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DYESTUFFS COME HERE BY U-BOAT

BALTIMORE, July 10.—Captain Paul Koenig, commander of the submarine Deutschland, made an official announcement this afternoon, in which he said that several other giant submarine merchantmen will soon follow his ship to the United States. The first of these undersized liners will be the Bremen.

The captain said the trip was uneventful and when danger approached his vessel they dived under the surface. He was not in a position to give full details of the voyage because of the advantage such information would be to the allies.

The Deutschland has a displacement of two thousand tons with a speed of fourteen knots. Captain Koenig says bountiful crops are evident all over Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, and part of Poland. Food conditions in Teutonic possessions were good he said.

BY CARL D. GROAT,
United Press Staff Correspondent.
BALTIMORE, Md., July 10.—A big German cargo of dyestuffs from the submarine Deutschland was anchored here this morning, ending its journey from Germany. A specially prepared and strongly guarded dry dock of a commercial shipping company received the U-boat in the Baltimore harbor. The shipping company ostensibly backed the steamer line now proposes to establish regular service of ocean going cargoes on submarines between this country and Germany.

MEXICO CITY, July 11.—As an evidence among officials that it is believed all danger of war with the United States has passed, employees of the various government departments who were being drilled for military service, have been ordered to discontinue training. If the situation continues to improve all other persons who volunteered for service will be instructed to discontinue training and return to their homes.

MEXICAN FIGHTING INCREASING

EL PASO, July 10.—An army of Carrancistas under General Garcia, attacked the Villistas under Generals Contreras and Palizo at Sombrerito, Durango, today. Last reports received at Juarez says the battle is still raging.

Unconfirmed reports received here say that General Enriquez has been sent by Obregon to replace Trevino who was captured by the Villistas.

EL PASO, July 10.—Mexicans who refuse to join Villa are being branded by the Villistas, according to a report received by Gen. Gonzales at Juarez this afternoon. All Mexicans who refuse to enlist in the Villista army are branded by cutting off the top of the ear. Gen. Gonzales received the information through reliable sources and reported the matter to the state department this afternoon. The report reaching Gonzales headquarters says that several hundred Mexicans in Southern Chihuahua have already been branded.

Gen. Gonzales has also received a report saying that a large Villista force is moving toward the Big Bend country and that a revolt has occurred in the Carranza ranks at several places, indicating a Villista victory south of Jimenez.

EMBARGO OFF ON MEXICO.
El Paso, July 10.—Among the latest developments in the Mexican situation was the lifting of the embargo on foodstuffs and fuel to Mexico. It is believed that large quantities of foodstuffs, which had accumulated at border points will be now rushed across the border to their destination.

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MEXICAN NATIVES JOINING VILLA.

Columbus, July 11.—According to reports brought here by motor truck drivers returning from Pershing headquarters in Mexico, hundreds of natives have deserted the village of Guerrero and other towns and are joining a new army which they have been told would be lead personally by Villa against the gringos.

The motor truck men say that rains have already made traveling very difficult in Mexico and the drivers fear complete tie up of motor transportation if the rains continue.

SAN ANTONIO, July 12.—The war department informed Gen. Funston that Gen. Bliss was en route to the border and would assist in arranging the militia in a tactically wise way along the border. Up to date only the New York and Pennsylvania troops have been given patrol duty. All others being held in camp at the various mobilization border points.

L. A. Roberts of Winters, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to points West on a short business trip.

DEUTSCHLAND TO RETURN WITH CARGO

Newport News, July 11.—Plans have been completed for bringing the Deutschland here where it will complete loading a cargo for the return voyage to Germany. It is believed that the departure will be sooner than was at first indicated by the officials of the German Lloyd, under whose directions it is believed the undersea merchant ship is being operated.

U-BOAT EXPECTED SOON

BALTIMORE, July 12.—The United Press learns officially that the Bremen, a sister ship of the German super-submarine Deutschland, is now at sea and is making good time towards the American port. The time of the arrival of the ship is being guarded with careful secrecy, but it is believed that it will arrive within two weeks.

Goodwins Answer to Woodward's "Warning"

The eternally suspicious have a right to be suspicious. The righteous man has no cause to fear the truth. It would be preposterous to think that I would publish anything at the eleventh hour or at any hour except the plain TRUTH and cold FACTS. Any other course would be suicidal to me or any other candidate. Judge Woodward has had every paper in the District at his disposal for months, in which he might have announced any existing facts that would constitute any valid or logical reason why he should be elected District Judge and he has not done so because no such reasons exist.

There is yet some seven or eight days in which any mistatement of facts that I might make could be corrected, and his warning, implying that I would publish other than facts, is an insult to the intelligence of the voters of this District.

Read the facts in this issue.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. GOODWIN,
Candidate for re-election, Judge 35th Judicial District

(Political Advertisement)

LOVE AFFAIR LEADS TO SHOOTING--ONE MAY DIE

G. W. Harmon is in the Ballinger jail and Minet Sims is near death's door, and may be dead by the time this is in print, as the result of a family quarrel and shooting scrape at Wingate, in the northwest part of this county, about eight-thirty o'clock Wednesday morning.

A report of the trouble reached the officers at Ballinger over the telephone shortly after the shooting occurred, and County Attorney Shepherd and Sheriff Perkins were arranging to go to Wingate when a telephone message stated that the man doing the shooting was in the custody of the deputy sheriff and who was en route to Ballinger.

C. P. Pruitt arrived here about noon with G. W. Harmon, and turned him over to the sheriff. Minet Sims was carried to Merkel as soon as an auto could be secured, and those who saw him say there is no probability of his recovering from the wounds received from two loads of number four shot fired from a shot gun in the hands of Harmon.

The only account of the affair which The Ledger has been able to get is told in Harmon's own words in a statement he made before being placed in jail, and as follows:

"I have a wife and five children."

JUDICIAL SHOTS; THEY HIT THE MARK

1. Judge Goodwin has twice defeated Judge Woodward for District Judge. The third time, which will be on the 22nd, will be a charm.

2. When a case is reversed, on account of the errors of the District Judge, the tax payers pay the cost.

3. Why it is, we never hear of the record made by Woodward when he was District Judge?

4. Fifty-one per cent. of the cases appealed when Judge Woodward was our District Judge were reversed. Tax payers who paid the cost?

5. The fellow that is OUT is always a two-terminer. Judge Woodward was running for his third term when Judge Goodwin defeated him. Woodward, since this defeat, has become a two-terminer. If he had been elected each time he ran, this would be his fifth term.

6. Judge Woodward held office for sixteen consecutive years, the office of County Attorney, District Attorney and District Judge. How can he complain of Judge Goodwin holding office for the same length of time?

7. Woodward says: "Pass the office of District Judge around." Woodward has been helped to that office twice, so let's wait and pass it to a man that has not been served; if it is to be disposed of in that way.

8. The record of Judge Goodwin places him among the best District Judges of the State. He has had as few reversals as any of them.

9. When Judge Goodwin tries a case it is so well tried that it is seldom a case is appealed.

10. There is not a case on appeal to the Higher Courts from the District Court of Runnels County. How does that strike you, tax-payer?

11. Every time a case is appealed, the tax payers pays the cost. Everytime a case is reversed the tax payers pays the costs.

12. Judge Goodwin's District is composed of Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Concho and McCulloch Counties. There is not a case on appeal from the three last named counties.

13. Judge Goodwin's District has about one-fifth of the population in Texas. The population, wealth and business of each of these counties has more than doubled since he went on the bench, yet the terms of court have not been lengthened or the cost increased.

14. Judge Goodwin has not a single criminal case in the higher courts.

15. Judge Goodwin has but five civil cases pending in the Court of Civil Appeals. If every judge in Texas could make such a showing we could do away with seven of our Courts of Civil Appeals.

16. Unless some new point of law or some close question is involved, it is becoming more and more seldom that cases are appealed from Judge Goodwin's Court.

17. Chief Justice Brown, when asked to suggest a remedy for the crowded condition of the dockets of the higher courts said, "Put your best lawyers on the District Court bench and keep them there. Appeals and reversals are caused by incompetent District Judges. We have the man on the bench that fills the bill and should take Judge Brown's advice and keep him there."

18. Judge Woodward says: "Sixteen years is long enough for a man to hold office." He held the office of Judge eight years and the people told him it was long enough. How long a man should hold an office you see, is owing to the man.

19. If you have a good horse would you trade him for one that you had tried and found balky? You tried Woodward eight years and he had over half of his cases reversed.

(Political Advertisement)

BATTLING FOR MORE IMPORTANT POINTS

By United Press

LONDON, July 12.—A pitched battle is being waged for the possession of important points northeast of Albert. The fighting began last Monday following the arrival of German reinforcements and has continued uninterrupted since Monday. The fighting is especially heavy near Centalmason. The Haga admits that the Germans regained some of the lost ground between Mametz and Trones woods last night.

\$150,000 TO FIGHT DISEASE.
WASHINGTON, July 12.—The House appropriations committee approves McAdoo's request for hundred and fifty thousand emergency appropriation to be used in fighting infantile paralysis in New York.

R. H. Price came in from Ashton, Texas, Tuesday night, and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price, Miss Hallie Routh Price, who had been visiting at Rosbud, also returned home Tuesday night, and was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E. L. Hilliard, who will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price for a few weeks.

Mrs. W. J. Coulson of Coleman, who had been visiting her father, Col. C. L. Morgan and her sisters, Miss Alice Morgan and Mrs. Jno. A. Weeks, and family, returned home Wednesday morning.

Edgar Jayroe of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

KNOCKING ON WILSON

BERLIN, July 12.—Sentiment here for renewing submarine warfare was made stronger today when a liberal member of the Reichstag delivered an address, and accused President Wilson of using his influence against the German nation. The speaker said that President Wilson was doing all that he could do to declare war on Germany, and said that Hughes could do no worse than this if he was elected president of the United States. The liberal member also said the war against England was unfounded.

"At present our navy is held in a network of notes," said the liberalist, "and what could the United States do if submarine warfare was renewed. She couldn't raise army to help the allies. Carrying on an unlimited sea warfare we could sink six hundred thousand tons of shipping monthly and paralyze England and win this fight."

PEOPLE STARVE WHILE
COUNTRIES QUARREL.
BERLIN, July 12.—Ambassador Gerard transmitted to the foreign office the latest British suggestions regarding arrangements for feeding the starving Polands. The ambassador frankly admits that he is discouraged at the inability of the two countries to reach an agreement.

PANAMA GOVERNOR RESIGNS.
Colonel Goethals, contractor of the Panama Canal and governor of the Zone, is expected to resign today.

Judge J. O. Woodward Issues Warning Against Eleventh Hour Campaign Matter

To the Voters:—I have been informed that my opponent, Judge Goodwin will publish in the papers some campaign matter concerning me, the nature of which I don't know. I warn you against this eleventh hour method of campaigning; and as I will be prevented, because of the want of time, from answering same, either through the press, or on the stump, I want you to know that whatever he may publish can be successfully and truthfully answered to the entire satisfaction of the voters of this district.

This eleventh hour method of publishing campaign thunder is an unfair method, and gives no opportunity to make a reply. He will not inform me of the contents of it, in order that I may have an opportunity to answer the same in the papers or on the stump, between now and the election.

Respectfully,

J. O. WOODWARD,

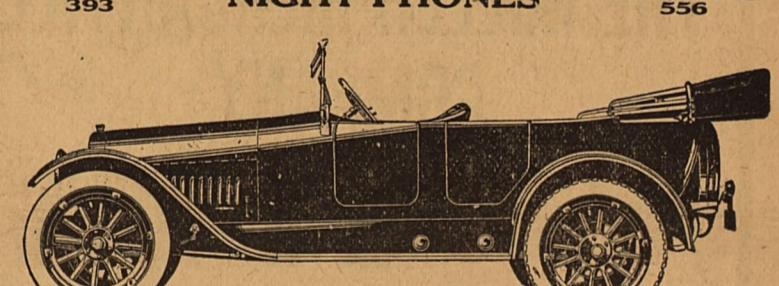
Candidate for Judge of the 35th Judicial District.

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NIGHT PHONES

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You Had Better See the Mitchell Before You Buy!

We have several late model second-hand cars in good condition for sale cheap or for trade. See us at once we must have the room.

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I guarantee "Dodson's Liver Tone" will give you the best Liver and Bowel cleansing you ever had.

Stop using calomel! It makes you sick. Don't lose a day's work if you feel lazy, sluggish, bilious or constipated, listen to me!

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

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it

BADLY BURNED.

D. M. Mayrant, who lives with F. M. Wood, of the Mud creek country, was badly burned about the face and arm Thursday night caused by the explosion of a gas lamp that was being used at the revival meeting in that neighborhood. His wounds were dressed at once and he was resting very nicely at last accounts.



**GETS BOOTLEGGER
AT SAN ANGELO**
Sheriff Dodson, of Abilene, spent the time between trains here Friday while en route home from a visit to San Angelo where he went to get a negro bootlegger. The negro had been arrested and held for the Abilene officer, and while Mr. Dodson was waiting for the train here he locked his prisoner in the Ballinger jail.

C. N. Craft, of Miles, J. D. Smith, of the Wingate country and W. D. Meadows, of the Winters country, were at their post of duty at the regular monthly term of the commissioners' court in Ballinger Monday.

BODY WILL BE HELD IN U. S. UNTIL PEACE IN EUROPE

Abilene, Tex., July 6.—Until conditions in Europe become more settled, the body of Mrs. Mary Louisa Cresswell, 86, who died here Sunday, will be held in the vaults of a local undertaker. When peace is declared Mrs. Cresswell's body will be shipped back for interment at the family seat at Cresswell, England. Her son, G. O. Cresswell, Abilene ranchman, is the only immediate relative surviving. She made frequent trips back and forth between England and Texas in the past twenty years, and had traveled in many parts of the world.

Look—look—look

I. Tubbs, the tree man, is here with the Austin Nursery and will sell all Standard peach, plums, and apricots, at fifteen cents delivered. Leave name at Ledger office and Mr. Tubbs will call on you. 19-8tw-pd

LOST VALUABLE HORSE

Jack Nichols is wearing a long face today as the result of a death at his home last night. Mr. Nichols had the misfortune to lose a good horse Thursday night, and he is shy a hundred dollars or more on account of the death.

CATTLE TICKS AND THE TWO-COW MAN

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Organized county action is the only way by which the small landholder and the man with a few cows can obtain the benefits of tick eradication. In many cases the big stockowner can afford to build his own dipping vat and, irrespective of what his neighbors are doing, can keep, to some extent at least, his herd comparative clean. For the man with a cow or two this is out of the question. He must either keep on feeding the ticks or get rid of them thru his county's voting for systematic eradication under Federal supervision and in accordance with prescribed regulations.

The second alternative is much the cheaper. Dipping costs the individual in his capacity as cattle owner, nothing but the labor of driving his cows to the dipping vats and home again. As a taxpayer, he is of course interested in the money the county appropriates for building the vats, for filling them with arsenical baths, and for the other expenses incidental to the work. This sum, however, is relatively very small. Reports from four counties recently released from Quarantine in Alabama show that in them the tick was eradicated at a total cost to the county of from 19 to 25 cents for each head of cattle. No guarantee, it should be said, can be given that the work will be done at these figures, for the cost necessarily varies with the number of cattle in each county and with other local conditions, but even under the most unfavorable circumstances, the expense is far less than the benefits.

The reason is simple. A ticky cow does not produce as much milk as a tick free one and, in consequence, the farmer does not have as much to sell. The amount of the reduction caused by the tick has been ascertained in government tests to vary from 18 to 42 per cent, depending upon the severity of the infestation. Even a few ticks, therefore, may render the keeping of cows unprofitable. If such a condition is general throughout a community, a cooperative creamery is an impossibility for an abundance of milk is essential to the economical and successful operation of such an institution.

When You Have a Cold

Give it attention, avoid exposure, be regular and careful of your diet, also commence taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It contains Pine-Tar, Antiseptic Oils and Balsams. Is slightly laxative. Dr. King's New Discovery eases your cough, soothes your throat and bronchial tubes, checks your cold, starts to clear your head. In a short time you know that your cold is better. Its the standard family cough syrup in use over 40 years. Get a bottle at once. Keep it in your house as a cold insurance. Sold at your druggist.

FARMER LOSES BARN AND CONTENTS

Willard L. McMillian, who lives three miles from the city, had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents by fire about ten o'clock last night. At the time of the fire Mr. McMillian was in town at the home of his father, where his wife is sick, and he is unable to say how the fire started.

Mr. McMillian had quite a supply of meat, maize, harness, implements and some household goods in the barn. He carried insurance on the barn with the E. Shepherd & Co. agency amounting to \$150, but had no insurance on contents.

Taking Big Chances.

It is a great risk to travel without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as this preparation cannot be obtained on the trains or steamships. Attacks of bowel complaint are often sudden and everyone should go prepared for them. Obtainable everywhere.

TAKING THEIR VACATION

Scott H. Mack and family are enjoying life some where in the Menardville country. They left Ballinger early in the week, traveling in their auto, and were scheduled for visits to a number of places as well as enjoying outdoor life some while on their vacation.

J. B. Carleton, of the Maverick country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

PRAIRIE FIRE BURNS 500 ACRES GRASS

Robert Herring lost about 500 acres of good grass Friday afternoon, and for awhile it looked like he was going to lose a great deal more. It was the heroic work of the fire fighters who checked the flames which were destroying acres of good grass. Fortunately it was a still afternoon, no wind blowing at the time, or there would have been greater loss. When the fire first broke out there were only a few men near to fight the flames and a phone call to the city was responded to by quite a number of autos loaded with people. The fire had been practically extinguished when the Ballinger fire fighters arrived on the scene. The fire is supposed to have been started by a Mexican, who was at work digging post holes, dropping a match in the grass, after lighting a cigarette.

