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CULBERSON CARRIES COUNTY AND STATE ALMOST 2 TO 1

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 28.—Ad- taining a constant lead of about ditional returns from Saturday's 60,000 votes over his opponent, senatorial run-off primary in former Gov. O. B. Colquitt. Returns shows Senator C. A. Cul- turns were coming in slowly to- berson, incumbent, and known as day, but indications are that Cul- the Wilson candidate, still main- berson's majority will be in the

neighborhood of 75,000. It was a landslide for Senator Chas. A. Culberson in practically every county in Texas, last Saturday, and with a vote of three hundred thousand cast in the senatorial primary, O. B. Colquitt was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Runnels county polled about fifty per cent of its voting strength, and Colquitt received nearly two hundred less votes than he received in the first primary, while Culberson increased his vote more than three times that received in the first primary.

Following is the vote by boxes for Runnels County:

Boxes—	Colquitt	Culberson
Ballinger No. 1	58	183
Hatchel	16	26
Benoit	10	19
Crews	10	18
Token	8	18
Truitt	8	8
Winters	67	165
Antelope	held no election	
Pumphrey	11	24
Wingate	31	52
Baldwin	3	23
Wilmeth	15	20
Cochran	13	4
N. Norton	14	14
S. Norton	21	19
Marie	3	19
Maverick	27	16
Pierce School House	13	15
Brookshire	5	4
Miles	45	120
Rowena	33	32
Olfin	37	000
Pony Creek	24	21
Ballinger No. 24	72	105
	509	892
July 22 vote in Runnels county:		
Colquitt	706	
Culberson	255	

Mayor Geo. S. Graves of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

RAILROAD STRIKE SET FOR MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Present train crews operating railroads under military draft is the definite prospect before the country for handling traffic if strike set for Monday by brotherhoods takes place.

It was made known today that this is the course President Wilson has in mind. It means nothing more nor less than the federal control of railroads and their operations, and with such plans put into effect the country will not be disturbed by the strike.

After a conference with President Wilson this morning, Senator Newlands took up the question of such plans with Attorney General Gregory, Commissioner Clark and Chairman Adamson of the House Interstate Commerce committee, and immediate preparation for taking such action are being rapidly formed.

President Wilson addressed a joint session of congress on the strike situation at two-thirty this afternoon, and impressed the law makers with his intention of doing everything possible to prevent a tie up of the railroads, which would demoralize commerce and probably cause suffering.

President Wilson reached this decision late yesterday after a conference with the committee of eight railroad heads and four brotherhood heads. Following the conference it was soon made known that all hopes for settling the strike was gone, and the representatives of both the railroads

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TWO COUNTIES CLAIMING PATTERSON MURDERERS

TEAGUE, Texas, Aug. 29.—State Banking Commissioner, John S. Patterson who was shot while posting a closing notice on the door of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank here late yesterday afternoon, was carried to Waco on a special train this morning and will undergo an operation in the hopes of saving the man's life. The latest statement issued by the attending physicians was that Patterson was in a critical condition and the wound may prove fatal.

In a statement made to the sheriff shortly after the shooting Mr. Patterson stated that T. R. Watson, president of the bank done the shooting.

J. E. McKinnon, bank examiner, working with Mr. Patterson was shot at three times, but the bullets went wild. T. R. Watson, president of the bank, and two sons, J. E. Watson, vice president; and W. R. Watson, cashier, who were present when the shooting took place, were all arrested immediately following the shooting, and charges of attempt to murder filed against them. The men were later released under \$500 bond each.

Commissioner Patterson and Examiner McKinnon arrived at the bank a few minutes after the institution closed for the day. It is understood that the men went over the books and announced to the officials of the bank that it was necessary to close the doors of the institution until further investigation could be made.

Shortly before six o'clock five shots were heard, and Patterson and McKinnon ran from the bank. Patterson walked to a nearby drug store and told parties who rushed to his aid that he was posting notice on bank door when the elder Watson opened fire upon him from behind.

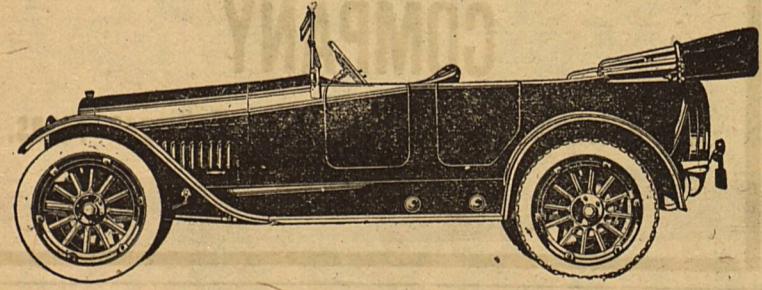
WACO, Aug. 30.—Charges of son and telling him of the shoot- murder against T. R. Watson and ing. Gov. Ferguson immediately two sons, J. E. and W. R. Wat- wired Sheriff Burleson to close son, were filed in both Freestone the bank and make a thorough and McLennan counties last investigation of the shooting.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Teague was organized about seven years ago. It had a capital stock of \$60,000, and a recent statement showed it to have a surplus of \$20,000. Recently the bank was reported in trouble and Mr. Patterson arrived here yesterday to assist Examiner McKinnon in looking into the affairs of the institution.

No intimation of any quarrel between the bank officials and the state officials previous to the

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SOME BASEBALL STARS OF 1916



Grover Cleveland Alexander
Fielder Jones
Larry Doyle

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 name after name of men who only recently were boys on the farm or in the village or small town. On the other hand, surprisingly few hall 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 1889.

He says Coca-Cola is his favorite beverage.

ALEXANDER, Grover Cleveland, Pitcher Philadelphia Nationals. Born in St. Paul, Nebraska, February 26, 1887, and lives on a farm there now.

Alexander is one of the greatest pitchers in the game today, being practically responsible for the Philadelphia National League team winning the pennant last year. Drafted by Philadelphia in August, 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 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.

JOHN BULL CLAIMS HE BULLED MARKET

LONDON, Aug. 3. (By Mail).—The British government decided not to let American cotton go below 8 1-2 cents a pound to planters; that it prepared to spend 250 million to prevent a possible cotton panic in America and that it sent agents to the United States to buy cotton in unlimited quantities to keep the price normal; and also that these agents are still in the United States, are facts given to the United Press today.

The British government, when it decided in 1915 to make cotton contraband, realized that it might cause a panic in the United States. Felix Rose, who directed the British plan to prevent this, told today how he did it.

"We had to declare cotton contraband," said he, "but we wanted to protect the cotton planters. We knew the speculators would make capital of the order in council and drive cotton prices to ruinous depths.

"So the British government decided to go into the market as a buyer. I looked over the market and decided we should be ready to buy 5 million bales; and we had to have 250 million dollars at our disposal constantly.

"We thought the planter should not get less than 8 1-2 cents, so we sent agents to the United States with unlimited authority to buy. That was in July of 1915. We told the American government of our plan. On August 18 the king signed the order in council declaring cotton contraband.

"No panic followed. What we had done was not generally known and the strength of cotton in the open market must have been a mystery to the speculators. In the first week cotton went up a cent. Within a month it was up 3 1-2 cents. So the planters received \$60,000,000 more for the crop that year than they would have received in normal times."

"Is the British government ready to follow with the same action for the 1916 crop?" was asked.

"It looks as if the 1916 crop would be able to sell itself without British aid," said Rose. Rose an English subject, has been in the cotton business all his life. He added in conclusion that every bale of cotton that has been seized by the British has been paid for and no shipper has lost money except possibly on cotton for which he would have received an exorbitant profit if he had gotten it to Germany instead of it being seized by the British. Every bale seized, he said, has been sold to spinners in England and not a single bale remains in storage.

How to Give Good Advice.
The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

T. K. WILSON SELLS 14,000 ACRE RANCH

T. K. Wilson, prominent Concho county man, has sold his 14,000 acre ranch, located thirty miles east of San Angelo. He made this announcement in San Angelo Thursday morning, following the closing of the deal which had been pending for many weeks.

J. N. Simpson of Dallas has purchased the property and will arrive in this section the latter part of the week to assume charge. The price involved was around \$16 per acre, or \$224,000. The ranch is well improved and has 1,700 acres in cultivation.—San Angelo Standard.

SEARCHING THE COUNTRY

The manufacturers of Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray are searching the country for an insect it will not kill. Write them if you find one. If insects are in your home, on your plants, shrubbery, vegetables, among your poultry, this spray will destroy them. Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

John Semicek of the Rowena country, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mrs. Ed S. McCarver and two children of Texas City, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. O. B. Corbett, the past few weeks, left for home Saturday afternoon.

FEDERAL ROAD ACT TO HELP FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—At a meeting of the State highway officials held August 16, 1916, in Washington, to discuss tentative rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal aid road act, the Secretary of Agriculture made the following statement:

"The Federal-aid road act and another law—the cooperative agricultural extension act—that the Department is charged with the duty of enforcing, establish a new principle in American government, the principle of cooperation between Federal and State officers. They are the only laws I recall which recognize and insist upon this principle. They are therefore very significant. Herebefore Federal and State officers have too frequently looked at one another across the line, sometimes with apprehension as to what the other was going to do or think, sometimes with jealousy, not infrequently with friction. We serve the same people. They have a right to the best service of the representatives of both jurisdictions. You represent the States. I represent the Federal Government. Together we are charged with the execution of a very difficult and very important law.

