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### Explosion at New York an Accident

NEW YORK, July 31.—After a hasty investigation the federal agents announced this afternoon that there was nothing to indicate that the great explosion on Black Tom Island was the result of any plot or work of criminals and stated that everything pointed to accidental causes.

Up to noon today only four bodies had been recovered, but score or more are missing, many of whom are believed to be dead, and one hundred and sixteen injured, and the property damage figured at from thirty to fifty million dollars.

Two parties are held under bond charged with criminal negligence, and were arraigned at Jersey City, where the cases were postponed until Friday and the two men released under five thousand dollar bonds. These are Albert Dickman, Lehigh Valley railroad agent on the island and Alexander Davidson, superintendent National Storage Company's warehouse.

New York, July 30.—An unknown number of dead and injured, thirty-five to seventy million dollars in property loss; five states shaken and millions of persons within a radius of 100 miles frightened to distraction is the partial total of the damage wrought by the explosion of war materials in Jersey City early this morning.

While very few bodies have been found, the loss of life is believed to have been considerable. In the excitement following the explosion, little or no effort was made by any one to take a census of those known to have been in the vicinity.

The disaster was by far the worst of its kind that has ever taken place in the country.

Black Tom Island, an area of reclaimed land, which projects into New York bay from the Jersey shore, immediately behind the statue of Liberty, was the scene of the explosion.

Six Lehigh Valley railroad piers and the National Storage warehouses, comprising twenty-four three-story brick buildings, about 100 feet deep, were the principal sufferers.

Between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 worth of property belonging to these two companies was hurled into the air by the series of explosions. Thirteen storage warehouses and their entire contents were blown up, eighty-five loaded freight cars were burned, a dozen barges and their contents burned or blown up, and probably three tugboats sunk.

The New Jersey Central railroad pier, half a mile from the source of the explosion, also was damaged considerably.

Three tugboats, with an aggregate crew of about twenty-four men, are listed as missing. These boats are the Geneva, a Lehigh Valley boat, and the Bridgeton and Ithaca, Jersey Central boats.

When last seen, the little ves-

sels were bravely forcing their way into the blazing barges in an effort to remove them.

Then occurred the big explosion. It is feared they were torn to pieces and lost with their valiant crews.

About \$1,000,000 worth of damage was done on Bedloe's island, and Ellis island suffered severely.

Countless homes and business places running up into the hundreds of thousands, were more or less damaged in Jersey City, Hoboken, Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Bayonne, Staten island and adjacent cities and towns.

Smashed plate glass windows was the principal loss suffered. A conservative estimate of this loss is \$1,500,000.

The cause of the earth shaking catastrophe was the explosion of hundreds of tons of high explosives on the "explosive pier" of the Lehigh Valley railroad.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 2.—The Deutschland, Germany's super-submarine merchantman, had passed Tangier Island fifty miles above Cape Charles at six o'clock this morning, outward bound for the Atlantic. Although the ship was sighted at Tangier Island no report of its arrival at Newport News had been made at noon today.

The Deutschland is expected to reach Hampton Roads by night fall. Foggy weather along the coast is preventing any rapid departure for Germany.

Uncle George Eskridge left Tuesday afternoon to attend the reunion at Brady during this week.

### SEVEN DEAD IN MEXICAN RAID IN U.S.

EL PASO, July 31.—A gang of Mexican bandits crossed the river near Fort Hancock last night and early this morning attacked a detachment of Company F, of the Eighth Cavalry, killing Private John Twomey; Customs Inspector Robert Wood, and wounding Sergeant Louis Thompson.

The American troops engaged the bandits in a running fight, following the attack, and five Mexican bodies were found on the battle field after the bandits had been chased across the river.

As soon as the report was received here Gen. Bell rushed troops from the Eighth Cavalry to the scene of trouble in a special train from El Paso, with instructions to follow the bandits into Mexico is necessary and do everything possible to capture them.

EL PASO, Aug. 2.—Captain Kelly, commanding a United States cavalry division, was rushed from Fort Bliss, to Finlay, Tex. to defend the town against Mexican raiders, according to an announcement made here today by General Bell.

General Bell also stated that there was no truth in the report that one hundred and fifty Mexican bandits had invaded Texas near Finlay. A verification that the invasion rumor was false, was received at Gen. Beell's headquarters last night.

### FORD PRICES TAKE A TUMBLE

R. L. Harwell received a new price list on Fords Tuesday and began at once to advertise the new prices which come as a great surprise to the auto crazed public as well as to the dealers. The new schedule of prices make a cut of about \$80 on the car, and five passenger cars are selling for \$397.15 and roadsters for \$382.15. Mr. Harwell recently received a new supply of Fords and it is expected that he will have to increase his standing order.

### ASK \$40,000 DAMAGES FOR MAN KILLED HERE

Attorneys representing the surviving heirs of J. E. Wilde filed suit in the district court at Fort Worth last Saturday, against the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway company, in which the heirs are suing for \$40,000 damages.

Wilde was killed by a Santa Fe passenger train two miles east of Ballinger on the 25th day of last February, while he and a man by the name of Chestnutt, of Abilene, were coming from San Angelo to Ballinger in an auto. Wilde was killed instantly and his body thrown about sixty feet from the track, while Chestnutt was seriously injured, sustaining a broken limb.

The suit will probably be hotly contested, each side lining up quite a string of witnesses, as in addition to a number of eye witnesses, many people from Ballinger were soon on the scene of the accident.

### ANNOUNCING NEW ONE CENT SALE

The Walker Drug Co., is announcing in this week's Banner-Ledger, a new one-cent sale. This sale will begin Thursday, August 10th, and continue for three days selling. Every Texas Rexall store will be a party to this new "One cent sale," and in this way greater good will be accomplished by co-operation. Many articles are as usual much cheaper than everyday sale price. Watch for the big ad for the Ballinger firm in next week's daily Ledgers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crockett and little daughter, of the Bethel neighborhood, left Wednesday for Talpa to visit relatives a few days.

### MANY DEAD IN CANADA FOREST FIRE

MONTREAL, Canada, July 31.—Reports received up to noon today from North Bay, Ontario, says one hundred and forty-four bodies have been recovered from the forest fire district between Cochrane and Hearst, where millions of dollars worth of timber were destroyed. Heavy rains came in time to stop the raging fires before the flames were swept into a more densely populated district where greater number of lives would have been claimed. The rescuers are at work and other bodies will be recovered from the burned districts.

HAILEY BURY, Ont., Aug. 1.—Relief workers are bringing more bodies from the forest fire district and rescuers stated today that over five hundred were killed in the fires that swept over a large territory and destroyed millions of dollars worth of property.

Englehart, Ont., July 31.—Bush fires continue to rage in many directions, but late reports say the worst is over. Rains which fell during the night checked the ravages of the fire to some extent.

Definite figures as to the loss of life in northern Ontario thru the wiping out of half a dozen towns by bush fires were still lacking. Figures on hand indicate that at least 200 persons are dead.

The known dead are: At Nushka, 57. At Cochrane, 18. At Matheson, 34. At Iroquois Falls, 15. At Ramore, 15. Total, 139.

Outlying places are expected to swell the list materially when rescue parties return.

Iroquois Falls, where great paper mills are located, was not entirely burned, according to reports today. The paper mills and one store were saved.

### GOTTON DEALERS DISOLVE PARTNERSHIP

Elsewhere in this paper appears the dissolution notice of Ray-Penn Co., which says that a partnership existing between W. B. Ray and W. C. Penn, cotton dealers, has by mutual consent been dissolved.

When called on today by a Ledger reporter, Mr. Penn stated that there was nothing wrong, that no friction existed and it was merely a business transaction, and that he and Mr. Ray were just changing their business plans and would be in the cotton business independent.

Mr. Ray left early Tuesday morning in his auto with his family for Lampasas, where they will attend the Baptist encampment, but stated before leaving that it was by mutual and friendly agreement that he and Mr. Penn had dissolved partnership.

Messrs. Ray and Penn have been associated together in the cotton business for the past six years. They have the reputation of being the largest cotton exporters in this part of the state, and we are glad to know they will both continue in business here and will buy cotton at Ballinger and at other points in this part of the state. Mr. Ray will continue to office near the compress, while Mr. Penn will have offices up town.

### SHIP THREE FILERS

The Creasy Rotary Filer Co. shipped out Monday afternoon for points South and East, three of their filers to be used in putting the gin saws in good shape for the big cotton expected in the state this year.

### Russians Still Making Gains

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The entente allies have pushed the Germans out of Kovel, and the Russians are meeting with success over the whole stretch of country between the Kovel and Rojitsche railroad.

Upon the eve of starting a new combined French-British attack along the front from Delville woods to the Somme, the news that the Germans had evacuated Kovel spurred the allies on to heavier fighting, and the teutons are falling back after a determined effort to withstand the heavy onslaught of the British and French, with the Russians hammering heavy at other places.

With the beginning of the third year of the war the Germans are on the defensive at every point, and the main German lines have been pressed back from where they held a strong hold one year ago.

### "CLEMENCY FOR IRISH PRISONERS"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—President Wilson today instructed the State department to forward immediately the congressional resolution urging England to "exercise clemency in her treatment of Irish political prisoners." The president is solicitous that a fair trial will not be given the late Irish revolutionists.

Sir Roger Casement, convicted of treason in connection with the Irish revolt, is scheduled to be hanged tomorrow.

### DALLAS SALESMAN KILLED WITH CLUB

MT. PLEASANT, Tex., Aug. 1.—L. C. Meador, a traveling salesman of Dallas, died here this morning from the results of blow on the head with a club, last night. The trouble occurred last night following an argument between Meador and Clem Gray, a local butcher. Gray was arrested this morning and released after making bond.

Wm. Davenport, of the Hatchel country, and C. F. Reasoner, of the Talpa country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The State Department received a cablegram from Ambassador Gerard stationed at Berlin, in which the American ambassador says that Germany has refused to agree to England's terms for sending relief to the starving Polish people. The refusal means continued suffering and many deaths in Poland.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 2.—General Brussiloff's "wedge" in which the Russians are dividing the Austrians and Germans has been trust farther forward.

Many prisoners are still being taken by the Russians and the work of separating the two central empire's armies is progressing daily.

PARIS, Aug. 2.—According to the official French war communique, the French armies made progress on both sides of the Somme river last night. The Germans continue to abandon heavily fortified positions on the Western front in face of the strong allied drive.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Dutch steamer Zeland, was sunk by a submarine torpedo last night. The crew of the vessel was removed to safety.

### RETURNS TO BALLINGER

C. G. Killingsworth returned to Ballinger Monday and will accept a position with one of the gins in Ballinger this fall.

He made a crop in the Rowena country and says he has 85 acres in cotton that will make about 25 bales. A good rain fell on the Killingsworth crop Saturday.

## 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.

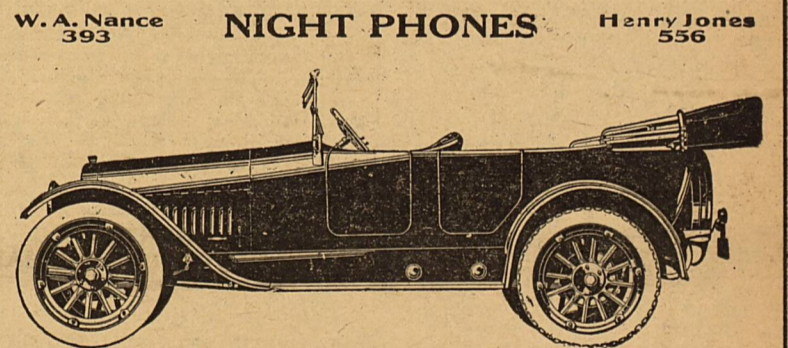
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# SOME BASEBALL STARS OF 1916



Grover Cleveland Alexander  
Larry Doyle  
Fielder Jones

**THE FARM AND SMALL TOWN FURNISH BEST MATERIAL FOR BIG LEAGUE TIMBER.**

Looking over the roster of the big league ball teams you will find names after names of men who only recently were boys on the farm or in the village or small town. On the other hand, surprisingly few hail from the big cities. And yet, this is not so surprising after all. Even laying aside our knowledge of the big part that the so-called country boy has always played in the great affairs of business and the nation, the country is the place to lay the foundation necessary for athletes.

The photographs shown are familiar to all lovers of the great National game. In addition to their being representatives of their type in the baseball world, all of these stalwart athletes are great endorsers of that beverage you know and like so well—Coca-Cola.

**Short Histories of the Players.**

**JONES, Fielder Allison, Manager of St. Louis Browns.** Born August 13, 1871, at Shingle House, Pa. Last season he came within one-half game of winning Federal League pennant, finishing nearer the top than any team in major leagues since the Browns in 1915.

ust, 1910, with whom he has since played. He warmly endorses Coca-Cola as a drink for athletes.

**DOYLE, Lawrence,** Captain New York National League Club. Born at Caseyville, Ill., July 31, 1886. Second baseman.

He has played with the New York Nationals since 1907, and was appointed Captain in 1912, which position he has since held with them. Leading hitter of the National League for the season of 1915. Like all the best of them he is a staunch believer in Coca-Cola.

There is, by the way, a wonderful similarity between the origin of these ball players and that of the beverage which they endorse. Coca-Cola might be called an agricultural drink, both from the materials it is made of and because of its great popularity in the country as well as in the city. For Coca-Cola, if ever there was a natural, wholesome beverage, is such—it itself is a gift from Nature. Made from Nature's pure water, flavored with the juices of fine fruits and things that grow and sweetened with Nature's purest, finest sugar—and please particularly remember this last—Coca-Cola contains no artificial sweetening matter but just the best of pure cane sugar. It is this fine combination that gives Coca-Cola its deliciousness of flavor, its distinctively refreshing and thirst-quenching qualities and its great wholesomeness. That's why ball players, athletes, fans—all classes and kinds of men and women drink and endorse Coca-Cola. Drink a glass or a bottle and you will be just as enthusiastic about it.

