comanche, representative of the Fort Worth Record, was looking after his company's interests in Ballinger Friday.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash. Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 22nd: For District Judge of the 35th Judicial District: JOHN W. GOODWIN. J. O. WOODWARD. Representative 111th District: WALLACE E. HAWKINS. For County Clerk: W. C. McCARVER. C. C. COCKRELL. H. G. SECREST. A. L. SPANN. For Tax Assessor: C. C. SCHUCHARD. T. H. CURRY. JOE TURNER. WILLIE STEPHENS. L. R. LITTLE. For County Attorney: C. P. SHEPHERD. For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN. For Tax Collector: W. T. PADGETT. M. D. CHASTAIN. JOHN BALLEW. For Sheriff: J. D. PERKINS. E. F. (Earl) EDWARDS. For County Judge: O. L. PARISH. C. H. 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. Watch the Fords Go By.

## Don't Be A Hand-Me-Down Man

Have your suit made to your individual measure. The superiority of order-made over ready-made is conceded everywhere. But there is still a difference between a suit for \$15 that you cannot duplicate elsewhere for less than \$25.



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We are showing the swellest line of furnishing goods in the city. Everything that a man needs in furnishings is here—in wide variety of the newest fashions, neckwear, shirts, collars, hose, hats, gloves, underwear, etc. Get acquainted with our line.

Remember the name "SCOTCH" there are other "Woolen Mills" imitators but there is only one "Scotch" the genuine.

Hutchins Avenue. "THE RED FRONT" Ballinger, Texas

## ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY AT DALLAS

DALLAS, April 6.—W. H. Humphries, age nearly eighty, was clubbed to death last night, and his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Trover, a widow, age 45, was fatally clubbed by unknown parties. The tragedy occurred at the store of Humphries seven miles South of this city. The store was robbed and it is believed that the crime was committed for the purpose of robbing the store of money. The officers have no trace of the guilty parties.

## ONLY 48 KILLED IN THIS RAID

LONDON, April 6.—Official reports just received here state that the British liner Kent, has been torpedoed by a German submarine boat and forty-eight lives lost. The report says the submarine destroyed the liner without giving warning or a moment's notice for the passengers and crew to escape.

### LEFT FOR BANGS

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Scroggins and daughter Miss Florence and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Scroggins and baby left Wednesday afternoon for Bangs, where they will make their future home.

### HATCHEL DOTS

Work is now the order of the day, the fine rain that fell the last week will put everybody to work. As most everybody had their land in fine shape there will be lots of planting done as soon as the ground dries enough.

Another big rabbit drive occurred just east of us Tuesday. Our people have put forth an effort with a determination to get rid of the rabbits. Or at least a great number of them.

Sunday was a muddy day and not very many ventured out to church.

Mr. Caudle and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Cook Sunday.

Miss Erna Voelker visited Miss Callie Wiygle Monday.

Messrs Bowen and Hobbes were visitors in Winters one day last week.

Messrs Sprinkle and Caudle had business in Ballinger Saturday. Mr. Caudle received word from Mr. Shelbourne of Ballinger that the latter's children were very sick.

### "TEXAN."

Tillie Carter, who has been doing the carpenter work at the Bethel school, says the teachers of the district were so much interested in The Daily Ledger while he was in their section, he took occasion Monday to order the daily to the teachers of Bethel for the next thirty days, with his compliments.

Mesdames Thos. A Rape and A. S. Love left Tuesday at noon for Miles to visit Mrs. L. C. Jackson.

W. W. Wiygle of the Hatchel country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Frank Bridwell, one of the prominent business men of Winters, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

W. C. Wright, of the Wood & Wright ranch near Crews, G. W. Brister, of the Token country, Chas. Gibson of the Benoit country, and E. T. Brannon one of the Crews merchants, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Bloomeritt and baby son, of the Miles country, were shopping in Ballinger and looking after business affairs Monday.

## PERSHING'S SILENCE IS ALARMING

SAN ANTONIO, April 6.—Gen. Funston has received no report from Gen. Pershing today, and the border points are without information from the front.

There is much speculation among army circles as to the cause of the continuous silence of Pershing, and it is not known where the bandit has escaped to.

Gen. Funston stated today that he believed that the pursuit after Villa had been temporarily halted on account of the shortage of supplies at the front.

EL PASO, April 6.—Mexican Consul Garcia stated today that he was in favor of the immediate withdrawal of American troops from Mexican territory, and predicted that further advance would precipitate trouble.

Consul Garcia claims that there is no necessity for the American expedition to continue the campaign after Villa as the bandit has been driven from Northern Mexico and his band broken up and scattered.

### Why Constipation Injures.

The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food. This condition is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Obtainable everywhere.

## AGENT COMING TO SELL FIRE TRUCK

A representative from an auto company is due here next Monday to put a proposition up to the city to sell to the city an auto fire truck. The man was due here this week, but was delayed and notified the city authorities that he would be here next Monday. The city will entertain the proposition and if possible strain a point and take on the new improvement for fighting fire.

However, it will take considerable straining to put the deal thru, as it is a well known fact that the city's finances are short, and there is little in sight to pay debts with.

The proposition in substance, as we understand it, is to pay \$7,500 for the fire truck. The terms will be \$1850 down and the balance strung out in three or four year payments with interest. The Volunteer Fire Company are anxious for the new fire fighting apparatus and have appointed a committee to meet with the auto salesman and the city council and offer their aid in putting the deal through. The fire company proposes to go before the business men and property owners with a subscription list and raise \$1000 of the cash payment, and the city will make an effort to raise \$850.

One of the aldermen in discussing the proposition said that the city was up against it on providing necessary fire fighting equipment and something had to be done. The requirements of the insurance companies demand immediate improvement, and the present fire team must be replaced with better equipment or the property owners will be called on to pay a higher insurance rate when the new schedule is made up. This puts the city between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Claude Wilmeth, the stockman, returned home Wednesday at noon from a business trip east.

C. B. White, who had been selling and buying stock in this section, for some time past, left Tuesday afternoon for his home at Brownwood.

A. B. Mulkey came in Wednesday from a short business trip to Bronte.

Mrs. Clifford Sheffy and little baby son, left Tuesday afternoon for Brady to visit her parents a few weeks.

## A Large Number of Ladies Carry their Bank Accounts With Us.

They handle the finances of the household and pay for them with checks. Would this manner of handling the household finances appeal to you? If so, we would be pleased to have you call and arrange for the opening of an account along this line.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK  
BALLINGER, TEXAS  
THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS.

## TORPEDO TROUBLE THICKENS

WASHINGTON, April 6.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing went into a private conference at two o'clock this afternoon, following the receipt of a report from the American Embassy at Berlin.

The report came from the American Embassy attaches indicates that the Sussex was torpedoed by German submarines. The relations between the German and American governments is growing more stringent daily. Upon receipt of the legation report today Secretary Lansing immediately asked the President to meet him in conference.

### SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mrs. Shields visited in Anson last week.

Mrs. Lewis Hinde accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Springfield, left Wednesday for a few days visit in Winters.

Mrs. Cobb returned to her home near Rowena, Sunday, after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Middleton are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy at their home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus DeLoach have a girl at their home, also.

Prof. and Mrs. T. D. Mullins are packing their household goods and will leave for their home in Denton next week. We regret to have the good people leave South Ballinger. They have made splendid teachers.

The Literary Society will meet Saturday night.

We have had splendid rains, and prospects are good for a bumper fruit crop.

### ELBERTA PEACH.

Misses Sammie and Hester Padgett returned home a day or two ago from a visit to Lubbock and were accompanied home by their little nephew, Master Franklin Maddox, who will visit his grandparents several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Loika and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson of the Pony creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

Postmaster Foster and Ernest Farmer of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger first Monday.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS GET \$8,238 CASH

County Superintendent Wooten announced Thursday that the rural schools of Runnels County had just received the last voucher for cash appropriated from the State Million Dollar Appropriation Fund for the betterment of rural schools, and that a total of \$8,238 cash had been received. It is probable, however, that \$500 more will be received.

This money has been expended or is being expended in making improvements in the educational facilities of the rural schools. None of the money goes to the city schools. Quite a number of schools in this county will be continued hereafter on a seven and nine months term while heretofore six months has been the limit. This places the school advantages of the country schools right jamp up with the city districts and children living in the country can remain at home and acquire a high school education.

### Spring.

Spring is looked upon by many as the most delightful season of the year but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are anything but pleasant. They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owens, who had been making home at Winters the past few months, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Killeen, where they will look after Mr. Owen's interests awhile.

James A. Talley, a prominent real estate man of Temple, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday while en route home from San Angelo.

W. F. Redman, of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Rev. W. H. Doss of DeLeon, came in Monday night to visit his son, Judge A. K. Doss, and family, and in a few days will return home accompanied by Miss Lena Belle, and will make the trip over land in Rev. Doss' auto.

J. M. Jennings of the Norton section, was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday.

W. P. Vaughn, the Crews ginman, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and ordered the Banner-Ledger-Ledger and Dallas News to his address for a year.

### MORTUARY.

Mrs. S. E. Ellison.

Mrs. S. E. Elliyson died Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Cunningham on the Currie farm, northeast of Ballinger, at the age of 76 years. She died from old age and general debility and the remains were shipped from Ballinger Wednesday afternoon to Cooper, Tex., and will be tenderly laid to rest in the family burial grounds.

The Ledger joins friends in condolence and sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement.

Welder McFarland

Welder, the year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. McFarland, died Wednesday night, April 5th, from the effects of pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. R. Rives at the family residence on Tenth street at four o'clock Thursday afternoon and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the City Cemetery.

The Ledger joins a large circle of friends in sincere sympathy for the sad parents and relatives left to mourn the death of their loved one

### DALLAS VOTES SALOONS OUT OF FAIR GROUNDS

In the city election held at Dallas last Tuesday the voters of that city called for the barring of saloons from the fair grounds. The vote stood 6,190 for barring saloons and 4,838 against barring saloons. Race segregation carried by a vote of 6,721 to 4,168.

J. O. Harrell of Winters passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Lampasas on a short business trip.

J. P. Maddox motored into Ballinger Wednesday from the ranch near Hatchel to look after business affairs a few days.

C. B. Armstrong returned home Wednesday morning from San Angelo, where he had been to take the county prisoners to be held in jail at that place while repairs are being made on the Ballinger jail.

## MEXICAN MURDER MYSTERY CLEARED

(San Angelo Standard)

Three people were implicated in the killing of Demetrio Gutierrez, the 80-year-old Mexican, whose body was found on the northern outskirts of San Angelo last Saturday at noon. Two Mexicans whose names are unknown actually committed the deed of cutting the old man's throat from ear to ear on the morning of March 28, leaving the body to lie in a grove of bushes until it was found by a passerby.

This was the statement made Wednesday morning by Espirion Albarado, son-in-law of the aged Gutierrez.

Albarado was taken into custody early Wednesday morning when he appeared at the city hall accompanied by his two brothers-in-law, sons of the dead man.

Albarado, who was locked up in the county jail following an investigation made by City Marshal Bates in which he made a vigorous effort to locate the other two Mexicans, was in a poor state of health. He showed signs of being famished. For a week he lay hidden in a grain house on the south side of the Concho river, eating nothing but the grain which he found in the old fort building and drinking water which he caught in a gallon bucket when it rained in San Angelo last week.

John Bigby of the Pony creek country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from Fort Worth, where he had been to market a carload of cattle. He spent a few days with his sister while away from home on this trip.

Pete Awalt, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

W. L. Ellis, one of the prominent cotton buyers of Brownwood, formerly of this city, came in Wednesday at noon to visit and look after business interests a day or two.

**Tokio Bags** The novelty handbag of the season. We are showing them in a variety of sizes, Japanese leather.

**HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS Co**  
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**Silk Hosiery.** Here you will find everything that is new in women's silk hose, 25 different colors \$1 to \$1.75.

# Authentic Spring Styles for the Easter Parade

## Provide Now for Your Easter Attire



Great care should be exercised in the selection of your Easter costume. We want to please everybody if possible, but there is going to be a tremendous rush near Easter. Better come in and pick out your suit, dress and hat now. We will deliver it at any time you want it. Just now our stock is especially beautiful and attractive and we can please you.

## Easter Showing of Spring Silks

The greatest line of spring silks we have ever the good fortune to secure for Easter showing.