There is great danger of prairie fires now. The grass is rank in some places and has matured, and burns rapidly when set on fire.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Notice of Trustee's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels:

Whereas, by virtue of authority vested in me, as trustee, named and appointed on a certain deed of trust, recorded in volume 15 on page 389, records of real estate mortgages of Runnels County, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 31st day of August A. D. 1915 by F. F. Moore and wife, Dora E. Moore, for the better securing the payment of one certain promissory note for even date herewith, being the 31st day of Aug. 1915 (for \$1250.00, more fully described in said deed of trust, executed by the said F. F. Moore, payable to the order of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. at Ballinger, Texas, due on the 31st day of December A. D. 1915, bearing ten per cent interest per annum from maturity until paid, interest due and payable annually as it accrues, providing failure to pay interest maturities said note, and note also providing for the payment of ten per cent addition on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorney's fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, said note was given in part payment for the purchase money for the following described property, being lot No. 7, in block No. 19 in the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as appears on the map thereof, drawn by Thos. King, engineer for the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe R. R. Co., and filed in the office of the county clerk of Runnels County, Texas, including all improvements, fixtures, blacksmith tools, etc. on same.

And whereas, the said Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. is the holder and owner of said notes, and the said F. F. Moore has made default in the payment of said above described note, due on the 31st day of Dec. A. D. 1915 and the same is now past due and unpaid, principal, interest and attorney's fees, by reason thereof and as provided for in each of said notes and in said deed of trust, the said Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., has heretofore notified the said F. F. Moore, in writing, and whereas said note now aggregates, principal, interest and attorney's fees, \$1325.00, and whereas, I have been requested by the said Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale, between the legal hours thereof, to wit: between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 4 p. m. at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the first Tuesday in August A. D. 1916, the same being the 1st day of August, at the court house door in the town of Ballinger, in Run-

No. 3533

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

At Ballinger in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30th, 1916.

RESOURCES.

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b)	\$347,504.39
Total loans	\$347,504.39
3. U. S. Bonds:	
a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$25,000.00
c U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal saving deposits (par value)	\$1,500.00
Total U. S. bonds	\$ 26,500.00
4. Bonds, securities, etc:	
6. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 7,600.00
b Less amount unpaid 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
7. a Value of banking house (if unencumbered)	\$ 20,000.00
b Equity in banking house	\$ 20,000.00
8. Furniture and fixtures	\$ 5,000.00
10. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 18,082.39
11. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	\$ 32,362.42
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	\$ 19,644.87
12. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11)	\$ 7,000.87
14. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	\$ 3,853.48
15. a Outside checks and other cash items	883.58
b Fractional currency, nickles and cents	348.66
16. Notes of other national banks	\$ 1,182.24
18. Coin and certificates	\$ 6,755.00
20. Legal-tender notes	\$ 22,453.25
21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00
23. Other assets, if any (acceptances, Cotton)	\$ 1,250.00

LIABILITIES.

25. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
26. Surplus fund	\$ 26,500.00
26. Undivided profits	\$15,128.94
a Reserved for taxes \$ 1,000.00	
b Reserved for	\$ 16,128.94
c Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	\$ 16,128.94
28. Circulating notes outstanding	\$ 25,000.00
30. Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 28 or 29)	\$ 19,051.63
31. Dividends unpaid	\$ 6,000.00
32. Individual deposits subject to check Demand deposits:	
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	\$ 515.82
34. Certified checks	\$ 213.55
35. Cashier's checks outstanding	\$ 700.00
37. Postal saving deposits	\$ 729.42
Total demand deposits, items 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39	\$32,267.70
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):	
40. Certificates of deposit	\$ 19,526.94
Total of time deposits, Items 40, 41, and 42	\$ 19,526.94
Total	\$532,475.21

State of Texas. County of Runnels, ss:

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

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July 1916.

ANNIE VAN DOREN, Notary Public.

(Seal)

Correct—Attest:

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

RECAPITULATION.

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and discounts	Capital Stock
U. S. Bonds	Surplus and Undivided Profits
Banking house, F. & F.	Dividend Unpaid
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	Reserve for Taxes
Acceptances (cotton)	Circulation
Cash and Exchange ..	Deposits
	\$532,475.21
	\$532,475.21

nel's County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit: Being lot No. 7, in block No. 19 in the original town of Ballinger,

Runnels County, Texas, with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging.

Witness my hand this 6th day of July A. D. 1916.

CHAS S. MILLER,
7-14-31w
Trustee.

HUMBLE OIL FIELDS.

B. B. Milburn, of Houston, is in the city this week representing the Humble Petroleum Oil Co., one of the most famous oil fields in the world. His firm is an \$100,000 stock company.

Car of Marble Just Received.

A good stock to select from. We can furnish you with any kind of marble or granite. Ballinger Marble and Granite Works.

30-wtf.

Mrs. Shelhorn, of Coleman, who had been visiting her nephew F. M. Wood, of the Mud creek country, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home.

Pure Blood means Perfect Health
TRADE S.S.S. MARK
Will Make Your Blood Pure Get it at Your Druggists
The Swift Specific Co.
ATLANTA, GA.

Miss Mary McCorkle of Santa Anna, came in Wednesday at noon to visit her uncle, W. E. Bartlett and family a week or two.

THE BUSY SHOP

is still busy repairing shoes in the hot summer weather. Come and bring your shoes and get prompt repairing. H. L. WENDORF, The Saddle and Harness Man, tf

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RUNNELS COUNTY FOR SUBMISSION

TO THE VOTERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY:

As Democrats we believe the voters of Texas should have the right to vote on state wide prohibition. The liquor interests are flooding the state with literature and making an effort to defeat the submission question which will be presented to the voters in the primary election to be held on July 22nd.

It will be remembered that in the state wide prohibition election of 1911 the antis won by the small margin of 6,297 out of a total vote of 408,389, and this after the question was in doubt for several days following the election, and the juggling of returns from South Texas border counties.

The liquor interest can read the hand writing on the wall. They realize that if this question is ever submitted to the voters again, Texas will be voted dry, and the liquor interest forever banished from the great Lone Star State.

To nip the prohibition move in the bud the liquor interest with their political henchmen are spending thousand of dollars to defeat the submission question in the primary. The work is being carried on in a quiet way in order to keep from agitating the question and prevent the polling of a big majority for submission. Circular letters are being mailed to political leaders in every county. Labor organizations are being urged to use their influence to defeat submission, the liquor interest claiming that prohibition agitation will defeat needed labor legislation, etc. When did labor interest became as intensely interested in the welfare of the laboring man?

Whether the voters of this county are in favor of local option or state wide prohibition, or not, every pro should go to the polls on July 22nd and vote for submission, because the defeat of submission in this county would encourage the calling of another local option election as soon as the time would permit. There is no doubt but what this county will roll up a good majority for submission, but the majority, like the local option majority should be convincingly large.

Immediately following the pledge on the primary ticket the submission question will be printed. It reads as follows:

For an amendment to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition.

Against an amendment to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition.

Scratch the bottom and leave the first and you can't go wrong.

RUNNELS COUNTY PROHIBITION COMMITTEE.

14-21w d2o-21 W. B. Ray, Sec.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE DESTROYS MUNITION FACTORY.

Wilmington, July 11.—Fire from a mysterious origin destroyed the casting house and shell loading plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, located below New Castle last night. Great quantities of ammunition was destroyed and the plant put out of business.

You save 10 per cent by buying one this month, A \$ saved is a \$ made. Order a "Florence" now. Hall Hardware Company.

CHECK FORGER IS CAUGHT AT ABILENE

Sheriff Perkins caught a man wanted in this county for forgery in rather a coincidence way this week. A young man passed a check on a Talpa bank for about \$105 several weeks ago, signing the other fellow's name to the check, and made his get away. The man was traveling under the name of Rube Bowland, and had been working for Rube Bowland, who resides on the east line of Runnels county, and he signed Mr. Bowland's name to the check.

Sheriff Perkins got busy on the case and had a description of Jones printed and mailed it out to fellow officers over the state. He had not been able to get a trail of the forger, and was about to give it up as a lost case, when a few days ago Sheriff Dodson of Abilene, passed thru this city en route to his home from San Angelo, where he had been to get a prisoner. While spending the time between trains here with Sheriff Perkins, Mr. Perkins said something about Jones, and asked Mr. Dodson if he received one of his circulars giving a description of Jones, and proceeded to tell Mr. Dodson something of the case. Mr. Dodson informed the Runnels County sheriff that he did not receive the circular, but he had a man in jail suiting the description and was holding him on a charge of stealing an auto. This lead to further investigation and Tuesday of this week, Mr. Bowland and Mr. Perkins went to Abilene and identified the man as Jones, and he confessed to the crime.

It seems that after forging the check Jones went to Abilene where he stole a Ford car and skipped out to some point in Oklahoma. En route he picked up a partner and confided in him of some of his recent transactions, including the stealing of the auto. It was while trying to dispose of the stolen car at a mere trifl that Jones was apprehended by the Oklahoma authorities, and an investigation caused the new made friend to give Jones away to the officers, who communicated with the Taylor County authorities, and in a short time Jones was landed in the Abilene jail. As soon as Jones answers to the charge of stealing the auto at Abilene he will probably be brought to Ballinger and tried for forgery.

When the Runnels County sheriff and Mr. Dodson called on the man he broke down and began to cry and acknowledged that he was bad. It developed that he had a wife and a child, a little boy, in West Virginia, and he had written them a most pitiful letter and had it ready to mail. The man gave the officers the letter and asked them to mail it for him.

HELPFUL WORDS From a Ballinger Citizen.

Is your back lame and painful? Does it ache especially after exertion?

Is there a soreness in the kidney region?

These symptoms suggest weak kidneys.

If so there is danger in delay. Weak kidneys get fast weaker. Give your trouble prompt attention.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys.

Your neighbors use and recommend them.

Read this Ballinger testimony. Mrs. S. C. Royalty, 1302 13th St., Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. There was so much soreness across my back, that I could hardly bend over and it was just as difficult for me to straighten up. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage. Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of all signs of kidney complaint."

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

ALLIES MAKE BIG GAINS

PARIS, July 12.—Since beginning the offensive move along the Somme river the allies have captured twenty-three villages, 19,000 prisoners, one hundred and four cannon, and several hundred machine guns.

The war office announces that there was no fighting on either side of the Somme last night.

SUBMARINE BOMBARDING

LONDON, July 12.—A small town on the Seham harbor, two hundred and twenty miles north of London, was shelled by a German submarine last night and one woman killed, with much property damaged.

We handle Selz shoes, also Friedman & Shelly shoes, a guarantee back of them. We have just received several thousand dollars worth. We bought these shoes and slippers at last year prices, hence no advance here. We also allow 20 per cent discount on every pair shoes and slippers in the store for the next thirty days. Must be spot cash at this price. W. A. GUSTAVUS & SON. 12-d&wtw.

No valves, no smoke, no smell, no trouble, with a "Florence" oil cook stove. Let us demonstrate one in your home. Hall Hardware Company.

12-d&wtw.

W. T. PADGETT,
Tax Collector Runnels Co.
(Political Advertisement)

12-d&wtw.

SANDERS ENGINE PLOWS

The World's Standard Engine Plow

Attaches readily to all makes of Tractor Engines—Recommended by all Tractor Companies

SANDERS ENGINE PLOWS are built in all popular sizes. From 3 to 10 disks. Three sizes of disk blades—24, 26 or 28 inch. We furnish extra heavy blades for rough work.

Can be set to cut 6, 8 or 10-inch furrows per disk blade. Will plow from 7 to 10 inches deep depending on size disk used. One piece solid steel frame. Large one-inch bolts throughout. All plows adjustable to engine drawbar. Plows turn either to the right or left trailing your engine perfectly. Large lift springs on both levers make handling easy. Adjustable scrapers. Self-oiling wheel boxes. Chilled disk bearings. Easy to attach. Simple and easy to operate.

SANDERS ENGINE PLOW SIZES.

3 Disk 30-inch Cut	4 Disk 30-inch Cut
4 Disk 40-inch Cut	5 Disk 40-inch Cut
5 Disk 50-inch Cut	6 Disk 50-inch Cut
6 Disk 60-inch Cut	7 Disk 60-inch Cut
8 Disk 80-inch Cut	10 Dir. 80-inch Cut

SANDERS ENGINE PLOWS should be attached in pairs or triples and not singly. You can attach your plows and do better work with two fours than with one eight disk. Two fives are better than one ten disk. Distribute the load across your engine drawbar and avoid side draft. Don't overload your engine. Speed is what counts when plowing. If you contemplate buying any make Tractor write us and we will tell you what size Engine Plows you should buy. Eighty per cent of the Engine Plows sold in Texas in 1915 were SANDERS. There's a reason for this. Let us tell you why this was so. We know the business right. Our experience is

They cost you no more than the old fashioned, unimproved kind. Ask for the SANDERS. We carry the SANDERS ENGINE plow regularly in stock. We want to show them to you.

Headquarters for "Engine Plows"—Ask us.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.

NEGRO ARRESTED

FOR FORGERY

City Marshal Pilcher made a catch this week when he located and placed under arrest a negro wanted in Brownwood for forging a check for about six dollars. The negro purchased several dollars worth of clothing from a Brownwood dry goods house and presented the bad check in payment, receiving the difference in cash.

Hugh Davis, sheriff of Brown county, notified the officers in the neighboring towns, and was successful in the arrest made here by Mr. Pilcher. Mr. Davis came up Wednesday morning and carried the negro back to Brownwood.

THREE NEW COINS TO BE CIRCULATED

Local bankers have received reports from the federal mints that three artistically designed new coins will probably be in circulation in Ballinger in the very near future. The new coins will be the half dollar, the quarter dollar, and the dime. A statue of liberty is embossed on one side of the half dollar, with the American flag flying in the background. Branches of olive and oak are grasped in the hand of Liberty which is outstretched, signifying the bestowal of liberty. The other side of the coin bears the figure of an eagle perched on a mountain crag.

The quarter dollar coin bears a figure of liberty on one side with an olive branch in one hand and shield on her arm. The other side of the coin shows the figure of an eagle in flight.

The dime has on one side the head of liberty, with winged cap, while the other side is engraved with the bundle of rods and battle axe, commonly known as the "fasces."

From \$100 to \$150 pays for a complete life scholarship, including books and board, in Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy and Railway Station Work, we give the student a more thorough training, in half the time and at half the usual cost of a course in other schools teaching other systems. This is conclusively proven by the endorsement in our catalogue from those who have attended other schools and studied other systems. We conclusively prove every statement we make, and that is why we have the largest business training school in America. Our catalogue is free for the asking, and it will give any parent or young person just the information they desire in helping them to make up their minds as to the school to patronize, the course to take, the cost, and the increased earning capacity.

Fill in name, address and course interested in, and mail to Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name _____
Address _____
Course _____

W. A. Sommers of the Talpa country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

PREDICTS RENEWAL OF SUB. WAR

By United Press

BERLIN, July 12.—Von Terpitz supporters predict the overthrow of Bethmann-Hollweg, the champion of the conciliatory policy towards the United States, and the unloosing of the German submarines and renewed attacks on merchantmen within three weeks, unless President Wilson takes some action to break the British blockade.

Members of the conservative party and those favoring the annexation of the territory conquered by Germany, join in the forecast, and announce that the opinion of America in such matters will be disregarded.

The attacks on the Chancellor are gradually growing bolder since Prince Von Buelow's book "Deutsche Politik" appeared, because the book is believed to be the opening of Buelow's campaign to oust the Chancellor and step back into the position he occupied until succeeded by Bethmann-Hollweg in 1909.

You Can Afford It. Facts and Figures On Young People's Earning Ability.

From \$100 to \$150 pays for a complete life scholarship, including books and board, in Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy and Railway Station Work. When one or more of these courses is finished, we

C. S. Miller, President and Cashier
C. O. Harris

C. A. Doose and N. J. Allen, Vice-Presidents
E. A. Werner

The Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. Ballinger, Texas

Condensed Statement at the Close of Business June 30th, 1916.

Resources

Loans and Discount	\$122,888.60	Capital Stock	\$60,000.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	176.33	Surplus and Undivided Profits	11,990.50
Banking House, Fur, and Fix.	24,000.00	Dividends Unpaid	1,071.00
Other Real Estate	10,580.00	Deposits	139,620.68
Guaranty Fund	3,513.90	Total	\$212,682.18
Cash and Exchange	51,573.35	The Above Statement is Correct	
Total	\$212,682.18	CHAS. S. MILLER, President and Cashier	

C. A. Orbeck, Secretary and Assistant Cashier

Sam Baker, Assistant Cashier

TIME

will prove the wisdom of having an account with a bank like this. It will not be a long time, either. We are always ready to extend every possible banking aid to our depositors, new or old. If you have an account here and require financial advice or assistance don't hesitate to call on us.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
Ballinger, Texas

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

The Banner-Leader and the
Llano County Ledger were con-
solidated January 28, 1918.

The United States and Mexico will hold another conference. A good way to postpone hostilities.

The citizen with his Democracy on crooked will not read the pledge on his ticket when he goes to participate in the primary.