"I need not emphasize before you the importance of good roads. Most intelligent people who think about good roads know that they are essential to comfortable living, essential to proper community development, especially to the development of rural life, to efficient production and orderly marketing of farm products, to good schools, and to the development of a satisfactory rural life.

"Many people, however, do not appreciate this, and I have occasionally met road officers who, when the importance of good roads was emphasized, have said: 'Yes, but they cost so much.' Apparently they have not thought how much more bad roads cost, not only in dollars and cents, but also in all those indirect ways for which one can make no definite calculation.

Large Expenditures for Roads.

"This law appeals to me as of especial importance, not so much because it carries with it out of the Federal Treasury an appropriation of 85 millions of dollars, not because it will be met by an appropriation of 75 million or more out of State funds, if all the States accept the act, but because as great as is the aggregate it is relatively insignificant in comparison with amounts the States are now annually expending and will spend during the period covered by the act."

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This best answer is Dr. King's New Discovery itself. Its a pleasant sweet syrup, easy to take. It contains the medicines which years of experience have proven best for Coughs and Colds. Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery longest are its best friends. Besides every bottle is guaranteed. If you don't get satisfaction you get your money back. Buy a bottle, use as directed. Keep what is left for Cough and Cold insurance.

DROP SIGNS FOR TELL TRUTH ADVERTISERS

"By George" has just dressed the front of the Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack store up with a new supply of signs that are attractive, and directs the customers to where he can buy everything carried by this progressive and enterprising firm, which includes almost every article needed by man, woman or child.

Notice

To the Hog Growers and Shippers of Runnels County: There will be a meeting at the Business League rooms in Ballinger September 2nd at 3:30 p. m. Let all farmers and those interested attend as there will be important business to attend to.

F. T. RUSHING,
Pres. Runnels Co. Hog Growers Association. 28-1td-1tw

When you have an aching, stretchy, feeling and you are dull tired and discouraged it is a sign of approaching malaria or chills. You should act quickly to ward off an attack. Herbine offers you the help you need. It destroys the malarial germ, drives out all impurities and makes you feel bright, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

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WOMAN TRAVELING ON TRAIN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

The Brownwood Bulletin tells the following freak story in its issue of Thursday:

One of the most peculiar freaks ever played by lightning was described by a woman who spent Wednesday afternoon in Brownwood en route from her home in Virginia to Coleman, where she will visit her father. For some reason she withheld her name, absolutely refusing to give it to anyone. However, she was willing to give the details of the accident.

Tuesday night while en route to Fort Worth, the train in which she and her two little girls were riding, came into a storm. The lightning was playing at frequent intervals and it was raining hard. Suddenly a streak of lightning, which she said was plainly seen, came through the window, and struck her foot. Other passengers saw the lightning, and saw the woman as she was struck. Medical attention was given her by a doctor on the train. In Fort Worth yesterday, she suffered considerably, but came on to Brownwood because she was anxious to get to her father in Coleman. She was unable to use the foot last night. According to her

own statement, she has been struck and knocked down by lightning some four or five times in life. The Bulletin understands that her father's name is Collins.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia, or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces the swelling and restores natural conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

MILES TELEPHONE EXCHANGE CHANGES HANDS

Clark Bros., owners of the Miles telephone exchange, have sold the exchange to Rust Bros., of San Angelo, who own quite a number of exchanges, including the San Angelo exchange. Tom Clark remains with the exchange as manager.

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E. SCHUMM STRIKES OIL NEAR MILES

E. Schumm, owner of the Schumm irrigated farm south of Miles, called at the Messenger office early Thursday morning and stated that he had been reading about oil prospects in the Messenger of late and was in the act of giving us the horse laugh, when, lo and behold, he discovered the real stuff oozing from the river bank on his land—and thereby hangs a tale.

A Coleman county ranchman, who has had considerable experience in the development of oil fields, was a visitor at the Schumm ranch recently, and made a few casual observations, and without knowing about any previous discoveries, etc., bluntly told Mr. Schumm that, in his opinion, oil could be struck on his ranch at a depth of 800 or 900 feet. This put Mr. Schumm to thinking and now he has joined the ranks of the Miles oil boosters.—Miles Messenger.

INSTALLS NEW FIXTURES

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., today received a couple of new trouser stands which will remove the necessity of putting the panty on tables, and add some what to the appearance of the store.

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ONE DOSE WILL CONVINCE

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

Misses Kathleen and Maryette Hillsmen, of Giddens, Texas, who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Moore and Mrs. Emma Nash, returned home Friday.

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If you feel that your banking business entitles you to the best service obtainable we would be glad to have you call on us with a view doing your business with us.

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THE SECRET OF THE SUBMARINE

By E. Alexander Powell

Author of "The End of the Trail," "Fighting in Flanders," "The Road to Glory" "Vive la France," etc.

Novelized from the Motion Picture Play of the Same Name by the American Film Manufacturing Company.

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 Valdivia 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 then sets her father's books to rest money; later she finds a note from which she learns that they contain the secret formula. With Hope she races to the auctioneer's store only to find it in flames. Olga Ivanoff and Gerald Morton, two spies in search of the formula, attempt to capture Cleo when she calls at the house of Stephanski, the anarchist. Hope rushes to her aid; Morton shoots at him but the bullet hits a bomb in the cellar, which explodes. Stephanski dies in the wreck of his house; the others escape. Hope and Cleo attend a ball at Mrs. Delmar's, whose nephew has two of the missing books. Mahlin, a spy, attempts to steal the books, but is discovered by Hope; in the excitement that follows the books disappear. Mahlin escapes. Hope and Cleo take a boat for an island out in the bay. The conspirators follow in other boats. Mahlin and the Jap turn out the island light. Morton's boat with the countess strikes a stray mine in the bay. After a violent storm Hope and Cleo arrive on a strange island and discover that the mine they hit is there. But Mahlin and the Japanese also reach the island and put up a fight for the books. They escape from Hope but return and dynamite the shack.

EIGHTH INSTALLMENT

Owing to a delay in obtaining the gasoline, darkness had fallen before Morrissey and Hook again reached the island where Hope and Cleo were awaiting them. Just as they beached their skiff on the shore of the little cove, they were startled to hear, from somewhere on the cliff above them, the roar of an explosion. Thoroughly alarmed, they raced up the steep and winding path which led to the plateau. Morrissey, reaching the top ahead of his ponderous companion, dashed toward the shack in which they had left Hope and Cleo. Suddenly he stopped. An exclamation of horror, amazement, utter incredulity, escaped him. The shack was gone! Save for a few splintered timbers, the rock on which it had stood was absolutely bare.

"Mr. Hope!" hailed Morrissey, with sinking heart. "Mr. Hope! Where are you?"

"That you, Morrissey?" came Hope's voice from the darkness.

"Aye, aye, sir," in a tone of profound relief. "What's happened, sir? Where's the shack?"

"I hardly know myself what has happened," said Hope, appearing out of the darkness with Cleo, "but I strongly suspect that someone has tried to murder us.

"We were sitting in the shack examining the books," explained Hope. "We were wondering what had delayed you. All at once Miss Burke said that she heard a noise under the house. She stepped to the door to see what it was and a moment later I heard her scream. I ran out to see what the trouble was, but I had scarcely set foot outside the door when there was an explosion that threw us both to the ground and the shack toppled over the cliff into the sea."

"But what was it you heard under the house, Miss Cleo?" asked Hook, his eyes bulging with excitement.

"It sounded as though someone was moving about just underneath us," she replied. "At first I thought it was an animal, but, as I opened the door, I heard someone running away. I stepped down so that I could look underneath the house and I saw a spark running along the ground in the darkness. I called to Jarvis—Mr. Hope, I mean—to come quickly, for I felt sure that there was danger threatening us, and, just as he reached me, came the explosion. When I looked for the shack it had disappeared."

"Have you any idea who did it, sir?" asked Morrissey. "Do you think it could have been the Jap?"

"Yes," said Hope, thoughtfully, "it may have been Satsuma. He's the only one who could have any object in doing such a thing. We know that he and the man who was with him are after the books, and they're the kind that would stick at nothing in order to get them."

"By the way, Morrissey," he added, "did you remember to send that telegram from Middle Island?"

"I did, sir," was the answer.

"What was the telegram, Jarvis?" asked Cleo.

"You remember that Fitzmaurice told us that he had bought three of your father's books at the auction, but that he had lent one of them to a friend, a Doctor Owen, who lives at Sandsboro? It struck me that it was just as well not to take any chances of someone else getting there ahead of us. I had Morrissey send a wire from Middle Island to the doctor that we were leaving for Sandsboro and asking him not to let the book out of his possession until we arrived. . . . Now, Morrissey, if you have gasoline, we had better get down to the launch and get started."

He turned to Cleo. "It is so late that

there is no use in trying to reach Sandsboro tonight. I think that we had better make straight for San Francisco and run down to Sandsboro tomorrow."