**CHIFFON TAFFETA**—The most stylish fabric of the season, just the material for your Easter dress. We are showing it in Old Rose, Russian Green, African Brown, Navy Blue, Black, White, and fancy Shepherd Plaids, 36 inches wide, a yard, \$1.75

**SILK CHIFFON**—We are showing some very beautiful silk chiffons for Easter blouses and trimmings, white, black, Copenhagen, Rose, flesh, pink, sky blue, 40 inches wide \$1.00.

**CREPE-DE-CHINE**—The parctical, serviceable, and enjoyable material for summer wear. Many beautiful shades, Reseda, navy, Old Rose, pink, Copenhagen, white, sky blue and pearl gray, 40 inches wide, \$1.50 the yard.

## NEW WHITE VOILE BLOUSES

A grand and striking showing of all that is new in Spring blouses. They are sure to appeal to the particular shopper. Priced moderately \$1.25 to \$12.50.



## Supply Your Millinery Needs Here

When you come to our store your millinery needs are easily supplied. You will always find a large and complete stock and the values are guaranteed to be right. We take pleasure in suiting your every requireme n t and our styles your will find correct.

## BEAUTIFUL GAGE CREATIONS

Today's express left for us a large shipment of beautiful creations from the House of Gage, also a special assortment of the famous Gold Medal hats. Clever Easter hats, afternoon, party and street hats—every one is correct in style and moderately priced, \$5.00 to \$15.00.

## NEW SPORT HATS

The most serviceable, economical and practical hat for general out door use. Here you will find a great collection of all the proper styles and combinations, \$1.25 to \$5.00.

## BEAUTIFUL VEILS

The season's newest and most attractive veils are here. English lip veils, embroidered circular veils, and many novelties 75¢ to \$2.50 each.

## More New Easter Suits & Dresses

Every day we add to our already large collection of spring suits, dresses and coats. Pay this section a visit every time you have an opprotunity. Something new to show you all the time.

**SILK DRESSES**—Never has there been such a demand for silk dresses. Never has our stock of Easter dresses, frocks for the street, gowns for tea, reception and dinner wear, been so beautiful and attractive. Priced at \$12.50 to \$65.00.

**SAVE ON YOUR EASTER SUIT**—We can not put too much emphasis on the wonderful suit values we are now offering. Beautiful tailored and fancy suits, all \$30.00 values, special \$24.95.

These suits are distinctive and individual, and embrace all the season's most wanted styles and materials. Serge and taffeta and Georgette combinations, \$25.00 values, special \$21.25.

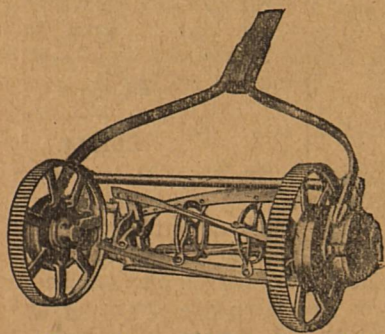
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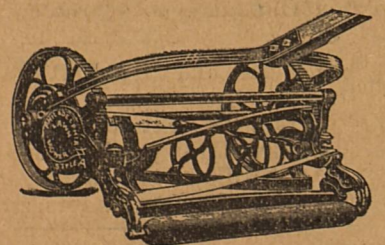
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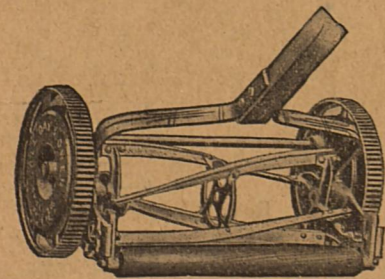
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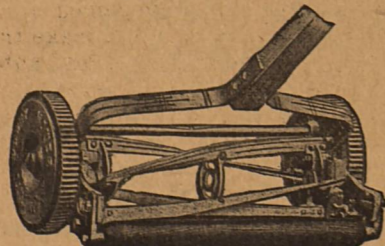
Superior in all points, being made entirely of steel, is much lighter in weight and draft. Having long and large bearings, is most durable and its construction is perfect for fine work.

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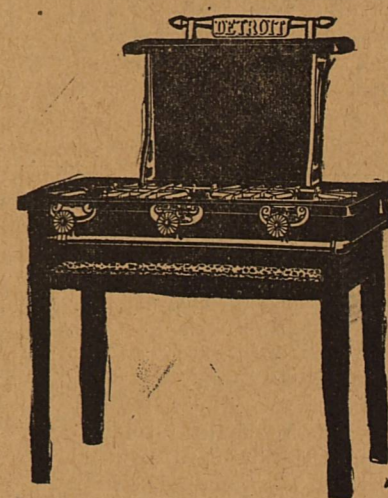
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## Valuable Health Hints For Our Readers

**CATARRH**  
Just because you hawk and spit and your nose is wet, cold, red, sore and a nuisance, don't merely plug it up. You can't cure catarrh by greasing your nose. Take S. S. S. regularly and you will drive catarrhal poisons out of your blood. The membranes will soon recover and no longer continue to accumulate the mucus that gathers and thickens into catarrh. S. S. S. stimulates the cells of the tissues to select from the blood their own essential nutriment. Rapid recovery from catarrhal inflammation in the stomach, kidney, bladder and all membranes is the result.

**MALARIA.**  
Throughout the country, wherever malaria abounds, are happy, joyful people to whom S. S. S. has given wonderful help in the treatment of malaria after the most sickening torture imaginable.

The gaunt complexion of malaria's victims, the chills and fever, the malarial dysentery that seems to defy all other treatment, the malarial leg, the enlarged liver, the persistent anemia where the blood turns to water and the system wastes away. These are the conditions that S. S. S. so effectively assists in overcoming, by helping to restore the blood to its natural vigor.

**STUBBORN SORES**  
Sometimes a sore spot becomes indolent. The tissues surrounding it lose tone and are unable to provide sufficient nutriment to stop the drain. It is then chronic. Just saturate your blood with S. S. S. This is quickly accomplished, as S. S. S. is naturally assimilated the same as milk or any other healthful liquid.

Nature acts with marvelous rapidity when given the proper assistance, and S. S. S. so stimulates cellular activity that the parts surrounding an ulcer select from the blood the material that make new tissue. Thus the sore spot rapidly heals in a natural way.

Local applications for any skin disease will afford protection from with-

out, but have no medical value. Eczema, tetter, acne and all such eruptive diseases should be treated with S. S. S.

**POISONED BLOOD.**  
So many different things contribute to poison the blood and the effect is so startling that the sufferer becomes panic-stricken and is led to use harmful drugs. If you have any blood trouble, get a bottle of S. S. S. and take according to directions.

Don't take anything else. Poisoned blood is bad enough without ruining your bones, joints, teeth and vitals with minerals. S. S. S. so stimulates cellular activity that they reject all poisonous influences and select only those materials in the blood that make healthy tissue. This is why its assistance toward recovery is so noticeable and at times remarkable.

S. S. S. is welcome to the weakest stomach and is assimilated just as readily as the most nutritious food. It has helped to cure a host of sufferers.

**RHEUMATISM**  
In any form of rheumatism give the blood a good effectual cleansing with S. S. S.

Use this remedy for three days and take a hot salt water bath to open the pores. This relieves the lungs and kidneys and assists S. S. S. to utilize the skin as the principal avenue of elimination.

Avoid salts, calomel and other drastic purgatives, as they absorb the moisture from the walls and membranes of the intestines, weaken the muscular action, produce chronic constipation and thus stagnate the system with rheumatic poisons. Get a bottle of S. S. S. at any drug store. Don't take a substitute.

S. S. S. is purely vegetable and is prepared only by the Swift Specific Co., 271 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Write for special booklet on any of the diseases mentioned and if medical advice is wanted, write for that also to address given above. Both booklet and medical advice are free.

## TWO PRIMARIES FOR RUNNELS COUNTY

What is commonly known as the majority rule or double primary plans will be carried out in the naming of county candidates according to action taken by the Runnels County Democratic Executive Committee in session at Ballinger Monday afternoon.

A call had been made for the meeting and the call stated that this question would be settled at this time. Every member of the committee had been notified to be present, but only ten out of the twenty-four responded to roll call.

Judge A. K. Doss, the county chairman, stated the object of the meeting, and the question of whether a minority of the committee could legally act upon this question was raised. The chair ruled that the committeemen present had the authority to so act, in view of the fact that all committeemen had been legally notified.

Judge C. H. Willingham and Judge T. T. Crosson stated that it was not legal to pass on the question until a majority of the committeemen were present, and Judge Crosson stated that it was not consistent with Democracy to do so.

R. P. Taylor and F. M. Curry spoke in behalf of the double primary, and contended that if the question was held up for the action of the majority of the members that it would go by default as there never had been a meeting held when a majority of the committeemen were present, and that the attendance at this meeting was unusually large.

The question was put to a vote and out of the ten precinct committeemen present eight voted for the double primary and two against, as follows: For, J. S. Mills, R. P. Taylor, J. N. Key, W. E. Puckett, T. W. Murray, A. E. Davis, F. M. Curry and C. R. Crews. Against the double primary, W. C. Penn and J. H. Webb.

The chairman was instructed to issue a call for the second primary, which the law provides shall be held the second Saturday in August, following the first primary on the last Saturday in July.

The question of fixing the expense of holding the two primaries was discussed at length. The law provides that only one assessment shall be made, and the assessment to cover both primaries will be made against all the candidates before the first primary is held. A meeting will be held in June, at which time the committee will estimate the expenses of the two elections and fix an assessment against the candidates sufficient to cover the cost of same.

At the meeting held Monday afternoon there were quite a number of candidates present, but they were only spectators and took no part in the meeting. The question created considerable interest and there were about forty-five present to hear the question discussed and acted upon.

**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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W. S. Maddox of the Valley creek country, near Norton was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. S. L. Smith left Tuesday morning to visit her daughter at Brownwood a few weeks.

**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.

Mrs. V. L. Jennings, of Miles, who had been visiting her son at Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

Watch the Fords Go By.

## SERIOUS SITUATION CREATED

WASHINGTON, April 3.—New evidence reaching President Wilson in the late ship sinking cases increases the strength of the official belief that German submarines were responsible for torpedoing the vessels, on which American citizens had taken passage.

This additional light on the submarine question, is creating a crisis at Washington, and the situation is described in governmental circles as being "very serious."

LONDON, April 4.—A powder factory explosion in Kent County England, caused the death of two hundred people. The British government today announced that the explosion was due to accidental causes.

This accident occurred last week and the news has been withheld by the government censors. Reports sent out from Berlin claim that the explosion was caused by Zeppelins dropping bombs on the powder factory.

ROME, April 4.—Zurich reports reaching here today say that Holland has closed in on the German frontier, flooding the country and massing many men on the border. It is expected that another declaration of war will be made within the next few days.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The British government today replied to the American note of protest in which the American government protested against the capture of Germans from the American liner China, taken at sea. England refuses to release the Germans.

This question brings up an issue that occurred a century ago, and caused one war. The cabinet has the question under consideration to the exclusion of the submarine issue, and it was reported today that there was little new information available concerning the submarine issue.

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## CROP SHORTAGE IS FEARED IN GERMANY

THE HAGUE, April 3.—Germans are worrying already concerning the coming harvest. News papers from the Kaiser's side of the frontier lay much stress on the fact that relief from present semi-famine conditions is more important than even the greatest military gains.

The anxious tone of this comment strongly suggests that the press puts little faith in the official attribution of 1915's comparatively unsatisfactory showing to bad weather.

As a matter of fact, it is asserted, the area of land under cultivation actually decreased and it is denied that in any case was cultivation as intensive as it should have been.

For one thing, it is said that so large a proportion of agricultural laborers were grafted into the army that work was left to inexperienced hands. The government is cautiously urged to consider that the importance of a good crop this year is sufficient to warrant even the temporary release of men from military duty if they are needed on the farms.

A shortage of draft cattle is complained of and last year, it is stated, the supply of seed and fertilizer was adversely affected by the strain on the railroads.

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## BREAKS IN STORE; ROBS CASH DRAWER

The Cash Grocery Store was robbed some time during the night after the close of business Saturday. The robber, or robbers, entered the store by kicking or knocking out the glass in the back door making an entrance large enough for a man to crawl through. From the tracks made on the outside in the mud and the mud on the glass that was scattered over the floor of the building, it seems that the glass was kicked out.