The stockmen are busy dipping cattle for the eradication of the cattle tick. The voters will hold a big dipping on July 22 to eradicate the poly-tick.

Carranza may not be as good as some other men, but he is a wise old "guy."

Every boy and girl should learn to swim and be able to take care of themselves when caught in deep water.

For failing to send in their assessment several candidates for state offices will not be given a place on the election ticket in this county. They seemed to have overlooked the fact that the fellow who dances must pay the fiddler.

Starving women in Mexico crying "God send the gringos" gives us an idea of the real condition prevailing in that country, and we believe the prayers will be answered.

The people have voted for it, and it is to be hoped that the commissioners court will get busy spending some of the fifteen cent road tax money. There are some mighty rough places on the roads leading into Ballinger.

The question of repealing the Robertson Insurance Law has been passed up to the voters in the Democratic primary. While the party, or the legislature will not be instructed by this vote, it is a straw ballot to determine the sentiment of the people. The Robertson Insurance Law is a good law, and we hope that the Democrats will vote for its retention. Briefly the law

which the starving women were reported praying, "God send the gringos."

There may be a postponement of hostilities, and the war cloud may blow over entirely, but we do not think so, nor do we believe the administration thinks so. Preparations are still underway, and thousands of troops are being rushed to the border.

We realize the horrors of war, we regret that we must have war, but it is certainly no fault of ours that there must be war. It's a dirty job, but somebody must do it, and until Mexico is cleaned up there will be no peace.

DIVERSIFIED OPINIONS ON COTTON CROP CONDITIONS.

Some people are quick to howl, while others remain optimistic under most trying condition. At this particular time (while this is being written) there is more or less anxiety about the rain question, and the cotton crop outlook.

Rain is acceptable almost any time in this country, and it is seldom that a man "croaks" because we are having too much rain, and there is no use denying the fact that rain is needed now and badly needed. Yet, there is no cause for alarm, and the calamity howler should be requested to keep his howler off the job, because it has not been a half dozen years since this country passed through a drouth that when compared to the present moisture condition would make this look like a flood, and the people "survived," and today the country is in the best condition in its history—look at the autos.

While it is dry, and feed crops have deteriorated fast during the last few days, with rain in the next week or two there will be ample time to make bumper fall feed crops, and this we predict will be accomplished where the people use proper methods in farming.

This is cotton making time, July, August and September is when this county produces millions of dollars worth of cotton.

**GET RID OF HUMORS
AND AVOID SICKNESS**

Humors in the blood cause internal derangements that affect the whole system, as well as pimples, boils and other eruptions, and are responsible for the readiness with which many people contract disease.

For forty years Hood's Sarsaparilla has been more successful than any other medicine in expelling humors and removing their inward and outward effects. Get Hood's. No other medicine acts like it.

**MORNING NEWSPAPER
BURNS AT BROWNWOOD**

E. B. Henley, an insurance man and real estate man from Brownwood, arrived in Ballinger at noon and reported the loss of the Brownwood Herald, a morning newspaper at Brownwood, by fire. The plant of the Herald had just been installed, the paper making its first appearance about one month ago. Everything in the plant was new, including a Goss press, and it was one of the most modern plants in the small daily towns of Texas.

The Herald does not issue a Monday morning paper, and there was no one in the office Sunday night when the fire started, and the origin is unknown. Mr. Henley stated that he did not know how much insurance was carried on the property, but he judged the loss to be more than the insurance.

The fire was confined to the building occupied by the newspaper plant, and the adjoining property escaped with only slight damage.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swellings, pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. Ballard's Snow Liniment counteracts the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Rev. C. L. Ewing, of Brownwood, who filled his regular appointment at Pant Rock over Sunday, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home.

Miss Georgia Scott of Zephyr, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from Abilene.

The French have made some progress

**KAISER IS
CALLING FOR
BULGARIA**

ROME, July 11.—The Kaiser and Francis Joseph have asked Czar Ferdinand to send the Bulgarian troops to the Galician and Trentino fronts to help check the Russian and Italian offensive which are driving the Austro-German forces back. According to information received from Geneva, a delegation of Austro-German military officials who arrived at Sofia last Sunday brought the request for the use of Bulgarian troops against the Russians and Italians.

Ferdinand replied to the request for his troops by saying that a withdrawal of the troops would invite immediate attack from allies on Salonika, but promised to submit the Kaiser's appeal to help to the Bulgarian general staff.

It is estimated here that the Austrian losses in unsuccessful offensive on Trentino front which were met by Italian counter offensive, totaled more than one hundred and fifty thousand.

PARIS, July 11.—The allies offensive continues to sweep the Germans back with heavy blows. Since the offensive along the Somme river began ten days ago the allies have taken twenty-five fortified villages, some of the very important German holdings.

Peronne is now barely a mile across the river from the French advanced lines and is the next important prize for the French and is almost within the grasp of the French army.

The fortified city of Dompierre which was within the entire first line of the German position was taken by the French in fifty minutes fighting, and Hardcourt fell to the French within only thirty-five minutes. The allies are refortifying their gains and are preparing to withstand any counter offensive from the Germans.

BERLIN, July 11.—It is the opinion of well informed persons in Berlin that the great allied offensive will meet with defeat and be followed by peace negotiations within the next few weeks.

Except one narrow section the British have so far been unable to make an impression on the German lines, despite the overwhelming superiority in numbers of men.

J. W. JONES.

R. P. Taylor, of Norton, candidate for the legislature, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.



**Best way to refinish
Buggies and Fords**

This is the way: Wash off all dirt and grease from the surface with warm water and soap; smooth the rough and glossy spots with sandpaper. Then you are ready to apply an even coat of

DEVOE
THE GUARANTEED
GLOSS CARRIAGE PAINT

We guarantee that if this paint is properly applied it will give to any vehicle a durable, varnish-gloss finish that will withstand hard usage and exposure, without cracking or chipping.

We recommend it also for porch furniture, lawn swings, iron fences, and all other exterior surfaces to which you wish to give a hard, lustrous finish. Made in ten attractive colors.

**BALLINGER LUMBER CO.,
BALLINGER**

W. E. CHAMBERS
MANAGER
TEXAS

**COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE
QUITS RACE**

Mrs. J. F. McMillan and children left Sunday for LaGrange to visit relatives and friends for several weeks.

Harvey Grimes, of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Sixteen couples from Winters motored over to Ballinger Monday en route to Tankersby ranch beyond San Angelo on a fishing trip. Miss Winnie Trail of our city, accompanied them on the trip.

Adolph Wilke has now added the cage of famous Ferrets belonging to H. L. Mobley of the Central Hotel, to his growing animals at the court house park.

Preparedness---

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

Ballinger Insurance Agency

T. J. GARDNER, Manager

Office with Bennett Abstract Co.
Telephone No. 317

requires insurance companies to invest seventy-five per cent of their earnings in Texas, and if the big companies of the north and east do not want to do this, we say let them stay out of the state. Other good companies are complying with the law and are willing to continue to do business under the law. Why repeal?—vote for its retention. It is the last question on the primary ticket.

TRYING TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

In his efforts to avoid war with Mexico President Wilson is trying to do the impossible. We agree with the administration and say that war should be averted if possible and we should have peace regardless of cost.

While the latest reports from Washington indicate that Carranza is willing to continue negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the differences between the two nations, and in this the old man is wise.

If Carranza could have his way there would be no war between the United States and Mexico, but there is another influence that Carranza can not control. The Mexican people are "shot to pieces" and until all factions can be united and the prejudice that exists is stamped out, no leader will be found among the Mexican people who can control the whole people and bring about peace.

Carranza is playing two hands. He is trying to satisfy a constituency that is clamoring for war with the gringos, and at the same time courting friendship with the American government. He is smart enough to realize what the consequences would be in case of a conflict, and at the same time representing a people who are seeking vengeance, as they believe it, against a people they have been taught to despise.

While there is a class of Mexican civilians who look upon the gringos as their enemies, there is a class—the starving class, who realize that with the coming of the gringos would come relief for the suffering, as told in dispatches in this paper yesterday in

If it does not rain another drop there will be enough cotton raised to pay taxes—and that's some, and to take care of many other incidental bills, while the people have long since learned to depend on other things to pay the big bills, buy autos, etc.

In fact, at this time there is a diversified opinion as to the condition of the cotton crop. One man will tell you the crop has

gone to the bow-wows, while may be the next man you interview will tell you that rain is not needed for cotton, and advises us that a few days rain would revive the boll weevil scare and there would be more complaint from the ravages of the weevil than could ever come from a little drouth.

We find that the diversified opinions are due to diversified ways the farmers cultivate the crop. Where the soil has been kept well stirred and the field free from weeds, and the crop was planted early, there is no complaint, and it is a fact that the cotton is in a thriving condition.

But its going to rain in ample time to give the people all they are entitled to and then some.

Biliousness and Stomach Trouble

"Two years ago I suffered from frequently attacks of stomach trouble and biliousness," writes Miss Emma Verbiage, Lima, Ohio. "I could eat very little food that agreed with me and I became so dizzy and sick at my stomach at times that I had to take hold of something to keep from falling. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I decided to try them. I improved rapidly." Obtainable everywhere.

W. A. Miller, stockman of the Leaday ranch, was in Ballinger Sunday for a short while. Mr. Miller is conducting his ranch on strictly modern lines, and is offering a reward for a speck of dirt in his pig pens. Two A. and M. graduates are employed constantly on the Miller property, and all scientific methods are being used. Eugene Gressett is doing some carpenter work on this ranch at the present, building silos, etc.

**ON BRIDAL TOUR
TO CORPUS CHRISTI**

Miss Olga Gannaway and Mr. T. J. Gardner were married at San Angelo Saturday afternoon, to which place they motored. They returned to Ballinger Saturday evening and left Sunday morning, overland in their auto for Corpus Christi, where they will spend a couple of weeks.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gannaway, and has a host of friends here who will wish for her a happy, married life. Mr. Gardner is among the prominent business men of the city, ad also has the best wishes of a host of friends.

After a two weeks sojourn on the bay Mr. and Mrs. Gardner will be at home in Ballinger.

NOTICE

We will dip cattle again at Ed Linderman's vat on July 21st all that will can dip with us on that date. After that date all with ticks on their cattle are barred, for we don't want cattle drove across our pasture with ticks. F. M. WOOD.

DO YOU KNOW?

Intelligent motherhood conserves the nation's best crop?

Heavy eating like heavy drinking shortens life?

The registration of sickness is even more important than the registration of deaths?

The U. S. Public Health Service operates with state and local authorities to improve rural sanitation?

Many a severe cold ends in tuberculosis?

Sedentary habits shorten life?

Neglected adenoids and defective teeth in childhood menace adult health?

A low infant mortality rate indicates high community intelligence.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head

BECAUSE IT'S TASTLESS! Better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and took for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

BAPTIST REVIVAL POSTPONED.

Rev. J. N. Key request us to announce through the columns of this paper that the Baptist revival scheduled to begin at the Pearce School House on Friday night before the Fifth Sunday in July, has been postponed until Friday night before the first Sunday in August. All those interested in the revival are requested to please take notice and get ready for the meeting. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

south of the Somme river, but thus far neither the French or the British have developed the powerful attack necessary to completely break the German deadlock in the west.

Feeling prevails among the Germans that when the extent of the British losses becomes known in England public opinion will demand peace with out further slaughter.

ONE CRUISER SINKS FOUR PATROLS.

BERLIN, July 11.—The Austrian Admiralty reports that the cruiser Novara encountered four armed British patrol boats off Ontranto road at the connection of the Adriatic and Ionian seas and destroyed all four of the vessels. Only nine British sailors from the four boats were rescued.

Judge Meeks, of Talpa, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home from a visit to his daughter Mrs. I. A. Garick and family at Winters.

If you feel "blue," "No account," lazy, you need a good cleaning out. Herbine is the right thing for that purpose. It simulates the liver, tones up the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Burt Taylor, of Franklin, Tenn., who had been visiting his uncle Dr. W. W. Fowler and family the past several weeks, left for his home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Elder of Kingsville, came in Sunday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Elder and Ballinger friends a week or two.

Joe Hopewell returned home Sunday from Oklahoma, where he had been spending the past several months, and says it looks mighty good back in this section and he is glad to be at home again.

County Commissioner J. D. Smith of the Wingate country, left from this point Monday afternoon on a short business trip to Temple, and will also visit his father in Bell county while away from home.

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ROESLER-SOMMERS.

Mr. C. R. Roesler and Mrs. Kate Sommers, two of the prominent young people of Rowena, were united in marriage last Saturday, Rev. Father Garman, officiating, in the presence of the relatives and a few intimate friends and they left on the afternoon train for Cool Colorado to spend their honeymoon.

The Rowena band made sweet music on this occasion and accompanied the happy couple to the train.

Mr. Roesler is one of the prominent business men of Rowena, being manager of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co., in Rowena. The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life for the young couple.

BERLIN ADMITS MORE LOSSES

BERLIN, July 10.—The British army penetrated the Trones woods north of Hardscourt in Saturday's fighting extended their positions northward this afternoon. Fighting has been progressing in the Trones woods for the past forty-eight hours with heavy losses. German counter attacks have been repulsed.

DRIVES OUT MALARIA, BUILDS UP SYSTEM

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

Most Notable Value Giving Event
of the Year

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

This Sale Swings into the Third and
Last Week—Ends Saturday, July 22

All Ready For The Last Week Of This Big Event

Now For the Supreme Test of Value Giving

We are going to make this last week the biggest selling event of the summer. For the past two weeks of this sale we have enjoyed a good business. Therefore all over the big store we find numbers of lots of short ends, broken lots and sizes, in white goods, wash goods, staples, notions, underwear, hosiery, ribbons; etc. In our ready-to-wear we have broken lots and sizes in dresses, suits and skirts. In clothing for men and boys you will find broken lots as well as shoes. All of this character of merchandise will be pushed out at greatly reduced prices. Now is your time you can buy them at very small prices. Buying right now at the prices they can be had for is the best investment we know of.

Clothing Department

Men's suits at \$7.95; \$9.95 and \$11.95

All men's mohair and silk suits that sold up to \$15 Clearance sale price

\$7.95

All men's wool suits including serges that sold at \$12.50 Clearance sale price

\$9.95

All men's and young mens wool suits that sold at \$15 and \$17 Clearance sale price

\$11.95

Furnishings

Everything in furnishings at big reductions during this sale. Here you will find values impossible to duplicate elsewhere.

Extra Special

Ladies' genuine Palm Beach Suits, the late belted models. Regular price \$8.50 to \$10.00, Clearance Sale price

\$4.95

Dress Suits and Skirts

Not a garment will be carried over if price means anything—Every garment must go.

Suits and Dresses at Half Price

\$5.00 suits and dresses, Clearance price . . .	\$2.50
\$7.50 suits and dresses, Clearance price . . .	\$2.75
\$10.00 suits and dresses, Clearance price . . .	\$5.00
\$12.50 suits and dresses, Clearance price . . .	\$6.25
\$15.00 suits and dresses, Clearance price . . .	\$7.50
\$18.50 suits and dresses, Clearance price . . .	\$9.25
\$20.00 suits and dresses, Clearance price . . .	\$10.00
\$25.00 suits and dresses, Clearance price . . .	\$12.00

Radical Reductions Throughout the Store

25 pieces reps, corduroy and ratines, values 35c to 50c the yard, special the yard

19c

20 pieces fancy tissues and lawns, values up to 25c special the yard

12c

15 pieces floral designs, all organee and voiles, 36 to 42 inches wide. values 35c to 50c, choice the yard

24c

150 pieces fancy and plain colored ginghams, fast colors, real worth 12 1-2c. This sale the yard

8 1-3c

Millinery Must Go

Hats worth up to \$7.50, Clearance price . . . \$2.95
Hats worth up to \$5.00, Clearance price . . . \$1.95
Shapes worth up to \$5.00, Clearance price . . . 88c
All childrens hats worth up to \$2.00 at . . . 50c

Extra Special

Men's genuine Palm Beach Suits, Marx brand the good kind, formerly sold up to \$10.00. This sale choice at

\$5.95

OIL MILL IS SOLD

A deal which has been pending for some time was finally closed and made public this week, when the controlling stock in the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., and the Western Gin Co., was transferred to R. R. Russell, of San Antonio, and H. Giesecke of Ballinger, the consideration figuring about \$225,000.00.

Messrs. Russell and Giesecke

buys the interest of Willis Johnson, R. A. Hall, M. L. Mertz and Geo. J. Bird, of San Angelo, who for several years have held the controlling interest in the oil mill and gin property of this city. In the deal the San Angelo parties transfer all their interest in the Ballinger and Winters mills, and also the ten gins of the Western Gin Co., located in this county. The Angelo parties retain their interest in the oil mill and gins at San Angelo.

The Western Gin Co., has heretofore been a partnership concern. It will hereafter be known as the Runnels County Gin Co., incorporated. Judge M. C. Smith, representing the stockholders, is in

Austin now, where he went to secure a new charter. A telegram from him to the local manager, received Saturday morning, stated that the charter for the new company had been granted.

H. W. Lynn Goes to Winters.

There will be no changes in the management of the business at Ballinger, and the business of both the oil mill and the gins will be conducted as heretofore, with perhaps minor changes in the crew from time to time. Oscar Pearson will continue to be manager of local mill, while H. W. Lynn will be placed in charge of the Winters mill.