## BOB NORMAN WRITES OF SHIP WRECK

The first news to come direct from Bob Norman since he was rescued from the wreck in which the steamship Hector went down in a storm off the coast of South Carolina, came today in a letter from the young man to Cecil Glenn, of this city. The letter does not tell much of the experience of Bob on the storm wrecked ship, but it verifies the report published by the Ledger several days ago in which it was stated that a Ballinger boy was on the ill-fated ship:

Charleston, S. C., July 24, 1916. Dear Friend Cecil:

Well I have been through Hell plumb up to my eyes since I wrote you the last letter. I started to Santo Domingo on the coal Collier Hector and got in a storm and was lucky enough to come out all o. k. with a suit of underwear on. I guess you saw an account of it in the papers. If I ever get to see you again I will give you a good description, as I didn't see any moving picture machines out here. We were in the storm 72 hours or a little over. The minutes seemed like hours when it seemed that we were doomed to go down. The wind reached a velocity of 120 miles per hour. The captain said he had been on the sea for twenty-two years and it was the worst he had seen. Believe me he had some nerve too. Well what is the bunch doing, hope you are doing well, and having a good time.

I have been in the hospital four or five days just got out. Am in very good shape again. Probably will start to Santo Domingo in two or three weeks. I have got four hours guard duty out of 24. Been on liberty once since we landed here. I don't like this burg very much it is a old timer; they haven't swept the streets here I don't think since the Civil War. Is Archie Crews still there? How are corps now, hope they are o. k. Well Happy, drop me a few lines as I would certainly enjoy having a letter from you again, with luck and best wishes I remain your old friend.

BOB.  
Care Marine Barracks, Charleston, S. C.

**Cure for Cholera Morbus.**  
"When our little boy, now seven years old, was a baby he was cured of cholera morbus by Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Mrs. Sidney Simmons, Fair Haven, N. Y.

"Since then other members of my family have used this valuable medicine for colic and bowel trouble with good satisfaction and I gladly endorse it as a remedy of exceptional merit." Obtainable everywhere.

## BROTHER OF GIRL STAR OF FILMS IS BURIED AS PICTURE IS SHOWN

San Angelo, Tex., July 28.—At a local picture show here yesterday a film was shown with Agnes Younger in the title role. Miss Younger's real name is Agnes Vernon. While the picture was being shown the body of the star's brother, Eliot Vernon, was lowered into a grave in Fairmount Cemetery.

Eliot Vernon met death in the South Concho river at Chistoval about a week ago when he is thought to have suffered paralysis while in deep water. Every effort to communicate with his sister, for whom he had his life insured, has proved unavailing. Leading citizens and officers here believe the film company for whom she is working will not impart the news of her brother's death to her while she is in the midst of the making of a film.

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## BLANTON NOMINATED WITH 2400 MAJORITY

Judge Thomas L. Blanton, who went to El Paso last Thursday to look after his interest in the final count of the votes in that county, and if possible learn why the returns were being held back, wired the Abilene Reporter late Saturday afternoon saying: "I am elected by 2400 votes."

Blanton was leading Smith about 1700 votes, without the El Paso vote, and this was known to be a Smith county. Complete returns from Eastland, King, Palo Pinto, Schleicher and other counties, increased the Blanton majority, and with the complete returns from El Paso the majority was reduced to 2,400, which it is claimed is complete.

El Paso county gave Smith a majority of 1869 over Blanton, with Grisham polling 558 votes: Smith's vote in 29 boxes in El Paso county was 2,545, Blanton 676 and Grisham 558. One precinct failed to vote, another failed to return the count and the third did not count state officers, only counting county candidates. Following is the vote in the district by counties, practically all of them being complete:

County	Blanton	Smith	Grisham
Borden	100	100	100
Brewster	21	152	208
Callahan	62	527	898
Coke	34	264	418
Concho	33	324	369
Crockett	5	79	70
Crosby	66	240	291
Dawson	61	141	214
Ector	9	127	44
El Paso	558	2545	676
Fisher	131	506	666
Gaines	11	64	56
Garza	51	235	246
Glasscock	7	53	51
Haskell	82	460	735
Howard	321	411	341
Irion	7	167	140
Jones	185	918	1367
Kent	9	62	83
Kimble	6	148	208
Lubbock	46	149	310
Lynn	24	179	211
Martin	106	78	98
Menard	8	242	350
Midland	33	276	188
Mitchell	71	721	398
Nolan	603	504	437
Palo Pinto	124	752	1100
Pecos	6	124	60
Reagan	0	48	53
Reeves	148	319	119
Runnels	228	1034	1121
Schleicher	4	162	174
Shelby	115	588	644
Shackelford	13	130	457
Stephens	45	415	464
Sterling	7	137	129
Stonewall	27	226	327
Sutton	102	152	134
Taylor	120	691	2185
Tom Green	106	1220	730
Ward	15	178	82
Yoakum	8	34	50
Crane	1	3	6
Eastland	86	663	1569
Jeff Davis	3	25	45
Presidio	4	475	12
Upton	0	31	64
Andrews	6	45	61
King	7	28	71
TOTAL	3748	17152	18840

## \$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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## GOOD RAIN

A telephone message received in Ballinger Friday night from R. M. Davis informed us that he had an inch and half rain at his place in the Crews country Friday afternoon. The shower covered a strip of about four miles.

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EVERY DRUGGIST CARRIES A FULL STOCK OF S.S.S.

### You'll Recognize S.S.S. Cartons

On the shelves of your druggist by the absence of any showy designing—more so will you recognize why S. S. S. is the Standard Blood Purifier after giving it an opportunity to rebuild and strengthen your 'run down' blood with its wonderful tonic qualities.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO. ATLANTA, GA.

IN EVERY BOTTLE OF S.S.S. THERE IS HEALTH FOR YOUR BLOOD

## The German Agricultural Club of Runnels and adjoining counties will hold a meeting at Helwig Hall on the twentieth day of August and hear the reports of the delegates who returned from Austin last week. The delegates were: Otto Straach, Frank and Paul Schwertner, Julius Helwig, F. Blumentritt, Fritz Galles and Fritz Gallity.—Rowena Review.

**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.

## REPUBLICANS HOLD COUNTY CONVENTION

On July 29th the Republicans held their county convention. Elected delegates to state and senatorial conventions. Also elected county chairman. The Republican state convention meets in San Antonio, August 8th.

## CENTER STREETS PLACES FOR CARS SAYS DUNLAP

W. B. Dunlap who recently visited a number of towns in the plains country, making an auto trip of about 800 miles, says he saw the scheme to park cars in the center of the streets tried out at Vernon, Texas, and it was his understanding that the people were well pleased with it. "It leaves plenty room on each side for travel and for the merchants to handle their trade, and I found it much easier to move your car when you get ready," said Mr. Dunlap. According to Mr. Dunlap's statement the cars parked at such an angle that it is no trouble or inconvenience to the auto driver.

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Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

**MAY ACCEPT CALL**  
Rev. Atwood of San Angelo, came in Saturday morning to make arrangements for a home and will preach at the First Presbyterian church for the month of August and may possibly accept a permanent call to this church.

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to our claims for it. You'll find it sound, straight grained, free from soft spots and big knots and thoroughly well seasoned. To use such lumber is both a pleasure and an economy. Pleasure that one always feels in working with good materials, economy in the absence of waste, the use of our lumber insures.

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## LATE TELEGRAPH BREVITIES

The woman declines to kill the yearling which forced an old man to death in Fort Worth. The owners says she can't sell the yearling and will not kill it as the yearling is not dangerous.

The railroad employees have voted for a strike, from 96 to 98 per cent of the brotherhood members having voted for a nation wide strike. The final counting will be completed by August sixth.

Heavy rains are reported in the Eastern states, including the main cotton belt states. North and South Carolina and Georgia report big rains.

Zapata county which cast a solid Wilson vote of 306 votes four years ago and a solid ticket for democratic officers two years ago, has returned to the republican party and refused to hold a primary this year. By such action submission is winner.

A negro arrested at McKinney for burglary has confessed to the murder of Miss Cramer, a trained nurse, who was murdered while returning to her home from the passenger station in Dallas a few months ago. The negro said he tried to rob the woman of her suit case when she screamed and he knocked her in the head and choked her.

The department at Washington has sent out notices warning mothers against fake baby medicine, which is being sent out over the country as a sure cure for infantile paralysis.

Austin, the capitol of Texas, can't talk for two weeks. The recent fire which destroyed the telephone exchange building left the city without telephone connection and the management has announced that it will be two weeks before service can be resumed again.

Hilda Staples, a 12 year old girl, at San Marcos saved the lives of two children who stepped off into a deep hole while wading in the water. The girl swimming to the children rescued them in a drowning condition. The young heroine will be reported to Andrew Carnegie for attention.

## PETITIONS COUNCIL TO FIX STREET

A petition is being circulated today and liberally signed, and will be presented to the city council asking that body to take some steps immediately to repair Eighth street from Hutchings avenue, to the Santa Fe railroad. This is the principal street leading from the northwest into the business section and holes in the pavement makes the street bumpy in places. Mayor Powell has a statement in today's paper saying the city has no money, consequently we presume there will be little doing as it takes cash to build streets.

## 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.

## WILL FIX ROADS WHEN IT RAINS

The dry weather is retarding good road work in Runnels county. In several places where the roads are in bad shape, notwithstanding that good grades have been established, it is claimed that after a rain a road drag will be put in operation and the holes filled and the road bed smoothed down. It is hard to build roads with dry dirt.

**MAYR'S WONDERFUL REMEDY FOR STOMACH TROUBLE**  
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## NEIGHBOR COUNTIES TO HAVE SECOND PRIMARY

Concho and Coke counties also are experimenting with the majority rule this year and second primaries are on for August 12th in those counties. Like Runnels county some of the candidates in the first election received a majority and are not mixed up in the second political "melee" and the political game has lost some of its attraction on that account.

**BANK**

## Reference to a Bank

is an immense help to a business man's credit. It is an evidence that he knows how to take care of his money and that he has funds to meet his bills. No business is too small to be done in a business like way. That way is to pay by check on a good bank. We invite you to open an account here.

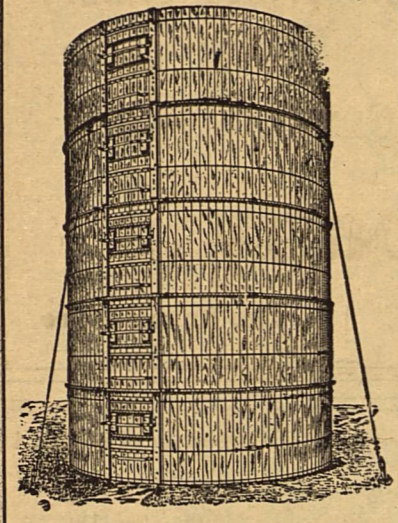
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H. Giesecke left Sunday afternoon for Dallas to attend the Colquitt rally in that city Monday.

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**DALLAS, TEXAS**

# DEMOCRATS ASK FOR REPEAL POLL TAX AND ELECTION LAW

Condemning the present law under which the elections of this state are held and also condemning the poll tax law, the delegates in county convention assembled in Ballinger Saturday afternoon sent up an appeal through resolution adopted, to the legislature and the state democratic executive committee asking those bodies to use their offices to have such laws repealed.

The Democracy represented in the convention by the delegates also adopted resolutions endorsing the Wilson administration and the Ferguson administration, commending Gov. Jas. E. Ferguson for his splendid business administration, and endorsing in the strongest terms possible the Wilson policy in handling foreign affairs.

It was a harmonious convention. There was no opposition to any motion put before the house, or to any question that came up for consideration. If any delegate present did not approve of the program carried out, they kept surprisingly secret, realizing their helplessness.

The convening of the convention was delayed on account of the work of the executive committee in canvassing the election returns. It was nearly three o'clock when Judge A. K. Doss called the meeting to order, and called for the election of a chairman. Judge T. T. Crosson nominated J. Y. Pearce for the chairmanship and Mr. Pearce was elected without opposition. Judge Crosson also placed in nomination Judge Q. V. Miller for secretary, and Judge Miller was elected without opposition.

A roll call of the precincts showed that eight precincts, representing seventeen votes, were represented in the convention. Judge Crosson moved that the chairman appoint a committee of three on credentials and representations, and named the committee: viz: Paul Trimmier, J. A. Hancock, C. S. Miller. The chair appointed the committee.

Judge Crosson made a motion that the chairman appoint a committee of three on resolutions, platform and to nominate delegates to the various conventions, naming the committee, viz: J. McGregor and Judge Jno. I. Guion. The chairman appointed the committee as named.

The committee's report were heard in due time, and unanimously adopted, and are as follows:  
**Delegates to Conventions.**

State convention: Jack McGregor, Jno. I. Guion, T. T. Crosson, Paul Trimmier, Lon Mapes, W. C. Penn, C. S. Miller, H. Giesecke.

Congressional convention: A. Sledge, B. C. Kirk, D. P. Moser, N. J. Wardlaw.

Senatorial convention: Geo. S. Graves, K. Berry, J. R. Lusk, H. M. Joney, J. A. Hancock.

Representative convention: R. T. Williams, W. P. Hawkins, J. P. Cogsdell.

Supreme Court conventions: A. K. Doss, M. C. Smith, J. W. Powell, C. P. Shepherd, J. H. Baugh, R. B. Truly, M. Kleberg, Q. V. Miller.

Third Supreme District Court convention: W. H. Willingham, R. S. Griggs, T. T. Crosson.

Fifth Judicial District convention: W. D. Jennings, H. W. Bigler.

**Credential Report**

We, your committee on representation and credentials find as follows:

Ballinger Precinct No. 1 entitled to four votes and represented by Jno. I. Guion, J. Y. Pearce, W. B. Dunlap, H. C. Gardner, R. I. Harwell, E. V. Bateman, J. M. McGregor and J. M. Garlington.

Hatchel, Precinct No. 2 entitled to one vote and represented by S. D. Williams, L. M. Bales, R. L. Sides and S. H. Guin.

South Norton No. 17 entitled to one vote and represented by H. Kay Berry.

Miles, Precinct No. 20 entitled to four votes and represented by J. A. Hancock, Will Cummins, J. S. Mills and B. A. Lott.

Rowena, Precinct No. 21 entitled to one vote and no representative, but O. Hoelcher of said precinct orally authorized to represent precinct, subject to approval of this convention.

Olfen, Precinct No. 22 entitled to one vote and represented by L. Strube.

Pony, Precinct No. 23, entitled to one vote and represented by J. W. Bigby, J. J. Fox and E. S. Krc.

Ballinger Precinct No. 24 en-

titled to three votes and represented by Paul Trimmier, T. T. Crosson, C. S. Miller, Feb. McWilliams, W. C. Penn, S. B. Baby, Jno. T. Morgan and Q. V. Miller. No credentials from any other precincts.