T. M. Osteen, the proprietor of the store, discovered the robbery when he had occasion to go in the store Sunday, and found the cash register open and upon investigation found the glass broken. Mr. Osteen said it is impossible to tell what was missing from the store in the way of goods, but some thing like \$6 in cash was taken from the register. This amount had been taken in and left in the cash register after the day's sales had been deposited in the safe.

The officers were put on the case, and we understand that they have a clue that will probably lead to an arrest within a very short time.

Horace Reasonover, of Miles, J. F. White of Truitt, E. B. Walker of the Hatchel country, and T. A. and W. E. Puckett of Wilmeth, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

## REPORT THAT VILLA IS WOUNDED MAY BE HOAX

SAN ANTONIO, April 4.—A belief is growing among army officers that Villa has not been wounded and that the report was started by his own men to mislead the American troops.

Consul Letcher at Chihuahua City, wired Gen. Funston today stating that Villa had gone South, and that Americans were in close pursuit and were approaching the Durango state line.

Additional soldiers crossed the border at Columbus, New Mexico, today, and will be used to reinforce the line of communication leading to Gen. Pershing's headquarters. In order to properly police the territory surrounding the American troops and complete the man chase it is expected that more troops will have to be sent into Mexico.

SAN ANTONIO, April 3.—Expressing his belief that "Villa has slipped his collar and has crawled under the fence" Gen. Fred Funston, commander-in-chief of the punitive expedition in Mexico, stated in a summary of the recent events that he did not believe Villa was yet out of the running.

The man hunt for the bandit leader is progressing today, and American columns are believed to be near Chihuahua City. No report has been received by Funston from Pershing today, and no definite news has been dispatched from other sources. Pursuit of Villa lately has been hampered by false information given the American scouting parties by Mexicans, and Gen. Pershing stated that next week he would send twenty Apache Indian scouts on the trail of the outlaws.

Mr. Farnsworth, manager of the local business college, will organize an other class to run five months provided a sufficient number will enroll to pay expenses. See him at once at the school over the Schawe Grocery store. This is your best chance to secure a practical education, but quick action is necessary. 23-dttf.

W. W. Simpson and J. G. Ensor of the Wilmeth country, and J. P. Tounget of the Miles country, were in the city Monday and Mr. Tounget ordered The Banner-Ledger to his address.

Prof. J. N. Key of the Winters country, and J. R. Turner of the Norton country, John Hardigree of Crews, and J. E. Davidson of the Valley Creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. O. Phelps of the Hatchel country, A. B. Hoelscher of the Rowena-Miles country, and A. P. Serratt of the Norton country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. M. E. Freeman of Abilene came in Monday to visit her son, J. A. Freeman and family, and is contemplating making Ballinger her future home.

A. E. Davis, of Winters, was in Ballinger Monday on business and bought while here a five-passenger Ford from R. L. Harwell, the local dealer.

Mrs. V. L. Jennings, of Miles, who had been visiting her son at Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

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Mrs. FANNIE HARRISON, 232 South Hill Avenue, Dallas, Texas, says: "This is to certify that I have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and I know it is good for it sure did straighten me out. I was where I could not do my work. I lay around all the time. It was recommended to me by a friend. Will say to those who are suffering in any way from female trouble to take the 'Prescription' and it will straighten them out."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS: Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that J. M. Slaughter, whose postoffice address is Maverick, Texas, did on the 17th day of March, A. D., 1916, file an application in the office of the BOARD OF WATER ENGINEERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate 1 cubic foot of water per second of time, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described to be diverted from Oak Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River by means of a pumping plant located on the E. W. Bull Survey No. 333, 600 varas south, 65 West from its northeast corner and on the west bank of Oak Creek about 17 miles west from Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are described as follows: beginning about 100 yards south, 60 east from the W. or S. W. corner J. M. Slaughter 160 acres out of North end of E. W. Bull Survey; thence North 65 East about 400 varas; thence South 30 West about 300 varas; thence North 60 West about 470 varas with south line of said Slaughter's said 160-acre tract to the place of beginning, containing 25 acres, and situated in Runnels County, Texas.

A hearing on the said application of the said J. M. Slaughter 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

Attest: W. T. POTTER,  
Secretary.

(SEAL)  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS: Notice is hereby given to whom concerned, that J. V. Borders, whose postoffice address is Maverick, Texas, did on the 17th day of March, A. D., 1916, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to impound 75-acre-feet per annum and divert from the reservoir proposed to be created 1 cubic foot of water per second of time for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, the impounded 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. Lovely 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 Lovely 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. Lovely 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,

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T. A. Hensley of Alvarado, Texas, suffered for a long time from derangements of the digestive tract. He had colic attacks and indigestion. His liver was inactive and he was in pain after eating.

He took Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. From the very first dose it brought swift results. He wrote:

"I have taken your treatment for stomach trouble and consider it a Godsend to suffering humanity. I have been suffering from stomach troubles for a long time, such as colic attacks, bloating after eating, sick spells, indigestion, constipation and inactive liver and gall stones. Now I do not feel like the same man. I can cheerfully commend this remedy to all stomach sufferers."

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.

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as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**OLD SCHOOL BOARD WILL HOLD OVER**

Little interest was manifested in the school trustee election held last Saturday for the purpose of electing four trustees for the Ballinger Independent District and only about one hundred votes were polled.

All the old members were re-elected and the new board will be made up of the same members who have been on the job during the last year, and are as follows: Scott H. Mack, R. P. Kirk, W. A. Francis, W. B. Ray, H. W. Lynn, E. D. Futch, J. W. Clappitt.

Following is the result of the election held Saturday:  
J. W. Clappitt 78,  
Scott H. Mack 84,  
H. W. Lynn 71,  
E. M. Eubanks 65,  
E. D. Futch 77.

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.

**MEXICAN MURDERED AT SAN ANGELO**

(San Angelo Standard)

With his throat cut almost from ear to ear, his face and stomach saturated with blood which had caked upon his dark skin and the ground literally covered with dry blood which had flown from the wound in the neck, Demetrio Gutierrez, a Mexican, aged 80 years, was found dead Saturday morning shortly before noon, at the corner of Nineteenth and Pecan. His son-in-law, Espirion is missing.

The place in which the body was found is outside the city limits. The body was dragged to a point inside a grove of bushes where it was safely hidden from the view of passersby along the road which eventually leads to Robert Lee, Coke county. In this spot, the police think, it had remained for four or five days, unknown to any one passing the street twenty feet away or to the residents of a house 100 yards distant.

Will Burton, passing the scene happened to look in the direction of the bushes and saw the body lying face down, as if the man had been dragged there by unknown parties, feet first, and dropped to the ground.

Gutierrez was well known in San Angelo having lived here a number of years. He is survived by a wife and four children. He had been missing from his home since Monday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock when his son-in-law, Espirion Albarado, came to his home and asked that the old man accompany him to his daughter's bedside. It is said that Senora Albarado had been in poor health for several months. Her husband according to reports which have reached City Marshal Bates, had been considerably worried over her illness.

An investigation, made by Mr. Bates Saturday, indicated that Albarado has been missing since Monday morning when last he was seen as far as known, with his aged father-in-law with whom he, ostensibly, was going to the bedside of his wife, the elder man's daughter.

The place in which the find was made is about a mile and a half from the old man's residence and about a mile from the son-in-law's.

Officers think that the slayer of the aged man, whoever he may be, had the delusion that a hoax had been worked, that Senora Albarado's illness was due to some spiritual effort on the part of Gutierrez as revenge for a former transgression of parental authority and that the only way in which the sick woman could be made well was by riding her of her father. Letters found in Albarado's home indicated he had been corresponding with a San Antonio doctor.

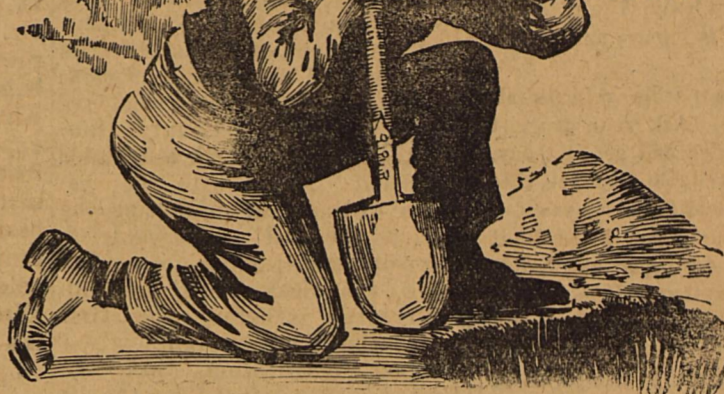
Monday morning when the son-in-law visited the old man's home inviting him to his daughter's bedside, was the first time, it is alleged, that Albarado had visited the home since he had been married.

**The Aches of House Cleaning**

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

E. F. Kre of the Pony Creek country, and J. H. Booth of the New Home neighborhood, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

My money is gone!!  
I was not a careful man after all



Are you going to hide your money in a hole in the ground or in your house and always be worried fearing that you may be watched by a robber?

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**TWO FAMILIES ARRIVE THIS WEEK**

The families of F. W. Wellhausen and E. S. Cornelius arrived this week and become permanent citizens of Ballinger. These gentlemen moved from Bell county and will engage in the tombstone business here and will open a marble yard at an early date. Mr. Cornelius is a Baptist minister and has been serving the church as pastor at Killéen, and when his resignation was accepted the church passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, Brother E. S. Cornelius served our church as pastor for more than a year when he resigned of his own accord; and, whereas he served us faithfully and diligently, and

Whereas he so endeared himself to us as a consecrated man of God, that we have an abiding love for him, and feel a deep concern for his present and future welfare:

Therefore, be it resolved that we, as a church, heartily commend him to the confidence and esteem of our people everywhere. He is cultured and refined, modest and unassuming; a man of high character and spotless reputation. We commend him to the consideration of any church which may need a pastor.

Rev. Cornelius will probably keep up his church work, and will not be actively engaged in the marble yard business, his partner, Mr. Wellhausen, having charge of the business. We welcome these people to Ballinger.

C. R. Smith, and H. B. Witt, of the Valley creek country, W. P. Vaughn of Crews and Hamp Vanail of Winters were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**WINTERS SCHOOL RUNNING SHORT**

Public attention is directed to the statement elsewhere in this issue from the school board regarding our school. The sum and substance of the whole matter is that the district does not provide enough money to finance the school longer than about seven months and, until some other way is provided, the patrons must pay direct for the schooling of their children if they would keep them in school longer.

Last year we provided a fund for this extra time by a public donation each one paying into the fund as it pleased him.

This proved unsatisfactory for the simple reason that many children remained in the school at the expense of their neighbors, hence the present plan provides that each patron of the school pay for the school of his own children. —Winters Enterprise.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c. per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

In a wolf chase Tuesday in the Johnson pasture north of Winters, the boys were fortunate enough to kill two coyotes and enjoyed a few hours of sport that will soon be a thing of the past in the winters country. Men, horses, autos and telephones, when all combined in a chase after the wolf, generally bring him down. —Winters Enterprise.

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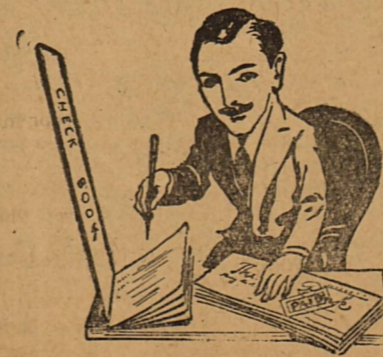
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Ballinger, Texas



### TONE UP THE BLOOD

Hood's Sarsaparilla, a Spring Tonic-Medicine, is Necessary.

Everybody is troubled at this season with loss of vitality, failure of appetite, that tired feeling, or with bilious turns, dull headaches, indigestion and other stomach troubles, or with pimples and other eruptions on the face and body. The reason is that the blood is impure and impoverished.

Hood's Sarsaparilla relieves all these ailments. Ask your druggist for this medicine and get it today. It is the old reliable medicine that has stood the test for forty years—that makes pure, rich blood—that strengthens every organ and builds up the whole system. It is the all-the-year-round blood-purifier and health-giver. Nothing else acts like it, for nothing else is like it; so be sure to get Hood's.