The Sea Hawk was barely a mile off Middle Island, toward which it was heading, when it struck the floating mine, so that only a few minutes elapsed before the sailors attached to the radio station, attracted by the flash and roar of the explosion, had launched a boat and were pulling toward the scene of the disaster. Of the Sea Hawk all that remained were a few riven timbers. Clinging to one of these timbers the rescuing party found a man and a woman, both in the last stages of exhaustion. They were Gerald Morton and Olga Ivanoff. There was no sign of the captain and the two sailors. All three had evidently perished.

Olga and Morton, though badly bruised and suffering from shock, were otherwise uninjured, but not until the following morning were they sufficiently recovered to give a coherent account of themselves. Even then they were unable to throw any light on the mystery which enveloped the explosion. All they could tell their rescuers was that they had engaged the Sea Hawk for the trip to Middle Island, where they had important business with a man named Fitzmaurice, and that, when only a short distance off the island, there had come a terrific explosion. Further than that they knew nothing.

"By the way," asked Morton, as he concluded his story, "is Mr. Fitzmaurice here?"

"No," was the answer. "He left yesterday morning in his sailboat for one of the North Farallons and he hasn't returned. He has probably been delayed by the storm, but he ought to be back at any moment."

"In that case," said Morton, "I think that we will wait for him."

When Fitzmaurice returned a few hours later he was considerably surprised to learn that two visitors were waiting for him at the cottage occupied by the officer in command of the radio station.

"The Countess Ivanoff and I have been given to understand," said Morton, after Fitzmaurice had introduced himself, "that you recently purchased at auction three scientific works from the library of the late Doctor Burke. It happens that we are interested in these books and, if they are for sale, we would be glad to make you an offer for them."

"You are not the only ones who are interested in those books," said Fitzmaurice.

"What do you mean?" asked Morton quickly.

"I mean that I have just left two of the books in the possession of Doctor Burke's daughter and Lieutenant Hope on North Farallon. And they only got them by chance, after a Japanese named Satsuma had stolen them from my cabin."

"But you bought three books," persisted Morton. "What has become of the other one?"

"To be quite frank, Mr. Morton," said Fitzmaurice, who was becoming suspicious, "I don't see how it concerns you. Lieutenant Hope tells me that Miss Burke is anxious to recover the books because a legacy from her father is believed to be hidden in one of them. If that is so I fail to understand why you are so anxious to obtain possession of them."

Only for a fraction of an instant did Morton hesitate.

"My interest in the matter is easily explained," he said glibly. "I am a lawyer representing the Countess Ivanoff here, who is one of Doctor Burke's heirs."

"That's different again," said Fitzmaurice, his suspicions allayed. "In that case I don't mind telling you that I have loaned the other book to a friend of mine named Owen, a physician, who lives in Sandsboro."

"Do Miss Burke and Lieutenant Hope know where the other book is?" asked Hope.

"They do," said Fitzmaurice. He did not add, however, that Hope had sent a telegram to Doctor Owen asking him to hold the books until his arrival.

"In that case," said Morton, "our business here seems to be finished and we had better be getting back to the city."

Just then the officer in command of the radio station entered.

"There's a government tender leaving for the city in half an hour, Mr. Morton," he announced. "You and the countess can go over in her if you wish."

Though it was late in the evening when the tender put them ashore at the government wharf, Olga and Morton, tired as they were, did not spend the night in San Francisco. With Hope and Cleo knowing that one of the books was in Sandsboro, they realized that quick action was imperative.

"There's a train for Sandsboro at three in the morning," Morton told

you, that will give you time to go to your apartment and change your clothes and pack a bag. I'll go to my hotel and do the same and meet you at the station."

The little coast town of Sandsboro owes its name, and, indeed, its very existence, to the great crescent of sandy beach on which it stands. Its almost perfect summer climate, its splendid seabathing, and its proximity to San Francisco, have long made it one of the most popular resorts on the California coast, its hundreds of low-roofed, shingled bungalows finding ready tenants during the summer months, while its great tourist hotel, the Hotel Arbor, is crowded with pleasure-seekers from early June to late September. The less affluent of the town's summer visitors are provided for by several less pretentious hotels, and it was to one of these that Morton and Olga made their way after the panting local had deposited them on the station platform in the dim light of early morning.

"We mustn't be seen by Hope and the Burke girl," Morton explained, "and we surely will be if we stay at the big hotel, because that's where they'll go. So we had better choose one of the quieter places."

Ascertaining from the telephone book Doctor Owen's office hours, Morton entered the physician's office promptly on the strike of ten.

"Well, sir," said the doctor, a keen-eyed, alert-looking man in the middle thirties, "what can I do for you? Is it biliousness or boils?"

"It's neither, doctor," answered Morton, laughing. "It's books."

"Books?" the physician repeated, evidently puzzled. "I'm afraid I don't understand."

"Perhaps I should say 'book' instead of 'books,'" replied Morton. "I've run down to see you about a book which your friend, Mr. Fitzmaurice, tells me that he loaned you. It's a work on hydrography, if I'm not mistaken."

"Oh, yes," said Owen, his manner immediately chilling. "Fitzmaurice did lend me such a book."

"I am very anxious to consult that book, doctor," Morton continued. "I wonder if you would be willing to lend it to me for a few days—or even a few hours?"

"I'm afraid not," was the answer.



He Slipped the Book to Olga.

"For the present, at least, I don't care to let the book go out of my possession."

"I do not wish to appear insistent, doctor," argued Morton, "but may I ask your reason for refusing to let me borrow the book?"

"This is my reason," replied the physician, taking a telegram from his pocket and handing it to Morton, who read:

Dr. Emerson Owen, Sandsboro, Cal.

Am informed by Mr. Fitzmaurice that he has loaned you a volume of Ryerson's work on hydrography. As there is a possibility that this book contains a formula of inestimable value to the government, would earnestly beg you not to permit book to leave your possession until I have seen you. Shall arrive Sandsboro tomorrow.

JARVIS HOPE,
Lieutenant United States Navy.

Returning the telegram to Doctor Owen, Morton took from his pocket a large roll of bills.

"I might as well be frank with you, doctor," said he. "I want that book and I'm willing to pay for it. Come now, what's your price?"

But he had misjudged his man. Stepping to the door, the physician threw it open.

"Get out of here," said he, "or I'll lock you out."

Twenty minutes after Morton had made his ignominious exit, Mahlin was ringing the doorbell of Doctor Owen's office.

"Doctor Owen," he began, when he had been ushered into the consultation room, "I have learned in a roundabout way that you have in your possession a book which belonged to the library of a Doctor Burke of Valdivia. I should like—"

But the physician, now thoroughly exasperated, let him proceed no farther.

"You can't borrow the book," he cried. "You can't buy it. You can't see it. You can't even discuss the matter with me. All you can do is to go."

And Mahlin, quite unable to ac-

count for the physician's hostile attitude, went.

Olga listened with ill-disguised impatience to Morton's account of his interview with Doctor Owen.

"Stupid!" she cried, stamping her foot angrily. "You have bungled things abominably. You should have had more sense than to offer him money. You can't treat a man of that type the same way you would a ward politician. All you have done is to make him angry and suspicious."

"Let's hear what you have to suggest, then," said Morton morosely.

"I think that I will call on Doctor Emerson Owen myself," remarked Olga, pinning on her hat. "I should like to know a little more about the arrangement of his house."

The neatly gowned maid who answered the bell told Olga that Doctor Owen was occupied with a patient, but that if she would take a seat in the waiting room he would be at liberty in a few minutes. No sooner had the maid left, however, than she began to take stock of her surroundings. The door at her left, from behind which came the muffled sound of voices, led, she had no doubt, into the consultation room. But there were two other doors and it was necessary to the perfection of her plans that she should know into what rooms they opened. Softly turning the knob of one of the doors, she pushed it far enough ajar to catch a glimpse of a room that was evidently a doctor's study, and, beyond, a dining room. The other door, through which the maid had disappeared, she opened boldly. It led, as she suspected, into a hallway communicating with the service portion of the house. At that moment the maid appeared, coming evidently from the kitchen.

"I feel a little faint," said Olga.

"May I trouble you for a glass of water?"

"Certainly, madam," was the answer. "I'll bring you a glass at once."

Olga's simple little maneuver had given her the information that she wanted; she was now acquainted with the interior arrangement of the house.

A few minutes later the door of the consultation room was thrown open and Doctor Owen motioned her to come in.

"You don't look as though you were

said, speaking in the sing-song intonation peculiar to the Oriental domestics, to the maid who opened the door, and who, he noted, was dressed for the street. "He sent me to get the note he leave here a little while back. Say to tell doctor he has changed mind and will telephone him." His manner was that of a well-trained servant and the unsuspecting maid handed him the card without demur. Not until he was out of sight of the house, however, did Satsuma venture to examine it. It was one of Hope's visiting cards and on it he had scrawled in pencil:

Dear Doctor Owen:

Am sorry to have missed you. Should you return in time will you give me the pleasure of dining with Miss Burke and myself at the Hotel Arbor at eight this evening? And may I trouble you to bring along Fitzmaurice's book, regarding which I wired you yesterday. We will wait for you in the Palm room.

JARVIS HOPE.