**PAUL TRIMMIER,**  
**J. A. HANCOCK,**  
**C. S. MILLER, Com.**  
**Resolutions Adopted**

Resolved, That this Convention in the strongest terms possible endorses the National Democratic Administration, and its acts during the past four years. We believe that more wise and constructive legislation, looking to the amelioration of conditions confronting the great mass of the American people, has been enacted during this administration than during any similar period in our history as a Nation.

That we especially endorse the wise and comprehensive financial policy adopted, insuring our country against disastrous money panics that in the past have brought ruin to thousands of our industrial enterprises.

We would also most fully endorse the Democratic Tariff Policy that has proven its great benefit to the masses of our people.

We especially desire to go on record as endorsing the policies of our great Democratic President—Woodrow Wilson—which have been so successful in keeping this country from the horrors of war, and at the same time have preserved unscathed the honor of our Country, and the respect of our Flag among the Nations of the World.

We further endorse the great policy of national preparedness, not for the purpose of provoking war, but for the single and only purpose of preventing war and all of its accumulated loss and misery. We therefore unqualifiedly and earnestly appeal to every true American to "Hold up the Hands" of our great President and to use every honorable means to insure his re-election to this great office, and rally to the support of a united, triumphant Democracy.

Resolved, That this convention heartily endorses the efficient business administration of Gov. Jas. E. Ferguson for the past two years, and pledges its earnest support to his re-election, and we condemn any organized political effort that seeks to hamper or destroy his usefulness in the State, for the purpose of furthering the political fortunes of any man or body of men outside of the organized Democracy of Texas.

**JACK MCGREGOR,**  
**JNO. I. GUION,**  
**H. K. BERRY.**

**Endorses Repeal of Poll Tax Law**

We, the Democracy of Runnels County, in convention assembled realizing that what is known as the Poll Tax Amendment to the Constitution, is contrary to the principle of Americanism and Democracy believing the same should be repealed hereby request that the Democracy of this State by petition to its executive committee place on the next general primary ballot, the question of the repeal of said poll tax amendment.

We, the Democracy of Runnels County, Texas, in convention assembled realizing that what is known as the Terrell Election Law is incomprehensible, nonsensical and interferes with the rights of American citizens and political parties, hope and trust the legislature in its wisdom and patriotism will see that this law is repealed without delay.

Should the legislature not have the courage to repeal this law, then we suggest the Democracy of Texas, present a petition to the State Democratic Executive Committee asking that the repeal of same be submitted to the Democratic voters of the State.

Be it further resolved, that this convention goes on record as being unalterably opposed to what is commonly known as the double primary system and hereby instruct the representative in the legislature from this district to work and vote for its repeal.

Resolved, that the delegates to the state convention to be held in Houston, Texas, be and are hereby instructed to vote as a unit on all questions submitted there. Be it further resolved that no proxies shall be allowed from delegates.

**Judge Jno. I. Guion Slated for State Executive Committeeman.**

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The State of Texas, County of Runnels. In convention assembled, Saturday, July 29th, 1916.

Be It Resolved, the delegates from this county to the State convention to be held at Houston, be instructed to vote for Hon. Jno. I. Guion of Runnels County, Texas, as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from this the 26th Senatorial District.  
**J. M. MCGREGOR,**  
**H. KAY BERRY.**

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 quick you get relief. Penetrates without rubbing. Buy it at any Drug Store. 25c.

# E. F. KREBBS NAMED COUNTY CHAIRMAN

The Runnels County Democratic Executive Committee was in session from ten o'clock until five o'clock Saturday, working thru-out the time without stopping for lunch in order to complete the work of canvassing the election returns and making their report to the county convention.

The name of J. H. Baugh had been placed on the election ticket for election as county chairman. After being elected it developed that to hold such office would conflict with some other work Judge Baugh had in hand, causing him to be exempt from certain privileges he now enjoys, and for this reason he resigned, or declined to qualify. This made it necessary for the committee to elect a chairman, and E. F. Krebs was elected to succeed A. K. Doss, the present chairman, who is now winding up the affairs in hand preparatory to turning the job over to Mr. Krebs before the second primary is held.

The committee found only few votes difference in making the official count from the vote as previously given out on the Ledger's bulletin board, and the nominees were found to be as announced Saturday night following the election.

The new chairman will begin at once preparing and sending out the supplies for the second primary which will be held on Saturday week, August 12th, and the same election officer, who pre-

sided at the first primary will be in charge of the second election, and also for the third election which will be held on August 26th to name a United States Senator.

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# ARMY HORSE BUYER IS OVER STOCKED

(Brownwood Bulletin)  
 A congestion that is threatening to tie up all horse and mule deals in this state is resulting from an order recently issued by the United States government prohibiting their buyers from accepting over 100 animals a day. This order was issued because it was thought that the maximum limit would result in closer and better inspection of the animals submitted to the government's representatives. A. F. McAlister, who holds a government sub-contract for 2000 head of horses and mules here, says that because of this ruling he has about 200 head left here that the inspectors failed

to touch. Capt. E. A. Keyes, who with the assistance of C. C. Tucker and Dr. Brown, has been busy for the past week at the Brownwood horse and mule barn on Fish Avenue, left last night for Fort Worth. This morning he was scheduled to begin inspection there. Ross Bros. of that city hold a big contract from the government, and have contracted a large number of horses there.

During the inspection here 524 animals were passed by the government men, and these have already been shipped to San Antonio. Several hundred more animals, which were left in the local yards will be kept here until the inspector come back and begin their third job.

According to Mr. McAlister, about fifteen hundred head of horses and mules are now held in San Antonio awaiting examination by government authorities. Many buyers have been called in by the contractors on account of the congestion caused by the recent order of the government.

**Car of Marble Just Received.**  
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Miss Lillie Slaughter, of Maverick, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to DeLeon to visit.

**It Always Helps**  
 says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.  
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 Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.  
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solidated January 28, 1913.

One of the requirements necessary to share in the good roads appropriation is that we must put up one dollar for every one received from the appropriation. We should begin to put up.

We predict that the first second primary for Rummels county will be the last one. The scheme has proven a nuisance, and only served to prolong the political campaign. Many voters will not express a choice in the second primary. In fact they have no choice; they lost him in the first election.

Ballinger is receiving many tourists, notwithstanding that the roads leading into Ballinger are bumpy. This travel will increase when we fix our roads, because those who come will tell others. We consider the public road problem one of the most important confronting our people, and we are losing much every day on account of bad roads.

It is a pity some people are so narrow minded they can't allow others a free hand in matters political without manifesting that spirit of ill will and boycott. In order to get all that's coming to you, you must bow to the political wishes of others, and unless you do this you are branded for boycott in matters of business. Is this a free country?

**GOV. FERGUSON DYING HARD**

Notwithstanding that the Robertson Insurance law was endorsed by almost two to one vote in the primary election, Gov. Ferguson is out in a statement saying that the law has not been endorsed and the instructions given in the primary is not binding on the legislature because the law did not receive a majority of all the votes cast, many people not expressing any preference in the matter.

Gov. Ferguson may carry his pet measure into the next legislature, but we believe that he will be

tion itself and not a majority of the votes cast at the same election upon any other question.

While this holds good in the case of the Robertson Insurance law, it also holds good in the case of submission, which the governor also contends will be defeated whether it leads or not. The people have spoken, and it's up to the legislature to abide by the will of the people, or bow to the lobbying influences that will be on the wire pulling job when the law-makers come together next January.

**A DUTY EVERY VOTER OWES TO HIS COUNTRY.**

In convention assembled at the court house in Ballinger last Saturday the Democrats passed resolutions branding the poll tax law as being contrary to Americanism and democracy, and petitioned the executive committee to place on the next general primary ballot the question of the repeal of said poll tax law.

This resolution is no doubt the beginning and the end of such objection. It is possible that it may be brought up in the Houston convention, and if those opposing the law should be in the majority, similar action might follow, but it would be the mere pitching of straws against the wind.

Before this law can be repealed the voters of Texas must pass on it, and in such case the result would no doubt be the same as that of the recent vote on the Robertson insurance law. It is a good law, serves to strengthen the school fund of this state and throws a protection around the ballot box that in a great measure purifies Texas politics.

More than one million dollars was paid into the school fund of this state last year as a result of the poll tax law. The public schools of Texas are not burdened with cash, and in the payment of poll taxes much of this money came from people who would not otherwise have contributed one cent to the school fund, or contributed one cent towards the government under which they are living and enjoying protection.

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Charlie H. Morris, defeated candidate for the office of governor in the recent primary election, will be a candidate for the office in 1918.—Temple Telegram.

prove most anything. We are waiting to see whether O. B. will use Dr. Barton on the witness stand or not. You can't tell what is going to happen in Texas politics.

Will ship carload of cattle soon and any one wishing to ship telephone J. H. Taylor, Ballinger. 2-1tdw

**RETURNS TO OLD POSITION.**

Walter Crawford, who has been with the Miller Mercantile Co., for a year or more, has resigned his position with that company, and we understand will return to his old home in Tennessee. Mr. Crawford has made many friends here who will regret to see him leave Ballinger.

John Hopkinson, who formerly held a position with the Miller Mercantile Co., is back on the job. Mr. Hopkinson recently went to Temple to accept a position with the Santa Fe, but the position did not suit him, and he is back in Ballinger for keeps, much to the best wishes of his friends.

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wasting the time of the law-making body in trying to put over the proposition to repeal this law.

It is true that the Robertson law did not receive a majority of the votes polled, but the only reason a majority of the voters who visited the polls did not vote on the question is because they did not understand the proposition. The voters who did express themselves on this question voted more than fifty thousand over those who voted for the repeal of the law, and that is sufficient to convince us that the people of Texas do not want the Robertson Insurance law repealed and it will not be repealed.

Gov. Ferguson has nothing to base his contentions on, and it is a death struggle over the defeat of a move in the interest of northern insurance corporations.

While the courts of Texas have never decided the question raised by the governor, his contention is in conflict with the higher court decision of a number of other states where this question has been fought out. The courts of Maryland, Oregon, Kansas, Massachusetts, North Dakota, and other states have held in similar cases that the phrase "majority of all votes cast", means a majority of the votes cast at the same election

**WHY YOU ARE NERVOUS**

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

of Texas. It is not an obligation, but a duty, and we believe that those who view it in this light are greatly in the majority, and will never vote to repeal the amendment which is working so nicely for the greatest good to the greatest number of people.

The writer was on the job when the amendment was adopted, and we regret to say we opposed it, and while Texas voted for the amendment, Rummels county voted against it, being one of the few counties in Texas to cast a majority vote against its adoption. After experiencing its workings, we go on record as favoring the law and admit that we were in the wrong when we opposed its adoption.

**A Summer Laxative and Liver Regulator**

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**QUICK TIME.**

S. B. Caperton and Edgar Rasbury attended the cattle dipping at the Price Maddox vat in the Winters-Hatchel country Tuesday and reports the quickest time on dipping cattle that we have heard of this year. Jack Pierce the inspector and Mr. Rasbury the time-keeper reports 477 head of cattle dipped in 32 minutes. This is pretty fast work but the authority on this subject is good.

Morris in the recent election was not so much for that gentleman as it was against Ferguson. The campaign just closed as been an educating one for the people and we predict that the next governor of this state will be selected with a great deal more care than heretofore, for several years at least.

Rev. J. W. Raby, of the Valley creek country, was in Ballinger Thursday and told us of a dog belonging to J. J. Knowles, who left for New Mexico some time ago and took his dog along tied to the wagon and when he got beyond Roswell he untied the dog and in about fifteen days the dog was back in the Valley creek country, looking fat and healthy and Mr. Raby says looked as if he was glad to be back in Rummels county. Even the dogs know a good country, when they once live in it.—Ballinger Ledger.

Perhaps the dog feared New Mexico was too close to Old Mexico, where it is claimed that the supply of chili meat is greatly diminished, where a real good dog might be used to feed a Mexican family for a week. You never can tell what a dog has on his mind.—Temple Telegram.

We hold to the original theory. The dog returned because he knew a good country. It was easy to tell what this dog had on his mind.

The greatest joke of the campaign is in a dispatch coming from Dallas which says that former Governor Colquitt is "going to try to prove to the farmers that he is really a friend of the Wilson administration and that the so called 'liquor ring' is lined up against him."—Austin American.

With some of the strongest pros in Texas are lining up for Colquitt he will no doubt be able to

**A FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAVES MATTRESS FACTORY**

The mattress factory caught on fire yesterday morning and by the time the fire was noticed the flames were all over the lint room. There was no alarm turned in, the employees of the factory closed the doors and went to work with their fire extinguishers and soon had the fire under control.

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**Liver Trouble.**

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

**SERVANT'S HOUSE BURNS.**

A negro servant's house at the home of J. K. Hutton was destroyed by fire about six o'clock Thursday afternoon and the barn damaged by fire. The fire originated from a trash pile burning near by, when a dust storm whipped the fire under the house. Most of the contents were removed from the house, and the fire fighters arrived in time to save the barn and other nearby property.

**HENS BEAR FRUIT**

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**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.

**LEFT FOR BRADY**

Joe Ward and his band boys left Tuesday afternoon for Brady where they will play during the reunion in that city. They played a concert in Brownwood last night. The following composed those going:

Joe Ward, Harry Lynn, Delbert Vancil, Jas. Ladwig, Geo. Baker, N. Passur, I. W. Mann, Harold Tucker, Jewell Cunningham, Troy Simpson, Guy Stephenson, Elmer Allison, Bill McGregor, Diaz Wood, Cotton Bailey and Edwin Skinner.

**TEXAS COUNTIES TWO TO ONE FOR SUBMISSION**

Complete returns from the recent primary election show that out of 231 counties voting on the submission question 147 voted for submission and 84 against submission. Harris and Bexar, the two big South Texas counties voted against submission while Tarrant and Dallas, the two big North Texas counties, voted for submission. The thickly settled counties in the black land belt, and throughout East Texas voted for submission, while the border counties voted against the question. Submission has a total majority of 2,

the delegation to the state convention has been given such instructions were given.

**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

**A GOOD RAIN**

R. B. Ingle of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon and reports a good rain at his place Sunday, and says the rain that came two weeks before in his neighborhood, put cotton in good shape and he thinks part of his crop will make a half bale to the acre if nothing happens between now and gathering time.