### CHICKENS DOING DAMAGE IN CITY.

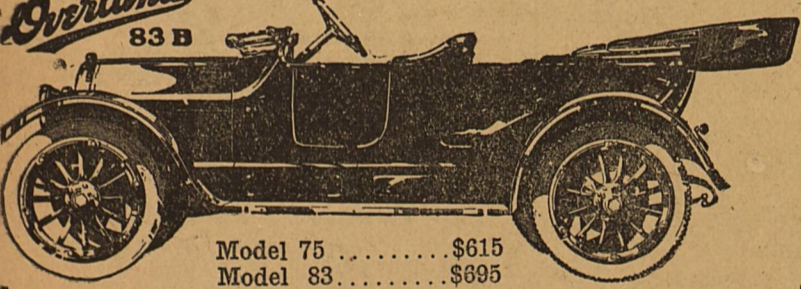
"I want to do my part in this city beautifying campaign," said a prominent citizen, to the writer Tuesday, "but we become discouraged and disgusted when we work and arrange to grow flowers or a little garden and our neighbor's chickens are permitted to come over and tear up everything on the place. I wish you would boost the city into passing the chicken ordinance."

A city ordinance would perhaps help some, but people who are not considerate enough of the rights of their neighbors to confine their chickens on their own premises would not pay much attention to a chicken ordinance, and it would be a dead letter. It pays any family well to keep a few hens if they are fixed for keeping them, and not impose on their neighbors by allowing them to run at large. Three or four dollars worth of poultry wire will make your chicken lot chicken proof, and any man should spend several times three or four dollars before allowing his chickens to deprecate on other people's property and which some time results in ill feeling between neighbors. The chickens is not to blame and an old industrious hen soon learns where the best picking is. Keep her on your side of the fence and she will be worth more to you.

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

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### AGENTS WHO CUT PRICES

on some cars must have a cause for they probably wish to get rid of a bad bargain. Remember that when one offers you a car for less than list price there must be something wrong—some good reason why they want to sell it.

The OVERLAND is the Car You Will Eventually Buy as many thousands will attest. They are—without a doubt the greatest value on the market today. Ask for a Demonstration and Catalogue. ALLEN OVERLAND COMPANY distributors for West Texas. **O'KELLY & WALTON, LOCAL DEALERS** Phone 33

### COUNTRY FREE OF AWFUL DISEASE

Washington, April 4.—The long fight against the foot and mouth disease is over. The Secretary of Agriculture has issued an order which on March 31 removes all foot-and-mouth quarantines and restrictions against the shipment and movement of live stock. The order signed specifically removes the quarantine from a small territory in Christian County, Illinois, the last area which was under suspicion. Along with the removal of this local quarantine, the various Federal orders restricting shipment of cattle are rescinded, so that dealers can now ship their cattle as before the first quarantine was imposed.

Upon notification that the United States is free from the disease, all foreign governments which have placed embargoes on American cattle are expected to remove these embargoes, so that cattle raisers will then be able to resume shipments to these foreign countries.

The magnitude of the work of eradication and control carried on by the farmers, shippers, and the State and Federal Governments is shown by the fact that before controlled, the disease had gained a temporary footing in 22 states and the District of Columbia. The disease appeared and controlled in 269 different counties.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

### EXHIBITS FINE STALLION

Henry Vandevanter was showing his beautiful Belgian Percheron stallion in the city first Monday, and he is one of the prettiest and best modeled horses we noticed in Ballinger Monday.

Harvey Grimes of the Bronte country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

### BALLINGER MARBLE & GRANITE WORKS

We are opening a marble yard in Ballinger and will have a car of marble here and be ready to deliver goods at an early date. In the mean time we are ready to quote you prices and take your orders. Until we can get a permanent location and get our stock here please leave your name at W. B. Wood & Son grocery store and we will call on you. WELSHAUSEN & CORNELIUS 17-7f.

### How to Cure Colds.

Avoid Exposure and Drafts. Eat Right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery.

Your Cough and Cold begin to get better as soon as you take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

"From exposure I had a cough and cold combined that nearly put a finish to me. While looking for something to ease the irritation that bothered my throat and lungs, a friend advised 'Dr. King's New Discovery.' I bought a bottle, the first dose helped and before the first bottle was used my cold was well."—G. E. Spaven, Smithdale, Ark. At all druggists.

### YOUNG LADY KILLED MAKING-UP BED

Miss Beatrice Lewis, the sixteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis of Talpa, was accidentally killed early Monday morning in a most peculiar way.

The young lady was engaged in performing her usual morning's work and was making up a bed, when a pistol under the pillow of the bed fell on the floor. The hammer striking the floor caused the gun to shoot and the ball struck the young lady just above the left eye. She lived four hours. Dr. W. B. Halley was called to Talpa, but announced as son as he examined the wound that the young lady could not live.

The family is one of the most prominent families in Talpa, and the parents are numbered among the pioneer settlers of that county. The accident cast a gloom over the community and the many friends of the family sympathize with them in their sorrow.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
Ladies Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 35 years known as Best-Safe. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

### WILL VOTE FOR ROAD TAX.

Next Saturday we will vote on a tax not to exceed 15 cents on the \$100. A number of voters have called on me to know what part of the tax so collected could be spent in the City of Ballinger. In my opinion this tax is spent in each road precinct in proportion to the tax values of said precinct but no part of said tax is spent inside of any incorporated city or town in Runnels county. The cities pay a larger portion of said tax, still it is all spent on the roads outside of said incorporated towns. I live in the city and will vote for the road tax. J. W. POWELL.

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

### LEFT FOR PRESBYTERY.

J. V. Davis, of Winters, and J. W. Clappitt and Rev. P. R. Rives of Ballinger left Monday afternoon for Goldthwaite, to attend the meeting of Presbytery of their church. Rev. G. Shell, of Winters, expected to go but just before taking the evening train was called back to Winters on account of the expected death of Mrs. Sherrell, a member of his church.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Watch the Fords Go By.

### TRAIN EXPLOSION IS A MYSTERY

The West bound Santa Fe due here at one-ten Monday did not arrive until five o'clock that afternoon, on account of a wreck five miles this side of Brownwood, caused by boiler explosion on a freight train. The fireman, Mark Heatherly, was fatally burned and the engineer Lee Barnhill was painfully burned in the explosion.

The boiler explosion occurred a few minutes after the freight train had pulled out of Brownwood and while the train was pulling up a grade at a rate of about ten miles per hour. A wreck occurred less than a year ago just two miles from where the boiler exploded, and Fireman Heatherly narrowly escaped death at that time. It was the fourth wreck for this branch of the Santa Fe within the past year, two of which were caused by boilers exploding.

As was stated in Monday's Daily Ledger, Barnhill is the son-in-law of Mrs. John Dunn of this city. In giving an account of the accident to a reporter of the Brownwood Bulletin, Mr. Barnhill said:

"We don't know anything about how the explosion occurred," said Engineer Lee Barnhill when seen at his home at noon today. "We were pulling uphill, at about eight or ten miles an hour, when suddenly there was an explosion. I don't know how I got there, but I found myself on the ground, about even with the cab, with the oil and water tank in front of me. I was sitting in a narrow space and would have been crushed had I fallen six feet either way from the place I fell on. As soon as I could gather my wits I got up and began looking for Mark Heatherly and Brakeman Pangburn and saw them coming toward the engine from the fence on the south side of the track. I suppose they were both thrown in that direction, though neither one knows any more about it than I do. I asked each of them if they were hurt, and both said 'No.' We then walked back toward the caboose, each of us fearing that the other was hurt. When we got to the caboose Heatherly asked me to go to the engine and get his coat and grip, and when I came back the boys were covering him with quilts and I saw he was badly hurt.

"I had worked on engine 759 before. This morning was the first time it had ever been used on this branch, but I had fired it seven years ago on the main line. It was the biggest engine yet put in use out here, coming here yesterday from the main line shops. We had no warning that there would be an explosion. I think I heard a sort of hiss, and the last I remember I was trying to climb out of the cab window and had one leg out. It seemed to me that the force of the explosion, or a part of it, came through the fire box, and I think that is how Heatherly was burned. The box is hinged on my side, but is just fastened on the fireman's side, and he evidently got the full force of the rush of fire and steam."

**Watch Child's Cough**  
Colds, running of nose, continued irritation of the mucous membrane if neglected may mean Catarrh later. Don't take the chances—do something for your child! Children will not take every medicine, but they will take Dr. King's New Discovery and without bribing or teasing. Its a sweet pleasant Tar Syrup and so effective. Just laxative enough to eliminate the waste poisons. Almost the first dose helps. Always prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for Dr. King's New Discovery. It will safeguard your child against serious ailments resulting from colds.

### FARMERS BUYING AUTOS

The farmers are the men who find real benefit as well as pleasure in autos, and day by day the autos are going to the country. W. F. McShann, who is numbered among the prosperous Colorado river valley farmers, was in town Tuesday and drove out in a brand new car purchased from Higginbotham-Currie-William & Co.

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

### Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky. "It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

### THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

### REMARKABLE PRICES ON BROOM CORN

(A. E. Burges, Sec. Y. M. B. L.)  
The secretary is in receipt of a letter from the Weatherford Broom Factory which states that broom corn is now bringing from \$150 to \$200 per ton and is still advancing. The manager of the concern states that he cannot see anything that could possibly run the straw down to less than \$125 per ton this year.

Northern corn does not come on the market before late in August, at earliest, and therefore corn grown here would easily beat it to the market. It would be safe to count on a yield of one-third ton per acre here, making a total income per acre of \$42. Can you beat that with cotton? Remember, too, this income is based on the lowest price and a safe yield. Cotton would have to be at its best both in yield and in price to equal it.

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

### BALLINGER JAIL IS EMPTY.

Jailor Armstrong left Tuesday at noon for San Angelo with Will Lewis, negro, charged with bootlegging, and a Mexican being held for Concho county on a charge of arson and robbery.

The two prisoners were being carried to San Angelo for safe keeping until the local jail can undergo repairs that will make more room and make it more difficult for the prisoners to escape.

The jail is empty for the time being at least. Any arrest that becomes necessary will be made and the prisoner placed in the misdemeanor room which is in good shape.

### TRESPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY, wtf Concho county, Tex.

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Effective January 10th, 1916  
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Yours Truly  
**H. M. LEACH**



A. M. AND C. N. WILLIAMSON

# "GRAFT"

**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.

**ELEVENTH EPISODE**

**"The Bucket Shops"**

Suggested by C. N. and A. M. WILLIAMSON, Authors of "The Lightning Conductor," "The Love Pirate," "The Princess Passes"

It was nearing 1 o'clock and the editorial rooms of the Independent had taken on their customary daily bustle and activity. Editors, reporters and office boys elbowed and jostled each other in their hurry to get things "under way." Jack Stevens, the city editor, had already made up his assignment sheet and was engaged in conversation with his friend Bruce Larnigan, who had dropped in.

"Of all the forms of graft," said Larnigan, "the one I most detest is the gambling halls for women, which are better known as 'bucket shops.'"

"The city is honeycombed with them," continued Larnigan, "and I am convinced from the uniform manner in which they are all conducted that they are operated by a syndicate with one common head."

"Well, as to the last part of your statement I agree with you," added Stevens, "but it strikes me it will prove more than an ordinary reporter's job to get anything on these vultures. Now, if we could only get hold of some one who has been the victim of their greed we might have some line to start on."

"We'll need no victim. I have the very person who can give us the information we want," broke in Larnigan. "It's Kitty Richford, and if you'll let me use that phone for about five minutes I'll get enough to start things a-humming."

Larnigan was soon talking to Miss Richford, who on several occasions had done some very clever amateur detective work and whose father had been a member of the graft trust.

After less than five minutes' conversation Larnigan hung up the receiver and turned to Stevens with a cheery smile as he said:

"Well, I've got the dope all right."

"The dickens you say!" said Stevens in delightful astonishment.

"Yes, and got it right," continued Larnigan. "The head of this graft is a man by the name of Rupert Kruger Hall, prominent banker and broker."

Stevens whistled his surprise, for the man was well known to him.