Mr. Lynn is busy making his arrangements to go to Winters, accompanied by Mrs. Lynn where they will make their home. While this deal is interesting to Ballinger people because it brings the local mill more under the control of home capital, it also robs us of one of our best citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn moved to Ballinger eleven years ago, and they are numbered among our best, and while we regret to see them leave Ballinger we are glad to know that they are to remain in the county, and will continue to be at home in Ballinger when they see fit to visit here.

One Of The Best Mills in Texas.

The Ballinger oil mill was constructed in 1903. It is one of the most substantial and modern mills in Texas. The Winters mill is not as old as the Ballinger mill, having been constructed five or six years ago. It too is good mill, and being located in one of the best farming districts in Texas, enjoys a good run annually.

The string of gins owned by the Runnels County Gin Co., are modern in every respect. At present the company is constructing a new gin at Rowena, which will be generated by electric power, and will be one of the best gins in Texas.

The new controller of the big end of the stock of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., and the Runnels County Gin Co., are already largely identified with the business interests of Ballinger. Everybody knows H. Giesecke and is acquainted to some extent with his business connections. He is president of the Farmers & Mer-

chants State Bank, while his associate in this deal, Mr. Russell, is one of the principal stockholders in the same bank, and was formerly its president, and charter member.

The deal is one in which Ballinger gains, as local capital will practically control the institution while heretofore foreign capital has controlled the business.

Try it and see—one application will prove more than a column of claims. James S. Ferguson, Phila., Pa., writes: "I have had wonderful relief since I used Sloan's Liniment on my knees. To think after all these years of pain one application gave me relief. Many thanks for what your remedy has done for me." Don't keep on suffering, apply Sloan's Liniment where your pain is and notice how quickly you get relief. Penetrates without rubbing. Buy it at any Drug Store. 25c.

SOCIALIST TO HOLD ENCAMPMENT HERE

Several members of the Socialist party met here last Saturday for the purpose of fostering their political interest. The meeting was organized into a working body by electing W. R. McDonald chairman and August Seipp secretary.

The Socialists voted unanimously to hold a three days encampment here some time during the month of August, and it was decided to get an independent speakers team for the encampment.

The chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to select the speakers, select dates for the encampment, arrange about lights, water, etc., and the chairman appointed Dr. E. R. McKinney, Jim Fields, J. D. Miller and W. C. Smith.

The Socialist have announced that a complete county ticket would be put in the field to oppose the Democratic nominees, and these would be announced at a later date, and they feel hopeful of electing most of the county officers this year, as they claim a great gain in votes since the last election and the Democrats show little interest in the general election.

TO THE VOTERS OF PRECINCT NO. ONE OF RUNNELS COUNTY.

This is to announce that I am in the race for public weigher to be elected by the voters of the following boxes: Ballinger 1 and 24, Olfen, Pony, Hatchel, Bent, Crews, Tokeen, Truitt, Maverick, South Norton and Pierce School House. Upon the resignation of my father, Mr. Frank Stuart, as public weigher of Precinct 1, the commissioners' court of Runnels County named me as his successor, thus recognizing my experience of ten years previous to that time when I assisted my father in the yard.

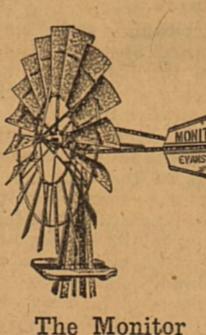
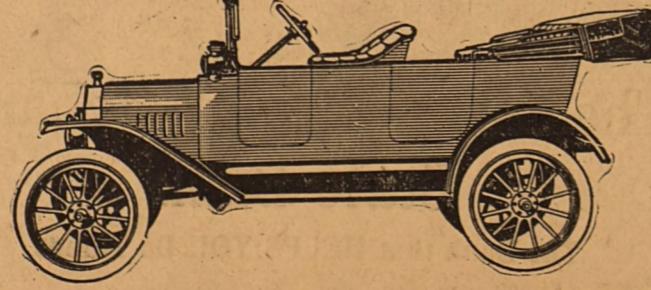
Because of my association with him during these years and the year when I was the appointee of the court to fill the unexpired term, I believe I am ably qualified to fill the office as the regular elected weigher of this precinct. I feel that I am due the gift of the office from the hands of the people as a recognition of my previous services when I worked in the yard, and promise faithful services if elected July 22. I believe that it is better to place in this office a man of experience rather than a novice, and for that reason appeal for your support. D. T. (Travis) STUART.

W. J. Young, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

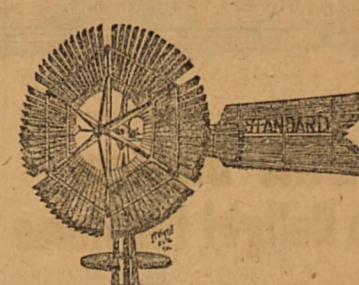
Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR

You must not judge the Ford car by its first cost. That is low, because the best manufacturing methods and the great volume of production reduce the cost of making and selling. Better materials, bought at lower prices make the Ford a better car for less money. Order yours today! Runabout \$390; Touring Car \$440; Town Car \$640; Sedan \$740. All prices f. o. b. Detroit. On sale at

**Harwell Motor Co.
Ballinger, Texas**



Wind Mills



We now have in stock the Monitor, an all-steel windmill and the Standard, a part wood and part steel mill. Will make you a good price on complete outfit, tower, pipes and all fixtures put up and ready to pump.

Call and Let Us Show You

Dunn & Glenn

Tinners, Plumbers and Tank Builders

TEXAS

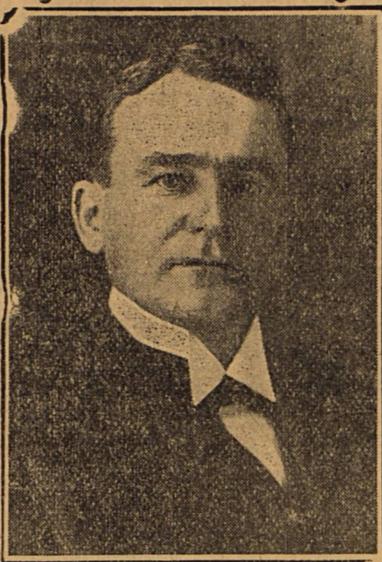
The People are For Judge Blanton; Political Enemies Predict His Election

Judge Blanton has the reputation of having the cleanest court docket in Texas. He has the substantial endorsement and hearty support of his district, composed of Taylor, Callahan, Eastland and Shackelford counties. He has published his platform both in the papers in this district and in circular form and repeatedly challenged Congressman Smith to meet him in joint debate and discuss before the people the issues in the campaign. Mr. Smith has repeatedly declined to meet Judge Blanton.

Judge Blanton has made the most aggressive campaign ever made for any office. He has gained wonderful strength since the campaign two years ago, when he came so near defeating Congressman Smith, and his election is the prediction of many Smith supporters.

Judge Blanton carried fourteen out of twenty-four boxes in Runnels county in the last election. Here they are. Please note the boxes not controlled by politics are the one which counted for Blanton:

	Blanton	Smith
Marie,	13	8
Maverick,	25	13
Antelope,	11	11
Truitt,	17	8
Pumphrey,	29	18
S. Norton,	26	9
N. Norton,	37	15
Benoit,	19	15
Wilmethe,	52	36
P. Creek,	46	34



JUDGE THOMAS L. BLANTON
District Judge 42nd Judicial District
Abilene, Texas.
Candidate for Congress 16th District

CAUSEWAY CROSSING IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The work of providing a crossing on the Colorado river about half way between where Seventh and Eighth streets butt into the river is well underway. This job is a much larger one than the average reader would think. Where the new public road will cross the river the river is wide and the banks on either side rather steep, but the contractors in charge are working this down to where it will make an easy grade to climb with a big load, and the road leading to the crossing will be made one of the best leading into the city.

The new road will shorten the distance for the citizens living on the

MAY BUY BIG CHUNK OF MEXICO

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Congressman Caldwell, of New York, introduced a resolution in the House this morning asking for the appointment of a commission composed of five members, including one senator and one congressman, to negotiate with Mexico for the purchase of Lower California, and the northern Mexican states. The resolution carries with it an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars for the purpose of carrying on the work. The Mexican government has been called on to name a similar commission.

The resolution provides that the commission begin its work at the earliest possible time, and be ready to make its report at the opening of the next session of congress. It is believed many congressmen that the bill will pass the House.

Mrs. Dunbar, matron of Trinity University, came in from the west Monday afternoon and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller and daughters a few days, while looking for students for the college.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd and little daughter left Tuesday for Toyah to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Luckett a few weeks.

T. B. Fifer, of Post City, came in a day or two ago and has accepted a position with the City Barber Shop. He is a brother of E. F. Elder of our City.

O. B. Corbet came in from Dallas a day or two ago and will spend a few weeks with his family and Ballinger friends.

G. G. Odom came in from his Coke county ranch Monday afternoon to visit home folks and to look after business affairs.

T. T. Duncan, of the Roscoe country, was greeting old friends in Ballinger and looking after business affairs a few hours Tuesday.

Judge Jno W. Goodwin, of Brownwood, was looking after his race for district judge in our section Monday and left for home in the afternoon.

V. Rosenwasser of Fredericksburg, and George Levy of Seguin, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Passur, Tuesday while en route to Sweetwater in their auto.

SMOKE FROM PIPE CALLS OUT DALLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dallas, July 11.—A general fire alarm called all the town fire fighting apparatus to the Texas Traction Co., station where a dense smoke was rolling from the Woman's rest room. The firemen burst into the rest room and found an old woman placidly smoking a pipe.

BALL UP IN PRIMARY TICKET

In preparing the copy for the primary tickets somebody made an error in wording the submission question to go on the ticket, and made it read, "For an amendment to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition," and "against an amendment to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition," when the question to be voted on is "For submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition," and "Against the submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition."

This copy was sent out by the state democratic executive committee and was of course the same for every county in the state. When the copy was turned over to the printers and orders placed for the tickets, he wrote the question was not on the ticket, the attention of both the submission committee and the state democratic executive committee was called to it. The submission committee was very busy, and while it has been held that the question as first printed will hold good in instructing the legislature, the submission committee proposed to pay for sending telegrams to each county chairman instructed that the correction be made where tickets had not been printed, and Chairman A. K. Doss of this county, received the following telegram Thursday morning:

"The state democratic executive committee request the submission question be stated on the ballot as follows: For the submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition." "Against the submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition." If tickets are to be printed must be without expense to state democratic executive committee however. Either form if used will be counted.

CHAS. J. KIRK, Sec.

It will be seen from the telegram that the vote on the question will be counted, regardless of how the question is printed on the ticket. The tickets were just read to go on the press for this county and the telegram was received in time to make the correction.

A REQUEST. TO THE VOTERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY:

Two years ago I made the race for county clerk, the same as I am offering for this year, and went into the race a friend to my opponent and came out the same way and if I can not be elected by honorable means, I would not run at all. I had a strong man opposing me but I made a good race and am proud of the vote given me then, which encouraged me to make this, the second race.

However, there was a time in county politics, before the telephone age of quick communication, and the citizens were not as intelligent and enlightened as they are at the present time, when a report could be circulated and damage done an innocent candidate before it could be corrected and in this connection I wish to ask my friends not to allow any report to influence them on the eve of the election. My two opponents are clever, honorable gentlemen and I feel sure would not allow such a thing to occur on purpose, but the ardent zeal of partisan friends often mislead their better judgment. I feel sure that I will be the next county clerk of this county, but it is up to my friends all over the county to see that I get a fair deal.

If I have missed seeing a voter rest assured it was not intentional and I hope it will not influence you to vote against me. I expect to live and die in Runnels County and elected or defeated you will always find me your friend. Your kind influence and vote will be appreciated in the primary election.

Yours truly,
C. C. COCKRELL,
Candidate for County Clerk.
(Political Advertisement.)

WEEVIL PICKING IN MISSISSIPPI DELTA

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Both "weevil picking" and "square picking" have been found helpful in lessening damage from the boll weevil in the Mississippi Delta. Because of the labor involved in these operations, however, specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture do not recommend them except where picking can be performed by tenants without any direct cash outlay and without interfering with the other plantation work.

"Weevil picking" and "square picking" are based upon the fact that the numbers of the boll weevil are lowest in the spring, for comparatively few of the insects survive the winter. By picking the weevils from the plants or by collecting the fallen forms which contain weevils of the first generation in their immature stages, very much can be done to prevent the multiplication of the pest later in the season.

Despite this very definite advantage however, conditions in the Delta are such that these methods may prove far from profitable. In May and June, the time when picking should be done, there is almost always more or less shortage of labor. Under these circumstances both "square picking" and "weevil picking" may compell the planter to slight other operations and the loss caused in this way may more than offset any benefit from the picking. It seems generally inadvisable, says the bulletin, to practice these control measures except in the presence of an abundance of labor. In case it is necessary to choose between a cultivation and picking, it adds, cultivate.

FOLLOWING is the affidavit concerning said endorsement:

This is to certify that all the signatures on the reverse side of this sheet are genuine, with the exception of the following names Hardy Swope, Henry Swope, and J. M. Smith, these names were signed by special request from each party and will so state if they are asked concerning this matter.

T. H. NORMAN.

Subscribed to and sworn before me J. D. Steakley, a notary public in and for Bell County, Texas. This the 11th day of June A. D. 1916.

J. D. STEAKLEY,
Notary Public Bell County, Texas.
(Political Advertisement)

Mrs. W. S. Graham and little son left Wednesday morning for Santa Anna to visit her brother a few days.



(State Senator)
H. L. DARWIN.
Candidate for
CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE
of Delta County
Subject to Democratic Primary Election,
July 22, 1916.
Your Support Earnestly Solicited
(Political Advertisement)

We Stand Back of the Farmers--

This bank believes that much of its success is due to the many friends it has among the farmers of this community. Our bank always has, and will continue to offer exceptional facilities to the farmers, not alone in safe-guarding his funds, but in lending him money to tide over the "tight" places in the year's work.

Agriculture and finance go hand in hand, and neither one can be without the other. We will try to hold up our end by standing back of our farmers to the full extent of our ability.

The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

"Guaranty Fund Bank"

\$50,000.00 Capital

SEVENTH ASSAULT ON VERDUN

OVERLAND AGENCY TURNING 'EM OUT

R. O. Walton, of the local Overland agency reports good business despite the fact that rain seems to be postponed indefinitely. "We find the Overland winning favor with the people as fast as the people become acquainted with the qualities of the different makes," said Mr. Walton, "and when it rains and prospects improve for that big cotton crop we are all hoping for, we believe that our sales will rapidly double, as we have many prospects waiting for prosperity developments."

O'Kelley & Walton, local dealers for the Overland car report the following recent sales: P. T. Calloway, 84 Willys-Knight; A. J. Tyree, Model 83; P. W. Smith, 83; J. A. Davis 83; Victor Miller, 86 Six seven passenger; J. W. Clayton, 86 Six seven passenger.

OLD CAP AND BALL GUN

Geo. W. Brister, of the Oxen country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and had with him an old fashioned blunder-buss cap and ball rifle that has been in his family the past fifty years. It's a curiosity to people of this age and time.

J. M. Pyburn and wife left Monday morning for Coolidge, Texas, where they will be visitors in the home of Mr. Pyburn's parents. While on the vacation Mr. and Mrs. Pyburn will also stop at Waco a few days.

Guaranteed the very best Flour for cash per hundred pounds \$3.10. W. A. GUSTAVSON & SON. ITWPD

A BOOST FOR LOCAL AD WRITER

The following appeared in The Drygoodsman, of St. Louis, July 8, and shows what Roy Sharp, ad writer for Higginbotham is doing for that firm:

"Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., Ballinger, Texas.—Two newspaper advertisements, one a half page and the other a full page showing very clever treatment from a typographical standpoint. The page ad particularly had a very strong display owing to the effective use of rule. The introductory argument, which gave some very alluring descriptions of the new styles should have made a very favorable impression. On the whole these ads had a decidedly metropolitan appearance. We suggest one change, however, with regard to the display of the signature or firm name. We recommend the adoption of an individual style of lettering and have this prepared in plate form. The cost will be very slight and it will strengthen the appearance of the ad.

Mrs. John P. Graham and daughter, Miss Mary of Cullecoke, Tenn., who had been visiting her brother Dr. W. W. Fowler and family and her niece Mrs. J. F. Holliday and family of Winters, left Monday afternoon for their home.

Mrs. Carson and daughter Mrs. Stockton, of California, came in Monday day at noon to visit Mrs. Carson's niece, Mrs. J. M. Garlington and family.

E. C. James, of the Maverick country, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home from a visit to points in East Texas.

Messrs. Rhodes and Grogan of Coolidge, Texas, jeweler and druggist, respectively, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Mertzon, where they will spend some time fishing and recreating. Bill Lamb who once worked in the prescription department of the Walset Drug Co., is an employee of Mr. Grogan's.