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd and Editor A. W. Sledge motored over to Winters Wednesday on a short business trip.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary August 12th, 1916.  
For Tax Assessor: C. C. SCHUCHARD, WILLIE STEPHENS  
For Tax Collector: W. T. PADGETT, M. D. CHASTAIN  
For County Superintendent of Schools: E. L. HAGAN, JNO. C. WELLS  
For Commissioner Pre. No. 1: R. P. KIRK  
R. W. (Bob) GILLIAM.

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**These Special Values Go Into Effect Saturday, August 5th, and Lasts Until Every Piece of Summer Goods is Gone. We Urge Early Purchase. First Comes Get the Pick.**



### Suits & Dresses at almost your own price. Buy now and save.

Just the ideal outfit for summer and vacation. Every garment is excellently tailored throughout and very attractive in style. Sizes for women and misses and every model in this showing is new.

\$10.00 suits	- -	\$4.95
\$12.50 suits	- -	\$6.25
\$15.00 suits	- -	\$7.50
\$20.00 suits	- -	\$10.00
\$25.00 suits	- -	\$12.50

### Dresses in this Sale Half Price

This includes all white silk and evening dresses. Choose during this sale any dress in the house at just 50c on the \$1.

\$5.00 white or silk dresses, this sale	- - -	\$2.50
\$7.50 white or silk dresses, this sale	- - -	\$3.75
\$8.50 white or silk dresses, this sale	- - -	\$4.25
\$10.00 white or silk dresses, this sale	- - -	\$5.00
\$12.50 white or silk dresses, this sale	- - -	\$6.25
\$15.00 white or silk dresses, this sale	- - -	\$7.50
\$20.00 white or silk dresses, this sale	- - -	\$10.00

### Big Skirt Values

We have placed on racks about 100 novelty and plain tailored skirts, including greys, blues and novelty effects. This season's styles. see red ticket prices at \$3.95 \$4.45 and \$4.95.

### Other Skirts Reduced

\$3.50 skirts, now	- -	\$2.80
\$4.00 skirts, now	- -	\$3.20
\$4.50 skirts, now	- -	\$3.60
\$5.00 skirts, now	- -	\$3.98
\$6.00 skirts, now	- -	\$4.80
\$6.50 skirts, now	- -	\$5.20
\$7.50 skirts, now	- -	\$5.99
\$10.00 skirts, now	- -	\$7.99

### Silk Gloves

\$1.50 kayser, 16 button in white and black silk gloves. Special sale price - \$1.19

### Remnants

A table full of remnants at great reductions.

### New Waists In Good Values

25 dozen lingerie waists, neatly trimmed in lace and embroidery, long sleeves, sizes 36 to 46, \$1.50 values, this sale your choice - 89c

### A Sale of Waists

\$2.00 waists, now	-	\$1.59
\$2.50 waists, now	- -	\$1.99
\$3.00 waists, now	- -	\$2.40
\$3.50 waists, now	- -	\$2.90
\$4.00 waists, now	- -	\$3.20
\$5.00 waists, now	- -	\$3.80
\$6.50 waists, now	- -	\$4.95

### Children's Dresses

This includes all Mary Newton gingham dresses.

69c dresses, now	- -	49c
75c dresses, now	- -	59c
85c dresses, now	- -	69c
\$1.00 dresses, now	- -	79c
\$1.25 dresses, now	- -	95c
\$1.50 dresses, now	- -	\$1.19
\$3.00 dresses, now	- -	\$1.50

### DRESS SPECIAL

100 dresses, last seasons styles, including lingerie, lins and a few silk dresses. Sizes 16 to 40, prices up to \$5.00 while they last your choice - \$1.00

### Men's Palm Beach and Silk Clothing

Genuine Palm Beach suits, light and dark shades Marx Make, values up to \$10.00. During this sale choice at **\$4.95**

Silk and mohair suits, values up to \$15 your choice now at - - - - **\$5.95**

We have put forth a special effort to gather together an extraordinary showing of desirable merchandise for these specials and have never lost sight for a moment of our determination to make **Supreme in Value-Giving**

Boys wash suits, values up to \$1.50	ages 3 to 8 years, at	- - - -	50c
Fancy parasols, values up to \$1.98		- - - -	89c
\$3.00 silk middy blouses	this sale only	- - - -	\$2.39
75c men's Sport shirts, two	for	- - - -	\$1.00
\$1.50 men's linen colored wash	pants, all sizes	- - - -	\$1.00
\$1.00 wash pants	only	- - - -	89c

### Men's Underwear

\$1.00 union suits	now	- - - -	83c
\$1.50 union suits	now	- - - -	\$1.19
\$2.00 union suits	now	- - - -	\$1.59

### Work Straw Hats

All sizes and kinds special - - - - **19c**

### Men's Straw Hats

All Panama hats that formerly sold at \$3 and \$3.50, this season's style. Choose your choice during this sale at only - - - - **\$1.45**

50 men's and young men's sailor straws all sizes, good styles, values up to \$3.00 choice - - - - **50c**

### The New White Boots

Late arrivals in the new boots, all white; white and black, grey and white and black and white combinations. See these pretty styles, every wanted size.

### Down Goes the Prices On Wash Goods. A Big Saving.

Our showing of wash goods have now reached the climax of completeness. Come expecting to see the largest variety of these sheer materials that ever come to Ballinger. Rich quality fabrics and an endless variety of colorings and designs await your inspection.

Lawn and batiste, values up to 20c a yard, only	-	10c
Voiles and batiste, values up to 25c a yard, only	- -	13c
Voiles and batiste, values up to 35c a yard, only	- - -	19c
36 inch plain and seed marquette, values up to 35c yard,		19c
27 inch corduroys and ratines, value up to 30c, a yard	-	19c



### Farewell to Millinery

We place on sale Saturday our entire lot of Spring shapes and hats, consisting of tailored street and dress hats. You will find in this assortment about 100 styles, many hats that usually sell at \$2.50 and up to \$5.00. In order to make a sure clearance we have placed the entire lot on sale beginning Saturday, get your choice at - - - - **45c**  
12 pattern hats only, values up to \$7.50, choice lot - - - - **\$1.00**

### Save Money By Buying Your Shoes from Us During this Sale

#### Women's Slippers

\$1.50 slippers, now	-	\$1.20
\$1.75 slippers, now	-	\$1.35
\$2.00 slippers, now	-	\$1.59
\$2.50 slippers now	-	\$1.99
\$3.00 slippers, now	-	\$2.40
\$3.50 slippers, now	-	\$2.80
\$4.00 slippers, now	-	\$3.20
\$5.00 slippers, now	-	\$3.99

#### Men's Oxfords

\$2.50 men's oxfords	\$1.95
\$3.00 men's oxfords	\$2.40
\$3.50 men's oxfords	\$2.80
\$4.00 men's oxfords	\$3.20
\$5.00 men's oxfords	\$3.95

#### Table Lot

Oxfords broken sizes, values up to \$5.00 choice - **\$2.50**

**Ladies' White Kid Slippers**  
\$5.00 ladies' white kid pumps late arrivals, to close special price - - - - **\$3.45**

#### Table Lot

100 pairs ladies oxfords and pumps, all sizes and kinds values up to \$3.50 now \$1.95

#### MEN'S PALM BEACH TROUSERS

A few dozen pair that will go during this sale. Note the regular price then the sale price.  
\$2.50 quality, this sale the pair - - - - **\$1.75**  
\$3.50 quality, this sale the pair - - - - **\$2.50**



Children Cry for Fletcher's

# CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

## What is CASTORIA

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

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

## CONCHO COUNTY VOTES AGAINST SUBMISSION

Paint Rock, July 27.—Following are complete returns from Concho county:

"For submission" 300.  
"Against submission" 305.  
"For retention of Robertson Insurance Law unmodified" 297.  
"Against retention of Robertson Insurance Law unmodified" 207.

United States Senator—O. B. Colquitt 193, T. M. Campbell 65, S. P. Brooks 169, John Davis 20, R. L. Henty 64, Chas. A. Culbertson 163.

Justice Supreme Court—Chas. H. Jenkins 66, Nelson Phillips 277.  
Associate Justice Supreme Court—J. E. Yantis 359, R. W. Hall 297.

Governor—H. C. Marshall 24, Jas. E. Ferguson 435, C. H. Morris 278.

Attorney General—B. F. Looney 205, John W. Woods 425.  
Railroad Commissioner—John W. Robbins 147, Rufus B. Daniel 145, Allison Mayfield 383.

State Treasurer—J. M. Edwards 546, Jno. W. Baker 114, W. E. Munn 42.

Judge Court of Criminal Appeals—W. C. Morrow 433, A. J. Harper 232.

Commissioner General Land Office—H. Ellis Hill 105, Charley Greers 95, J. T. Robison 469.

Commissioner of Agriculture—H. A. Halbert 422, Fred W. Davis 253.

Comptroller of Public Accounts—Chas. B. White 243, H. B. Terrell 427.

Congressman-at-large (Two to elect)—H. G. Cooley 27, J. H. Davis 131, Rufus J. Lackland 31, W. R. Cox 84, Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald 161, Roger Byrne 77, Jeff McElmore 243, John J. Harrington 22, H. L. Darwin 47, S. C. Padelford 60, Arthur E. Firmin 12, Daniel E. Garrett 206, J. E. Porter 84.

Representative 16th Congressional District—Thomas L. Blanton 369, W. R. Smith 324, R. N. Grisham 33.

District Judge 35th District—J. O. Woodward 365, John Goodwin 403.

State Senate, 26th District—Woodward 341, R. P. Connor 298.

T. M. Caskey, of Lometa, who had been visiting his son, Sid Caskey and family, returned home Saturday afternoon.

## SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid in the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive process. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and improves the digestion. Don't suffer. Get Hood's today.

## H. L. MOBLEY SELLS HOTEL INTEREST

A deal was closed Friday afternoon and the transfer will be made within a few days in which H. L. Mobley sells his lease on the Central Hotel, together with certain fixtures and furnishings, to G. C. Carlisle, formerly of Austin, but lately from Santa Anna.

Mr. Carlisle came up from Santa Anna this week, and after talking trade for a day or two the deal was closed, and Mr. Mobley will retire from the hotel business in this city.

The new proprietor of the local hostelry has been in the oil business at Santa Anna for some time. He will have associated with him in the hotel here an experienced party, who will no doubt maintain the splendid reputation established for the Central by Mr. Mobley.

Mr. Mobley came to Ballinger about four years ago, buying out the interest of Mr. Norris in the Central Hotel. He has enjoyed a good business since coming here, and has made many friends, who will regret to learn that he and his family are to move away from this city. Mr. Mobley stated that he had a hotel proposition in hand that suited him better than the one here, and after spending a month or two recreating he would go to Cisco, where he owns a desirable building site, and would begin at once the construction of a hotel building in that city. Mr. Mobley will remain with the new proprietor here for several weeks, and assist him in getting a line up on the work.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

## RETURNS FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Applewhite returned home Friday at noon from a vacation and business trip to various points in East and North Texas. While gone Jack laid in a supply of the East Texas products in the shape of a barrel of red haws and hog plums. He consigned them to the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., to insure the freight charges. They report a very pleasant vacation, but glad to be back in the healthful ozone of Runnels county.

Mrs. Sallie Plummer, of San Antonio, who had been visiting her brothers, R. P. and B. C. Kirk and her sister, Mrs. W. D. Gregory the past few months, left for her home Saturday afternoon and was accompanied as far as Temple by B. C. Kirk.

## SELL COTTON AT 13c SAYS VETERAN DEALER

"Sell your cotton." That is the advice that S. Samuels, successful cotton merchant for 44 years offers the people of Texas.

"Cotton at 12½ cents per pound and farmers seeking loans to aid in holding; it seems almost incredible to me," said the cotton merchant.

"In all the years of my life I have never seen cotton higher at the opening of a season than right now, with the exception of the famous Sully year when gambling was gone mad, and to think that the farmers of Texas are figuring on borrowing 6 per cent money and holding their cotton. It's folly, it's worse than folly. Why, if I was a younger man I would go on the stump and urge the farmers to sell their cotton as fast as they can haul it to market at present prices. It may go a little higher, that's possible; it may go much lower, that's probable, but it is gambling and I suggest that if the farmer wants to gamble let him be satisfied with the biggest price he ever received for his cotton and cotton seed and gamble in Texas farm lands.

"Why, think of it," said the emphatic cotton man, "a bale of cotton with his seed will net the farmer today close to \$90, and the total crop of Texas at that price will be close to \$400,000,000 this season. A sum equal to the entire value of the crop of the South up to 1910. I can't scarcely believe it. It is almost incredible that the farmers of Texas will refuse present prices for cotton. If they do they will probably be glad to get 9 cents for it later on."

"What if it should go temporarily higher, and that's an awful gamble, the interest on the money, the insurance and warehouse charges will make big inroads into the profits the farmer may make over present prices, and there are other considerations. Cotton at 13 1-2 cents per pound brings a splendid price, a price at which the cotton farmers can speedily become independent, and when farmers raise the price to figures higher they will drive many manufacturers from the usage of cotton to cheaper substitutes. Bags, paper twine and numberless other products now made of cotton will be made of cheaper material. The farmer will kill the goose that lays the golden egg by such inordinate greed.

"To us old timers in the cotton trade 13 1-2 cents looks like a dream. For a quarter of a century I saw the price of cotton range around 6 and 7 cents per pound with the seed thrown away into the fields for fertilizing purposes. I saw the farmer get \$30 for his cotton and go home satisfied, and when he is not satisfied with \$90 for his cotton and seed I fear he is making a serious mistake.

"I want to say right now and with all the emphasis that I can command that the farmers of Texas should market their cotton as fast as they can haul it to market as long as the price stays above 13 cents. Texas has produced a splendid crop. The total outturn will be something close to 4,000,000 bales and the inflow of gold into Texas from this one crop alone this season will be close to an average of \$100 apiece for every man, woman and child in the state, and to market the crop at present levels means that Texas will be in the midst of a period of the greatest prosperity this state has ever known, and for that reason and the other reasons that I have stated, as a cotton man who has been engaged in the business for nearly one-half century, I urge the farmers of Texas to sell their cotton as long as the prices stay on the long side of 13 cents."

"There will be a howl going up to heaven if the Department of Agriculture picks for improvement only such main roads as the automobile owners prefer," said Saunders today. He is an automobile owner himself. "We want the backroads improved for the man, who now is hemmed in all sides in winter by impassible roads."

The appropriations, under the provision of the law, will be paid to the state in five installments—\$5,000,000 the first year, \$10,000,000 the second year, \$15,000,000 the third year, \$20,000,000 the fourth year, and \$25,000,000 the fifth year.