"This man Hall," continued Larnigan, "is supposed to be very wealthy and highly respectable. This much is in our favor, as he will never suspect that there is any suspicion directed toward him. We must keep a shadow on him day and night and discover what connections he makes and run them down."

With a few more words as to using extraordinary caution Larnigan bade farewell to Stevens and hurried from the office.

Reaching the street, Larnigan hailed the first taxi and was soon being driven at good speed to the "street," as the financial district is known.

His knowledge of financial speculation and the district told him that Hall had never been seen about any of the places he had in mind and that accordingly the man must transact his business in secret from his residence.

Two hours later Bruce Larnigan found himself in possession of a group of facts which seemed to prove this theory, and he had learned also that Hall, who occupied a pretentious residence on Riverside drive, was leaving the city late that night after a fashionable theater party which he and his young wife were giving.

When Bruce left the financial district his plans for the evening were definitely made. He would visit the Hall residence in the absence of the owner and if necessary obtain a burglarious entrance in search of the evidence.

Had Larnigan been able to witness a scene even then transpiring in the handsomely appointed library of the house of Rupert Hall perhaps he might have changed his plans for the evening. Hall was pacing moodily up and down the floor. In his hand he held an anonymous note. It read:

Watch your wife and Justin Thompson, the district attorney. They are in love with each other and think that you are blind.

Hall ceased his restless pacing with a muttered curse and slipped the crumpled note into his pocket. There was a light step outside the door and a young and beautiful woman in a ravishing evening costume entered the room. It was his wife.

She watched him with a little frown.

"It is too bad you have to leave town, Rupert. Can't you postpone your trip?" Hall shook his head. "Impossible," he answered gruffly.

He followed her into the dining room, where the two partook of a silent dinner. There was a ring at the bell before they had finished, and the butler announced "Mr. Thompson." A moment later the district attorney, a dark, handsome man of middle age, followed the servant, shook Hall's hand and bowed over that of Mrs. Hall. The master of the house watched the two sullenly as he thought of the contents of the anonymous note.

"Sorry to have to leave you two," he jerked out suddenly. "And it is mighty good of you, Thompson, to consent to act as my wife's escort this evening while I am gone." He kissed his wife lightly, nodded to the district attorney and swung out of the house. Hardly had the door closed behind him when Mrs. Hall threw herself into the arms of Justin Thompson.

"Must we go to the theater, Justin?" she asked.

The man stroked her hair. "Not if you don't wish it, darling. We can have a quiet evening here." The two wandered into the library.

Two hours elapsed. The great house had settled down to a shadowy silence. Mrs. Hall and Justin Thompson had drawn their chairs close to an open fireplace. The servants had retired to an upper floor, and the couple were apparently absolutely alone. Suddenly Thompson leaned forward, listening intently. Then, with a motion to the woman at his side, he rose softly and peered through the draperies into the other room. Before the private safe of Hall a masked man was crouching.

Thompson's self control was remarkable. He grasped a heavy cane in the corner. Three swift, catlike steps and the next second the cane descended with brutal force, and the figure of the intruder crumpled on to the floor, the mask slipping from the features. Although Thompson did not recognize the features, they were those of Bruce Larnigan! Besides, the district attorney was given no time for speculation. At almost the same instant as his blow Mrs. Hall pulled aside the draperies. With a scream at the sight which met her startled eyes, she sprang into the room just as the hall door was jerked open and another actor appeared as part of the strange drama. It was her husband.

"I thought so!" snapped Rupert Hall. And then without a word his hand flashed back to his pocket and he was covering Thompson with a revolver. Swiftly the district attorney bounded forward, his hand gripping Hall's arm just in time to deflect the course of a bullet. For a moment the two men struggled, and then there was a sec-



"You go to your room."

ond report, and Hall sank to the floor without a word. Thompson stooped swiftly over him. Hall was dead!

"What shall we do? What shall we do?" moaned Mrs. Hall, dropping limp into a chair. "Justin, you have killed him!"

"It was his life or mine," said Thompson curtly. He glanced swiftly about him. No one realized better than he the disastrous results if the true facts of the tragedy should be exposed. Without further ceremony he stooped down, altered the position of Hall's body and then bent over the unconscious figure of Bruce Larnigan. When he straightened the smoking revolver which had done Hall to death was clutched in Larnigan's fingers.

Thompson glanced down with a mocking smile about his thin lips.

"You go up to your room," he directed the sobbing woman at his side. "In a few minutes you are to rush downstairs, discover the tragedy and notify the police. They will think that Hall was shot by a burglar."

He caught the woman in his arms, say her stagger toward the stairway and then, turning off the light, made his way to the front door and out into the street.

When the police arrived Bruce Larnigan was still insensible, but beginning to struggle slowly and incoherently back to consciousness. It was plain to the authorities that he had been dealt a violent blow. But at whose hands? If he had shot Hall before he himself had been attacked there must have been more than two persons present at the time. Mrs. Hall was hysterical and in the hands of a physician and trained nurse. She could supply no information, and the frightened servants could tell even less. When the coroner arrived a policeman took possession of Bruce Larnigan, who was still dazed, and the young man was hurried to a police hospital.

The next morning newspapers shrieked early scare headlines at the crowds of crows and displayed the gruesome accounts of the tragedy in heavy type. The prisoner had recovered consciousness and had been identified as Bruce Larnigan. Further than giving his name he had resolutely refused to commit himself. His friends of the Independent, including Jack Stevens, had been summoned, and the next issue of the Independent was expected to contain some sensational details.

Contrary to general opinion, however, when the afternoon edition of the newspaper did appear, there was little or no comment in reference to the case



The Young Man Was Hurried to a Police Hospital.

beyond the bare outlines of events as given by the police, and so the case dragged on until the day arrived for the trial.

The case was placed in the hands of District Attorney Thompson for the state. He said he was certain of a quick verdict and one which would establish beyond doubt that Hall had met his death at the hands of Bruce Larnigan while the latter was trying to burglarize the house.

Friends of Bruce kept strangely and persistently silent. However, had the movements of Jack Stevens been chronicled in the public press there is no doubt as to the interest which they'd arouse from the man in the street.

"Don't worry, old pal!" Stevens had said on a visit to the cell as Bruce glanced up wearily. "We'll have you out of this with flying colors or my name isn't Stevens!"

A crowd packed the courtroom when the trial opened.

The witnesses for the state were called in quick, steady succession and gave the conventional evidence as to the finding of the body, the discovery of the crime and such other details.

It was not until the second day of the trial and the witnesses in rebuttal, summoned by the defense, were placed on the stand that the interest in the case reached fever heat.

The monotone of the court crier called the name of a very prominent physician, a Dr. Jordan.

He quickly took the stand.

"I have made some interesting experiments in connection with this case," Dr. Jordan began. "It is an established scientific fact, your honor, that in cases of violent death the pupil of the victim's eye very often retains a photographic impression of the assailant. I have made certain plates of the retina of Rupert Hall's eyes, and they have been developed with marvelous results." He produced some photographic prints. Counsel for Bruce Larnigan accepted them and addressed the court.

"If you will allow us to call Mrs. Hall to the stand for a moment I fancy that she will be able to identify these pictures."

The judge nodded, and a few moments later the black robed figure of the dead man's widow was led to the stand. The lawyer without preamble extended the prints which he held.

"Do you recognize these, madam?"

Mrs. Hall hesitated, and her face paled. With a scream she sprang to her feet as the district attorney rushed to catch her fainting form. The next second he likewise crumpled into a chair, for the fear distorted face staring at him from the wierd pictures of the dead man's eyes was his own. The evidence from beyond the grave, the evidence on which he had never reckoned, was shrieking out his guilt.

An hour later Bruce Larnigan, again a free man, stepped from the forbidding building with Jack Stevens at his side.

"What will be the next?" the former asked wearily as the two climbed into the car.

[Episode No. 12 Next Week.]

## SUBMISSION PETITION CIRCULATING HERE

Following up the action of the prohibition leaders of Texas agreed upon at a meeting at Waco a few days ago, in which it was agreed to petition the State Democratic Executive Committee to place the submission question on the primary ticket, petitions have been put in circulation.

A petition was passed around in Ballinger this week and liberally signed, and will be forwarded to the proper authority and with petitions circulated at other places will be presented to the state committee when that body meets to make up the primary ticket.

Such action will bring up the state prohibition question again. In the last campaign the submission question was defeated and the pros charge the contest in the governor's race with being responsible for the defeat of the question.

If the submission question carries the legislature will draft the proper amendment to be voted on next year, and the pros will make a strong effort to place Texas in the dry territory.

### Pills Best for Liver.

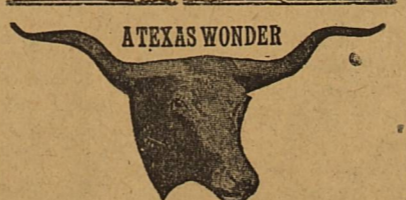
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### LIGHT MAN'S FAMILY MOVE TO BALLINGER

Mrs. M. F. Treadwell and children arrived in Ballinger this week from San Angelo and are now at home with Mr. Treadwell in the Gustavus home in the eastern part of the city. Mr. Treadwell is manager of the Ballinger Light & Power Co. We join the citizens of this city in welcoming this family to our midst, and wish for them success and contentment in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Garrick, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Sunday en route to Mobile, Ala., to visit relatives a few weeks.

J. L. Elkins left Monday morning for Talpa on a short business trip.



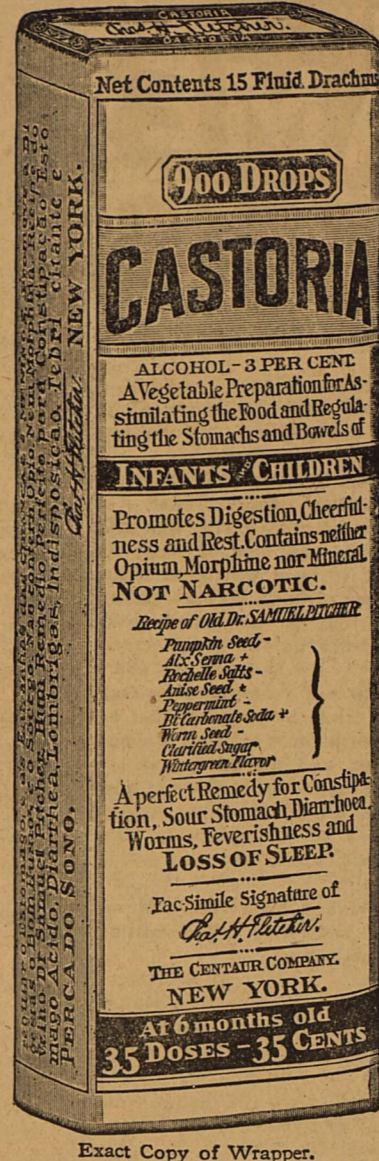
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## PLANS GOOD ROAD WORKING DAY

The only way to have good roads is to build them, and, since the county funds available for such purposes will be exhausted in all of the precincts within a few days or weeks, and since no more money will be available for building until the taxes are again collected next fall, it behooves the people of Ballinger and vicinity to do a little road building now by voluntary and individual effort. It is said that the funds available for road building in precinct one will be exhausted within the next few days, yet it must be admitted that the roads in precinct one are more in need of repair than the roads in other sections of this county. This state of affairs is largely due to the fact that the traffic is heavier in the vicinity of Ballinger for the reason that the tendency is for roads to converge and narrow down to but a few (about three, it is) as they approach the county seat.

In the absence of county funds to work the roads, Ballinger will be compelled, if it is to subserve its own interests, to adopt for a time and to some extent, at least, the plan of having road working days which is so often adopted with great benefit by other towns. Some towns have road working days as often as twice a month.

Briefly, the plan is this: the business men will enter into an agreement that on a certain day they will shut up shop, get the necessary wagons, tools, etc., and go out to a selected and important road and there co-operate with the farmers who live on that road in putting the road in good repair. The farmers concerned will gladly do their full share of such work and the merchants, in turn, will be benefited by the increased business which the better roads will bring.