When Satsuma, hastening back to the little hotel where he and Mahlin had taken rooms, reported to his employer that Hope and Cleo had, in some unaccountable fashion, escaped death on the island and that they were at that very moment in Sandsboro, Mahlin burst into a fit of profanity which impressed even the stolid Japanese. The Japanese silently handed him the note which Hope had left for Doctor Owen. Mahlin read it and then reread it.

"Owen had better take the book to the hotel tonight," he said, after a moment's reflection. "It will be dark by eight and perhaps we will have an opportunity to knock him on the head when he is on the way there."

"What are you going to do with this note?" inquired Satsuma.

"You had better hustle right back and leave it at the doctor's office," said Mahlin. "Tell the maid that this is another note that Hope has written. She'll never know the difference."

"Did the maid say anything?" asked Mahlin when, half an hour later, Satsuma returned.

"No. She just took the note and shut the door. She had on her hat; I guess she was just going out."

"Are there any other servants in the house?"

"I don't think so."

"That being so," said Mahlin, rising and putting on his hat, "I think I'll take advantage of the household's absence to take a look through the place myself. If the doctor keeps the book in the house I ought to be able to find it."

It was late in the afternoon when Olga, for the second time that day, ascended the steps of Doctor Owen's residence. There was nothing about her to suggest the book canvasser who had called a few hours before, for she now wore a long dustcoat which covered her from neck to ankle and a motor veil which completely hid her features. She rang the bell, but there was no answer. The maid, as Olga had anticipated, had taken advantage of her employer's absence to do some shopping in the town. Glancing up and down the street to make sure that she was unobserved, she quietly opened the door of the waiting room and walked in. The most likely place to find the book, she felt, was in the doctor's desk in his consultation room. Stepping softly across the floor, her footsteps deadened by the heavy rugs, she opened the door of the consultation room—and stopped on the threshold with an ejaculation of alarm, for, bending over the doctor's desk, engaged in rifling its drawers, was a strange man. His back was toward her and he was so intent on his search that he failed to hear the door open, but, aroused by her stifled exclamation, he whirled about and his hand went instinctively to his coat pocket.

For a brief moment the two stared at each other appraisingly. Olga was the first to break the silence.

"I beg your pardon," she said. "I rang the bell, but no one answered, so I walked in. I wanted to see the doctor."

Mahlin, for it was he, had been doing some rapid thinking. He decided to play a bold game.

"I am Doctor Owen," he said. "What can I do for you?"

"I—I am having trouble with my throat," lied Olga glibly, but he saw suspicion in her eyes.

"I have been doing a little house-cleaning," said Mahlin, with a professional manner which ought to have carried conviction. "If you will excuse me, madam, until I wash my hands, I shall be glad to prescribe for you."

Scarcely had the door closed behind him before Olga was herself ransacking the drawers of the desk. But the book was not there. It must be in the other part of the house. As she was leaving the consultation room to continue her search elsewhere her eye was caught by a card which was lying on top of the doctor's engagement book. She picked it up. It was the card bearing Hope's message, the card which Satsuma had obtained by a ruse and, by another ruse, had returned, and which the maid had evidently placed where the doctor would see it.

As Olga was reading the message she heard the sound of a motor stopping before the door. Doctor Owen had returned sooner than she had expected. She acted with promptness and decision. Pulling down her heavy veil, she opened the door of the waiting room and stepped onto the veranda just as the physician was ascending the steps.

"I've been waiting nearly an hour for you, doctor," she said in a muffled voice, "but it is so late that I will have to return in the morning," and she hur-

ried down the walk. "Don't know who she is," observed the doctor as he entered the house, "but there's something about her that reminds me of that good-looking girl that tried to sell me the encyclopedia this morning."

By eight o'clock every table in the Palm room of the Hotel Arbor was taken, for it was a Saturday night in the height of the season.

Morton, by a liberal tip to the head waiter, had succeeded in obtaining a table close to the door, but screened by palms, so that he and Olga were enabled to watch all who entered or left the room without themselves being seen.

Though Olga had discarded her dustcoat but she had draped about her



Were Enabled to Watch Without Being Seen.

hat a heavy veil which could instantly be dropped over her face in case of necessity.

From their place of concealment behind the palms Morton and Olga, who had purposely gone to the restaurant early, saw Hope and Cleo enter, and saw them conducted by the head waiter to a table which he had evidently reserved for them. And, at a small table behind a column, watching all four of them, sat Mahlin.

All at once Olga, who had never taken her eyes from the door, grasped Morton's arm.

"Look!" she whispered. "There he is!"

In the doorway, a parcel under his arm, stood Doctor Owen. A boy was helping him off with his coat. Even as Olga spoke he signaled to the head waiter. They were so close that they could hear his words.

"Where is Lieutenant Hope sitting?" he asked. "He is expecting me."

"Yes, sir," said the man, preceding him down the room toward Hope's table. "This way, if you please, sir."

Owen had started to follow the head waiter when Morton, realizing that to obtain possession of the book he must adopt desperate measures, stepped from behind the palms.

"This is Doctor Owen, isn't it?" he said cordially. "I am Lieutenant Hope. I heard you asking for me. It was mighty kind of you to meet me here. Suppose we step out to the bar and have a drink before ordering dinner?"

But the doctor instinctively hesitated.

He had a vague feeling that there was something familiar about the fellow. And he seemed overnervous in his manner; overager. And naval officers do not usually appear to be nervous in such ordinary situations.

Meanwhile the head waiter, supposing that Doctor Owen was following him, proceeded down the room to the table where Cleo and Hope were sitting.

"Here is the gentleman you were expecting, sir," he said, and pulled out the extra chair.

"Beg pardon, sir," he added, "but he seems to have stopped to talk with another gentleman. That's him, there by the door, sir."

As Hope looked he saw Doctor Owen hand a paper-wrapped parcel to the man with whom he was talking. Springing to his feet so suddenly that he upset his chair he fairly sprinted the length of the room.

"Is this Doctor Owen?"

"Yes," said the doctor. "That's my name."

"My name is Hope," said the officer rapidly. "I wired you yesterday about Fitzmaurice's book. Did you bring it with you?"

"But this man says his name is Hope," cried the bewildered physician, indicating Morton, who, having obtained the book, was slowly edging toward the door. "There's the book—he's got it in his hand. I just gave it to him."

Hope whirled on Morton.

"Give me that book," he demanded, advancing threateningly.

"Not on your life, Mister Lieutenant," sneered the other, and, as Hope sprang at him, he turned and slipped the book to Olga. As Hope and Morton grappled, Olga dashed toward the door; but, quick though she was, Cleo, who had seen everything, was quicker still. Flinging herself, with all the strength of her lithe young body, upon the Russian woman, she wrested the precious volume from her hand. As she did so she felt the floor of the restaurant heave sickeningly beneath her feet. The building rocked and reeled; the chandeliers swung like pendulums gone mad; glassware and dishes went crashing to the floor; the music stopped abruptly; and diners, waiters and musicians joined in a mad stampede for the door.

"It's an earthquake!" screamed someone. "Run for your lives!" and at that moment the ceiling fell.

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

And it is still Senator Culbertson and ex-Gov. Colquitt.

The American people are learning more and more every day to recognize in Woodrow Wilson the greatest president this nation ever had. Watch him handle the strike problem.

The Fort Worth Record is making a general losing in politics this year. The Record should have expected this, as it lined up early in the present administration against President Wilson.

Just as was expected, opposition to the compulsory education law is already showing up. There never was a new law put into effect that was pleasing to all people. You have to educate some people before you can learn them anything.

Colquitt's friends say the ex-governor would have made a better showing if the people had turned out and voted. If there is any consolation in such thought the people have no right to deny the defeated of it.

All those who desired to know were given the result of the election Saturday, before ten o'clock following the closing of the polls. The Ledger received reports by counties, and announced the results to the crowds in front of the office. It was an expensive job, but some of the loyals helped us out, all of which we appreciate.

Colquitt says in a statement issued following his defeat of last Saturday, that the second primary had served its purpose, and criticized the makers of that law. If our memory faileth not it was Gov. Colquitt who said he would not accept the governorship on a

take the flock. Have you ever paused to think how like sheep are we humans in this respect? Look around in almost any community and you will easily spot the bell wether. And not only can you locate him, but a little study of local conditions will invariably disclose to the careful observer his true characteristics as a leader.

If the community is progressive, prosperous, law abiding and happy, you may put it down that this state of affairs results largely from the fact that these qualities are inherent in the leaders of community life.

We know that many people like to think and assert that we are all equal and recognize no leaders, but this is purely a figment of the imagination. Nine out of every ten of us are too busy with our own affairs to take time to attend to the details of community life. There are a thousand and one questions of public import that must fall to the lot of some one who has the time and the capacity to grapple with them, and under such conditions community leaders are developed. If, happily, he possesses wisdom, coupled with a spirit of unselfish devotion to the interests of the community, then the community is indeed fortunate. But when he develops vicious traits and an inclination for self-seeking, then, like the sheep, his followers are in danger.

While, as we have said, most of us are too busily engaged in our own pursuits to assume these burdens of civic responsibility, we yet may keep a watchful eye upon those who have assumed the burdens and assist them in the faithful discharge of their trusts.