The money will be divided among the states, one third in the ratio of the area, one third on the basis of population and one third on the basis of the number of miles of rural routes.

Payment for the construction of roads will be on a fifty-fifty basis. If the state agrees to provide half the cost, the federal government will furnish the rest. Road projects must be approved by the Department of Agriculture and the law is entirely silent on the nature of the improvement, whether it is a brick, macadam, or common dirt roads. These details are left entirely to the state.

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# TAKES THE PLACE OF DANGEROUS CALOMEL

New Discovery! Dodson's Liver Tone Acts Like Calomel But Doesn't Gripe, Salivate or Make You Sick—Don't Lose a Day's Work—Harmless Liver Medicine for Men, Women, Children—Read Guarantee!

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

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

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you

right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

## GOOD ROADS LAW TO HELP COUNTRY

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, July 28.—No "pork barrel scandals" will result from the new Shackleford good roads law just signed by President Wilson, the authors declare.

Instead they expect the system established, that of contributing federal aid to the states for the construction of good roads, will be so free from criticism and so helpful in building up a system of internal improvements, that Congress will be willing after the \$75,000,000 is spent, to vote new appropriations.

Goods roads advocates say the new law is epochmaking. It is intended, together with the rural credit system, to improve the conditions of country life and to stop the flow of population from the country to the city.

Good roads, with the automobile, will destroy the lonely existence of the farmer. Opportunities of association with neighbors, it is believed, will make the country boy more willing to stay on the farm.

If the automobile owners think the Shackleford law is intended solely for them, they are badly fooled, So says Representative Saunders of Virginia, one of the authors.

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E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

## VALUABLE DOG OFF FOR TRAINING

H. L. Mobley, proprietor until today of the Central Hotel, has made arrangements to have his fine bird dog "Mobley's Mack" taken care of and trained by a famous kennel at Belton, Texas. Mr. Mobley shipped the dog to Dr. C. L. Powers of the above city this afternoon, where Dr. Powers will train the Mobley animal alongside "John Proctor", winner of many state and national prizes at dog shows. The Mobley bird dog is of the same litter as the prize taker "John Lewis" of Alabama, and the only real competitor of "John Proctor". A long list of ribbons and prizes have been won by the aforesaid "John Lewis" and Mr. Mobley thinks his "Mack" can be made into the same class.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

## GETS FIRST HUNDRED BALES U. S. COTTON

Harlingen, Texas, July 26.—The first 100 bales of 1916 cotton produced in the United States were bought Tuesday by R. A. Nicholson of Ballinger, Texas, who is at present in Harlingen. This cotton was grown in the lower Rio Grande valley where each year the first bale has been produced up to the first time. A very hard rain fell here Wednesday afternoon lasting for two hours.—Hous ton Post.

Mr. Nicholson went to Harlingen about two weeks ago to get in the South Texas cotton market, and we judge from the above that he is getting all that is coming to him.

Mrs. Jas. Evans and little son, of Mary Neal, was the guests of her sister Mrs. J. S. McKenzie Sunday night and left Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson and family of the Pony creek country a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wood, of Granger, came in Sunday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood and family and Ballinger friends a week or two.

Our National Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System of Banks.



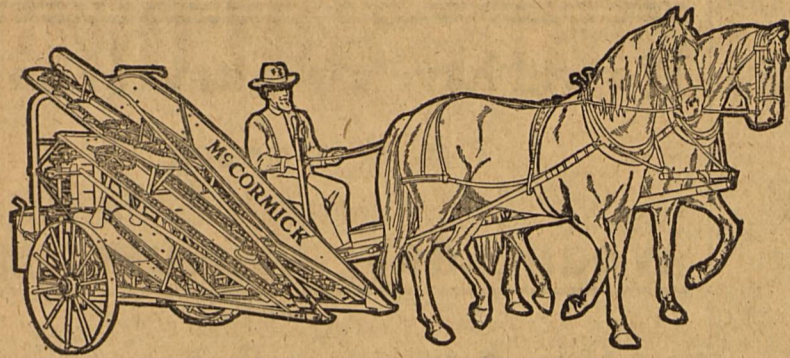
THE "FEDERAL RESERVE" System of Banks, of which our bank is a member, was thought out by the best brains in the banking and business world.

This system demands that a bank be sound before it can become a member bank.

We can take care of your banking business and shall be glad to have you come in and "make yourself at home."

The First National Bank of Ballinger

# Row Binders



## Deering OR McCormick

**SELECTIONS.** In selecting a binder it is only natural that a farmer should look for the machine that has the best record behind it—a binder that has proved itself on thousands of harvest fields, during the past many years—the tried kinds that give satisfaction—from the time that they are bought—if it's a Deering or McCormick you have the experience of thousands of the best farmers.

**EFFICIENCY.** The farmer wants service, good service—if he buys either of these two standard makes he will make no mistake. They are built and equipped to give satisfaction. They are light running, in which respect they are not exceeded by any binder on the market today.

For small feed or tall feed they will give satisfaction.

**PRICE.** It's no higher than other makes—let our salesmen explain these good points to your satisfaction. **You Won't Be Urged to Buy.**

# Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

"Tell the Truth Advertisers."

**A Card of Thanks.**  
We take this method to thank the good people in and around Ballinger for the kindness shown during the sickness and death of our much loved husband and father, S. A. Gaston.

Words cannot express our appreciation for the benevolence shown us in the hour of our great sorrow, by our friends and neighbors, and the kind nurse, Miss Sisson, and may God in his in-

finite mercy be as good to them as they were to us.

MRS. S. A. GASTON  
AND FAMILY. 1tw

Apply a cotton cloth wet with Ballard's Snow Liniment to all wounds, cuts, burns, sores or blisters, and note its wonderful healing power. It is prompt and very effective. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.



"We have been using

**TEXACO MOTOR OIL** in our Pierce-Arrow truck for two years and nine months continuously.

"We have yet to grind valves or clean spark plugs.

"This truck traveled 38,000 miles."

Extract from a letter from a large Sand and Gravel Company.

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GENERAL OFFICES: HOUSTON, TEXAS  
Agents Everywhere.

## COTTON EXPORTER PREDICTS 15c PRICE

M. H. Thomas, Dallas cotton exporter and a close observer of conditions in the cotton trade, declares he can not see the merit in the present bearish spirit and predicts higher prices. He gave The Dallas News the following interview yesterday:

"I have seldom seen the producer and those who are the recipients of the profits that come from the production of raw cotton so extremely bearish as they are at present.

"After very careful inquiry I find that they all confess that it is the price of cotton that frightens them. They think its a unite that 13c is high for cotton, especially at war times.

"In 1910 middling cotton was selling for 15c, linters were selling at 2c, rags at 1-2c, wool at from 18c to 36c. Today middling cotton is selling at 13c, linters at 7c, rags at 4c, the cheapest wool at 24c and the best at \$1.07. The war has lasted two years and during that time 4,000,000 bales of cotton have been ground up into powder or made into tents, wagon sheets and other articles that are useless in time of peace.

"This cotton has been taken away from legitimate consumption and can not be considered as performing the function that normal trade conditions recognize. Therefore the world's supply of cotton has been reduced by 4,000,000 bales that have been virtually thrown away so far as consumption for wear is concerned.

"The war, with all its cruelty and barbarism, has not destroyed 10,000,000 people. The world grows at the rate of 3 1-2 per cent and hence the world is larger now than when the war commenced two years ago. Wars are always followed by hard times and depression. Those who have suffered the most by war will be compelled to wear the cheapest commodity. They can not go unclothed. Cotton can and does take the place of wool, silk and flax, but none of these can take the place of cotton.

"What will the consumer use when dictated by economy? Best cotton is 15c, cheapest wool 24c to \$1.07, linen 30c to 40c and silk \$2 to \$5.

"The eastern half of the cotton belt has met with calamity, first in lack of fertilizer and recently by torrential rains. I advise Texas and Oklahoma producers to sell sparingly on the scale up, as I look for much higher prices.

"They will be amply able to do this, as for the last two years they have followed more closely the doctrine of The News—'diversification,' live at home, and 'never come to town that you don't bring more to sell than you buy.'"

### 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.

### APPRECIATES FRIENDS

I would be falling short of my duty if I failed to acknowledge my appreciation to those in my precinct who remained loyal to me throughout the campaign that just closed and thank them for electing me. I feel that I have the best friends in the world, and I appreciate fully all the help given me in this campaign.

To those who opposed me politically I will say that I have no ill will. I am glad that we live in a country where every man has a right to vote as he pleases. I am the commissioner of all the people—those who opposed me as well as those who elected me have a right to call on me for anything they want, and I assure one and all that I will represent all the people, and do the very best for best interest of the greatest number of people in my district.

I thank you,  
J. D. SMITH.

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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&wtf

## NEW HOTEL MAN SURPRISES FRIENDS

G. C. Carlisle, who came here last week and on Saturday closed a deal with H. L. Mobley for Mr. Mobley's lease on the Central Hotel, and who returned to Santa Anna late Saturday afternoon, arrived here again Sunday night accompanied by Mrs. Carlisle.

In talking trade with Mr. Mobley Mr. Carlisle represented himself to be a single man—all alone in the world, and failed to tell Mr. Mobley how near he was to the departing of such way of living, and returning to Santa Anna he was happily married on the following day to Mrs. Guthrie, of Santa Anna, the marriage ceremony taking place at five o'clock Sunday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle leaving on the nine o'clock train for Ballinger.

Mrs. Carlisle has been proprietress of the Commercial Hotel at Santa Anna, and is an experienced hotel lady. She will no doubt be of great help to Mr. Carlisle in managing the affairs of the Central.

Mr. Carlisle has been making his home at Santa Anna for the past six months, coming from Austin to that city. He will assume charge of the Central Hotel tomorrow and he and Mrs. Carlisle will be at home to their friends.

The Ledger joins the citizens of this city in extending a most hearty, genuine West Texas welcome to the people and wish for them a happy married life and a long and prosperous stay in Ballinger.

### SOME BOYS AND GIRLS HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF THIS

Don't spatter a pint of brains over the vast field of art, science and literature. Don't think that a smattering of Greek and Latin, Analytics and college yells make one a learned man or fit him for business, and don't hitch a business brain to a Greek lexicon. Many a man becomes nothing by trying to become all. The shot gun uses more ammunition than the rifle, but it isn't half as effective except on small game.

If you wanted to be a dentist you wouldn't attend a law school. If you wanted to be an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, you would not attend a theological school. If you wanted to be a lawyer you would not attend a medical university. Why not apply the same good common sense if you want to be a business man or woman and attend a college that makes a specialty of thoroughly preparing its graduates by giving them a complete course in any or all of the following subjects: Bookkeeping, Salesmanship, Shorthand, Steno-typewriting, Money and Banking, Corporation and Finance, Taxation and Public Finance, Private Secretaryship, Advertising, Business Law, Business English, Commercial Arithmetic, Real Estate and Insurance, Commercial History, Higher Accounting, Economics, Parliamentary Law, Managerialship, Cotton Clashing, Telegraphy and Station Work, etc.

The professions are all over crowded; it requires half a life time for one to succeed in them, and half a fortune to begin success. With business it is not so. The average business man earns \$27,000.00 more than the professional man in the average earning period of life. Get busy; do things; life's too short for business men to spend effort on dead languages and other things two thousand years old, when living issues and golden opportunities are calling them on.

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WANTED—At once, a man with complete well drilling outfit, to drill well 3 1-2 miles northeast of Ballinger. See H. Giesecke, Ballinger, Texas. wtf

### TRESPASS NOTICES

**NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS**—Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the land owned or controlled by the undersigned in Runnels and Concho counties for the purpose of hunting, fishing, hauling wood, gathering pecans or working stock will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law—I mean it. GODFREY MASSEY, Paint Rock, Texas. 7-1-17

### FOUND

Whose Jersey? 2 year old, Jersey steer in my pasture 12 miles north of Ballinger on Coyote. Owner requested to come, pay for this ad and pasturage, and take the steer. M. E. HARRRELL. 1tw

FOUND—One sorrell mare about 18 month's old, owner call at M. L. Jones on Flag Branch for her. 4-2tdpd

FOUND—Blue serge coat on road from Pony creek to Ballinger, Baptist badge on tie in the coat pocket. Call at Ledger office and pay for this notice and get coat. 27-1td1tw

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## MORRIS PAID OUT \$20,131 IN RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Dallas, Texas, July 31.—Charles H. Morris, defeated candidate for governor of Texas, spent \$20,131, according to his expense account filed today.

### Just the Thing for Diarrhoea.

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Many druggists recommend this remedy because they know that it is reliable. Obtainable everywhere.

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Miss Alma Stinefield, of Miles, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Bauman and family the past few weeks, returned home Tuesday.

**Mike Boyd Expresses Appreciation.**

To the People of Runnels County: I want to express to you my appreciation of your kindness to me during the time I served you as your Tax Assessor. I shall always feel very grateful to you for the honor and trust and to my friends and supporters in a race for Tax Collector. I want to thank you for your friendship and loyal support, and I especially wish to thank my friends in the country for their loyalty. Those who did not give me their support in my last race, I want to thank you for your past support and to tell you that I am still your friend and have absolutely no animosity towards anyone. As I realize it was a political and not a personal difference, and that we are still friends. I expect to again go into business and want to still merit a share of your patronage. Again thanking the people for the many favors shown me and wishing for each of you a prosperous year. I am,

Sincerely yours,  
MIKE C. BOYD.

**FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY NOMINEE**

To the Voters of Runnels County: Gentlemen:—I wish to thank you for the honor you conferred on me on the 22nd day of July by nominating me county attorney of this county. I can truthfully say that the campaign between Mr. Shepherd and myself was without any ill will toward each other and was in a most friendly spirit.

I shall never forget you for the favor and shall ever be found trying to fill the office just as the law requires, remembering that the office belongs to you and that I am your servant.

I sincerely thank you. Respectfully,  
S. C. HARRIS.

To the Voters of Runnels County: I want to thank you for re-electing me your county treasurer.

I also want to assure you that I appreciate the fact that I was allowed to make the race without opposition. During the past four years I have served you I have performed the duties of the office the best I could and I will continue to do so in the future as I have in the past.

Again I thank you for all favors shown me.