As soon as he can learn from Mr. McWilliams what help the county will give in the way of teams, scrapers, etc., the secretary of the business league will present some definite plan to the business men for their approval and co-operation, by which the sandy road known as the Angelo cut-off and which runs west along the Santa Fe can be put into better shape. This is an important road to Ballinger and the farmers along the route are anxious to co-operate in repairing the road. In the meantime the secretary would be glad to have you discuss this proposal with your friends and to offer him any helpful suggestions looking towards its success.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Walker of Quanah, Texas, came in a day or two ago to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Davenport of the Hatchel country and Mr. Walker and Mr. Davenport were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

## 24 NEW MEMBERS FOR METHODIST

The revival which had been in progress at the Methodist church for a couple of weeks was brought to a successful close Sunday night, and Monday afternoon Rev. and Mrs. Henry Stanford and baby returned to their home at Rogers, Texas.

During the two weeks revival the church received a revival in the way of bringing new interest into the church membership.

Two services were held each day with three services on Sunday, and Rev. and Mrs. Stanford made many friends in Ballinger during their stay here. Mrs. Stanford was a great help in the revival with her sweet voice and from time to time the music was made a great feature of the revival work.

The local pastor, Rev. E. Rosemond Stanford, announced Monday following the close of the revival, that twenty-four new members were received into the church and other good was visible.

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C. C. Robason and J. S. Reese, of Benoit, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Middleon of Winters, came in Sunday and Mrs. Middleon left in the afternoon to visit relatives at Kingsville, Texas.

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# THE GIRL AND THE GAME

## A Story of Mountain Railroad Life

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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, and Robert Seagru, promoter, from a threatened collision. Safe-breakers employed by Seagru 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 Seagru, 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 Seagru kidnaps her. Helen and Storm win for Rhinelander a race against Seagru for right-of-way. Helen, Storm and Rhinelander rescue Spike from Seagru's men. Spike steals records to protect Rhinelander, and Storm and Helen save Spike from death in the burning courthouse. Vein in Superstition mine pinches out. Seagru salts it and sells it to Rhinelander. The vein is relocated.

**THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT**

**A FIGHT FOR A FORTUNE**

A bright morning sun beat down in winter warmth on the Superstition mine. Near the mouth of the tunnel stood Amos Rhinelander, now sole owner of the property, giving orders to his foreman. At the loading platform not far away George Storm was bantering with Helen Holmes. It was the day after her hazardous flight down the aerial railway, but she looked as refreshed and charming as if she had never known the meaning of the word trouble.

George Storm, her companion, stalwart and young, was disputing with Helen for the possession of a pocket mirror he had fished from her vanity bag, when Rhinelander approached. "I am afraid I am de trop here," he said dryly, looking from one to the other.

Helen flushed the least bit. "Why, not at all," she disclaimed. "We were only waiting for the team to come back from Valley."

"And you found it easier to wait together," continued Rhinelander, unabashed. "However," he went on, sparing the manifest embarrassment of the young couple, "I've something to say to each of you."

They looked at him questioningly. He held two papers in his hand. "Helen," he continued, "yesterday completed, I think, pretty thoroughly, my title to the Superstition mine. I never expect to get any stronger claim on a piece of property than I now have on this. Unless," he added, quizzically, "to my lot in the home cemetery after I occupy it permanently. In fact"—his face lighted with a smile—"it looked awhile yesterday as if I shouldn't have any real use for that even. I certainly thought, George," he said, speaking to Storm, "while we were trapped in the tunnel, the Superstition mine itself would be our last resting place. But while we were relocating that big vein you, Helen, were getting without the loss of a minute the help necessary to bring us out alive."

"That is one reason," he went on, deliberately, "why I have decided over night to convey to you, little girl, with my compliments and best wishes, a certificate for one-third the capital stock of this property." He handed her a paper. "Here it is."

"George"—he turned to his assistant—"you, too, have stood by me at every turn of the road since I went into this cut-off fight. You lost your job with the Tidewater line through sticking to me. I could have got you reinstated—you know that, of course, as well as I do. But there was a little selfishness, I admit, in my not doing so. I felt you could be of more aid to me on the front; and my expectations have not in a single instance been disappointed."

"I don't expect to spend all my life in this country. I shall have to leave behind me, when I go East, someone to represent my interests and to guard them. The great wealth that has come to me in this property has come over night. I wasn't suffering for money before I owned it. But I want the man who stands out in this country, for the interests of Amos Rhinelander to have a substantial monetary backing outside his care of my affairs. This is why, George, I am presenting to you in this certificate, a second one-third of the capital stock of the Superstition mine. Now," he exclaimed, putting up his hands to shut off the protests and expressions of gratitude voiced by his companions together, "I don't want to hear a word further about this from either of you. All Helen and I ask from you"—he was speaking to Storm—"is to see that our dividend checks are mailed to us promptly."

A man came up to Rhinelander with a letter. He opened the note and read:

Dear Mr. Rhinelander: Please tell Helen Holmes that Leary, known likewise as Lefty (but whose real name was Hyde), has confessed he killed her father. The warden says that maybe I will

Adams hurried off uptown to a leather goods store. Breaking precipitately in on the proprietor, they pulled and hauled his stock about with small sense of responsibility. Evidently they wanted a bag, but they seemed to with her face somewhat blanched and Rhinelander's words ringing in her ears, she hung up the receiver. "Get the stock from the safety deposit box," he had directed, "and I will use that as temporary security until I can replace the money."

Seagru shook his head. "No, Mr. Rhinelander," he said slowly, "that won't do. I must have legal tender, and have it today, or our contract doesn't go."

Helen, with Spike as her escort, reached the bank only to find it closed as she had feared. The watchman, despite her appeals, refused her admittance. But a little obstacle such as that was not a serious deterrent to Spike. He had defied the law too long to be balked now in the interests of justice and fair play. He had been a malefactor with the law against him; he brushed aside all scruples now in taking the role of a benefactor with the law still against him. The watchman had his way. "If the case is as bad as you say," Spike muttered to Helen, "we've got to do something."

Helen shook her head despairingly. "It may mean millions, Spike," she exclaimed. "What can we do?" In her distress she clasped her hands.

"Do," echoed Spike scornfully. "Go in and open the box and get your property—there's nothing else to do."

"But how?" cried Helen, wide-eyed with perplexity.

Spike tossed his head. It was set high above a pair of swinging broad shoulders, and whenever Spike shook his head in that way, Helen knew some suggestion was coming. He bent forward and pointed his finger at her to emphasize his words. "You put the stock in the box, didn't you?" She nodded a half-frightened assent. "That," he continued stiffly, "was your business. Now, you want to get it out, don't you?" She nodded once more. "That," he declared with much positiveness, "is my business."

A moment later, at the side of the bank, Helen, frightened to death, followed Spike through an unguarded door. He led the way hastily and stealthily to the vault, and Helen, with her key, opened Rhinelander's box. It was while they were thus feloniously abstracting their own property that the watchman saw them. He turned in an alarm. At the police station where it registered, the sergeant

could make moved the desk sergeant in any degree. He had directed the officers to take the two to separate cells when a commotion was heard in the hallway and Rhinelander dashed into the room. In the twinkling of an eye the aspect of everything changed. In Rhinelander, the conscientious watchman recognized the president of his own safe deposit company, and when the great transportation magnate rushed up to Helen to extend his sympathy and nodded, as an old acquaintance, to Spike, the humble watch dog of the safe deposit vault gasped. He waited just a minute, and in an auspicious lull in the conversation between Rhinelander and Helen, Spike standing at attention, the watchman pushed into the group to ask whether he had made a mistake.

"No mistake at all," said Rhinelander heartily and reassuringly, and to the watchman's great relief. "You did exactly right. You didn't know these people. They had no business in there. But they were there not only to get my securities out of a box, but to get me out of a box!" The watchman stared. "So"—Rhinelander turned to the sergeant in explanation—"there's really nobody to blame, sergeant, except that your men and you have a box of cigars coming from somebody and it might as well be me as anybody else."

The sergeant scratched his head. "This is the queerest mix-up I ever struck," he muttered, perplexed.

At Rhinelander's suggestion he sent for the chief. The moment the latter appeared everything was made right.

Within his own room the chief had a knotted problem. He had been trying in every way to extract some damaging admission from Ward and Adams, but unable to do so, had reluctantly dismissed the pair, satisfied that if justice had her due the two would be behind the bars.

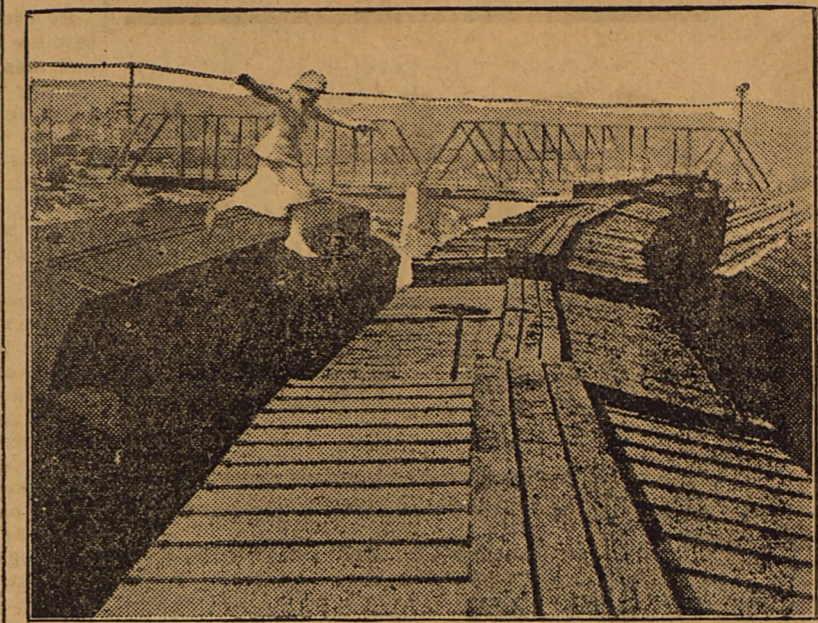
Just outside the police station, Helen and Rhinelander—Spike listening—were conferring as to what should be done in the awkward emergency facing them. How could they now save their property from Seagru's eager clutches? They moved away together slowly, just as Ward and Adams, having got the real handbag from the sergeant, walked out of the station. The two men encountered the halting and perplexed trio. Rhinelander's roving eye fell on the bag as Ward passed him. He cried out and pointed. Ward and Adams turned nervously. "Stop thief!" yelled Rhinelander, making for them.

Seagru's men recognized their victim. Away they dashed, Helen and the two men after them at top speed. Across a city street a block away the hind end of a long freight train was rapidly pulling. Ward and Adams headed for it.

Farther down the line, at a Santa Fe crossing, a Tidewater passenger train had slowed, and for this Helen, Rhinelander and Spike made. But the excitement and speed were telling on Rhinelander, who was not in the class and training of his companions. He weakened. Spike stopped to help him along. In that brief interval Helen made the side of a coach as the Tidewater passenger train picked up speed. Her companions could not overtake her, but Rhinelander hastily chartered a passing automobile, and away he went with Spike after the two trains. It was a triangular race, but the passenger train, on a parallel track, gained rapidly on the freight.

Helen had already climbed to the coach roof, and with both trains running, she watched the gap lessening between the passenger and the freight that bore the two thieves on the adjoining track. As she found her own train rapidly overhauling the other, she made up her mind what to do. The moment her coach pulled abreast of the last box car in the long drag she jumped from the top of the coach to the top of the freight car, landed safely, regained her feet, and looked over the side of the train for the men she was after.

Within the box car where they had taken refuge, Ward and Adams were trying to open Rhinelander's bag. They had succeeded in negotiating the lock when, to their consternation, Helen, through the open side door, swung down and in on them from the roof. The thieves jumped to their feet. But before Adams was up, Helen had knocked him over again, and as Ward jumped at her, she managed to shoot out her foot at the handbag. By a fortunate chance she kicked it cleanly out of the car. Freeing herself from Ward's clutches with an energetic blow, she sprang to the door herself and jumped after the bag from



She Jumped From the Top of the Coach to the Top of the Freight Car

the fast-moving car to the ground. Adams, when Helen pushed him over, had struck his head against an iron bar and he lay on the floor almost unconscious. Ward turned to him the minute Helen was gone. "Wake up!" he shouted. "We've got to get out of here."

"What's up?" demanded Adams, groggily.

"We're left, man. Shake yourself and get out of here before you get pinched."