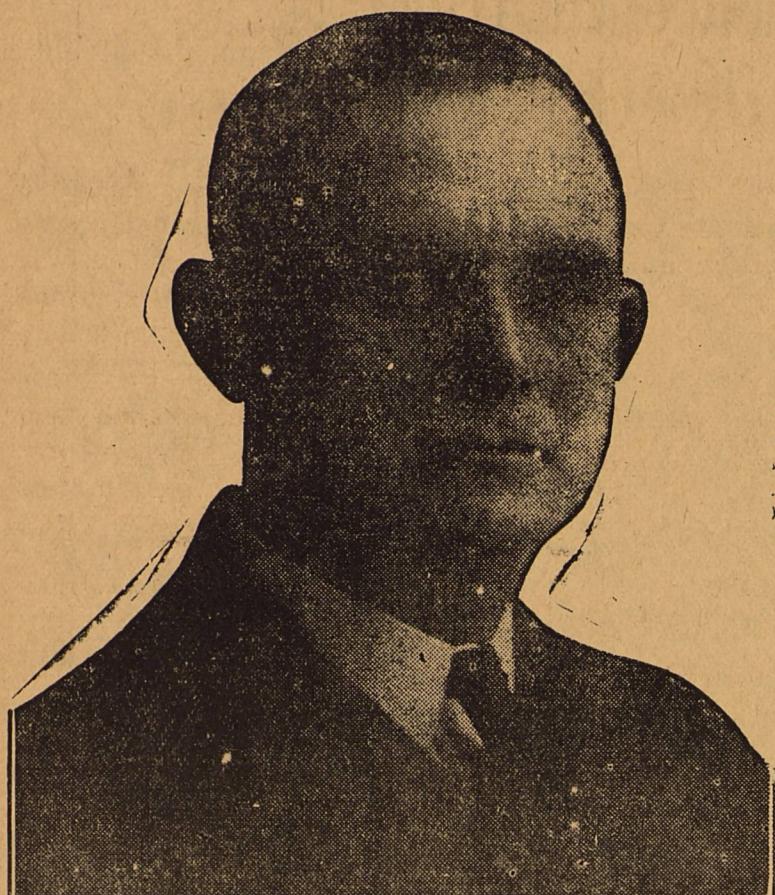
Confidence is an asset that all banks must have in order to do business and in order to have the confidence of the people, the bank must not only have ample capital, but the officers whose integrity is unquestioned and whose business judgement is good.

Look up the standing of the men in charge of this institution. They are men whose character, integrity and business ability is irreproachable and if we are worthy we will be pleased to serve as a depository for your funds.

The Farmers and Merchants State Bank

The Bank that HELPS YOU Do Things

H. B. TERRELL



COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Probably no man in public life in Texas today is better known or has a more enviable record than has Henry B. Terrell, who is now serving his first term as State Comptroller. For fifteen years he served the people of the Waco District in the House and Senate, resigning the office of State Senator to become Comptroller of Public Accounts in January, 1915, to which office he had been elected in the preceding election by an overwhelming majority, carrying three times as many counties, both pro and anti, as his nearest competitor. He enjoys the distinction of never having been defeated for public office nor was any vote ever cast during his long legislative career ever questioned by an opponent on the stump.

His administration of the Comptroller's office, which is one of the most important offices in the State, has been universally commended by the people of every political belief. His rigid enforcement of the liquor laws has met the approval of every man who believes the law should be supreme. While refusing to persecute, he has prosecuted to the fullest extent each and every violator of the law and as a result of his prosecutions and activities there has been closed under his administration more saloons, illegitimate clubs, and boot-legging joints combined than under the administration of all former Comptrollers for the same length of time.

He has known no creed or faction, but has given every man a full hearing and a square deal. He has issued many public statements that it was unnecessary to employ attorneys to reach the Comptroller's office, but that the doors were open to all who had business there and a letter would answer the purpose of an attorney.

He is the first Comptroller to install an auditing system whereby accounts of public officials, State departments and State institutions handling the people's money may be audited from time to time. This system has only been in effect a few months, though in this brief time more than \$100,000.00 has been recovered from officials and ex-officials which had been stolen or withheld from the State prior to his administration. He has referred to the Attorney General's Department and District Attorneys over the State for collection, accounts amounting to more than \$100,000.00. Some of the money above referred to has been due the State for fifteen years and in some instances men have been out of office from five to ten years. Twenty-two indictments have been returned by various grand juries over the State as a result of his investigations. He has collected more than \$75,000.00 in interest on school bonds that was past due and had been past due from six months to three years when he entered the office.

By carefully scrutinizing accounts presented to the Department for payment it is estimated that he is saving the tax-payers at least \$50,000.00 per annum.

System and service has been the watchword under Mr. Terrell's administration, and his friends are proud of the record he has made. He recently made the statement that if the next Legislature will give him the authority, and such assistance as he needs, that he will recover to the people more than \$1,000,000.00 that has been withheld from the Treasury from one to twenty years.—(Political advertisement.)

The many friends of Master Edwin Voglesang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aug Voglesang of Hatchel, will be glad to learn that he is improving very nicely at the sanitarium, where he has been for treatment the past few weeks.

Dr. Dixon, of Wingate, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wed-

nesday.
Mrs. C. R. Sheffy and baby left a day or two ago to visit her parents at Brady and C. R. looks pretty lonesome walking around the streets.

H. A. Rayburn left Monday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

Statement of Condition of ...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER June 30th, 1916

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$347,504.39
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,800.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	16,086.30
Cash and Exchange	113,584.52
	\$532,475.31

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	41,658.94
Dividends Unpaid	6,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	1,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	358,846.27
	\$532,475.21

BASED UPON THE MERITS OF THIS STATEMENT AND OUR REPUTATION FOR GIVING PROMPT AND SATISFACTORY SERVICE TO EVERY CUSTOMER, WE SOLICIT YOUR BANKING BUSINESS.

Official Ballot Democratic Primary

I am a Democrat and pledge myself to support the nominees of this Primary.

"For the submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for state wide prohibition."

"Against the submission of an amendment to the constitution providing for state wide prohibition."

For United States Senator

T. M. CAMPBELL
Anderson County.

O. B. COLOQUITT
Dallas County

CHAS. A. CULBERSON
Dallas County

JNO. DAVIS
Dallas County

R. L. HENRY
McLennan County

S. P. BROOKS
McLennan County

For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

CHAS. H. JENKINS
Brown County

NELSON PHILLIPS
Dallas County

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

R. W. HALL
Potter County

J. E. YANTIS
McLennan County

For Governor

C. H. MORRIS
Wood County

JAS. E. FERGUSON
Bell County

For Lieutenant Governor

W. P. HOBBY
Jefferson County

For Attorney General

B. F. LOONEY
Hunt County

CHAS. T. ROWLAND
Tarrant County

JOHN W. WOODS
Fisher County

For Railroad Commissioner

JOHN W. ROBBINS
Travis County

RUFUS B. DANIEL
El Paso County

ALLISON MAYFIELD
Grayson County

For State Treasurer

W. E. MUNN
Wise County

J. M. EDWARDS
Runnels County

JNO. W. BAKER
Crosby County

For Judge of Court of Criminal Appeals

A. J. HARPER
Limestone County

W. C. MORROW
Hill County

For Commissioner of General Land Office

J. T. ROBISON
Morris County

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction

W. F. DOUGHTY
Falls County

For Commissioner of Agriculture

H. A. HALBERT
Coleman County

FRED W. DAVIS
Cook County

For Comptroller of Public Accounts

CHAS. B. WHITE
Fannin County

H. B. TERRELL
McLennan County

For Congressman at Large (VOTE FOR TWO)

H. G. COOLEY
Dallas County

S. C. PADELFORD
Johnson County

J. H. (Cyclone) DAVIS
Hopkins County

J. E. PORTER
McLennan County

JEFF. MCLEMORE
Harris County

RUFUS J. LACKLAND
Tarrant County

HUGH NUGENT FITZGERALD
Tarrant County

ROGER BYRNE
Bastrop County

DANIEL E. GARRETT
Harris County

H. L. DARWIN
Delta County

For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals, Third Supreme Judicial District

N. A. RECTOR
Travis County

B. H. RICE
Travis County

For Congressman 16th Congressional District of Texas

R. N. GRISHAM
Nolan County

THOMAS L. BLANTON
Taylor County

W. R. SMITH
Mitchell County

"FOR the retention without modification or change of the compulsory investment feature of the Robertson Insurance Law."

"AGAINST the retention without modification or change of the compulsory investment feature of the Robertson Insurance Law."

For District Judge 35th Judicial District of Texas

JNO. W. GOODWIN
Brown County

J. O. WOODWARD
Coleman County

For District Attorney 35th Judicial District of Texas

W. U. EARLY
Brown County

For State Senator 36th Senatorial District

R. P. CONNER
Brown County

W. S. WOODWARD
Erath County

For Representative 111th District

WALACE E. HAWKINS
Runnels County

C. Y. ROBERTS
Coke County

R. P. TAYLOR
Runnels County

For District Clerk

MARY PHILLIPS

For County Judge

W. D. JENNINGS

C. H. WILLINGHAM

O. L. PARISH

For County Clerk

W. C. McCARVER

A. L. SPANN

C. C. COCKRELL

For County Attorney

S. C. HARRIS

C. P. SHEPHERD

For County Superintendent of Public Instruction

J. C. WELLS

L. S. BIRD

E. L. HAGAN

For Tax Assessor

H. O. RHODES

WILLIE STEPHENS

JOE TURNER

T. H. CURRY

C. C. SCHUCHARD

For Tax Collector

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For Sheriff

E. F. (Earl) EDWARDS

J. P. FLYNT

JOHN D. PERKINS

For County Surveyor

J. E. POWELL

For County Treasurer

W. L. BROWN

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1

R. W. GILLIAM

JNO. W. CLAMPITT

R. P. KIRK

For Justice Peace Precinct No. 1

PAUL TRIMMIER

For Constable Precinct No. 1

CHAS. EISENHUTH

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ON RURAL TOUR TO BOOST FILM

Roy Reeder and L. Cohen left Ballinger Monday morning for Paint Rock and other contingent towns en route, where they will boost for the big German war pictures presented jointly by the theatres and The Ledger. Other rural communities will be visited by the film men in the interest of the Durbrough spectacle, "On the Firing Line With the Germans" and towns for many miles from Ballinger will be "papered" and advertised for the attraction, which will show here on July 24th and 25th, Monday and Tuesday. The day performance will be

given in the Queen Theatre and the night shows at the White City Airdome, with no reserved seats—first come get the preferred sections. Mr. Reeder stated Monday morning that many traveling film men representing other concerns had complimented "On the Firing Line With the Germans" very strongly, and he was of the opinion that the pictures would draw big.

This spectacle, which was photographed by Wilbur H. Durbrough under the belching mouths of the biggest Krupps and howitzers used in the European war, is only shown in towns under the supervision and auspices of daily newspapers. The Chicago Daily News and three other national newspapers are standing sponsor for the genuineness of the scenes, and every part was passed by the scrutiny of a German censor. No man with more than two ounces of red blood in his veins should miss the pictures.

Prices for children's admission will be ten cents, and adults twenty cents straight. No passes will be accepted, and all coupon book tickets will be void. The regular show including the serial will be shown at the Queen Theatre on Monday night only.

Dr. Wharton, a Cuban missionary, who preached at the First Presbyterian church in Ballinger Sunday, left for Brownwood Monday.

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DEATH BENEFITS FOR SANTA FE EMPLOYEES

Mr. A. C. Torbert, Secretary and Treasurer of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company is arranging to obtain from all of the company's employees, the information needed to put into effect the death benefits plan recently announced by President Ripley. It order to put this new policy in effect," said Mr. Torbert, "it is necessary to have every employee name his or her beneficiary; state the length of service with the company, and the amount of wages received for the twelve months ending June 30th, this year."

A card will be given to each employee with the distribution of pay checks on July 15th, and a request made that it be filled out immediately. Employees will be permitted to change their beneficiary, and such beneficiary must, in every instance be a dependent member of the employee's family. In the absence of a named beneficiary, payment will be made to the next of kin dependent upon the employee—like life insurance. In case an employee should die before a beneficiary is named, the beneficiary in that case will be determined by the company and the benefit paid as if regular form had been followed.

The plan affects the 75,000 employees of the Santa Fe System.

In the absence of statistics as to the length of service, it is impossible to state just how many employees are eligible at the present writing, but it safe to assume that at least 90 percent, of the men have had more than two years service.

The company's plan, in brief, is to pay a benefit equal to 5 per cent of the salary earned by the employee during the twelve months preceding death multiplied by the number of years of continuous service, provided, that the maximum amount to be so paid, shall be the wages earned by such employee during the past twelve months, but in no case to exceed \$3,000,000. The minimum amount to be paid is set at \$250,000, and any benefit figuring less than that amount will be automatically raised to \$250.

Doing hard work in a bent or stooping position puts a strain in the back that is painful, you can't get rid of it without help. The great penetrating power of Ballard's Snow Liniment will appeal to you most strongly at such times, because it is the very thing you need. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle Sold by Walker Drug Co.

RETURNED FROM FORT SAM HOUSTON.

R. E. Willingham returned Sunday night from Fort Sam Houston, where he had been for the past thirty days enjoying real army life. Mr. Willingham was one of the 514 boys who entered the training camp established by Uncle Sam at Fort Sam Houston. He reports some pretty hard work for a while, but says he received experience that is worth a great deal to him and he enjoyed the month in camp life.

Mr. Willingham says there is little talk about war among army officials, and everybody seems to be "sawing wood" and saying nothing. While the crisis seems to have blown over, war preparation continues and about the only difference observed is that lights are not burning all night in Gen. Funston's office like they did for awhile. There are about sixteen thousand troops stationed at Fort Sam Houston and train loads passing through daily en route to some border point. Not a wheel has been stopped, and the original plans of bringing the entire state militia to the border is being carried out.

MAYR'S WONDERFUL REMEDY FOR STOMACH TROUBLE

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Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Auto-Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other fatal ailments result from Stomach Trouble. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. Unlike any other for Stomach Ailments. For sale by Walker Drug Co and druggists everywhere.

RETURNS HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Homan and children returned home Sunday night from Corpus Christi and other points in that part of the state, where Mr. Homan joined his family in a vacation trip. Mrs. Homan and the children had been visiting relatives at San Antonio for several weeks past. Mr. Homan says Runnels county looks better than any county he noticed on his trip.

A SUMMER LAXATIVE AND LIVER REGULATOR

Po-Do-Lax is a liquid laxative—mild and effective. It arouses the liver, increases the bile, does not gripe and acts as a general tonic to the whole system. Aids nature to clear and purify the blood—as a laxative tonic for summer Po-Do-Lax has no equal. What was "good enough for my father" is good enough for me—never applied with more force than the use of Po-Do-Lax for the liver. An old time tried remedy. Get a bottle, take a dose tonight, and see how much better you feel. At all druggists.

J. W. Carr of the Bronte country, T. E. Davis, J. N. Harris, Willie Stephens, Wm. Allbritton and Prof. J. C. Wells of Miles and Ben Spill of Winters were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. F. White, of Truitt, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

PRIMARY TICKET IN HANDS OF PRINTER

The Runnels County Democratic Committee met Monday morning and approved the ticket as made up and prepared in copy form for the printers. The ticket was completed and all candidates, both state and county were given places on the ticket, except a few candidates who failed to comply with the law and pay their assessment.

The pledge on the ticket is a binding one, and reads: "I am a democrat and pledge myself to support the nominees of this primary." The ticket is also a long one, there being more than one hundred names on the ticket, besides the submission question and the straw vote of the retention or repeal of the Robertson insurance law, and several precinct offices with no candidates names.

The law requires that one and a half as many tickets be printed as there is voters in the county, and the better than forty-five hundred tickets will be printed by The Ballinger Printing Co., and turned over to the committee to be distributed to the various boxes in the county.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy.

Every family without exception should keep this preparation at hand during the hot weather of the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy is worth many times its cost when needed and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. It has no superior for the purpose for which it is intended. Buy it now. Obtainable everywhere.

WILSON ANSWERS T. R. WAR BLOW

DETROIT, Mich., July 10.—President Wilson answered Theodore Roosevelt in his late talk on the "Spirit of Militarism" with a message of peace at the Arcadia Hall here this morning. Mr. Wilson spoke to about thirty-five hundred people in this hall, many of whom were delegates to the World's Salesmanship Congress in session in this city. The same people who two months ago heard Roosevelt's "call to arms" today rocked the building with cheers for the sovereignty of peace. "We must respect the sovereignty of Mexico," said the President. This part of his talk, he stated, was intended for those who wish to butt in Mexico. These men he feels do not wish to help the southern country, but merely wish to possess her. This is due to the manner that they had gone into Mexico and tried to exploit her. Wilson will not help these men, he stated.

Notice.

A. Levy the well known optician of San Antonio, Texas, is in Ballinger again and will remain some time. Any one needing glasses will do well to see him. You get the best made in lenses and best of service. Inquire at W. B. Wood & Son's Grocery Store. 6-2tw

MELTON RENEWS BUILDING LEASE

The Melton Dry Goods Co., Monday morning renewed their lease on the big double building they now occupy for a period of three years. Previous contracts made by Mr. Melton of the dry goods firm with T. S. Lankford, who owns the building, only covered a period of one year, and the new contract at a large figure show what the merchandising store thinks of Ballinger and the location of this store next door to The Ledger building.

Six years the Melton Dry Goods Co., and its predecessor have occupied the present quarters, moving in this building in 1910, and have enjoyed a good business in face of hard times and low cotton prices. In 1907 the Higdon-Melton, Jackson Co., was organized here and continued in business until the first of this year when they were absorbed by the Melton Dry Goods Co., composed of local capitalists.

THE STRONG WITHSTAND THE HEAT OF SUMMER BETTER THAN THE WEAK

Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

METHODIST CHURCH RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Sam G. Thompson preached at the Methodist church yesterday morning to a large congregation. Rev. E. R. Stanford preach at the evening hour on "Whited Sepulchers." The following members were received at the morning service, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McAden, Mrs. Luella Holwayer, Mr. and Mrs. Bird and family.