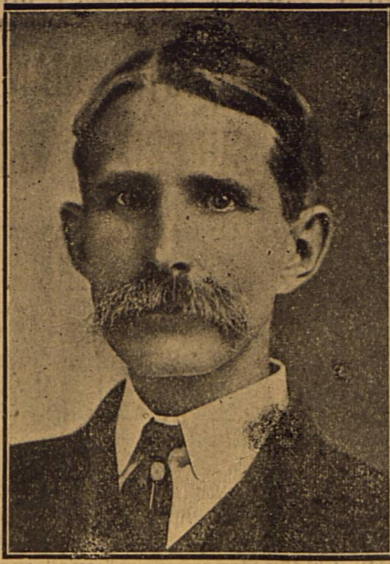
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When you yawn a good deal in the daytime, feel dull, aches and want to stretch frequently it is an unmistakable symptom of malaria, and unless you do something at once you are booked for a spell of chills. Herbine is a chill medicine that will prevent or cure the disease. It drives out the impurities on which the malarial germs thrive, strengthens the liver and cleanses the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Rev. Sam Williams, of Leon county, passed through Ballinger Monday morning en route to Atoka, where he will hold a meeting.

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To The Voters of Runnels County:

The race for County Superintendent is now between Mr. Hagan and myself. While it is true he received more votes than I did at the first primary I do not think that an analysis of the vote will show that he is the choice of the interested people. The voters of the independent districts have a voice in selecting the superintendent but do not pay any of his salary and he has no control over their schools. Should not Ballinger, Winters and Miles, co-operate with the rural schools in selecting the superintendent they want.

I have the almost unanimous endorsements of the teachers, trustees and people of the common school districts. I was raised in Navarro county and spent most of my life there and have yet a man from Navarro in Runnels that says he will not support me.

I am a believer in better schools and if elected I shall use every means in my power to improve the schools of Runnels County. I think our small schools especially have suffered and shall strive to make them more efficient.

Assuring my friends that I appreciate their vote and influence at the last primary and that I will appreciate all assistance given in the second. I am yours for "Better schools for all the children of all the people."

JOHN C. WELLS.

**KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT**

My opponent has published a statement in this week's papers in which he says that he has "the almost unanimous endorsements of the teachers, trustees and people of the common school districts." There are 24 voting boxes in the county, 4 of which are in the independent school districts and 20 in the common school districts. In the whole county I received 1119 votes and he received 717. Of the 20 boxes in the common school districts I received 537 votes and he received 339. Of the 20 boxes in the common school districts I carried 14 over my opponent. There is, of course, no way to "put the figures" to the other things he asserts in his published statement; but if he tries to deceive you in one instance, might he not try to deceive you in others?

It dw E. L. HAGAN.

Mrs. R. L. Shaffer will leave Tuesday for Denton, where she will visit for awhile before joining Mr. Shaffer, who is now prospecting for a new home. The many friends of this family will regret to know they are moving away from Runnels county.

Just received carload of Texas hand-made wagons and old time cotton bed frames on hand, also all kinds of second hand wagons for sale. Call on John Peachick. 2-1td3tw.

**FORMER BALLINGER BANKER DIED AT BROWNWOOD**

W. C. Parks, a pioneer and wealthy citizen of Brownwood died suddenly at his home in that city Tuesday night. Deceased had lived to a ripe old age and had been in feeble health for some time, and his death was the result of heart trouble.

At one time Mr. Parks was interested in this city, being at the head of the W. C. Parks Banking Co. He also owned extensive land and cattle interests in this county, Concho, Crockett and Coke counties. At one time he owned the famous Matador ranch comprising about five counties. The funeral services were conducted this ((Thursday)) morning by Rev. C. L. Ewing and the remains were interred in the Greenleaf Cemetery.

C. W. Johnson of the Pony creek country, was looking after business and supplying in Ballinger Saturday.

**AUTOS AND PRINTERS GET CANDIDATES CASH**

Incomplete reports filed with the county judge of campaign expense accounts of the various candidates residing in this county, shows that a total of \$3883.95 was spent by the office seekers. This amount does not include the expenses of those who are in the "run-off" in the second primary, as County Judge Kleberg advised the candidates yet in the running that they could wait and file their accounts after the second primary.

The accounts are itemized, and the expensive items on the bills are for printing and auto service, with the assessment made by the executive committee to cover the cost of holding the election coming in third place. Only in one or two accounts is it shown that candidates spent any money for cold drinks, while several list miscellaneous expenses, which no doubt includes the treats to the boys.

State Treasurer J. M. Edwards who claims Runnels county as his home, and under the law must file his account in the county, where he claims as home, spent \$1274.70, according to the report filed here. Joe Turner, candidate for assessor, parted with more cash than any other county candidate, spending \$211.50, while J. E. Powell, candidate for surveyor making the race without opposition, only spent \$5.

Under the law each candidate is required to file with the county judge within ten days after the primary, a sworn statement of his campaign expenses. There are several candidates who have not complied with this law, perhaps having overlooked it. There is a penalty for failing to comply with this provision of the Terrell election law. The delinquent candidates will no doubt get busy and square themselves with the law. Following is the names of the candidates with the amount spent by each, as sworn to before a notary public:

- J. M. Edwards \$1274.70.
- Walace E. Hawkins \$193.97.
- R. P. Taylor \$13.33.
- Mary Phillips \$95.25.
- W. D. Jennings \$133.80.
- O. L. Parish \$130.10.
- W. C. McCarver \$126.75.
- A. L. Spann \$104.70.
- C. C. Cockrell \$93.50.
- S. C. Harris \$95.80.
- C. P. Shepherd \$90.50.
- L. S. Bird \$137.
- Joe Turner \$211.50.
- T. H. Curry \$167.00.
- H. O. Rhodes \$99.25.
- Mike C. Boyd \$97.50.
- E. F. Edwards \$81.50.
- J. P. Flynt \$75.50.
- J. D. Perkins \$91.00.
- J. E. Powell \$5.00.
- W. L. Brown \$96.60.
- Paul Trimmier \$55.00.
- R. H. Corum \$21.75.
- T. D. Stuart \$23.00.
- J. Cidwell \$7.50.
- W. D. Meadows \$19.00.
- J. D. Smith \$19.00.
- J. G. Louder \$31.00.
- C. N. Craft \$22.95.
- J. L. Atwell \$6.50.

Prof. Homer C. Daniel and wife of Beaumont, came in from Austin Saturday where he had been attending the summer school of the State University and will visit relatives and friends in Runnels county before going on home. Prof. Daniel is superintendent of the public schools of Beaumont.

**Citation by Publication**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Unknown Heirs of Geo. E. Sanders, deceased, J. H. Quinn, and unknown heirs of J. H. Quinn deceased, E. E. McClain and unknown heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased, J. H. Babington, by making publication of this Citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in October A. D. 1916, the same being the 9th day of October A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of August A. D. 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1797, wherein J. H. Ingram is plaintiff and unknown heirs of Geo. E. Sanders, deceased, J. H. Quinn and the unknown heirs of

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J. H. Quinn, deceased, E. E. McClain and unknown heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased, J. H. Babington and First National Bank of Coleman, Texas, are defendants; the nature of plaintiff's demands being as follows: That on or about the 22nd day of April A. D. 1910, and since that date, he was and is lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: being lots Nos. 1 and 2 in block No. 1, Sunny Side Addition to Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as same appears on map of plan of said addition as on file in county clerk's office of Runnels County, Texas.

II. That on or about the 5th day of May A. D., 1916, defendants unlawfully claimed said above described property, premises and improvements, and still claim same and refuse to release their claim over same.

III. Wherefore plaintiff prays judgment of the court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff have judgment for title and possession of above described land and premises, and that he be quieted in his title and possession of said land, and for such further relief special and general, in law and equity, that he may be justly entitled to, etc.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 2nd day of August, A. D., 1916.


MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 4-11-17-25-1-8-15-22-29

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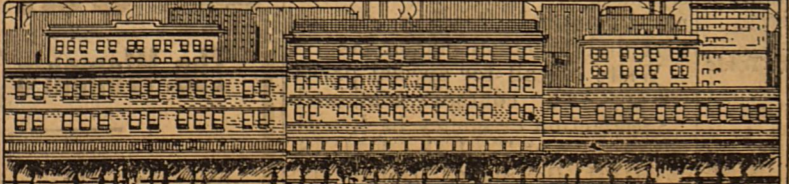
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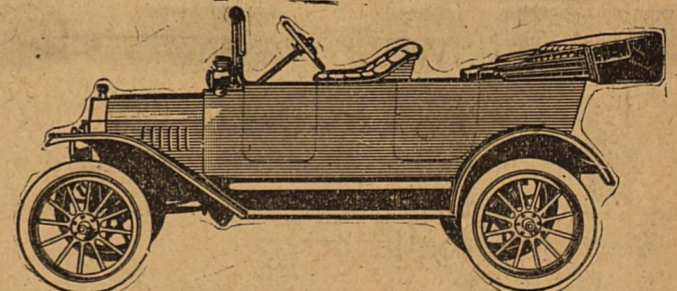
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### SYNOPSIS.

Lieut. Jarvis Hope is detailed by the United States naval board to investigate and report his findings on the invention of Dr. Ralph Burke, which serves to bring the submarine to a state of perfection. The lieutenant arrives in Valdavia and is welcomed by the inventor and his daughter, Cleo. On the trial trip of the inventor's boat, a Japanese helper is surprised in the act of examining the mechanism of the ventilating device. Hope reports favorably on the new device but there are others interested in it. An attempt to burglarize Doctor Burke's laboratory fails, but later Cleo finds him murdered in his bedroom. Cleo sells her father's library to get money; later she finds a note from which she learns that the books contain the secret formula. With Hope she races to the auctioneer's store only to find it in flames.

### FOURTH INSTALLMENT

Overcome by despondency, Cleo, Hope and Hook stood staring at the heap of smoking debris which, a few minutes before, had been Dawson's auction rooms. In that blazing pyre had perished all their hopes of recovering the lost formula. Cleo, her nerves shattered by the long strain they had been under, was sobbing silently on Hope's shoulder.

"Don't cry, dear. It's going to turn out all right," he whispered, with an attempt at reassurance he was far from feeling.

"There goes old Dawson now," Hope heard someone remark.

"Is this Mr. Dawson?" he asked, tapping the man on the shoulder.

"It is," was the curt answer, "but I've no time to bother with reporters now. You can say that I am fully covered by insurance."

"I'm glad to hear that you were insured," said Hope, "but I'm not a reporter. I am Lieutenant Hope of the navy, and I want only a few minutes of your time. I wish to inquire about a matter in which the government is deeply interested."

"Well, we can't talk in this crowd," said Dawson, none too cordially. "Suppose we stop over to that cigar store on the corner. . . . Now, let's have your questions quickly, lieutenant, for I've lots of things waiting to be seen to."

"I believe," began Hope, "that you sold at auction today some books which were sent you last week by Miss Burke of Valdavia. Can you give me—" but he got no further.

"Merciful heaven!" shouted Dawson, "how many more times must I be pestered about those cursed books? How do I know that you're a naval officer, anyway?"

"You needn't get excited, Mr. Dawson," said Hope soothingly. "This will prove to you that I am neither a crook nor a faker," and he drew from his pocketbook his letter of instructions from the navy department.

"I beg your pardon for having spoken so hastily, Mr. Hope," said the auctioneer, apologetically, as he saw the coat-of-arms on the letterhead. "but you must remember that my place of business has just burned down and that you are the fourth person within the last hour who has asked me for the names of those who purchased the Burke books."

"What you say astounds me," Hope replied. "This is Miss Burke, who sent you the books," he added, as Cleo and Hook joined them. "This is a matter, Mr. Dawson, in which both Miss Burke and the government of the United States are vitally concerned. Now, tell me, who were these people who asked you for the list of those who bought the books? What did they look like?"

"I can't tell you their names," was the answer. "It never occurred to me to ask."

"I will be quite frank with you, Mr. Dawson," said Hope. "In one of those books which you sold today is hidden a certain formula which our govern-

ment is extremely anxious to obtain. It is no exaggeration to say that, were it to fall into the hands of another government, it might mean the difference between peace and war. The formula was the invention of Doctor Burke, Miss Burke's father, and for her loss means the difference between poverty and comfort. Now that you understand how important it is, Mr. Dawson, are you able to recall the names of any of those who bought the books?"

"I can do better than that," was the astounding answer, "I can give you all the names."

"What?" Hope almost shouted in his joy, "I supposed your records were lost in the fire?"

"So they were," said Dawson, frankly enjoying the effect which his recital was producing, "but after three people had asked for that list I concluded that there was some hocus-pocus going on, so, just before I locked up for the night, I detached the sheet containing the list of names from the loose-leaf ledger and slipped it in my pocket, intending to spend the evening making a few inquiries. Here it is."

"Thank God!" Hope exclaimed fervently, fairly snatching the sheet from Dawson's hand. Cleo did not say anything, but the look of gratitude she flashed the auctioneer with her beautiful eyes caused him to reddens with gratification and embarrassment. Hook let out a yell that could be heard a block. "Whoop! Wow!" he bellowed. "Who-o-oop-e-e-e! It's all right now, Miss Cleo. We'll get the secret of the submarine after all."

Hook, wasting no time in words, was hastily copying the list of names on the back of an envelope. The first name was:

I. Stephanski, 1485 Edgemere Road, San Francisco.

But he was suddenly interrupted by a shout from Dawson.

"There he is! There he is! That's the fellow who called on me last!" he cried excitedly, pointing through the cigar-store window. "See! Across the street there! The fellow just getting on a motorcycle!"

"By the living Jingo, if it ain't Satsuma!" roared Hook. "Just let me get a-holt of the skunk!" and he rushed for the door, followed by Hope and Cleo, the former as he ran thrusting into his pocket the sheet from Dawson's ledger.

Dodging through the crowd with amazing agility considering his bulk, Hook would have caught Satsuma had he not tripped on a length of firehose and gone sprawling. Satsuma, his attention attracted by the jeers and laughter of the onlookers, turned, recognized the prostrate and cursing seaman and, getting his motor cycle started at that moment, shot down the street and disappeared around a corner.

"Quick!" called Hope; "jump into my car and we'll try to overtake him," but by the time they rounded the corner the Japanese was lost to sight amid the press of traffic.

"There's no use in trying to catch him in this crowd," said Hope, slowing down the car. "It's evident that that story of his having shipped on a boat for South America was all a fake. We had better inform the police that he is in the city. But the first and most important thing for us to do is to make straight for 1485 Edgemere road and have a look at the book bought by this man Stephanski."