Waiting their chance when their train slowed down in passing the next station, the two men jumped out of the box car. Down the line Ward saw the bridge they had passed when Helen sprang from the car. "That girl can't be far off yet," he muttered. "She may be hunting for the bag. If we get there quick enough, we can get hold of it ourselves."

Helen, running fast as she could, searched the right of way keenly. Help was nearer to her than she was aware of. But she had eyes for nothing beyond her search, and, finally, hardly a stone's throw from the bridge itself, she saw the bag lying on the gravel.

The nearest station was to the north. Helen began to retrace her steps, thinking to telephone or to get somehow in touch with Rhinelander from there. Hastening on, she heard her name called, and, looking up, was astonished to see Spike waving his hand at her from the bridge just ahead. He and Rhinelander, following the train in the machine, had seen her spring from the box car.

She started to run forward to join Spike. But Ward and Adams had come up. Seeing Helen approach, they hid, and when she passed them they seized and overpowered her and dragged the bag from her hands.

Not without stout resistance on her part. She fought the two with blows and screams, and Spike, hearing the commotion, ran to where he could slip over the side of the bridge and drop to the tracks. Shouting loudly as he scrambled to his feet, he ran to where Ward and Adams were fighting Helen, who had again got her hands on the bag. But when Spike reached the scene the encounter was short.

Ward, the more powerful of Seagru's men, engaged him furiously, and, as a boxer, would have put him out, had not Spike clenched and slammed the big fellow heavily to the ground. He jumped at Adams before Ward could come back, and the two crooks, seeing the game lost, took to their heels.

Spike turned to see what damage had been done to Helen. She had the bag safely in hand and they started together to join Rhinelander.

The bag was now committed to Spike for safekeeping, and Rhinelander headed the car for the city in an effort to reach Seagru's quarters quickly with the payment. Burning the tires all the way into town, he pulled up with a jerk before Seagru's apartment and the three, alighting from the car, hastened up to his rooms.

Seagru, expecting the return of Ward and Adams with their loot, caught his breath when he faced Rhinelander and his escort at the door. Rhinelander he could account for. Helen, he was not at a great loss to account for; but to see the craning neck, square jaw, straight nose and cold, gray eye of Spike in the twilight of the hallway was too much for even Seagru's poise. When they pushed their way in upon him, he made hardly any attempt to resist. "I—I wasn't looking for you," he stammered.

Rhinelander laughed. "No! I understand. However, it's all right. A couple of your men, Seagru, had this bag in hand"—he held up the leather grip for Seagru's inspection—"to bring to you." Rhinelander's eyes were sparkling with the zest of victory. "They were detained, Seagru," he went on, enjoying to the full the consternation of the breathless rascal before him. "In fact, the two met with a little accident." He nodded toward Helen as the little accident, herself. "The police are looking for the pair now," explained Rhinelander, jestingly. "But we thought it only neighborly to bring the bag in, ourselves. Especially since you seem to consider that our title to the Superstition mine rests on your receiving the actual cash today for the second payment."

While speaking, Rhinelander had gone to the table, thrown the bag open and was tossing the packages of currency out. "There's your money, Seagru—twenty-five thousand dollars. Count it, Seagru, and give me a receipt."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



Swung in on Them From the Roof.

send out a man to bring in the victim of the hold-up for their further identification.

To complete Ward's chagrin, the precious handbag was checked in under the sergeant's desk.

On reaching the hotel in which Rhinelander had taken Helen, she suggested that while he made his payment to Seagru she would go to the safety deposit vault—Rhinelander himself was president of the Safety Deposit Vault company—and place their securities away before starting for the jail to intercept Spike when he should be released. In parting they agreed to meet again at the hotel.

Helen went directly to the vault, which she reached just in time to make her deposit of the stock certificates in Rhinelander's box; the watchman was closing the cage when she came out to go to the penitentiary to meet Spike.

It was a long drive, but once there she was not kept long in suspense. In the warden's office she awaited Spike, who, greatly changed, presently entered the room.

Rhinelander had found Seagru in his rooms. Without words, the two set about the business in hand. Seagru showed the agreement and Rhinelander, placing the handbag on the table, opened it to take out the money. Inside, he found an odd-looking package and thought that Helen must have wrapped the currency up differently after she had taken it from him. He unrolled a bunch of newspapers—astonished at the situation—but could find nothing inside them that looked like currency: The money was gone.

called out the men and they started on the jump for the bank.

Helen, in the interval, had taken the securities from the box and showed them to Spike. As they turned to leave, the watchman, re-enforced by the officers, pounced down on them. Helen, desperate over the situation, unbraid the watchman.

A wordy discussion followed. But Helen and Spike were started for the station, where more developments had already taken place. The victim of the hold-up, in response to the sergeant's message, had arrived, and on having the suspects, Ward and Adams, paraded before him, was unable to identify Seagru's retainers. In fact, he distinctly declared these were not the men that had eaten all his free lunch and robbed him.

The chief, refusing to be satisfied continued to ask questions. His instinct concerning criminals seemed to tell him that this pair were crooks, and, if not answering to one charge, should justly be held to await another. While this was going on in the office of the chief, Helen and Spike were ushered, with the complaining watchman, into the booking room. Helen demanded the use of the telephone, and in spite of the serious charge lodged against her something in her bright eyes or her demeanor satisfied the sergeant she was no criminal, and he handed her the phone from his desk. She called Rhinelander up at Seagru's rooms.

When the bell rang, Seagru told Rhinelander to answer it, and from Helen at the station the latter learned of the plight she and Spike were in. No explanation that Helen and

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### SHIPPING STOCK.

R. L. Maddox, manager of the Loomis ranch, passed through Ballinger Saturday with three carloads of horses and mules shipped over the A. & S. Ry., to be placed on a ranch near Putman. Mr. Maddox says the rain was good all the way from the ranch to Ballinger.

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### RETURNS TO BALLINGER TO MAKE THEIR HOME.

Mrs. Hayden Routh and children came in from Andrews, Texas, Thursday, and will make their home in Ballinger. Their friends welcome them to Ballinger.

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## COURT OF APPEALS

### COMPLIMENTS JUDGE

The killing of Eli Brown, of Norton, this county, by Geary Atkison, at Brady, in McCulloch county about a year ago is still fresh in the minds of many of the readers of The Ledger. Atkison stabbed Brown to death with a knife in a difficulty between the two men. The jury assessed Atkison's punishment at five years in the pen, and the case was carried to the criminal court, and last month that court sustained the trial court in a lengthy opinion, and complimented District Judge Goodwin, before whom the case was tried at Brady, for his correct rulings and the proper way in which he charged the jury in the case.

In reviewing the case the Court of Criminal Appeals paid Judge Goodwin the following compliment:

"The court gave a most admirable and apt charge submitting every issue properly which was raised by the testimony and necessary to be submitted to the jury. The charge seems to have been prepared with a great deal of care and with a clear conception of the issues in the case. The court correctly and fully charged on murder."

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

### EMINENT VISITOR MEETS WITH LOCAL FIRM

J. G. McConnell, of Boston, Mass., and a former Texan was present at the regular semi-monthly efficiency meeting of the Walker Drug Co. employees Thursday night. Said meeting was reported to be a great conclave, and some little good accomplished.

Mr. McConnell, while a young man still, has made quite a record for himself in this world. He received a gold, diamond medal from his company, the United Drug Co. familiarly known as the Rexall stores, this medal being a reward for superior salesmanship. In competition with expert salesmen for the 600 Rexall drug stores in America, Mr. McConnell walked off an easy winner. "No it wasn't hypnotism, sorcery, or witchcraft, that won me that little trinket," said the drug man, "only hard work and application of good principles made that possible." The medal, by the way is a beauty.

Mr. McConnell's parents live in Texas, and his territory is from Santone to the Panhandle, two other representatives covering the state.

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

## RUNNELS LEADS IN

### COTTON PRODUCTION

The final report of the crop census bureau for the ginning season of 1915 has been completed and shows that Runnels county leads all other counties in this district by several thousand bales with a total ginning of 40,157 bales.

Runnels county also lead all other counties in this section in cotton production last year, and when compared with other counties makes the following showing for the past two years:

	1915	1914
Coke	10,186	15,878
Concho	12,013	20,399
Coleman	28,639	56,094
Nolan	17,296	22,398
Tom Green	7,123	10,330
Runnels	40,157	58,184

### Guion's Single Comb Reds.

Yard No. 1, is headed by the first cockrel at Quincy, Ill. this season. This bird also won "color Special" Cup among 42 competitors. Mated with him are five pullets of splendid type, and dark rich even shade of red free from shafting. Four dark yearling hens that are tested breeders eggs \$2.00 per 15.

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## 916 SCHOOL KIDS

### IN THIS DISTRICT

We have 46 more school children in the Ballinger Independent District at present than we had one year ago," said E. D. Futch Friday, after he had completed the work of taking the scholastic census for this year.

The count made last March showed 870 children, while the count just made shows 916. This increase, however, is small compared to the increase over the previous year when the number jumped from 600 to 870, making a gain of nearly fifty per cent.

Of the number of children shown in the enumerator's report all are white except 29 negroes and several Mexicans. This is the largest number of children ever counted in the Ballinger district, or at any time in the history of the local schools, and the school board is busy now planning to take care of the heavy enrollment that is in sight for the 1916-17.

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C. C. Schuchard and G. B. Nixon returned home Thursday night from a hunting and fishing trip on the Llano and other streams in that section. They made the trip overland in Mr. Nixon's auto and were joined by friends from Menard on their trip.

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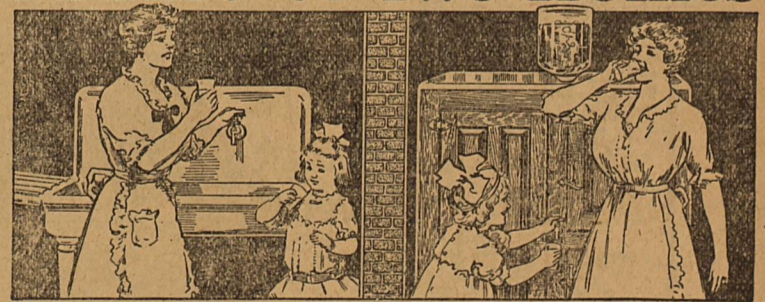
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**BUSINESS SECRETARY MAKES HIS REPORT**

The secretary of the Business League begs leave to make the following report showing the principal things accomplished by the league during March.

Community advertising is one of the principal functions of a commercial club. The secretary has answered two inquiries about the county and seven about the town, and has sent descriptive literature to the inquirers when advisable. Most of the town inquiries had to do with prospective enterprises. Fourteen articles in some way connected with the Business League have appeared in the local daily, and three of these articles were also published elsewhere in the county. Two articles from the pen of the secretary have appeared in the Farm and Ranch and a third has been accepted.

The league, aided by a committee of public-spirited ladies, has this month conducted a clean-up campaign followed by a city beautification campaign. The clean-up week was a great success and was in itself worth all the efforts put into it by the ladies and the league. It is yet too early to see what success the city beautification campaign will meet with. The dry weather and dust has tended to discourage those who were expected to enter the contest.

The secretary and the county surveyor, Mr. Powell, who kindly donated his services, surveyed and mapped the dump at the Elm creek crossing with a view to finding whether an under-crossing at that point was practicable. It was found to be, except at times of very high water. Backed up by this map and the letters of one or two prominent citizens, the secretary attempted to persuade the Santa Fe to construct the crossing, but was unable to accomplish anything further than to get the promise of warning electric bells at this point.

Work done among the farmers was as follows. The pig club work was continued by securing the names of twelve South Ballinger boys and girls who agreed important than this, the secretary to enter the contest. But more ran terrace lines on seven farms during the month. The productivity of these farms will thus be increased and with it the buying power of the owners or rent-

ers. Number members January 1st, 36; number April 1st, 73. New members in town, 22. Members dropped out, four. Net gain in three months, 103 per cent. Farmer members 19, paying \$1.00 per year. Average income Jan. 1st., \$110.33; present average, \$128.91, after allowing for the \$6.00 formerly paid by members dropped out. Net gain in three months 16 per cent.

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**REVIVAL SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK**

It was announced at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. R. R. River, that a series of services would begin at this church next Sunday, April 8th. This revival was scheduled for last month, but was postponed on account of conflicting with other meetings.