The business session of the third quarterly conference was held Saturday night. The incidental expenses have all been paid in full for the quarter and \$857 collected for improvements on the church. The pastor and presiding elder's salary were some behind.

Rev. E. R. Stanford left on the 3:50 train for Voss where he will assist Rev. H. C. Bowman in a revival meeting.

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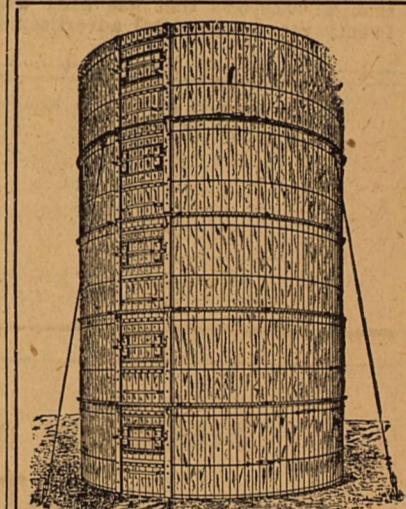
The following in a party left Ballinger Monday morning for a point about 12 miles down the Colorado, where they will spend ten days on a vacation. Fishing, hunting, boating, swimming, and other outdoor sports will form the basis of the entertainment.

Chaperones: Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Vancil; Misses Williamson and Harris of San Angelo, Beeler of Mineral Wells, Gross, Kipp, McKay, Hartman, Miller, Whitaker, Moore, Futch, Gregory; Messrs. Williams, Lynn, Vancil, Rashiety, Northington, Simpson and Wood.

P. Best, of West End, left Monday at noon for Rowena to do some Masonry work in that city for a few days.



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak kidneys, jockstraps, rheumatism, etc. It cures irritation of the eyes and bladder in both men and women. If no sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect cure. Send a testimonial from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 229 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. Adv.



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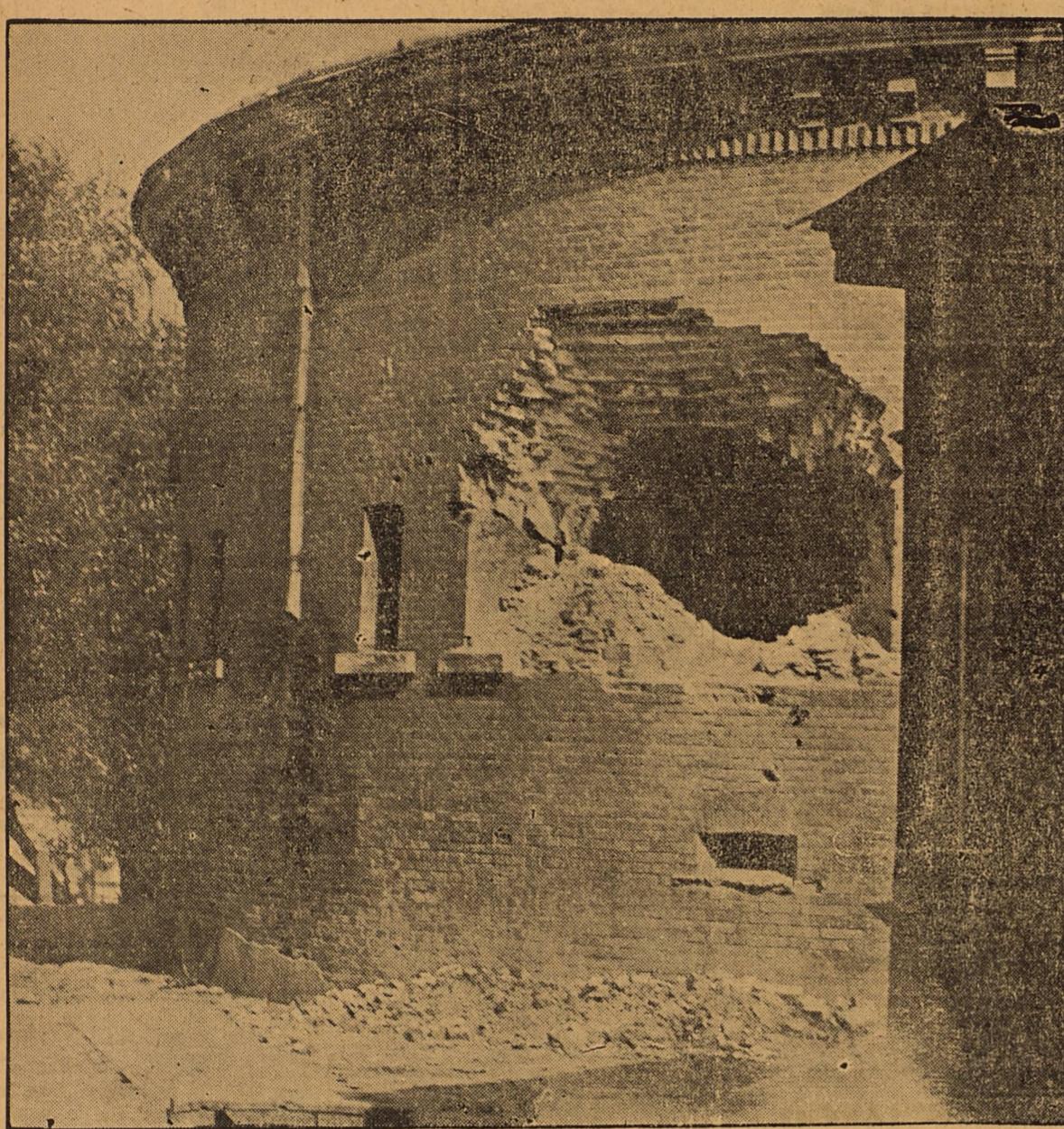
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With the belching artillery behind the lines, protecting the advance of the troops far ahead—see these thousands spring up from field after field—miles upon miles of men—see them charge under the screaming hail of their own shells—SEE THIS HUMAN TIDAL WAVE BREAK OVER THE ENEMY TRENCHES, WITH ITS GLITTERING CREST OF BAYONETS SWEEPING FORWARD, FORWARD, FORWARD, UNTIL ALL OPPOSITION IS OVERWHELMED!!!

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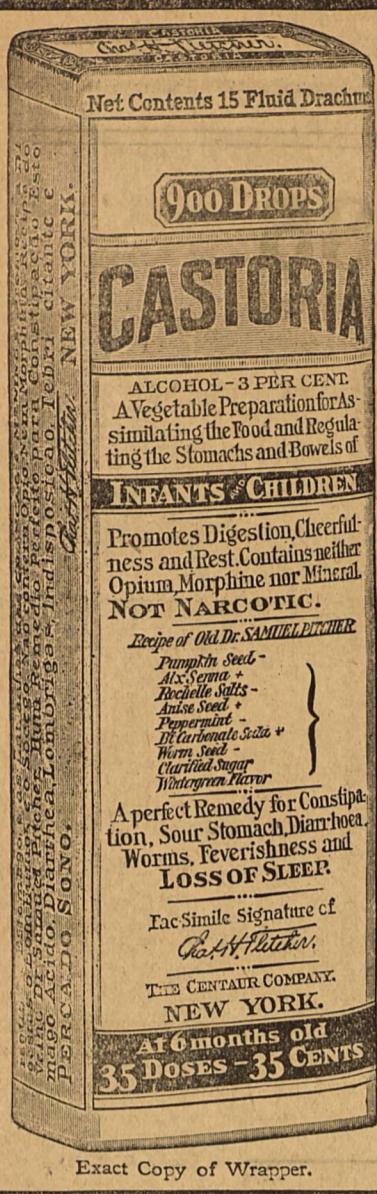
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Every Foot of this Nine-Reel Picture Taken under Consent of the German Government Censor.

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LITTLE OIL GUSHER STRUCK AT ABILENE

(Abilene Reporter)
The Abilene oil well overflowed five or six times Friday, once or twice shooting up as high as ten or twelve feet. For an hour or so the oil shot into the air eight or ten feet.

So persistently did the oil flow that several times the workmen were forced to knock off work and let the impromptu gusher calm down. The derrick and the ground around it were thoroughly soaked.

All that came from the hole was pure oil, as there has been no water in the hole since it was plugged off some weeks ago, except what little the workmen have used in their operations.

The well will flow every day after this, or at least until the cleaning out operations are finished. The fact that the casing was being re-set accounted in some measure for the overflow, but by no means all of it. The well will flow of its own accord, experts declare, flowing when sufficient gas accumulates to force the oil out the top.

At every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of McGee's Baby Elixir. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

ENJOYING VACATION

A post card received by friends Monday from Miss Mae McElroy dated at New York and also other cards from various places on her rounds denotes a most enjoyable vacation. She is making the trip by the courtesy of the S. W. Magazine, and her friends here sent her the following telegram a few days ago:

"Miss Mae McElroy,
care Southern Women's Magazine
Special."

"Washington, D. C.
Greeting to our girls who deserve their success and best wishes for enjoyment of every hour with the glad hand for your return. Your Ballinger friends rejoice with you and are seeing America with you in thought today. Invite next excursion to Ballinger for royal time."

"YOUR BALLINGER FRIENDS."

NOTICE

I understand the report has been circulated around pretty generally, that I had withdrawn from the clerks race. I have no comment to make on this only that the report is not correct, and was circulated without authority from me.

I am still in the race, and will appreciate very much any support the voters of this county may see fit to give me, assuring you if elected that I will exert my best effort to make you an efficient clerk.

Yours very sincerely,

A. L. SPANN.

RHEUMATISM ARRESTED

Many people suffer the tortures of lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system.

To arrest rheumatism it is quite as important to improve your general health as to purify your blood, and the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great blood-maker, while its medicinal nourishment strengthens the organs to expel the impurities and buildup your strength.

Scott's Emulsion is helping thousands every day who could not find other relief. Refuse the alcoholic substitutes.

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THINKS MEXICAN CRISIS BENEFICIAL

The trouble with Mexico, if it has done nothing else, has prepared the United States both in the army and navy for any eventuality, according to LeRoy Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Nicholson of Ballinger, who returned early Friday morning from San Francisco where he went two months ago in pursuance to a call from the navy department to do sea service.

LeRoy is one of the navy reserves. He was honorably discharged a few years ago but was called for two months' service last May. He was ordered to proceed to San Francisco where he boarded the Oregon, later to be transferred to another vessel.

During the two months the Ballinger boy did service along the Pacific coast, visiting San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and other cities along the western water front.

When LeRoy left Ballinger last May he had little idea as to why he was being called but presumed that he along with numerous other reserves was to relieve conditions existing in the navy along the Pacific coast. However, upon reporting for duty he was informed that the call was issued by the navy department for the sole purpose of preparing the reserves for any eventuality which might be met by the war and navy departments.

"My duty resembled in many respects," said Mr. Nicholson yesterday, "the duty of the businessmen taking part in the encampments being held over the country at the present time. It was for the simple purpose of preparing me—putting me in condition for any emergency which might arise."

Besides preparing himself, however, LeRoy enjoyed the two month's trip to the coast. He met a number of his old friends, some of whom are still doing navy services, others are on the reserve list.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the daytime, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. Herbs cure all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FOR ROWENA
Dirt was broken last week and the work of constructing a Catholic school at Rowena is well underway. The building will be a five room structure, and will be ready for occupancy by September first. Two sisters from San Antonio will have charge of the school for the coming term, and are to arrive at Rowena in the near future. The school will be a private school and will be conducted under the direction of the Catholic church.

SEVEN MILES POLES READY FOR CABLES

The poles for the transmission lines from Ballinger to Rowena have been set, with the exception of a little gap near the city. The crew of men, numbering about forty who have been on this job for the past couple of weeks, began work at the crossing about three miles south of the city and worked towards Rowena. They reached Rowena early this week, and are moving this way and will begin today or tomorrow filling in the gap near this city. As soon as this work is completed the cables will be strung, and the work of wiring the Rowena consumers will begin and everything made ready to turn on the current by early fall.

The work of building foundations for engines, dynamos, etc., is well underway at the ice plant where the new machinery will be installed, and where the "juice" for the three towns of Rowena, Ballinger and Winters will be generated, as well as for those adjacent to the line and who live in the country, and who want to take advantage of the opportunity to hook on to the wire and light their premises and operate their machinery by electricity.

The work being carried on is first-class. It is said by men who are familiar with such matters, that there are no better cable lines for the transmission of electric current to be found anywhere in Texas. The poles are first class and the work is of the most substantial nature. We understand that the system in Ballinger will be completely rebuilt as soon as the two outside towns are connected, and the plant will be practically a new one when the work is completed. The work of setting the poles for the line to Winters will be started just as soon as the Rowena line is completed. The line to the last name town traverses the Santa Fe right of way on the right hand side from this city. The Winters line will probably follow the A. & S. To carry on this work a crew of about forty men will be given employment for the remainder of this year.

Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say that they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Chamberlain's Tablets are mild and gentle in their action. Give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the agreeable laxative effect which they produce. Obtainable everywhere.

ANOTHER GARAGE

H. G. Roten is opening up a garage in the Chastain building on Hutchings Avenue, the place formerly occupied by Mr. Roten as a grocery store. Sim Midbleebo will be connected in the business with Mr. Roten.

Lax-Fos, A Mild, Effective Laxative & Liver Tonic Does Not Gripe nor Disturb the Stomach.

In addition to other properties, Lax-Fos contains Cascara in acceptable form, a stimulating Laxative and Tonic. Lax-Fos acts effectively and does not gripe nor disturb stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 50c.

HIGH COST OF GOODS GOING HIGHER

A sharp advance has been evidenced lately in nearly all lines of merchandise and clothing for dry goods stores. Local dealers are expressing themselves as being helpless before the high raised costs in their lines, and state that the end is not yet in sight.

Except in cases where sales are in progress and old stocks purchased some weeks ago, regular linen collars are now selling for straight fifteen cents apiece, two for thirty cents, while one week ago collars sold two for two bits. Black hats are the only felts in the air now, and the reason given for this is that the dyes used in this grade are almost unobtainable. Five dollars shoes look like a four dollar shoe of two years ago, and will sell for about six dollars this fall. Ladies shoes are especially high. Suitings have crawled up several rounds on the price ladder, it is claimed.

LICE ON STOCK

Lice injure calves, hogs, horses, and cattle. One or two applications of Ross' "Dead Quiek" Spray will positively rid stock of lice. It kills the nits and eggs of lice and insects. Once tried, you will never be without it.

Sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

BROKEN STEERING WHEEL CAUSES WRECK.

A Metz car driven by Brendon Wilke and Johnnie Pechacek went wild Monday morning and crashed into the sidewalk on Eighth street, when the steering wheel went to the bad and the boys could not control the car. The runaway car struck a Ford standing in front of the Harwell garage and scooped it up on the side walk, and damaged the car slightly. The Metz suffered several severe wounds when it turned completely over, pinning the driver's foot under the seat, but which did not injure Brendon. The boys escaped with only a little fright which soon wore off.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tastless 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.

SMITH GIVEN GOOD HEARING AT QUEEN

Discussing the issues between Judge Blanton of Abilene, candidate for congress, and himself and by immediate classifying the Abilene candidate as a standpat republican, Congressman W. R. Smith of Colorado City, candidate for re-election from the 10th congressional district, addressed approximately 150 people Tuesday morning in the Queen Theatre. A number of issues between the two candidates, the principal one of which was that concerning Blanton's stand with reference to the tariff, were discussed by Congressman Smith to a crowd that was heartily in sympathy with his candidacy.

The speaker was introduced by Judge Jno. I. Guion, who declared that a man's record in Congress is not always given by the amount of boasting and self-praise. Much constructive legislation, he said, is secured in the House by quiet working.

"For twenty years, we must remember," Judge Guion continued, "Congress was controlled by the republicans. During that time the democrat side of the House was able to gain very few pieces of legislation. During the past three years, however, more constructive legislation calculated to improve the condition of the greatest number has been adopted than during the previous twenty. And no democrat has done more in bringing about this important result than W. R. Smith."

More time was devoted by the speaker to the tariff differences between the two candidates than to any other issue in the congressional campaign. How ever, Judge Blanton's anti-utility plank, his solution of the Mexican trouble and his provision for a military highway extending from Brownsville to El Paso came in for their share of consideration.

The principal remarks of the speech were preceded by references to the campaign of two years ago when Blanton made the race on a similar platform to that advocated by him now. He said:

"Judge Blanton is touring the district telling you that a protective tariff should be placed on wool, beef, sheep, mohair and dozens of other things which the democrats when they were placed in control of Congress saw fit to remove. He sees in the action of the democrats for doing likewise on the many necessities of life. I tell you that the democrats removed the tariff on wool, beef, sheep, etc., because the greatest number would be benefited thereby, and I do not regret in the least that I was among the number of democrats who supported the democratic tariff bill."

"If Judge Blanton is elected," Congressman Smith continued, "He would probably take his seat next Uncle Joe Cannon, Jim Mann and other standpat republicans."

The anti-utility plank of his opponent was declared to be a usury plank if it is anything. The speaker said that Blanton would provide a minimum interest charge of \$2.50 whereas many banks charge as small as fifty cents on loans of small amount.

Charges that pork barrel legislation and pork barrel graft have been indulged in by Congressman Smith were refuted by plain statements about his record in the House. Judge Blanton's criticisms of Smith's recommendation to the congressional committee for a post office at Ballinger and federal buildings at El Paso, San Angelo and other cities were offset by the statement that always he has had the interests of the people in mind. Growing towns, he declared, should be cared for as far as the government is able by erecting buildings meeting with the requirements of prosperous communities.