When Olga Ivanoff left the Dawson auction rooms with the list which, by her simple ruse, she had obtained so easily, she directed the driver of her taxicab to take her to the Portola Arms, where she had an apartment. Thirty minutes later, having removed

the traces of her hurried trip from Valdavia, she re-entered the car and ordered the man to drive her to 1485 Edgemere road. Had it not been for her woman's vanity, the entire course of this story might have been altered, for in the half hour which had elapsed Gerald Morton had called upon Dawson, had likewise obtained a copy of the list, and now, like Olga, was on his way to the Edgemere road address. Thus it happened that, as the touring car which he had engaged was speeding out California street, Olga's taxicab, recklessly driven by a chauffeur who had had several drinks more than were good for him, came whirling down one of the steep grades from Nob Hill and swung into the main thoroughfare squarely in the path of Morton's machine. There was a shout of warning, the squeal of brakes suddenly applied and, with a crash of splintering wood and breaking glass, the heavy touring car struck the taxicab squarely amidships. So rapidly was Morton's car traveling that the lighter machine was hurled the width of the street by the violence of the collision and collapsed against the opposite curb, shattered almost beyond recognition. A crowd collected as though by magic. The driver of the taxicab, blood streaming from an ugly gash in his head, and groaning horribly, was lifted from amid the wreckage and carried into a nearby drug store, while Olga, very white and shaken, but quite uninjured, was helped from the shattered machine by a score of willing hands. Morton hurried to her, profusely apologetic. When he saw her striking beauty he became more apologetic.

"I'm terribly sorry," he said, offering her his arm, for it was evident that she was still suffering from the shock, "but your car appeared so suddenly that we didn't have time to turn aside. Won't you at least permit me to make amends by taking you home. My car seems to be still in running order."

"Thank you," replied Olga. "Where do you wish to go?" he inquired, taking the seat beside her in the tonneau.

"To Edgemere road," she answered, consulting a paper which she took from her purse, "No. 1485."

Morton stared at her in sheer amazement.

"Why, that is where I was—" he began, and then checked himself. Of all the extraordinary coincidences of which he had ever heard, surely this was the strangest, that he, hurrying to an obscure house in a remote suburb of the city, should collide with a taxicab carrying a beautiful woman to the same destination! What was taking her to the house in Edgemere road, he wondered. Suddenly he recalled Dawson's description of the woman who had called at the auction rooms and obtained a copy of the list. "A tall, dark, foreign-looking woman," the auctioneer had said. There was no room for doubt; the woman of the auction-room episode and the woman of the taxicab accident must be one and the same. By one of those coincidences which are stranger than fiction, the mysterious woman whom he was so anxious to meet had been thrown almost literally into his arms. Morton's mind worked rapidly.

"I take it that you must be acquainted with Mr. Stephanski," he began, feeling his way cautiously, "or are you, too, on the trail of the Burke books?"

"What do you know about the Burke books?" she demanded incredulously. "I know all about them," replied Morton, now convinced, from her agitation, that his surmises were correct. "And I happen to know," he continued, "that you are after them, too. Let us be quite frank with each other, dear lady. It is always more satisfactory and saves much misunderstanding. I am going to Stephanski's to get a look at that book which he bought at Dawson's auction sale this morning; you are going there for the same purpose. If we tried we could probably make things very uncomfortable for each other—but what's the use? Suppose we join forces instead? If we succeed in getting what we're after there will be enough in it to satisfy us both. What do you say?"

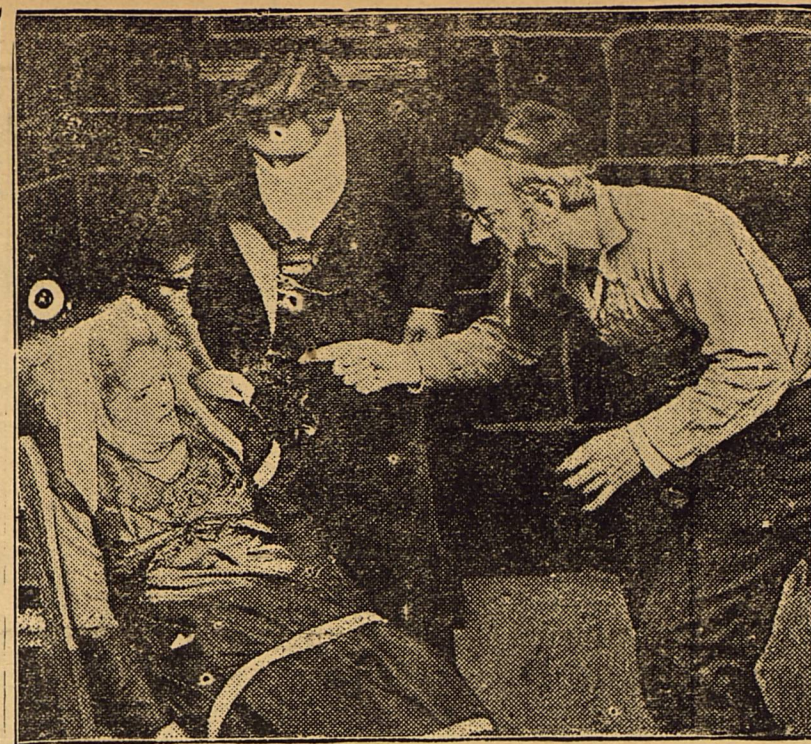
While he was speaking, Olga's mind had been working like lightning. "Very well," she assented, "I can see no harm in our working together. As you say, the secret, if we discover it, is big enough to satisfy us both." As a matter of fact, she had not the slightest intention of sharing the secret with anyone. For that matter, neither had Morton.

"Good," he exclaimed heartily. "Now that we are to be partners, permit me to introduce myself. My name is Gerald Morton."

"And I," she replied, gravely acknowledging the introduction, "am the Countess Ivanoff."

Morton was obviously impressed by her title, her distinction of manner, and her undeniable beauty, but his reflections were interrupted by the car stopping in front of a tumbledown house which stood back from the road in a lot overgrown with grass and weeds. It was a peculiarly lonely and forbidding neighborhood, in the extreme western outskirts of the city, with houses few and far apart.

"This must be the place," said Morton, knocking. "It's the only house in the block." They heard from within the sound of someone moving about hurriedly, but it was not until Morton knocked again that the door was opened. The man who stood framed in the doorway was very tall, very emaciated, and, if one was to judge by the dirty gray-white beard which reached almost to his waist,



"Put Her in Der Keller Until Der Odds Have Gone!"

"Is this Mr. Stephanski?" Morton inquired politely.

"It is," was the none too gracious answer. "Vot iss it dot you vish?"

"I have learned from Mr. Dawson," said Morton, "that you bought a work on chemistry at the auction this morning. I am a collector of scientific books, and if this book is what I think it is, I would like to make you an offer for it. Could I have a look at it?"

"It iss true dot I haf such a book this mornen purchased," was the answer. "I vill it to you show gladly. But first I must der room more presentable make," and he closed the door in their faces. Could they have looked within they would have seen Stephanski throw back the threadbare carpet which covered the floor of his little dining room and raise a trapdoor which evidently gave access to the cellar.

Then, moving al- ways with the utmost caution, he took from a work bench in the living room a round metal object, about the size of a grapefruit, descended through the trapdoor into the cellar, and placed it gently on a shelf upon which reposed a number of other globes precisely similar. Ascending to the dining room again, he closed the trapdoor and drew the carpet over it.

"Now," he said, reappearing at the front door, "der room more presentable looks. Will you come in?"

"This," continued Stephanski, "iss der book."

With undisguised eagerness Morton threw it open, while Olga leaned over his shoulder. There was no trace of the lost formula. Meanwhile Stephanski watched them narrowly. Olga, glancing up, happened to catch his eye. For a moment she stared at him unbelievably; then:

"Ivan! Ivan Stephanski!" she cried; "don't you know me?"

For a long minute the old man returned her stare, searching her every feature; then recognition suddenly dawned.

"Olga! Olga!" he exclaimed, and, dropping on one knee, as a courtier kneels to a queen, he pressed his lips to Countess Ivanoff's hand. There ensued between the two an excited dialogue in a language which Morton though unable to understand it, recognized as Russian.

She broke off suddenly and stood listening.

"There's a motor stopping in front," Morton stepped across to the window and, shielding himself behind the curtain, peered out. He swore softly.

"It's the Burke girl, with her friend the naval officer and that one-armed sailor. They certainly didn't waste much time in getting here. They mustn't know that we're here. Tell your bewhiskered friend to tell them that Mr. Stephanski is away and won't be back until ten o'clock. That will give us time to decide what to do."

The old Russian went to the door. "Is Mr. Stephanski at home?" Hope demanded.

"Nein, he iss away," was the curt answer. "He vill at ten o'clock return," and the door was abruptly shut.

"There's nothing left to go but to return to the city and have dinner," said Hope as he rejoined his companions.

"I hate to leave you alone, Cleo," said Hope, as they were finishing their coffee, "but I must run out to the Presidio on some official business. I won't be away much more than an hour, though, and I'll surely be back to start for Stephanski's by ten."

For Cleo, whose entire girhood had been passed with her father in the little Valdavia cottage, it was no hardship to be left for an hour or so in the hotel. The bustle and excitement of the great lobby proved so entertaining, indeed, that it was with astonishment, that, happening to glance at the great clock above the stairs, she saw the hands pointed to twenty minutes after ten. And neither Hope nor Hook had returned. What could have detained them? What should she do? Stephanski was to return at ten o'clock. And already it was twenty minutes after. She would keep the appointment herself.

"When Lieutenant Hope and Mr. Barnacle return, please be sure and tell them that I could not wait for them and have gone to Edgemere road and that they are to follow me," she instructed the clerk at the desk.

The failure of Cleo's two friends to rejoin her at the hour agreed upon was

due to two widely different causes: Accident and alcohol. Hope, detained at the Presidio longer than he had anticipated, was speeding cityward when, in one of the most deserted stretches of Golden Gate park, at a point remote from street cars, taxicabs, or telephones, one of his rear tires exploded with a bang. It was half past ten, therefore, before he reached the hotel and received Cleo's message. Thirty seconds later he was back in his car and, in defiance of all speed ordinances, was racing toward the Edgemere road, sick with a nameless fear at the thought that Cleo had gone alone to see the man Stephanski.

Hook's excuse for failure to keep his appointment with Cleo was a less valid one, for, meeting in a resort on the water front some comrades of his seafaring days, he spent so convivial an evening that it was only the departure of his companions, who had to return to their ship, which made him aware of the lateness of the hour. Filled with remorse, he telephoned to the St. Francis to tell Cleo that he was returning, only to be informed by the clerk that she had already left for the Edgemere road—alone. The next moment a one-armed sailor might have been seen running madly up one of the streets in the lower quarters of the city shouting loudly for a taxicab.

Morton and Olga, having temporarily disposed of Cleo and her friends, discussed their plan of campaign.

"We know," said Olga, "that the formula is hidden in one of the twelve books, but we don't know in which one. For that matter, neither does the Burke girl. But even if we find the right book it does not follow that we will be any better off than we were before, for the chances are a hundred to one that Burke took the precaution of putting it in the form of a cryptogram. In that case we would be unable to decipher it without the key. I am certain the girl knows the key."

"Yes," agreed Morton, "I think you're right, countess. But how do you propose to make the girl give us the key?"

"Listen," said Olga. "When they come back at ten o'clock Stephanski will admit them. We will lay the book on the table and push the table close up against that curtain. You and I will stand behind the curtain. We will place the lamp so that, in order to examine the book, their backs will be toward us. When I give the signal you will slip out behind the curtain—you had better take off your shoes so as not to make any noise—and put the lieutenant out of business; Stephanski will attend to the seaman, and I'll look after the girl."

"It was ten minutes to eleven, and the three conspirators had almost abandoned hope of Cleo and her friends returning that night, when they were relieved to hear a motor stop outside. A moment later there was a timid rap on the door. Stephanski opened it while Morton and Olga slipped behind the curtain.

"Has Mr. Stephanski returned yet?" they heard Cleo ask.

"He iss back," was the answer. "Vot you come in?"

"She's come alone," whispered Morton, peeping through the curtains. "This simplifies everything."

As Cleo stepped into the untidy living room the first thing to catch her eye was the familiar leather-bound volume.

"That's the book!" she cried eagerly, and, bending over it, turned its leaves, one by one, from cover to cover. As she completed her examination she gave a little exclamation of disappointment. At that moment she felt her arms suddenly plucked from behind, while a blanket was thrown over her head, muffling her screams.

"If you don't want to be hurt, stop screaming," she heard a voice saying. An instant later a gag was forced into her mouth and her hands were tied behind her with a strip of linen.

"Now, you can take off the blanket," said the same voice, and Cleo found herself confronted by two peculiarly sinister figures, a man and a woman, whose faces were entirely concealed by dark calico masks.

"Now, Miss Burke," said the woman, "approaching until her face was within a few inches of Cleo's, "we want you to answer some questions. If you answer them truthfully you will be released unharmed. Do you know in which book the formula is hidden?" Cleo shook her head.

"Is the formula contained in a cryptogram?" was the next question. Cleo nodded.

"I thought as much," said the woman. "Will you give us the key to the cryptogram?"

Cleo shook her head vigorously, which was her only means of saying that she did not know it.

"Then we will have to—" Olga began menacingly, but abruptly stopped. Her quick ears had caught the sound of a motor stopping outside. The others heard it, too.

"It's those fool friends of hers," snarled Morton from behind his handkerchief. "There'll be h— to pay if they find her here. Where can we put her until they've gone?"

Stephanski threw back the carpet, disclosing the trapdoor.

"Put her in der keller until der odds haf gone," he suggested. "Then we can hear question."

Morton lifted Cleo, who was limp from terror, in his arms, and, descending through the trapdoor, laid her on the earthen floor of the cellar in the darkness.

Ascending, he closed the trapdoor and Stephanski pulled the carpet into place. Then the three stood silent, awaiting the expected knock on the door. But no knock came. Hook, whose taxicab they had heard outside, suddenly, without any definite reason, had become suspicious.

"I reckon Cleo ain't got here yet, after all," he muttered to himself. "Before she gets here I guess I'll do a little scouting on my own account." Suiting the action to the words, he tiptoed silently around the house. In the rear, almost flush with the ground, was a slanting wooden door, which evidently gave access to the cellar. It was fastened with a hasp and padlock. From somewhere behind the door came a low moaning.