Rev. Mr. Davidson will arrive next Monday and will have charge of the services. The preacher invited to aid in the meeting is one of the most sincere and able preachers in Central West Texas and the congregation of the Eighth Street church is looking forward to the revival with prayerful expectation.

**TOO LATE FOR OLD JACK FROST**

DALLAS, April 3.—The possibility of fruits being killed by hard frosts, has passed according to Federal agents here. Texas fruit trees are in no danger of loss by the frosts, and a bumper crop is predicted for the ensuing year, by the government experts.

**SWEETWATER GETS NEW COURT HOUSE**

Nolan county voted on a \$100,000 bond issue Wednesday and the issued carried by a safe majority. The town of Sweetwater voted largely for the issue while every other voting box in the county voted against it. Some of the smaller voting boxes voting almost solidly against the issue.

Editor Eason, of Winters, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

**BREKKS JAIL WHILE GUARD DRINKS COFFEE**

While the guard at the jail was in the kitchen getting a cup of coffee Saturday night, Grover Cleveland Williams, a prisoner in the jail, unlocked the door and walked out. Escape was made in less time than it takes to tell the story, and when the guard returned and saw the prison door standing ajar he had the experience of the guard placed over Paul and Silas, who he heard a voice from afar saying, "do thy self no harm, we are here" coming from three prisoners who did not take advantage of the opportunity to walk out.

As stated in this paper a day or two ago, there were only four prisoners in jail, and the authorities expected to transfer these to San Angelo this week. The work had been started in making improvements in the jail, and all the prisoners had been transferred to the misdemeanor room, and were being guarded. The guard stepped into the kitchen to get a cup of coffee, and using a key that had been secreted in the jail for some time, Williams unlocked the door, walking out told the boys to follow. The negroes and a Mexican did not care to leave the warm room and bed for the cold wet weather that was prevailing at the time.

It seems that there are three keys to misdemeanor room. One of the keys mysteriously disappeared some time ago, and every effort to recover the key failed. After Williams escaped it developed that a Mexican trusty had slipped the key to the prisoners and they had sewed it up in a pillow.

Williams made his escape just a few minutes before the midnight train came through, and he caught that train and was soon registered at the Landon Hotel in San Angelo. After arriving at San Angelo he phoned Jailer Armstrong at Ballinger and told him not to be uneasy that he wanted to take a little trip and would return to Ballinger on the Sunday morning train. Mr. Armstrong was at the telephone office trying to get the Angelo sheriff at the time and getting in touch with the sheriff over the phone Mr. Armstrong instructed the officer to take charge of Williams, and the man was soon in jail at that place.

Williams was convicted last week and sentenced to one year in the pen for violating the local option law. Sheriff Perkins was at San Angelo Sunday, being en route home from a trip out on the Orient; and he called at the jail to see the prisoner. Williams wanted to return to Ballinger with the sheriff, but Mr. Perkins informed him that he had saved the county the expense of carrying him to San Angelo, and just to rest easy in the jail at that place until the transfer agent called for him, or until the work on the Ballinger jail was completed.

C. M. Doyle and W. M. Spruell of the Valley creek country, W. T. Crockett and W. C. Barrett, of the Norton country, and Hugo Halfmann, of the Rowena country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday and Mr. Halfmann ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

Judge and Mrs. C. H. Curl of Littlefield, who had been the guests of Prof. Craig and wife the past few days, returned home Monday.

H. A. Ladwig left Monday morning for Bangs, where he goes to figure on buying a stock of goods.

**LOCAL JAIL EMPTY AND BEING REPAIRED**

"I feel greatly relieved," said Sheriff Perkins in commenting on the clean up in his department this week. "The jail full of prisoners for the past four or five months has been a great responsibility and burden to me," said the sheriff, "and the two deliveries worked a hardship on me, but I am glad to be able to say that all the prisoners except one are now in the pen, or have been disposed of as the law directs."

"I am going fishing," said Jailer Armstrong, "and take a few days rest. It has been a job to keep that bunch straight and feed them three times a day and guard every move made around the jail to keep the prisoners from escaping again."

After transferring eleven of the prisoners to the pen, only four have been left in jail here, and two of these will be disposed of in a few days, and the third is a Concho county prisoner, while the fourth one will probably have to be held in jail until the next term of court.

Of the four prisoners now in jail one, Grover Cleveland Williams, has been sentenced and is waiting to be carried to the pen. Will Lewis, a negro, charged with bootlegging, the indictment being returned by the grand jury just adjourned, will be held until the next term of court. A Mexican Concho county prisoner, is charged with arson and robbery in Concho county. The other is charged with gambling, a misdemeanor and his case will be disposed of soon.

The contractors have the material on the ground for making the improvements and will push the work to completion. It is probable the prisoners will be carried to San Angelo next week and kept in the jail at that place until the local jail work is completed, as the contractors say it will be hard to carry on the work with the prisoners in jail.

The bunch of prisoners just disposed of proved, to be the toughest set ever held in the local jail. At least some of them were of that character, according to the sheriff, and was perhaps the largest number ever held for such a length of time. While this is true, it is probable that it will be a long time before such a thing will occur again, as this county has the reputation of being one of the most peaceable and law-abiding counties in Central West Texas.

**TALBOTT-WEST.**

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. N. A. West, of Miles, the beautiful marriage vows were spoken that united in marriage Mr. E. P. Talbott and Miss Lula West, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The bride is one of Miles' favorite young ladies, beautiful and accomplished and the groom is one of Ballinger's prominent young business men, manager of the Pierce-Fordyce Oil Co., and is fortunate in securing for his life's partner so rare a jewel as Miss West.

They came to Ballinger Sunday afternoon and will be at home to their many friends at Mr. Talbott's beautiful home on Broadway. The Ledger is proud to be numbered among the host of friends who offer sincere good wishes and congratulations for the happy young couple.

**IMPORTANT CALL TO MELON GROWERS**

All members of the melon growers' association and all other large growers of melons in Runnels County are requested to meet at the Business League office in Ballinger at two o'clock, Saturday April 8, in order that the secretary may find out how many acres of melons are going to be planted this year. This is very important because without this knowledge the secretary cannot induce buyers to come from a distance and unless it is known that buyers will come the melon growers will not know how much to increase their usual acreage.

A. E. BURGESS, Sec.

F. M. Curry of the Tokeken country, C. N. Craft, John Alexander, R. O. Browder, J. S. Mills, of Miles, Julius Brosig of the Lipan Flat country, and F. Bloomentritt of the Miles country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**DROUTH BROKEN BY GENERAL RAINS**

DALLAS, April 1.—Reports received here from over the state indicate floods in many places from heavy rains during the last twenty-four hours. The rainfall was the heaviest in the North Texas district. Four inches fell at Fort Worth, one inch at San Antonio, and light showers reported at Houston. The Trinity river is rapidly rising. The continued drought has been broken all over the state.

With a rain fall of from two to four inches reported in every direction from Ballinger and extending over a wide territory, this country has received a season right at planting time that will give all crops a start that will be hard to overcome by another drouth.

There is a conflicting report as to whether most of the present season was handed out to us in March or April, the heavy rain falling Friday night, March 31, and extending throughout the night up into the morning of April 1st.

The rain gauge registered .85 at dark on the last day of March and on the morning of the first day of April it registered 2.60. The average rain fall for March for the past twenty years figures .84. Without claiming any of the Friday night's rain for March we can claim more than the average, and it is known that at least one inch of the rain fell before twelve o'clock Friday night.

The heaviest rain is reported from Bronte and points northwest of Ballinger. Abilene reports about the same as fell at Ballinger. Points south, including Paint Rock, Millersview, and Concho report from three to four inches of rain. The fall at San Angelo and points east of Ballinger are reported as from two to three inches. Showers fell throughout the morning of April 1st, and up late in the afternoon, and the country has received a season that is most satisfactory to all.

**MORTUARY.**

**Death of Pioneer Citizen.**

M. D. Oliver is no more. He died Wednesday, March 22, 1916, and was buried the following day in the Harmony cemetery.

Deceased was a native of Tennessee and was 77 years and four months of age. He was married three times and leaves surviving seven children, all of whom were present except one daughter Mrs. F. E. Smith, of Fort Worth. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and had lived a consistent christian ever since he was first converted when only 15 years old. He bore the reputation of having contributed to every Cumberland Presbyterian church house between Lometa and San Angelo. He was also a liberal contributor to educational institutions of his church.

Mr. Oliver was a member of the Masonic Lodge at San Saba and had been a member of this order since early manhood. He remained a regular attendant at the communications of the lodge until recently when his health failed. He was buried with the honors of this ancient order, a good representation of the brethren being in the funeral procession.

He was a Confederate veteran and saw service in the famous fighting Sibley brigade. He received a slight wound while on picket duty during the historic Sibley expedition in 1862.

As a citizen deceased always took a live interest in questions of community or public concern. He was always on the right side of those issues which touch great moral questions. He was a true friend, a good neighbor; considerate as a father and husband; generous and hospitable in his relations with his fellow man.—San Saba County Neys.

Deceased was the father of Dee and Joe Oliver of Runnels county. He had many friends in this county, having visited here from time to time, and was well known over a large territory. For several years Mr. Oliver has been a regular reader of The Ledger, his son Dee Olier, sending his father the Ballinger paper.

The Ledger joins the friends of the relatives in sympathy in the sorrow that has been brought upon them by the death of this good old man.

Editor Savage of the Miles Hornet, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**The Coming Baby! Hooray! Hooray!**

Nothing else can so completely endear us to the present and the future as the



expected arrival of a baby. But in the meantime the comfort of the mother is of vast importance. There is a splendid maternal remedy known as "Mother's Friend" which exerts a wonderful influence upon the expanding muscles. They become more pliant, stretch without undue pain, make the period one of pleasant anticipation instead of apprehension. In a series of splendid letters from all over the country mothers tell of the great help "Mother's Friend" was to them. Four grandmothers tell the wonderful story to their own daughters about to enter the state of motherhood. Get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" today of your nearest druggist. Use this splendid help with your own hand guided by your own mind. For a free book of interest and importance to all mothers write to Bradford Regulator Co., 409 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. It relates the personal experiences of many happy mothers, it tells many things that all women should be familiar with; it is at once a guide and an inspiration. Write for this book.

**MOTHER WINS SON IN DIVORCE SUIT**

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram)

Mrs. Bessie Hunt won the custody of her son in her divorce suit against C. B. Hunt, completed before Judge Swayne at a night session of court Thursday.

The case aroused much interest when the hearing was begun more than a month ago because of the bitter fight for possession of the child. Mrs. Hunt testified at that time that her husband first came to the home of her sister in Ballinger and took the child by force. Later, she said, she went to the home of his mother in Dallas where the child was being kept and when "God sent a rain" and his mother had to go into the backyard to take in her clothes, she escaped, hatless and coatless, with the child, and brought him back with her to Fort Worth.

Judge Swayne granted the divorce and ruled that the father might visit the child at reasonable times and take it with him to his mother's home in Dallas one week each month until it is seven years old. He ruled also that the father might take their smaller child with him to his mother's home a night or two each month until it is seven. When the children reach that age however, the visits are to be made so the children's schooling will not be interfered with.

The Misses Stewardson of Santa Anna, who had been the guests of Mrs. Ben F. Curry and family of the Norton country, left for home Monday.

W. L. McAuley, one of the prominent and pioneer stockmen of the Maverick country, was greeting friends in Ballinger Monday and we are glad to note that he is improving in health.

Max Russell, manager of the Russell ranch near Leaday, was shipping out Saturday three car loads of cattle to Fort Worth and may possibly go on the Kansas City.

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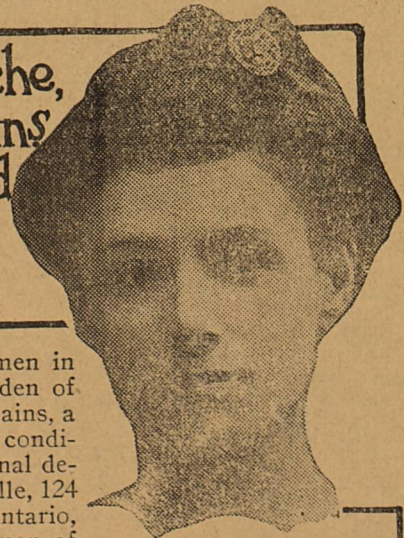
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