"Why my opponent says my effort to aid Ballinger, a growing and prosperous town," Congressman Smith said, "is pork barrel graft. Let me cite you to a plank in Blanton's platform that breathes with pork barrel graft. I refer to his proposal to build a military highway from Brownsville to El Paso. Just before leaving Washington I asked Hugh Scott, chief of staff of the army, his opinion of Blanton's highway. What did he say? He said the road would be impractical, that the Southern Pacific railway that runs up and down the Rio Grande fills all the requirements of the army. I oppose Blanton's military highway and I always will as long as army officials who ought to know tell me that such a road would be useless. Such a road would cost \$15,000,000, enough to build 350 federal buildings. Yet, he tells you that I have ulterior motives in advocating federal improvements in Ballinger and other towns of this district."

Blanton's proposal for the sale of the South's cotton crop was scored when the speaker declared that anytime the matter of disposing of the crop is left in the hands of Uncle Sam, that person will sell it for the good of the greatest number. Congressman Smith said that Blanton's proposal to allow the government to supervise the sale of the crop would result in lower prices for the staple and loss of independence of the cotton-growing farmers. He cited the fact that only eleven states in the union raise cotton and less than one-third of the congressmen are from cotton states. What legislation beneficial to the cotton growers could be passed under those conditions? he asked.

The grapping problems brought about by the Mexican trouble during the past five years and the seriousness of the matter especially to his constituents residing on the Rio Grande and Judge Blanton's proposal to settle the whole trouble were discussed. Mr. Smith declared that no other congressman was more acute to the situation that he himself. He said he was the first person in the House following the Columbus raid, to request that United States troops be sent in pursuit of the "midnight murderers" to capture or kill them.

"My opponent says he has a solution to the troublesome Mexican question," the speaker continued. "What would he do? He proposes to purchase the northern Mexican states, give them sufficient money to establish a stable government—one which would be on a sound financial basis. What do the Mexicans care about placing their government on a sound financial basis or settling their debts? The Mexican constitution says that no part of their country can be sold. A man who is able to suspend a

What Would We Do Without Sugar?



We are so used to sugar that we are likely to forget to give it its proper important place. Right now if somebody asked you what sugar was good for you'd probably say—"Oh, it's put in coffee and tea and in cakes and desserts." That's it—we all think of sugar as a sweetener and overlook its value as a food.

The chemists classify sugar as a hydrocarbon—that name may or may not be interesting to us, but what is interesting is their statement that it has, as a hydrocarbon, certain food values. It is a starchy food and has digestion largely adds to the fatty tissues of the body.

Why do we eat sugar anyway? Your first answer might be: "Because it is sweet and tastes good." Of itself the answer would be correct, but the more important fact is that the body craves sugar because it needs it. And when the body craves something it gives us an appetite for it. So naturally that is why we like sugar and that is why we eat sugar and not just because they are sweet.

In view of the fact that sugar has gone up so tremendously of late these facts

are interesting because we find that instead of the luxury sugar having gone up it is the FOOD sugar that has raised its price. Yet—even though the price is up we have to have our sweet food just the same.

Certainly the makers of that delicious beverage Coca-Cola must have discovered that sugar is up, because one of the principal ingredients in making Coca-Cola syrup is fine cane sugar. Think of it!—they use an average of 80 tons of sugar a day—about 4 carloads. But unlike many manufacturers that company has itself become the victim and so you and I pay just the same for a bottle of Coca-Cola or glass of Coca-Cola that we've always paid. Incidentally, this phase of the situation is a good reminder of the benefits one gets from drinking a beverage like Coca-Cola. So let's do what we please our palates and derive wholesome refreshment¹ from the drink. It will also give us systems that are of sugar sweetness that they crave and which is necessary to health and tissues. Is it any wonder then that Coca-Cola is so popular and so universally drunk that it has been called "the drink the nation drinks"?

part of the United States constitution (referring sarcastically to one of Blanton's platform planks) ought to be able to suspend the Mexican constitution."

Congressman Smith closed his speech by naming a number of important pieces of constructive legislation adopted with in recent years, especially during the past three, in which he participated. He told of the important role he played in having enacted the federal irrigation law in which Texas is concerned and of the progress in irrigating now being made in the northern part of the El Paso Valley. For the lack of funds the bill has not been thoroughly tested out, he said, but in the course of time West Texas will receive the direct benefits to accrue from its passage.

Congressman Smith is accompanied by his son and is traveling over the district in his car. This afternoon he spoke at Rowena and tonight was scheduled to address Miles. Previous to his speech here this morning he was accompanied over the business district of Ballinger by H. Giesecke and Judge Jno. I. Guion who introduced him to many business men and afforded him the opportunity of renewing acquaintances in many quarters.

A Doctor's Remedy for Coughs.

As a cure for coughs and colds Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey combines these remedies in just the right proportion to do the most good for summer coughs or colds. A trial will prove the value of this splendid cough medicine. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey soothes the irritation, stops your cough, kills the cold germs and does you a world of good. A 25c bottle will more than convince you—it will stop your cough. At druggists.

Mrs. Ellis Ferguson and two children who visited relatives at Miles the past few days, returned to Ballinger Monday.

Grant Harper of San Angelo, came in Sunday, and stayed through the day the guests of relatives here. Mr. Harper is with the Baker-Hempill Co., at San Angelo.

Robert Louis Williams drove Kenneth Applewhite to Dublin, where the latter goes to attend a meeting of the hardware dealers department heads of Higginbotham stores. Robert Lewis will visit while away.

Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Rives and two children accompanied by Rev. R. R. Rives' Sunday School class left Tuesday for Pecan Mott on the Doose farm up the river and will spend the week in camp. The following complete the party: Misses Hattie and Betty Miller, Leslie Holloway, E. Coulter, Ida Ray Cockrell, Minnie Lee Morgan, Ila Garlington and Oscar Routh, Emmett Cockrell, B. B. Barnes, Ewing Taylor, Houston Eggleston, Harvey and Arch Holloway and Olin Furgason.

Rev. W. E. Fisher and wife, of San Antonio, are expecting to arrive early tomorrow and will begin the work on time. Prof. Redwine, of the Central Nazarene College, at Hamlin, will also arrive

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That 300-Mile Non-Stop Run

(By One of the Tourists)

I rode on an automobile tour of 300 miles Saturday and never left Dallas County. I witnessed a six-cylinder touring car go the 300 miles at an average speed of 28.56 miles each hour and use an average of one gallon of gasoline to every 21.8 miles. Its engine never stopped turning over during the whole day—from 5:45 o'clock in the morning until 4:15 o'clock in the afternoon—and when it finally was stopped, it stopped, it seemed, unwillingly, so sweetly had it run all day and so thoroughly had it responded to the call put upon it.

Starting in the cool hours of the morning, the first 93 miles was made with only 2 3/4 gallons of gasoline used. As the heat of the day increased, the amount of gasoline used per mile increased, in proportion to the heat. The test was one that would be made by any owner on a public road. It can even be judged a little too conservative, for the day being Saturday and harvest time, the roads were crowded with thrashers and wagons with grain and farmers en route to and from towns.

It was one tour of several thousand that were similarly driven in various sections of the United States—an endurance test and an economy showing of the Saxon Six. Dallas' tour was around the thirty-mile Carrollton loop—ten times around it—and the staunch car went at it willingly and without a murmur.

This car was a Saxon Six touring car, entered by Ray-Rose Company, Dallas distributors, and was driven by Ike Anderson of the Service department. Anderson knew his car and what it would do, but even he was surprised at its perfect performance. G. L. Cade of the Dallas Automobile Club was the official observer.

The writer returned grinning and blistered, but feeling like Mark Twain's jack rabbit—that "he had made a little crack in the atmosphere and crawled into it."

The strength and service of the Saxon is proven daily and the foregoing statements set a high mark of economy that should justify any one interested in automobiles.

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Ballinger, Texas

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Lee Barnhill came in Monday night from Brownwood to join his wife and children, who are visiting Mrs. J. W. Black, sister of Mrs. Barnhill.

Miss Leska Hinde left last week to spend a few weeks visiting in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts of Talpa, have returned home after a few days visit with Mrs. Roberts sister, Mrs. Harry Midgley. Miss Annie Midgley accompanied them home for a few weeks visit.

E. E. Dillingham and children, who have been here the past week on business left Wednesday for their home in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ballou will leave some time this week for Christoval for the benefit of Mr. Ballou's health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese are rejoicing over the arrival of a 11 pound girl at their home. Mother and babe doing nicely.

Miss Lola Watson entertained the young people Saturday night in honor of Miss Smith of Winters, who is visiting her.

The singing Sunday night at the home of B. B. Middletons was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. W. E. Branch entertained twenty-one of Mr. Branche's friends Sunday to a surprise birthday dinner. Those present were Messrs. Legate, Spoons, Halley, Nance, Ray, Parish, Bair, Powell, Walker, Middleton, Rushing, Wardlow, Eubank, Hinde, Watson, Black, Maddox, Brown, Jess and Louis.

Stroble, Ed and Forrest Futch. As they were invited to come after church they arrived just as Mr. Branch did, coming in a crowd together it was indeed a surprise. All report a pleasant day.

"ELBERTA PEACH."

Not Well Enough Known

We cannot accomplish much in the treatment of dyspepsia, however, much we may temporarily relieve its symptoms, so long as the blood remains impure. It is a fact not well enough known by people generally that when the stomach, liver and other digestive organs are supplied with impure blood, the digestive process is impaired, so as to cause faintness and loss of appetite and sometimes a deranged state of the intestines, and in general all the symptoms of dyspepsia.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is of great service in dyspepsia because it purifies the blood, making it the healthy stimulus the digestive organs must have for the proper performance of their duties. Hood's Sarsaparilla, especially if taken in a little hot water, has "a magic touch" in dyspepsia. Get it today.

E. L. King of Fannin County, who had been visiting his brother in the New Home neighborhood, left for his home Tuesday afternoon.

W. O. Beard of the Hatchet country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered The Banner-Ledger to his address.

Ballinger, Texas, July 13th, 1916.
 TO THE VOTERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY:

I feel that a word before the election is not out of place. I have not seen personally many voters since announcing for the office of County Attorney and for this reason I am appearing in print.

In asking for this office I feel that my record justifies the request. I have enforced the laws fairly and impartially as my judgment dictated without fear or favor. The office pays no salary and for the past four years has not been a very heavy revenue producer and hence the long term argument that might be applied to other offices is not in point in my case. I feel that my experience in the performance of the duties of this office has better fitted me to be of more service in the future than in the past.

Some have said to me "Why don't you seek a promotion?" to that I answer that I do not believe that there is any county office within the gift of the people that is any Higher Up, that is one that requires more ability to fill and one that requires matured judgment than that of County Attorney.

To those who are not personally acquainted with me or my work I ask them to make inquiry of the business men of Ballinger; with whom I have been associated for 18 years and their verdict will be satisfactory to me, that is the best measure of man. Our District Attorney W. U. Early with whom I have worked nearly four years

has paid me the compliment of being during their sojourn in Ballinger who THE BEST COUNTY ATTORNEY will regret to know they are to move in his district and this was unsolicited.

It is not my desire to become a braggart or display any egotism but I feel that this word on the eve of the election is permissible.

I have tried to know no facts in the performance of my duties and have tried to be uniformly courteous to all who came in contact with me either in a business or social way.

My interests are with Ballinger and Runnels County and I have never been guilty of throwing off duty made her call.

In conclusion I ask a fair consideration at the hands of the voters of Runnels County at the coming primary on July 22nd next and I promise my best efforts in return for any favor which may be shown me.

Yours very truly,
 C. P. SHEPHERD,
 County Attorney Runnels County, Tex.

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SCARBROUGH GOES TO COLEMAN

E. P. Scarbrough, for some time a resident of this city, and connected with the Ballinger Loan Co., has accepted the position of manager of the Coleman Abstract Co., and will go to Coleman within the next thirty days to enter upon the duties of the new position. Mr. Scarbrough is an expert accountant and most capable business man. He and his wife have made many friends

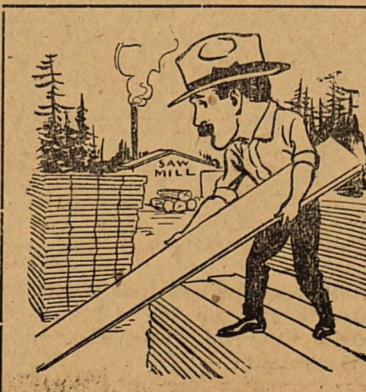
J. D. Watson, T. J. Stocks Jr., D. M. Hays and Charlie Sipes, who had been doing line work for the West Texas Telephone Co., in our city, and this section the past several months, left for Brownwood Tuesday afternoon on a similar job.

We take pleasure in showing you the good points of the Florence, in your home, perfect satisfaction or no sale. Hall Hardware Co. 12-d&wif

W. A. Guin and his cousin, Mr. Stuart of the Hatchet country, F. M. Murphy and Jake Stubblefield of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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Author of "The End of the Trail,"
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"Vive la France," etc.

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FIRST INSTALLMENT

In a room of the huge building in Washington which houses the state, war and navy departments, half a dozen men sat about a long mahogany table. Though they were in civilian dress, the fashion in which they wore their clothes and the erectness of their carriage stamped them unmistakably as men who were more at ease in uniform than in the garb of civil life.

"I have here, gentlemen," announced the chairman, selecting a letter from a pile of correspondence which lay before him, "an interesting communication. It is from Dr. Ralph Burke, the California inventor—the same man, you may remember, who suggested the improvement on the Japanese shimo powder and who perfected the condensation system which the navy is now using."

"Isn't he the same man, admiral?" interrupted one of the officers, "who purchased the hull of that old submarine at Mare Island which was condemned two or three years ago? Bought it for experimental purposes, didn't he?"

"Exactly," was the answer. "For a number of years now Burke has been carrying on experiments in the hope of devising a system for producing oxygen from water for use in submarines. It is scarcely necessary for me to point out to you, gentlemen, that were a submarine able to draw its supply of air directly from the water, the lives of the crew would no longer depend upon the supply of compressed air or upon the boat's ability to reach the surface. Doctor Burke now writes to the secretary that he has at last succeeded in perfecting a system which is both practical and simple. He asserts that it can be installed in any submarine and that one thus equipped can remain below the surface indefinitely—for a month if necessary."

"Good heavens, admiral," exclaimed a grizzled officer, his professional enthusiasm overcoming his habitual reserve, "if this man Burke can do what he claims he will revolutionize naval warfare. Why not send an officer out to the coast at once to examine it?"

"Jarvis Hope is the man to send," said the chairman. "Son of old Commodore Hope, who lost his life in the hurricane at Samoa, you remember. There isn't a brighter youngster in the bureau of construction. He's as good a chemist as we have in the service and he's made a special study of submarine problems."

A moment later the door opened and Lieutenant Jarvis Hope, clicking his heels smartly together, stood rigidly at attention.

"Mr. Hope," said the chairman kindly, "How would you like to take a little run out to the coast? I believe that you are already familiar with this letter from Doctor Burke. The members of the board are of the opinion that you should start immediately for California, examine Burke's invention, give it an exhaustive test, and, if you are convinced that it is practical, obtain an option on it. Bear

As he was striding briskly past a line of stores, barber shops, saloons and pool rooms, which comprise Valdavia's business district, he felt a hand fall suddenly on his shoulder, while a hoarse voice boomed:

"Avast there, Mr. Hope. Stand by a minute and pass the time of day with an old shipmate, won't ye?"

The young officer whirled about to confront a figure so quaint, so picturesque, so redolent of the sea that he might well have stepped from the pages of "Treasure Island." The man was of such tremendous girth that he looked shorter than he really was. Protruding from his right coat sleeve, where his hand should have been, was a crudely fashioned iron hook. For a moment, Hope stared at him coldly, then the light of recognition came over his face.

"Hook Barnacle, as I'm alive," he exclaimed, grasping the old sea-dog's single hand. "Why, Hook, I haven't seen or heard of you since you got your discharge from the old Decatur back in '99. You've grown so fat since those days that I didn't know you at first."

"You could get as fat as a jellyfish, Mr. Hope, sir, and I know you anywhere. It's going on seventeen years since you jumped overboard in Pago-Pago harbor, and yanked my out of the jaws of that shark, but I remember it as clear as if it happened yesterday. And what brings you out to the coast, if I might make so bold's to ask, sir?"

"I've been detailed to see a man named Burke—Dr. Ralph Burke—an inventor. He lives here in Valdavia. Ever hear of him?"

"Hear o' Doctor Burke?" chuckled the sailor. "Why, Lord love you sir, I've been doing odd jobs for the doctor ever since he and his daughter came here to live. And when he heard that I used to be in the navy he gave me charge o' putting the engine in that old submarine hull he bought a while back. By the jumping Jehosaphat, I'll bet that's what brings you to Valdavia, looentenant—to get the secret o' the submarine!"

"Hook," laughed the officer, "your deductions would do credit to Sherlock Holmes. I've come out to have a look into Doctor Burke's invention. Now suppose you show me where he lives."

At the very edge of the town, where the street became a country road, stood a weatherbeaten two-story frame house. As Hook swung open the creaking gate a young girl suddenly darted around the corner of the house and then, catching sight of Hope, stopped dead, like a startled fawn. She was a very beautiful girl indeed: straight and slender as a boy, with a skin like creamy satin and a great crown of ruddy hair which turned to molten gold when the sun struck upon it. So lovely was she that Hope stood staring at her; stared until a rosy wave of confusion swept over her from brow to bosom.