"Now, that's funny," meditated the seaman. "I wonder what that noise is," and, with the light-hearted disregard of consequences which characterizes sailors the world over, he began to pry off the hasp. Being old and rusted it yielded easily. He silently swung back the door, and cautiously feeling his way, descended into the darkness of the cellar.

While Hook was occupied in effecting a burglarious entry into the cellar Hope arrived. As he sprang from his car he was startled by a scream from somewhere within the house.

"Good God!" he cried, "that sounds like Cleo!" and, dashing up the path, he hammered at the door. But the only answer was another frenzied shriek, filled with a woman's frantic terror. Cleo, rolling over until she lay



"Tell Me Where She Is, You Hound, or I'll Kill You!"

against a pile of boards, had succeeded in ridding herself of the gag.

"Help! Help! Help!" she cried.

She was answered by a crash as Hook burst his way into the cellar.

"It's all right, Miss Cleo," he called, striking a match. "Old Hook's here." As he spoke there came from upstairs the sound of splintering wood as the front door gave way before Hope's frenzied assaults. As he burst into the living room he was confronted by Stephanski.

"That was Miss Burke screaming. What have you done with her?" demanded Hope, advancing upon the cowering Russian. "Tell me where she is, you hound, or I'll kill you."

"I know nodding about Mees Burke," snarled Stephanski.

"Then I'll find her for myself," said Hope, advancing toward the curtain which concealed Morton and Olga.

Olga heard a sharp, metallic click beside her and, glancing at Morton, saw that he held an automatic in his hand.

"Put down that gun!" she whispered; "we mustn't have any murder. It would ruin our chances of getting the secret. Put it down, you fool, put it down!"

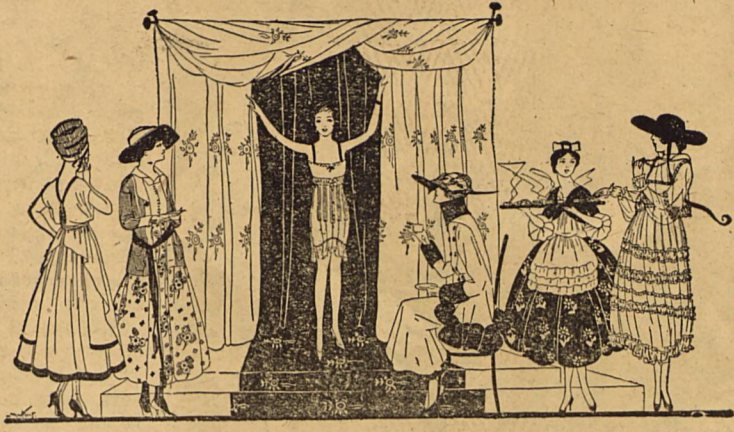
As she hissed the last words the curtains were torn aside and Hope stood in the opening. Olga saw that the muzzle of the pistol almost touched the other's breast; she saw Morton's finger tighten on the trigger.

"You fool!" she screamed, "you'll ruin everything," and struck down his hand at the instant that he pulled the trigger. The bullet, instead of entering Hope's body, plowed its way through the board flooring into the cellar and struck one of the round metal objects which Stephanski had placed upon the shelf. Came an explosion which was cousin to an earthquake; the whole front of the house disappeared in a geyser of timbers, earth and smoke.

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**NEW SUITS FILED BEFORE GOODWIN**

The following list of suits were filed before Judge Goodwin in the district court, during the last month:

M. C. Smith representing H. Giesecke, independent executor, versus Isaac Honig et al, to construe will, July 15th.

Tom Boykin vs. G. W. Riley et al, for foreclosure of vendors' lien and debt, July 15.

M. O. Keele vs. W. C. Keele, divorce, July 18th.

A. F. Lee vs. Carrie Lee, divorce July 19th.

Evelyn Garner vs. A. D. Garner, divorce and injunction, July 28th.

Doss & Baugh for Rena C. Wolf vs. Charlie M. Wolf, divorce, July 31.

Jennings & Bigler for Mrs. Belle Jones et al, vs. J. H. Ferguson et al, foreclosure of statutory lien, July 31st.

**CANNING FRUIT WITHOUT SUGAR**

Washington, July 29.—Fruit for use in pie or salads or as stewed fruit can be put up or canned without the use of any sugar at all, according to the canning specialists of the Department. They, therefore, advise those who, because of the high price of sugar, have been thinking of reducing the amount of fruit they put up, to can as much of their surplus as possible by the use of boiling water when sugar sirup is beyond their means. Any fruit, they say, may be successfully sterilized and retained in the pack by simply adding boiling water instead of the hot sirup. The use of sugar, of course, is desirable in the canning of all kinds of fruits and makes a better and ready sweetened product. Moreover, most of the fruits when canned in water alone do not retain their natural flavor, texture and color as well as fruit put up in sirup. Fruit canned without sugar to be used for sauces or desserts must be sweetened.

**DIRECTIONS FOR CANNING FRUITS WITHOUT SIRUP**

Can the product the same day it is picked. Cull, stem, or seed, and clean the fruit by placing it in a strainer and pouring water over it until it is clean. Pack the product thoroughly in glass jars or tin cans until they are full; use the handle of a tablespoon, wooden ladle, or table knife for packing purposes. Pour over the fruit boiling water from a kettle, place rubbers and caps in position, partially seal if using glass jars, seal completely if using tin cans. Place the containers in a sterilizing vat such as a wash boiler with false bottom, or other receptacle improvised for the purpose. If using a hot water bath outfit, process for 30 minutes; count time after the water has reached the boiling point; the water must cover the highest jar in container. After sterilizing remove packs seal glass jars, wrap in paper to prevent bleaching and store in a dry, cool place.

If you are canning in tin cans it will improve the product to plunge the cans quickly into cold water immediately after sterilization. When using a steam pressure canner instead of the hot water bath, sterilize for 10 minutes with five pounds of steam pressure. Never allow the pressure to go over 10 pounds.

**AGRICULTURIST HERE TO MEET RUNNELS DELEGATES**

Col. A. L. Bentley of Abilene, who is connected with the department of agriculture, was in Ballinger Monday to meet with the delegates who represent Runnels County and expect to attend the first district meeting of the Farmers' Institute in Abilene this month.

This district is composed of 20 counties in this territory and C. A. Dooze is the president and W. R. Hinton of Miles, secretary.

Col. Bentley says Abilene has promised a big reception for this first meeting of the Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute, and a pleasant and profitable time is anticipated by all. Col. Bentley left for Paint Rock Monday afternoon to urge the delegates to be present from that county and will also visit other counties in the district on a similar mission.

Ed Bilderback of Buffalo, Leon County, who had been prospecting in our county, left for his home Monday afternoon, and will likely return in a few weeks to make this county his home.

**AD VALOREM TAX REDUCED SOME**

Here's where you pay for being under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, and incidentally help to keep our patriotic citizens in public office, where they tell us our business is theirs. Mr. Average Ballinger Citizen will pay the sum of approximately \$2.18 just to live here in this glorious free country next year. Here's how:

County Treasurer W. L. Brown gives the figures below as the amount of tax you will be required to pay the collector the ensuing year. The school tax is given as approximate. Pensions, 5c, ad valorem 20c, state school 29c, county 58c, added to 50c Ballinger independent school and 65c city if you reside in this precinct; total \$2.18. It will be noted that the ad valorem tax for the new year will be 10 cents less than the present, and Ballinger's total taxes are several cents more than that of surrounding cities.

**New Inventions of Second Year of War.**

Germans introduced liquid fire. Germans introduced asphyxiating gas. Germans introduced lachrymose vapors. French introduced air torpedoes discharged from aeroplanes. French introduced aeroplanes carrying cannon. Germans introduced merchant-man submarine. British introduced use of nets in trapping submarines. Italians introduced avalanche warfare, creating avalanches by shell-fire. French and British invented anti-gas masks.

Germans introduced steel arrows discharged from aeroplanes. 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&wtf.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Goetz and two daughters of the Winters country, came in Monday and one of their daughters, Miss Tennie, left in the afternoon to visit at Taylor a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Buck of San Angelo, motored over to Ballinger Tuesday to visit friends and to look after business affairs a few days.

**24 AUTOS SOLD MONTH OF JULY**

Twenty-four automobiles were registered in the county clerk's office for the month of July, falling slightly below that of the last three months, which have been showing an increase in the purchasing. However, if the present month continues as it has begun there will be citizens in Runnels county who are not riding behind a steering wheel. Two cars were chalked up on the court house records for the first day of August.

No. 922 is the last one registered and it is stated that several cars have been sold in the last few days that are not recorded.

Some of the local auto dealers say a four inch rain would be worth more than anything else to them, in the way of securing new prospects and clinching old ones.

**A FEW AUTO ITEMS**  
F. W. Lampe of the Rowena country, is driving a new Saxon Six, purchased of Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Ed O'Kelley of the Overland Agency, reports the sale of two Overland cars this week.

W. L. Brown, county treasurer, is driving a Maxwell auto which he bought from the Ballinger Auto Co., on July 31st.

The first automobile to be registered since the new month began, was a Ford car by J. N. Barbee. This is also the first Ford registered at the court house since the recent radical reduction.

**SELLS INTEREST IN GROCERY BUSINESS**

H. L. Mobley has disposed of his interest in the Cash Grocery Co., selling same to Tom Trail of Paint Rock. E. A. Trail of Ballinger, will have charge of his brother's interest in the store and will be associated with T. M. Osteen in the business. The Cash Grocery Co., has enjoyed a good business since opening for business just one year ago, and with the addition of a new local man will no doubt continue to enjoy a good trade.

I have a roller disc shapener machine, call at John Peachecks shop and get your disc in shape for fall work, also a hydraulic cold tire setting machine, the very best work done by these machines. 2-1td3tw.

**47 DAY FASTER GOES HUNGRY AGAIN**

GENEVA, O., July 29.—Dr. H. G. Huffman, Youngstown dentist who three years ago fasted 47 days and regained his health after physicians said he would surely die of stomach trouble within a few months, is now nearing the end of his third long fast. He has not tasted food for 29 days. Last year he fasted 31 days. Dr. Huffman told the United Press today that he would do without food this time a few more days so that his system might be fully rid of poisons.

Mrs. Huffman, who married the dentist at the completion of his fast last year at Camp Phoenix, near here, joined her husband in the food taboo a few days ago.

Huffman doesn't enter his fast gradually. He has a hearty meal

and then just quits eating. One of the prime necessities at Camp Phoenix is a soft bed, to afford a cushioning for the bones," says the dentist.

Two weeks after Huffman ends his fast he is strong and well. He is now mostly skin and bones.

You save 10 per cent by buying one this month. A \$ saved, is a \$ made. Order a "Florence" now. Hall Hardware Company. 12-d&wtf

**H. O. Rhodes Makes Statement.**

I wish to express my most hearty appreciation to those who supported me in the race for tax assessor, and to those who saw fit to vote for my opponents I have no ill will. It is my desire that I may be friends to all, and while I was not elected, I am grateful for the vote received and wish to show my appreciation.

I will continue to conduct my barber business, and will be glad to see all those who wish to favor me in this line, guaranteeing you good service. I am sure you will give me a good patronage in the barber business if you did not see fit to elect me your tax assessor. 1tdw H. O. RHODES.

**OPPOSES HIS "DADDY" IN POLITICS**

In some way the activity in politics of the youngster reached the governor's ears, and is responsible for the following letter:

July 28th, 1916.  
Master Albert Sledge, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Albert:—It has been called to the Governor's attention that you actively supported him in the campaign which has just closed. It is very pleasing to the Governor to know that he enjoys the friendship of such splendid young men as yourself, and he directs me to thank you for the interest you manifested in his behalf.

Whenever you are in Austin, be sure to call at the Governor's Office; he will want to see you, and in person, express his appreciation of your loyalty and support.

Yours sincerely,  
JNO. L. WROE,  
Secretary to the Governor.

The "Florence" oil cook stove furnishes the most heat with the least oil consumption. Hall Hardware Company. 12-d&wtf

J. H. Patterson, who is buying mules and horses for the European war, came in from the East Tuesday at noon to spend a few days with his family.

**CULBERSON MEN HOLD MEETING**

DALAS, Tex., July 31.—Friends of United States Senator Charles A. Culberson met at the Oriental hotel here this morning and discussed ways and means for his campaign for the nomination in the "run-off" or senatorial primary, August 26th.

Judge Barry Miller, Culberson's campaign manager, ventured the prediction that hundreds of Texas voters who did not support Culberson in the first primary would support him in the "run-off" against Colquitt.

The Culberson supporters are organizing the entire Panhandle, Amarillo as a center.

The suggestion that Colquitt be given the nomination because he received a plurality of the votes cast in the July primary is not finding favor with the supporters of Culberson, Campbell, Henry, Brooks, or Davis. They insist that the intent of the "majority election law" be carried out, and that the nominee from Texas for the United States Senate be supported by a majority of the Democrats of the State.

**To the Voters of Runnels County, Greeting:**

I hereby wish to thank you for the support you gave me in the Primary on July 22nd by which I feel greatly honored, and I also wish to thank you in advance for the support I expect to get, in the second Primary on August 12th.

If you see fit to elect me as your Tax Assessor, for the next two years, I will do everything in my power to prove to you my appreciation for your vote and influence and make you the best officer, I possibly can. If elected, I promise to give all my time to your interest and the work in that office.

Most respectfully,  
d26-2-w3t C. C. SCHUCHARD.

Mrs. George McLain and two children left Monday afternoon for Brownwood to visit relatives a few weeks.

Bryan Lusk of Temple, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lusk and Ballinger friends during his vacation, left for his home Monday afternoon.

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**TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:** \*Realizing that the existing circumstances, are such that every man should save, we will from now until further notice give a real reduction in the price of our hair cutting. This will not mean any less service than in the past, but with plenty of expert workmanship and a sanitary shop—means a real saving of about one-third.

**Hair Cutting**  
Workmen who know how, service that is as good as the best, modern sanitary surroundings with a dime thrown in for coming to this shop.  
The price is only  
**25c**

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Give us a chance to show you what a good shave is, how smooth our barbers can shave you, how good your face feels after our experts get through with shaving you. The price  
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**SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO CHILDREN:** Send your child to this shop, the surroundings are pure and wholesome. Special attention given to bobbing little girls hair and cutting the hair of the small boy.  
The Price 25c

**Baths**  
Hot or cold baths in connection, tubs that are kept in a sanitary condition. The price  
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THE CITY BARBER SHOP