This we can and should do, every one of us. This is a pretty good old world, after all, and safe leaders and public officials can easily be found, and every public spirited citizen should join the hunt.

THE COMING OF THE PURE BRED.

The South is a land of fertile soil, and cherished memories. Oh, if it could only be dotted, with cattle and creameries.

Incendiary Caught in the Act and is Put to Death

Is it possible for mice to ignite matches by cutting them with their teeth and in this way cause destruction of property by fire? Yes, not only is such a theory a plausible one, and such a thing possible, but it is a theory that was verified in Ballinger Tuesday morning.

If what happened in Ballinger between six and seven o'clock Tuesday morning had happened an hour or two earlier, there would be a different story for us to write, and where now stands a modern two story business house probably would have been nothing but charred stone walls and runs.

It was while sweeping out the store Tuesday morning that some of the clerks in the A. J. Zappe store discovered smoke curling out of an overcoat hanging in the rear of the store. The coat was thrown out on the side walk and some water dashed on it, and as the fire was extinguished a mouse kicked its way out of the pocket of the coat.

The discovery of the burned

mouse lead to further investigation and in the pocket of the burning coat was found the remains of two matches, one of which had been ignited, while the other was cut up in small bits. The fire started in the pocket of the coat, and the top of the lining of the pocket, and one side of the coat had been burned thru and the fire was rapidly spreading when discovered.

The hair on the mouse was scorched, and there is no question but what the rat started the fire. As stated above, if the rat had been on the job earlier in the morning, and before the store had been opened the store would have been set on fire.

Fire Marshal J. P. Martindale was exhibiting the proof of the incendiary on the streets Tuesday morning, and all those who were confronted with the facts can not say hereafter that a mouse can not start a fire by cutting matches. There is no doubt but what millions of dollars worth of property have been destroyed by mice in this way.

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Miss Annie Farr, of Talpa, who had been visiting her cousin, Mrs. C. A. Watson, and family, the past few days, left for her home Tuesday afternoon.

ROUMANIA JOINS ALLIES IN FIGHTING

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Roumania today joins the entente allies.

New dispatches from Berlin officially announced this afternoon that Roumania had declared war on Austria-Hungary today, and troops were ready to strike on the Hungarian frontier. The French Foreign Office says Roumania has issued a declaration of war against the central powers.

Roumania is believed to be influenced in her hostile move by

SPEEDING NEGROES AT SAN ANGELO

(San Angelo Standard) Police Chief Nieh Snow, in his high powered Oldsmobile about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning accompanied by Deputy Constables Wayne Green and Tom Morgan and Patrolman Charles Anderson, set out to run down a big Buick car in which four negro men were joy riding.

It was in North Angelo where the chase became exciting. The officer's car took in after the Buick and ran onto it so closely that three of the negroes abandoned the car on the river bank at the west end of Second street. One of the negroes who left the car was subsequently caught.

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plurality vote, and at one time he was a booster for the second primary idea. He should take his medicine more gracefully.

Some people, farmers too, are continually cutting up about the cotton market. The cotton market is not so perplexing to us as the seed market. For instance, seed were selling in Ballinger last week for \$30 per ton. Today they are selling for \$37 per ton, a jump of \$7 in one day, or \$3.50 on the seed from a bale of cotton. Some towns are paying less while others are paying as high as \$40.

The tick eradication work may not be carried on in this county in the most economical way, and there may be too many high priced inspectors, as some of the opponents of the law have suggested, but that is not the fault of the law, and is no cause why the law should be suspended and the work discontinued in this county. To turn ticks loose in this county would work a hardship on the livestock interest and close the stockmen up in a county to themselves. Neighboring counties are eradicating the ticks, and where the work is being done no cattle from a ticky county are permitted to come, or even pass through.

THE COMMUNITY BELL WETHER.

Every farmer who raiser sheep knows to what the above refers. The "bell wether" is the leader of the flock. He usually wears a bell, and wherever he and his bell go thither his flock obediently follows. For good or ill, to safety or into danger, where he leads they go. If he happens to be a wise old fellow his followers profit by his wisdom, but if he develops vicious and unreliable traits disaster is almost certain to over-

The cattle tick is passing, No more this land to bleed, And now is the time to fill it, With cattle of the purest breed.

When the hot and sultry winds depart, Fresh air comes in its stead, So shall it be when scrubs are gone, The South will be filled with pure breeds.

The tick-eaten scrub will lose his hold, And cease to inhabit the land, And the white-faced Hereford take his place, A better price to demand.

The sleek fat Angus will chew his quid, And roam o'er meadows green, And shake his head at all who come, Within his vast domain.

The Shorthorn will be here "en masse," All hungry mouths to feed, And all the world will turn this way,

When of meat they are in need,

The saucy little Jersey, Will also be around, With milk that knows no equal, And butter by the pound.

The large and comely Holstein, With udder full of milk, Shall roam through field of clover, Her bloom as fine as silk,

With sheep and cattle plentiful, Milk and butter at the spring, The honest tiller of the soil, Will at last indeed be king.

Let every one get ready, For the hour when scrubs are dead, To usher in the coming, Of the wondrous thorough-bred.

Italy's formal declaration of war on Germany yesterday. The Roumanian army's effectives will number six hundred thousand men. Over a third of the entire fighting strength of the nation, or about 200,000 men are already mobilized within striking distance of Hungary and are expected to invade Transylvania before the end of the week. This action of Roumania is expected to influence Greece to join forces with the entente allies shortly.

20 KILLED AND 77 ARE INJURED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—A score are dead and seventy-seven seriously injured, some fatally, as the result of the wrecking of the cruiser Memphis in Santo Domingo bay late yesterday. A motor boat returning from the shore was also wrecked when steam pipes burst.

Banner, Moon, and Ozark buggies, steel wheel, farm trucks, etc., at bargain prices by Sales Agency and Commission Co., at Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. New shipment just received. 1-4tw.

Mrs. Brewer of May, Texas, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ford of Oak creek country, came in Wednesday and Mrs. Brewer left for her home on the morning train after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ford.

Miss Jessie Hunt left Wednesday morning for Santa Anna to visit home folks a few weeks, before going on to Fort Worth where she will enter the Baptist seminary the next year.

The officers fired many shots into the air in an effort to frighten the negroes who left the car, but only one of them slowed down enough to be taken.

In municipal court Tuesday morning Joe Davis, who said he resided in Taylor county when at home, was fined for exceeding the speed limit. Davis had in his possession an order for a case of pints and half-pints of liquor. When he left home he had money enough to pay for the fire water, but when the law was through with him he was short of needed funds.

After Davis paid tribute to the city he remarked to Police Chief Snow: "De nex' time de la' gets after me I se gwine to stop!"

Denton Building Good Roads. Denton, Tex., Aug. 28.—A \$200,000 bond issue for good roads in the district will be considered at a meeting of property holders living along the right of way of the Texas & Pacific railway through Denton county, at a meeting scheduled to be held here tonight.

Good roads building is occupying the attention of the people of this section to a considerable extent since the meeting of the state good roads association, and if it is decided to issue the bonds, other districts of the county will probably authorize similar bond issues for road improvement.

John Alexander of the Miles country, J. M. Greenhill and J. B. Porterfield of the Pony creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

H. E. Jackson, a prominent real estate man of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Coleman and Brownwood on a short business trip.

Harris County Fighting Hook Worn.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 29.—Elimination of the hook work and malaria from Harris county is promised by officials of the International Health commission of the Rockefeller Institute, in a joint campaign which will be staged with the county health officers. The county commissioners' court recently appropriated \$2400 for the campaign which an educational health demonstration at Humble.

J. H. Kelly, D. B. Evans, Tom McFarland, Charlie and Will Strum, returned home Tuesday afternoon from San Angelo, where Mr. Kelly had the contract to build the rock storage room for the oil mill at that place. The job was completed Tuesday when the latter gentlemen returned home.

J. B. Murphy of Wolf City, was the guest of his friend, J. K. Hutton and other Ballinger people Monday and left in the afternoon for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson, of the Pony creek country and Mrs. C. C. Cockrell of West End, came in Tuesday at noon from a two weeks visit to relatives at Groesbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson of the Pony creek country, motored over to Ballinger Monday afternoon to do some shopping.

J. M. London, one of the Winters merchants, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Ed Ulrich of Hallettsville, who had been visiting his daughters, Messdames A. J. Zappe and Ernest Schott, left for home Monday afternoon.

leather hand bag containing clothing. Finder please return to Ledger office and receive reward. 1tdw

LOST—Red heifer, 18 months old—right ear cropped, left ear undercut, no brand, disappeared from Rogers' pasture east of town about two weeks ago. Please notify John Pechcke and get reasonable reward. 13tw

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—One mouse colored mare mule, 7 years old, weighs about 900 pounds, unbranded, tip end of left ear clipped off, white spot left of tail. Disappeared out of my pasture eight miles below Ballinger on Aug. 16th. Reasonable reward for mule or information leading to its recovery. Ed W. Jones, Ballinger, Texas. 1-w1t-pd.