"Miss Cleo, permit me to introduce Loofenant Hope," said Hook. "Looenant, this is Miss Cleo Burke, Doctor Burke's daughter. You've hear me tell o' the loofenant before, Miss Cleo, an' how she saved my life in Pago-Pago."

"Not the Mr. Hope who dove into the harbor and saved you from the shark?" she exclaimed breathlessly, open admiration in her eyes. "Hook has told us that story a hundred times, Mr. Hope. Why, it was quite the bravest thing I have ever heard of."

"Believe me, Miss Burke," said Hope, embarrassed in his turn, "I did nothing that any man would not have done in my place. Hook greatly overrates my services to him. It would never do to let as good a seaman as Hook become breakfast food for fishes."

"You—you haven't come to see my father's invention, have you? You haven't come in answer to his letter to the secretary of the navy?"

"That is precisely why I have come, Miss Burke," said Hope. "In order to see it I have traveled three thousand miles."

"Oh, Mr. Hope," she said anxiously, "I pray with all my heart that the government will take it. It has been my father's life work. Its acceptance will mean so very much to him—to me—to both of us. It would be a dream come true. I'll tell him that you are here."

The room into which she led Hope was stacked from floor to ceiling with books. As he was idly turning over the pages of a treatise on chemistry the door opened to admit Doctor Burke. The inventor was a small, wiry, nervous man, whose quick, excitable gestures plainly showed the strain under which he had been working.

"You are very welcome, Mr. Hope," said the old man, peering at his visitor through a huge pair of horn-rimmed spectacles.

"I am thoroughly familiar with the

theory of your discovery, doctor," said Hope. "My instructions from the department are to witness a practical demonstration and to apply the customary tests. If it can pass those tests, I think there is but little doubt that the government will take steps to acquire it."

"It will pass any tests that you may impose, Mr. Hope," declared the inventor. "I did not communicate with Washington until I was positive that there was no chance for failure. The purchase of my discovery by the government means more to me than you perhaps imagine. It means comfort for me, Mr. Hope, in my declining years; it means leisure in which to conduct research work; it means food and clothes and education for my daughter Cleo."

"What did you do for workmen?" inquired Hope interestedly. "Where did you find men who had sufficient engineering knowledge?"

"In that respect I have been fortunate," was the answer. "My chief assistant, and the one on whom I have placed the most reliance, is a one-armed man-o'-warman named Barnacle—the same, in fact, who brought you here. Then I have a young Japanese named Satsuma. He came to me and asked for work and he has proved of a great assistance. Like so many of his race, he is an extremely clever mechanic."

"A Japanese, you say?" said Hope quickly. "Isn't it a little unwise to let a foreigner become familiar with the details of your invention?"

"I fancy that Satsuma is quite harmless," said the inventor lightly, "but I have nevertheless made certain that he has had no opportunity to observe the workings of my invention. In fact, even were he able to obtain a drawing of the apparatus it would be quite useless to him unless he could also obtain the formula—and that is well guarded."

"I trust," said Hope gravely, "that you will continue to keep it well guarded. There is more than one foreign government that would pay handsomely for your secret."

"That I have already learned," said Doctor Burke. "Curiously enough, I was approached only yesterday by a man named Mahlin, who represented himself as the agent of a foreign government, though which one he refused to say. He did say, however, that if I would give him a demonstration of my discovery and it stood certain tests that he was authorized to purchase it on my own terms."

"And you refused?"

"I did," was the answer, "and God knows, Mr. Hope, I need the money. You are not aware, perhaps, that I,



Under the Weight of Water the Submarine Was Going Down.

was once in the service of the United States. As a young man I was with Farragut at New Orleans—I still carry in my shoulder a fragment of a Confederate shell—and I helped Ericsson to build the Monitor. So, even though it entails a financial sacrifice, I want my own country to have the first chance at my invention."

"That sentiment certainly does you credit, sir," said Hope. "I trust, both for your sake and for the country's that your ambition may be realized. Now the question is, when can I have a demonstration under sea conditions?"

"Tomorrow morning," was the prompt answer.

"Admirable," said Hope. "I shall be ready—and expectant. And please tell your daughter that I anticipate the pleasure of seeing her again before I return to Washington."

"You will see Cleo in the morning," said the inventor. "She has made me promise to take her along on the trial trip of the submarine, and I couldn't well refuse. She is as vitally interested in the success of the invention as I am."

Had one stepped from the elevator of the Flatiron building in New York, at the sixteenth floor, he would have found himself facing a door bearing, in neat lettering, the words: "International Supply Company, Calvin Montgomery, Pres."

If the ruler of a black republic wanted to pick up a gunboat or a destroyer at a bargain, he set an agent to Calvin Montgomery. He made it his business to keep informed of everything pertaining to warfare on land or sea, and he let it be known that he paid liberally for such information. Information of this sort was contained in the letter which he was reading with such absorption.

It was dated Washington. "Dear Montgomery," it ran: "Through a friend who is employed in a confidential capacity in one of the government departments, I have just learned something that may be of interest to you. An elderly chemist named Dr. Ralph Burke, living at Valdavia, Cal., has perfected an apparatus which will enable a submarine to remain under water indefinitely. I have not been able to learn the details of Burke's invention, but I understand that the navy department is so interested that a naval instructor, Lieut. Jarvis Hope, has been sent to the coast to examine it. Hope left Washington three days ago, so, if the matter interests you, quick action will be necessary. With best wishes, sincerely yours, Whitman Davis."

"Ralph Burke," said Montgomery reminiscingly, evidently putting his thoughts into words. "It's close on fifteen years since I've seen him . . . why, little Cleo must be almost a woman now . . . I wonder if she looks like her mother . . ."

Stepping across to a small safe set in the wall, he gave the combination a few rapid turns and the steel door swung open. Opening one of the drawers, Montgomery drew out a large, square envelope of blue linen.

"I wonder if I did right by Cleo, he mused aloud, staring at the envelope with unseeing eyes. So lost was he in meditation that he was quite oblivious to the fact that the door leading to the outer office had opened and that a young man, his footfalls deadened by the thickness of the carpet, had entered and stood beside him.

"Who's Cleo, Uncle Calvin?" he exclaimed.

"I didn't hear you come in. I must have been talking to myself," he added, apologetically. Restoring the sealed envelope to the drawer from which he had taken it, he swung shut the door of the safe but failed to lock it. Returning to his desk, he picked up the letter from Washington.

"Here's a letter, Gerald, which I have just received from Davis—the man who keeps me informed of what is going on in Washington, you know. Just glance over it, will you, while I get a glass of water. I'm feeling a little dizzy . . . must be the heat."

The door had no sooner closed behind his uncle than Gerald Morton darted silently across the room, swung open the door of the safe, and snatched out the blue envelope. "Not to be opened until my death, Calvin Montgomery," he read aloud. "Now I wonder what the devil is in that?"

He had just received from Burke, opening the door which gave access to the rear compartment of the submarine.

Had Hope and Cleo been less engrossed in Doctor Burke's explanation of his apparatus, they would have been startled by the peculiar behavior of the cushioned top of the locker which was built against the side of the room. Apparently of its own volition, the hinged top of the locker began to slowly rise; so imperceptibly at the first that one might have attributed it to the motion of the boat; then higher, still higher, until through the narrow opening thus formed appeared a human face—a yellow face, with slanting, cruel eyes.

"Are we submerged yet?" asked Cleo. Her question was answered by Hook, who at that moment entered from the navigating compartment.

"We have begun to submerge, sir," he reported, saluting.

"Very good," said the inventor briefly. "Tell the navigator to keep her at fifty feet until further orders."

A moment later the cover of the locker was suddenly thrown up and from the coffinlike space beneath slipped the missing Japanese, Satsuma. It was obvious that this man was no stranger to the higher forms of science and that he understood, in principle, at least, what each of the switches, dials and wires composing Burke's apparatus was for. But it was evident that the governing principle, for which this complicated mechanism was but a medium, eluded him.

For six hours the submarine had been under water. The air, its oxygen drained by a dozen pairs of lungs, had gradually become so vitiated that the breathing of all on board had become labored and difficult.

"Isn't it about time to demonstrate your invention, doctor?" asked Hope. "It's getting pretty close in here."

"Not yet," said Burke, who was seated at the little table in the forward compartment immersed in an abstruse calculation. "There's no hurry. You haven't said much, Lieutenant. I wish you would be skeptical. I wish to wait until I can make my demonstration so convincing that you will have no skepticism left."

Ten minutes later Hook entered. "Don't you think you'd better give us a little air, doctor?" he inquired anxiously. "The boys in the engine room are complaining that they can't breathe."

"Not yet," said the inventor, absentmindedly. "Tell them not to worry."

"Look here, Burke," gasped Hope roughly, staggering across the room. "This nonsense has gone quite long enough. Look at your daughter there—the poor child is suffocating. If you don't set your apparatus to working and give us some air, I'll take command myself, rise to the surface, and telegraph to Washington that your invention is a fake and that you are a fraud."

"Yes."

"Well, when I was goin' down to the wharf last night, I saw him talking to



You Have Convinced Me Absolutely of the Efficiency of Your Invention.

Satsuma in front o' that empty house on the beach. They was a-whisperin' together, an' the minute they saw me they went inside. P'raps the Jap's got another berth."

"No matter," said the inventor impatiently, "we can get along without him. If everything is ready we will go aboard."

"I have not confined my efforts entirely to my oxygen-producing system," remarked Burke, as he followed his guest through the circular man-hole in the deck which gave access to the boat's interior. "I have utilized my spare moments in perfecting one or two other devices for use on submarines which may also interest you. This arrangement for automatically opening and closing the hatchway is one of them." As he spoke he indicated a lever connected with steel rods which ran up to the hinged cover of the hatch through which they had just descended.

"Very interesting, doctor," asserted Hope, again become the trained naval officer, quick, intelligent, alert. "Very interesting indeed. But it is your oxygen apparatus that interests me most."

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"But suppose he won't give us the option, Uncle Calvin?" asked Morton.

"Suppose he has already promised it to the government? What shall I do?"

"If he refuses," said Montgomery slowly, "give him this message." Taking a card from his case, he wrote a few lines on it, and handed it to his nephew. This is what the young man read: "Dear Ralph—I once gave you something that I valued as much as you value the secret of the submarine. Now is your chance to repay me, Calvin."

When Hope reached Doctor Burke's private wharf the following morning he found that the inventor and his daughter had arrived before him.

"Are all here, Hook?" asked the doctor.

"All but Satsuma, sir," answered the seaman, touching his cap. "I left him at work oiling the engines, but he's disappeared. You can't trust a Jap anyway. That reminds me o' something, doctor. You 'member that dark-skinned, furrin-looking feller that come to see you the other day? Mahlin was his name, wasn't it?"

"Yes."

"Well, when I was goin' down to the wharf last night, I saw him talking to

within three minutes after Burke had returned to the forward compartment, a subtle suggestion of freshness stole through the submarine; in five minutes the atmosphere was as fresh and wholesome as though they were in the open air.

"I apologize from the bottom of my heart, doctor," said Hope, setting the old inventor's hand, "for what I said a few moments ago. You have convinced me absolutely of the efficiency of your invention, though you nearly suffocated us at first. It is scarcely necessary for me to say that I shall wire to the department tonight, strongly urging that it be purchased by the government."

"Thank you, Mr. Hope," said the inventor, huskily, a suspicious mischievous in his eyes. "It looks as though my struggles were at an end."

Entering the rear compartment a moment later, Burke stood transfixed with utter astonishment. For at the switchboard, his hand on one of the switches which controlled the air current, stood Satsuma.

"What the devil are you doing here, Satsuma?" shouted the inventor wrathfully. "What have you just done to that machine?"

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Many men are just now ready to don their first straw hat. Others are ready
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Imported hats from the West Coast of South
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All plain and fancy split, Milan and sennett
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A new man spun silk that defies the laundry
\$4.00 values \$2.95

EXCERPTS CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Pecos Enterprise—(6-30-16).—We believe the office Smith has had for 14 years is good enough to hand around. There are others just as brainy and just as capable as he, who have just the same right. The old story handed out by office holders that it necessary to hold office for 10 or 15 years before they are able to accomplish anything, or have any power, is all bosh, and now is a good time to bring about a change.

Upton County Round-up—(6-30-16).—Judge Thomas L. Blanton is winning in every part of the country in his race for Congress. Out of about 25 or 30 exchanges that we get from over the District, all but four are strong for Blanton, and there is no question but that he will be our next Congressman. The people everywhere are tired of long office-holding.

Balmorhea Herald.—Thomas L. Blanton is one of the most energetic, untiring workers that ever existed, accomplishes things for the common people, and believes that a public official should earn his salary, that is why we would like to see him Congressman. 14 years is long enough for one man and it is time for a change.

Roscoe Times—(6-30-16).—Judge Blanton spoke to a house packed full of people on the night of June 15th. The people were very much pleased with Judge Blanton's speech and the platform he stands on, and he made many friends at Arden. We must say that he will carry the Arden box solid. W. A. Steritt, Funk Ranch.

Sweetwater Daily Journal—(6-30-16).—Before several hundred people in front of the Sweetwater Theatre this morning Judge Blanton made a brilliant talk.

Odessa Herald—(6-29-16).—Judge Blanton is making a whirlwind campaign in a thoroughgoing but dignified endeavor to secure Judge Smith's political scalp. Judge Blanton has many loyal friends in the District who will work hard for him.

Eldorado Success—(6-30-16).—Bob Smith is going up salt creek this time, not because we say so, but because the people say so.

Ozona Stockman.—Judge Blanton is a pleasing and convincing talker, and made a favorable impression upon the minds of his hearers. From numerous expressions heard here since the Judges visit it appears certain that he will get a good vote in Crockett County.

Alpine Avalanche.—Judge Blanton is our choice for Congress and we believe that the masses will decide that he is the logical candidate to represent them.

Rankin Round-up—Stop! Gentle Annie and listen at the above which comes from a former Smith stronghold. Brewster County has formerly been for Smith, but watch her this year. Judge Blanton is truly the logical man; his support is growing stronger every day. The people are simply awakening to the fact that it is unsafe, undemocratic and a sacrifice of their best interests to keep a man in office always. Consequently Judge Thomas L. Blanton will be our next Congressman.

Terry County Herald.—Judge Blanton is one of the most brilliant speakers

ever heard in Brownfield, and is so full of his subject, and so endowed with natural energy, that he holds his audience spell bound. His friends freely predict that he will not only get this county this year, but will so increase his majority in the rest of the White Belt, that he will overcome the El Paso pork barrel and border Mexican votes, as the latter are scattered like chickens, and he will carry the brilliant talk.

Andrews County Times.—Judge Blanton carried this county by almost two to one in the last election, and we predict even a larger majority for him in the coming primaries.

Aspermont Star.—Thomas L. Blanton is a Democrat of the old school, and if he represents the Jumbo District, they will know that he is in Washington. He is an able jurist, and if you send him to Congress there will be something doing every day in the year.

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(Political Advertisement.)

SOME DANDY PLUMS
Deputy Sheriff Demoville was exhibiting a specimen of his fruit Tuesday, that puts the shine over anything in the fruit line we have seen this season.

Mr. Demoville brought to The Ledger office a twig off his plum tree that measured one foot in length and contained thirty-six luscious plums. Another twig not quite so long contained 26 plums. Next.

WILSON APPEAL FOR POLANDS

WASHINGTON, July 12.—President Wilson indicated today when a delegation representing the Polish organization called on him, that if all other measures failed, he will make a personal appeal to the Monarchs of the beligerant countries to save the people of Poland from starvation.

ENCAMPMENT AT STATE FAIR VALUABLE INSTRUCTION PROJECT

THREE HUNDRED TEXAS FARM BOYS AND GIRLS ARE TO PARTICIPATE IN IT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS INTERESTED



W. H. Stratton, Secretary.

The monster Educational Encampment for Texas Farm Boys and Girls, to be held in connection with the 1916 State Fair of Texas, October 14 to 29, will undoubtedly prove to be one

of the most interesting features of this year's State Fair. At the same time, the educational influence thus wielded will confer a distinct benefit upon these three hundred boys and girls of the State.

All necessary plans and arrangements have been concluded by the Fair management in co-operation with the State Agricultural & Mechanical College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and it is stated that no detail will be lacking to insure the complete success of this movement.

W. H. Stratton, secretary of the State Fair of Texas, announced recently that three hundred scholarships in his encampment would be available—two hundred for boys and one hundred for girls, and that these scholarships would be awarded upon a competitive basis, to the boys of the Boys' Agricultural Clubs, and the girls of the Girls' Canning Clubs, who make the best records in their club work during 1916. Secretary Stratton also stated that these scholarships would give the successful contestants an entire week at the Fair with all expenses paid, and that he would be glad to send a descriptive booklet concerning the Encampment to any boy or girl who would like to enter the competition.

RECRUITING OFFICERS ARE SELECTED

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The war department has issued orders for National Guard officers to be drafted into federal service as recruiting officers to take charge of the militia recruiting agencies throughout the country, and the work of enlisting new troops will be continued until all the men needed at this time have been secured.

REMODELING HIS HOME

Geo. P. Holman has had his house on the lot next to the First Baptist church, pulled over further away from the church building and is having it remodeled and will have a new home when the work is completed.

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