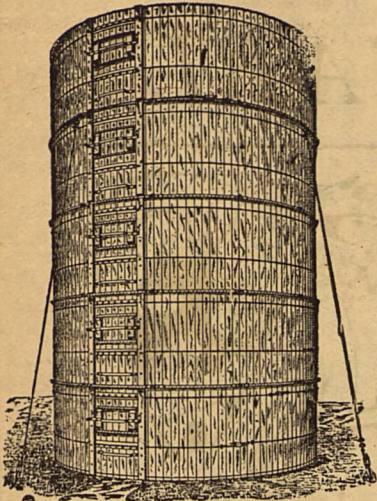
DICKENS COUNTY FAIR

Mrs. E. L. McAlpine left a few days ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons, and family at Spur, and Thursday Mr. McAlpine received a catalog for the fair at that place.

The advertising matter sent out for the fair in that county was supervised by his son-in-law, Sam T. Clemmons, one of the directors of the fair. The catalog is a model of typographical neatness and shows conclusively the enterprise and get up of this progressive citizenship.

Now Comes the High Cost of Bibles.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 29.—Now comes the high cost of Bibles. Dealers here today have notices from the Church News Association, that on account of the high cost of paper, they are urged to make last year's edition of the Bible do for this year. The European war, the dealers say, has increased the demand for Bibles, along with the limited supply.



The Small Farmer's Friend

The farmer who buys a Tulsa Silo has the advantage over his neighbor in saving his feed and converting it into cash at a time when there is a demand for ensilage. We make in sizes from 50 to 150 tons. Get our figures.

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Are You a Woman?

Take Gardui

The Woman's Tonic

FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

Citation By Publication

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any constable of Runnels County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of John King, deceased, and the heirs of Julie Van, deceased, whose names are unknown by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight 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 second 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 fourth day of August A. D. 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1800, wherein Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., and R. E. King are plaintiffs and Henry King, W. P. King, J. A. King, Elmer King, Mrs. Ethel Bell (nee King) and husband, W. W. Bell, Rodie Murphy (nee King) and husband, Frank Murphy, unknown heirs of John King, deceased and unknown heirs of Julie Van, deceased, both by her first husband, Jim Gannoway and her second husband, John Van, are defendants, the nature of plaintiffs' demands being as follows:

That plaintiffs and defendants are the joint owners in fee simple of the following described land and premises situated in the County of Runnels in the State of Texas, to wit:

Being 724 acres of land more or less situated in Runnels County, Texas, same being a part of the League and Labor in the name of John Early, abstract No. 130, survey No. 449, certificate No. 331, and patented to John Early on November 21st, 1855 by patent No. 280, volume 12, which said 724 acres are described by metes and bounds as follows to-wit:

Beginning at a stone mound 1130 varas South 60 West from the Southeast corner of said John Early survey No. 449, on east bank of Fish creek. Thence south 60 west with the south boundary line of said Early survey 2104 vrs to stone mound for southwest corner of this tract. Thence north 30 west 1000 vrs stone mound for northwest corner of this tract. Thence north 60 east 1075 vrs, crossing Fish creek to stake in west boundary line of tract sold by J. H. Robertson to J. S. Roaten. Thence down the channel of Fish creek with its meanderings to the southwest corner of tract sold to F. M. Durham in channel of Fish creek. Thence south 60 west 29 vrs. a stone mound for corner. Thence south 57 east 348 vrs, crossing Fish creek to stone mound for corner. Thence south 4 west 370 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 724 acres more or less.

That the plaintiff R. E. King is the owner of an equal undivided one-eighth part of said land and premises; that the plaintiff The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., is the owner of one equal undivided three-thirty-sixth part or 61 4-9 acres of said land and premises.

That the defendant, Henry King is the owner of one equal undivided fifteen-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that the defendant W. P. King is the owner of one equal undivided six-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that J. A. King is the owner of one equal undivided three-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that the defendant, Elmer King, is the owner of one equal undivided one-eighth part of said land and premises; that the defendant, Mrs. Ethel Bell (nee King) is the owner of one equal undivided one-eighth part of said land and premises; that the defendant Rodie Murphy (nee King) is the owner of one equal undivided one-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that the unknown heirs of John King, deceased, are the owners of one equal undivided one-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that the unknown heirs of Julie Van, deceased, are the owners of one equal undivided one-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises.

That the plaintiff R. E. King further represents that the defendants, Henry King, and J. A. King and W. P. King have been using and occupying said premises and collecting and receiving rents therefrom, that said named defendants have failed and refused to deliver and account to said plaintiff for rents and still refuse and fail so to do. Wherefore said plaintiff prays this court to compel said defendants, to make an accounting of said rents and use of said premises and profits derived therefrom.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that they have judgment for partition and division of said land and premises that commissioners be appointed and a writ of partition issue and for possession of that portion that by judgment of the court may be ascertained and declared to be the property of plaintiffs in severalty, and the plaintiff R. E. King, prays for and asks that the defendants H. King, J. A. King and W. P. King make accounting prayed for herein, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and in equity, that they 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 9th day of August A. D. 1916.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

By W. H. WEEKS, Deputy. 11-18-25-1-7-14-21-28

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.

"Look Pa, How 'Gets-It' Works!"

Lifts Your Corn Right Off. Never Fails.

"Ever in your life see a corn come out like that? Look at the true skin underneath—smooth as the palm of your hand!"



Well Now, Look at That! Off Comes That Pesky Corn as Slick as a Whistle.

The earth is blessed with the one, simple, painless, never-failing remedy that makes millions of corn-plagued people happy, and that's "GETS-IT". Apply it in 3 seconds. It dries. Some people jab and dig at their corns with knives and razors—wrap their toes in packages with bandages or sticky tape, make them red and raw with salves. Nothing like this with "GETS-IT". Your corn loosens—you lift it off. There's nothing to press on the corn, or hurt. Angels couldn't ask for more. Try it tonight on any corn, callus or wart. "GETS-IT" is sold and recommended by druggists everywhere. See a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce.

J. M. Johnson of the Winters country, and H. K. Lilly, of the Norton country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Ernest Graves of the Hatchel country, and his uncle J. McDaniel of Goldbusk, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

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 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 plaintiffs' 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.

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.

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

BEST ROADS ARE CHEAPEST ROADS

The American Highway Association, in an announcement issued under the heading of "An Expert Road Builders' Opinions on Rural Roads," quotes F. C. Pillsbury, one of the division engineers of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, to the effect that no road work can be successful which neglects either the foundation or the base that rests on the foundation, or the wearing surface that is put on the base; that was his postulate and in it there is imbedded all the wisdom of practical experience.

Nothing can be more true than Mr. Pillsbury's statement, but how many road builders grasp the true significance of his reference to "the base that rests upon the foundation or the wearing surface that is put on the base?" That builders of county roads have not profited by the "wisdom of practical experience" is shown by the results accomplished in cities and towns as compared with the status of affairs in rural districts.

Country highway officials are building macadam roads, bituminous roads and concrete roads. The city has learned to distinguish between these types with the result that the economic requirements specified by Mr. Pillsbury have been obtained by effecting a sensible combination of materials used in each.

Towns and cities are putting down plain and rapidly-laid concrete as a base. On this is placed an asphalt macadam wearing surface. The result is a road which provides an enduring and resilient wearing surface suited to both horse and motor traffic. No other type of road combines all of these advantages at like low initial cost, and no other type of construction compares with the combination road when it comes to assurance of good results. It reduces chances of failure to the minimum through simplified methods of construction.

Some rural communities consent to pay more for light traffic roads than towns and cities are willing to pay for thoroughfares carrying from ten to a hundred-fold the traffic of farmers' roads. As proof of this there is the public announcement of the Portland Cement Association that concrete roads cost \$15,000 a mile. Philadelphia built her celebrated Northeast Boulevard of concrete and asphalt for less than \$12,000 a mile. The boulevard has 4 to 5 inches of concrete in the base with a natural asphalt macadam wearing surface of 2 inches. The city not only eliminated the costly engineering features of the all-concrete road, but gave the concrete base a water and weather protecting wearing surface to prevent it from heaving and disintegration.

Perhaps one explanation of the country road situation is that taxpayers never dreamed that town thoroughfares of the type described are cheaper than some types of country roads. Nevertheless, it is a fact.

No rural community should spend a dollar for new roads of so-called permanent types without looking into the merits of the combination road, which has cost less than some States have paid for waterbound macadam.

Diarrhoea Remedy

This is a medicine that every family should be provided with. Colic and diarrhoea often come on suddenly and it is of the greatest importance that they be treated promptly. Consider the suffering that must be endured until a physician arrives or medicine can be obtained. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has a reputation second to none for the quick relief which it affords. Obtainable everywhere.

H. W. Henniger, of the Winters country, Elgin Davidson, of the Wilmeth country, R. J. Turner, of the Norton country, Chum Cathey and E. J. Guin, of Wingate; B. F. Crim and A. S. McWilliams of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Gaston, of the Valley creek country, passed thru Ballinger Monday at noon en route to McCauley to visit her daughter Mrs. Brooks and family.

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.

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

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

UNLUCKY \$20 GOLDPIECE

Is a twenty dollar gold piece unlucky asks the Kansas City Star.

The design on the reverse of the coin represents the seal of the United States, in which the number occurs five times. There are thirteen stripes in the shield, thirteen stars above the head of the eagle and thirteen letters in the motto, E Pluribus Unum. To the right the bird holds on an olive branch, upon which are exactly thirteen leaves and to the left holds out a shief of thirteen arrows. Count for yourself the next time you handle the coin.—San Saba Star.

Yes, a \$20 gold piece is unlucky, or else we are unlucky. If we ever get a chance we are going to look for all those thirteens you mention, but the question is how can we get to handle this coin.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT PAINT ROCK

Rev. E. R. Stanford returned from Paint Rock Sunday, where he has been doing the preaching in a very successful meeting, and preached at the Methodist church Sunday night. Prof. L. S. Bird, a local preacher in the M. E. church filled the pulpit at the eleven o'clock hour and preached a strong forceful sermon. A number of conversions have been reported in the revival at Paint Rock and the meeting will continue until Wednesday night.

Dr. H. M. Dobbs of Ft. Worth, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday and all are invited to hear this noted speaker.

Brooks Dozier of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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Just a limited amount of work accepted. This is done in order to turn off work satisfactorily and promptly to engagements.

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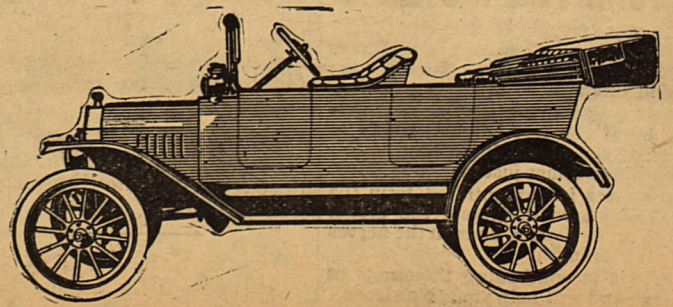
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We have a few in stock but they will not last long at these prices.

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Ballinger, Texas



DO YOUR FALL SHOPPING EARLY



The advantages of early shopping are many. You see a greater variety of styles, a greater selection of new fabrics, the store service is better—more attention can be given to each individual's requirements, you get more actual enjoyment and service by putting on the new things early.

This store is prepared to care for the early shopper's wants. Our ready-to-wear and millinery department offer the season's choicest creations fresh from the eastern markets. A diversity of styles in new suits, coats, dresses and hats will greet you. Many extra values are evident in our showings. Everywhere are opportunities to shop early.

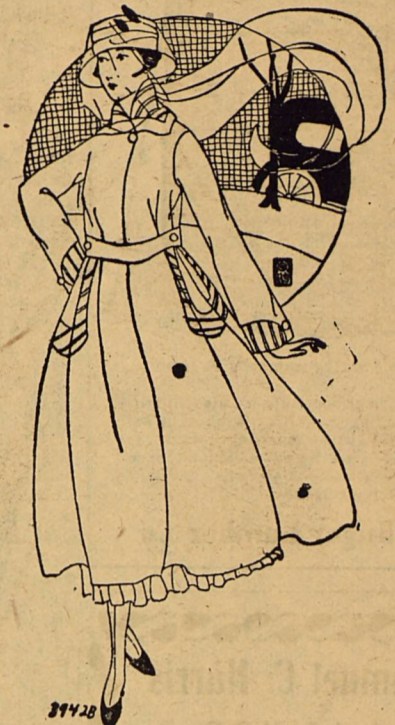
Concerning Prices

We have a complete stock of fall goods, bought at practically no advance in price. This is due to contracting early for our fall lines. Therefore, despite the prevailing high prices we are able to quote our goods within reach of every purse. Comparison will verify.

The New Coats

Coats have the wide flare for fall, either beginning at the shoulder or waist line. Our early showings embrace many popular priced models in fine quality wool, and pile fabrics of pleasing design and color.

We wish to state in view of the fact that many coats we have in stock such as Velours pile fabrics and etc., were purchased early. Hence a great saving from \$2.00 to \$5.00 a coat on the better numbers.



Come and see the many styles in plushes, Velours, wool mixtures and see the beautiful styles. The coats that are different are here. Prices \$35.00 down to \$7.50.

Fall Suits

The suits are a trifle longer than last season, and most of them are closely fitted above the waist line with fullness below. We have many attractive models in the favored materials for early wear, as you will see from the descriptions below.

Coats are from 28 to 40 inches in length, quite a flare in the skirts. The materials this season are principally navy, browns, blacks, Burgundy, Hunter's Green, Velour, also checks are popular. We are now showing such models at prices ranging from

\$35 down to \$15

Distinctive Millinery

Altho the larger shapes are popular for early wear, you will see plenty of the smaller close fitting types in our showings. We make a feature of popular priced millinery, and are able to meet every requirement for smart headwear at nominal prices. We have just received by Tuesday's express over 200 new models for right now wear. The styles are very becoming and you will like them. Prices \$10 down to \$2.50. We will save you 50% on your hat bill. Make us prove it.

Charming Display of Dresses

Variety is strongly noticeable in our showings of dresses for fall. Every individual taste seems to have been remembered by the designers and manufacturers this fall. Long sleeves with slight fullness at the top take the lead. Skirts of conservative width are also prominent.

Satins, wool and all silks are here. Every wanted shade that's good. See these beautiful new members at \$22.50, \$18.50, \$15, \$10.

MELTON DRY GOODS CO. BALLINGER, TEXAS

WILL FREE U. S. OF TICKS IN 5 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Because of the spirit of co-operation among the people of the South in the work of eradicating the tick which transmits Texas fever to cattle, this destructive and expensive pest should be eliminated from the territory of the United States within the next five years, according to the Field Inspection Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Enthusiasm in the fight against the pest in running particularly high in several of the 11 tick-infested Southern States and these commonwealths will free their territory within the next year or so, the division predicts. In 8 of the States, it is believed, the work will be completed within four years.

An outline of conditions in the tick-infested territory, recently prepared, shows that Virginia, only 4 counties in which are now under quarantine, can be made tick free by one year's active work, and, that because of the interest now being shown there, the quarantine is likely to be removed from the last bit of previously tick-infested territory in the State early in 1918. South Carolina, which is pushing the eradicating work steadily forward, should achieve freedom from ticks the same year. By the end of 1917, it is calculated, there should be but 15 counties in Alabama remaining in quarantine, and these, at the rate the State has been working, should be cleaned up the following year.

For Mississippi probably the most accurate prediction can be made. The legislature of that state recently enacted a law requiring that all counties now in quarantined area shall eradicate the tick during 1917. The people

showed their interest in this step immediately, and nearly all the infested counties already have appropriated funds for the building of dipping vats in preparation for the State-wide eradication campaign. State-wide tick eradication legislation also has been enacted in Louisiana. As a result, this State can expect to be free of fever ticks by the end of 1919.

Oklahoma, it is believed, will clear its territory of fever ticks within the next three years. In Arkansas, dipping vats are in course of construction in practically every county of the State and soon will be in general use. It is believed that tick eradication will be completed in this state by the end of 1920. The same year, it is predicted, will see North Carolina cleared of ticks.

Georgia, Florida and Texas have the hardest task before them in the work of tick eradication, and probably will require most of the five-year period to bring about the removal of quarantine from their territory. Texas has more counties quarantined because of the presence of the fever tick than any other state, and has almost as many square miles in the quarantined area as all the other states combined. It is probable, therefore, that the work of eradication there will take more time and that unless there is unforeseen activity, Texas will be the last of the States to claim a white era on the map. The finishing of the work of eradication in the other states, however, will release Federal agents engaged in the work and will make possible the concentration of effort on Texas toward the end of the five-year period. It is believed, therefore, that by the close of 1921 this concerted work, if properly supported by local co-operation, will result in tick eradication from Texas and the freeing, therefore, of all United States territory from the pest.

Paint Rock Line Gets New Engine.

Santa Fe locomotive No. 5, sent out from the Cleburne shops, has been pressed into service on the Sterling City-Paint Rock branch. The engine is one of the old type which was used in the earlier days on the Cane Belt in Southwest Texas. It replaces No. 159 which will be sent to the shops for a general overhauling.—San Angelo Standard.

W. A. Hamalieck, of Rowena, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

TO THE FARMERS OF BALLINGER GIN TERRITORY

Since the gins in Ballinger are now in the new, or what is known as the Runnels County Gin Co., and some of the officials control lots of the land off of which we ginned cotton last season, who have told their renters that they must haul their cotton to this company's gins, we appeal to those who can and will, to patronize a privately owned gin, where you can get as good service and as courteous treatment as you can at any other gin, to give us some of their ginning business.

Some farmers don't know that we have good machinery, but we have the latest improved huller and cleaning system, all new, put in last October. We guarantee to give you as good service as any gin in the state.

We wish to thank those who now patronize us, and solicit those who can to bring us their cotton, and patronize a private owned gin. We need your business, and assure you that we will give you the service that will merit your patronage. We keep up steam all the time, and a full crew of hands, who do not use profane language, are courteous and ready to serve you with promptness. Listen for the big whistle at 6 and 7 o'clock in the mornings and 7 o'clock in the evenings and you will know that we are ready when you come. Our motto: The Golden Rule.

J. R. HOLLOWAY & SON.

Notice.

The Coleman County Singing Convention will meet at Goldsboro, Texas, the first Sunday and the Saturday before in September. All singers are especially invited to come and bring your books. All visitors will be cared for.

NEW FAMILY IN TOWN.

Mrs. F. M. Moore and two children arrived in the city first of the week, and will make their home here. Mr. Moore has been here for some time, holding a position with the J. Y. Pearce drug store. This family is at home in the place recently vacated by E. P. Scarborough on Fourth street.

J. D. Moreland of the Millar neighborhood and Wm. Tolliver of the Valley creek country, left from this point Monday afternoon for New Mexico on a prospecting trip.

FIRST WORK FOR KIDS PLAY GROUND

The ladies of the Civic League made a good showing on the new play ground for the Central and High school Tuesday morning when about one dozen hands all toll met and spent several hours cutting brush and cleaning off the lots. The helpers were not as plentiful as the ladies had hoped for, but they are not discouraged and announce that the work will continue with another meeting at eight o'clock in the morning.

Mrs. Pyburn said to a Ledger reporter today that every effort would be made to get the lots cleaned off and in good shape before the school opened, and all who will aid in the work are requested to be at the school building in the morning at eight o'clock. The boys are urged to come, and the parents, and citizens in general who will send a hand, can help in the work.

Mrs. R. T. Williams sent a negro man to help Tuesday morning, and it is hoped that others will send hands tomorrow. If all the work cannot be accomplished in one day it will be done by "piece meal," and carried on until the grounds are in good shape.

The boys who responded to the call and who put in some good licks cleaning off the lots this morning were: Roy and Bailey Mack, Robert and Billie McAlpine, Billie Sharp, Chas. Miller, Clarence Smith, J. V. Rhodes. A number of girls were present and did their part.

A Laxative Blood Cleanser.

Don't put off taking a treatment of Po-Do-Lax. Your system needs a cleanser and tonic—nothing like Po-Do-Lax to purify the blood, gently move the bowels and stimulate the liver to healthy action. The first dose releases the accumulated poisons. It is a laxative tonic for young, adult and aged. Its mild non-gripping action commends it to delicate women. Guaranteed—a trial will convince you. Get a bottle today.

Tom Boykin, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Baker left Tuesday morning for Talpa to visit her sister, Mrs. Jack Guy and family.

WILLING TO PAY FOR CLEANING HIS LOTS

"I am willing to pay the bill, if the ladies will have the work done to suit them," stated a prominent citizen, who owns a pretty good block of vacant lots in discussing the move put on foot by the Civic League for cleaning up the vacant lots in this city.

The p. c. endorsed the work of the ladies of the Civic League, and stated that he was ready to co-operate with them in the good work. He said he thought the ladies should phone, or communicate in some way with the owners of vacant lots, and ask them if they would pay the bill if the ladies would employ some one to clean off the lots and o. k. the bill. He stated that he thought the ladies could make a contract with some one to do this work and get it done cheaper by making a contract with some one to take the whole job, and then let the property owners pay for it as the bill was presented to them. He said he wanted his lots cleaned off under the direction of the Civic League so the work would be done just as they wanted it. "But," said the prominent citizen, "if you say anything about this plan of clean up on vacant lots in your paper, don't mention my name."

To some extent the idea is a good one. There are people owning vacant lots in Ballinger who are able to have them cleaned up, but will not do it unless the ladies force them to. There are some non-resident property owners who have allowed their property on the principle streets of the city to become a wilderness of weeds and brush, and who will take no steps to clean them. Such people should be presented with a bill for the work.

We can't understand why the owner of a vacant lot declines to spend a dollar or two cleaning off his property. It improves the looks of same, and if he has it on the market it will no doubt make the property more attractive to the prospective buyer. We can point to a number of lots which have recently been cleaned off and it improves the appearance of the property greatly.

Miss Mable McCollough of Blackwell, came in Monday and will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs.

Notice To Farmers.

On account of the high price of cotton and high insurance rates it is going to force us to advance the price of cotton storage to 50 cents for the first month and 40 cents thereafter. To take out insurance on a bale of cotton for one month at the present prices it will take all, if not more, than the entire amount of storage to pay for the insurance. We ran the warehouse last year at a loss after all expenses were paid and we feel that we are entitled to a reasonable compensation for our services. We hope that the public will take the right view of change that we have agreed upon and we will try and give you the same efficient service that you have been receiving heretofore.

Yours very truly,
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In Use For Over 30 Years
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Mrs. L. C. Jackson of M. S., came in Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days.



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2826 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. e

Hours 7:30 to 12 and 1 to 6
Phone 614
Dr. L. B. Stephens
Practice limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
Errors in refraction corrected and Glasses Fitted
Office over Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Ballinger.

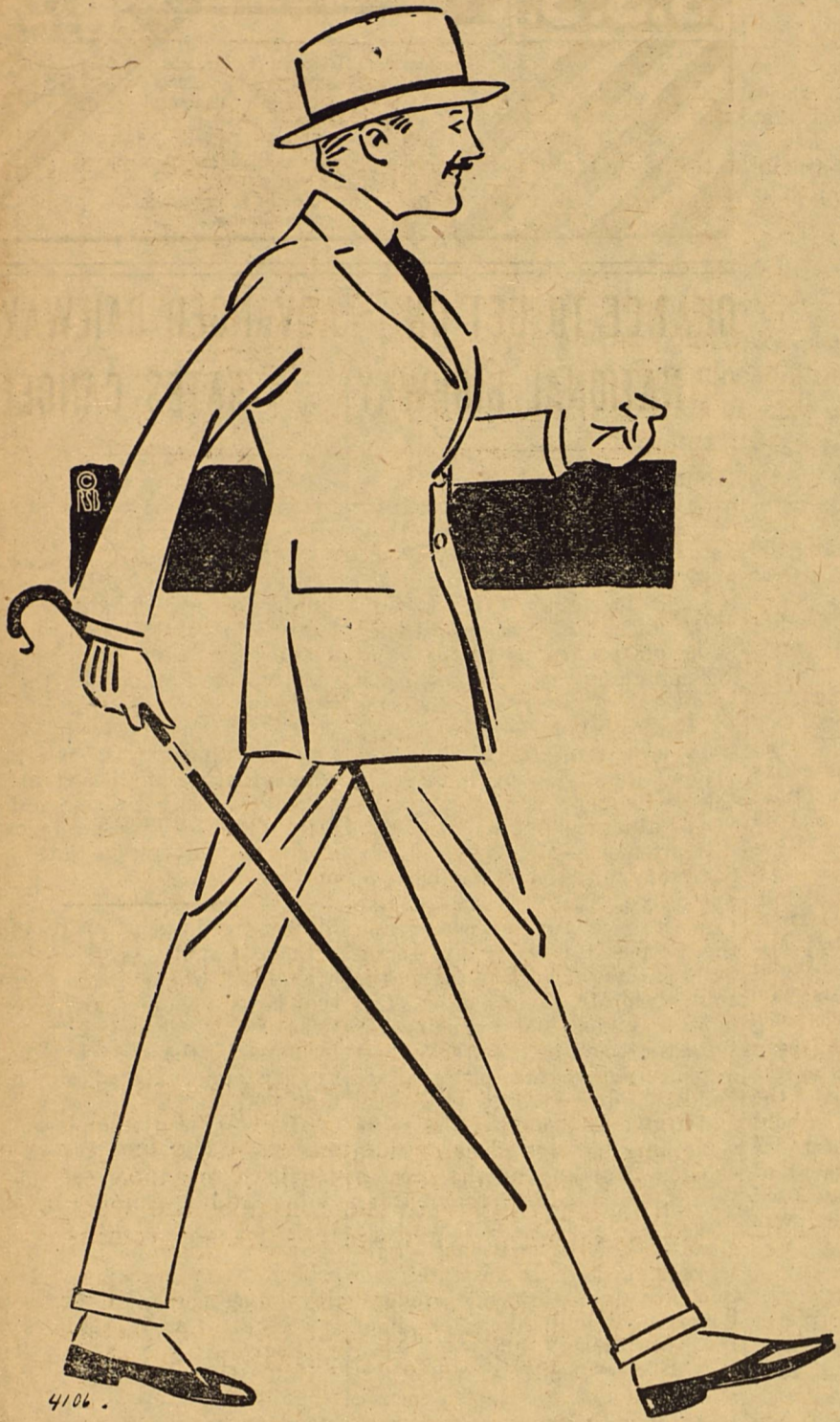
A WORD FOR MOTHERS

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

If your work is tiring; if your nerves are excitable; if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions. It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength.

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

Why You Should Buy the New Suit Here-----



- Because you are assured a complete selection of styles from which you can pick the one built for you to your liking.
- Because the fabrics in our suits are every thread the best quality for your money. They stand the endurance test of service.
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- Because we have the values to satisfy every demand for medium priced clothes and back those values with our guarantee of satisfaction.

\$10 \$12.50 \$15 \$18.50

Mothers of boys: Take note of our clothes stocks for fall. Let us prove our ability to outfit him to your satisfaction. These clothes are made for the real American boy—the boy who is bound to give his clothes the hardest kind of service. You can't find any better at these prices.

\$2.50 to \$12.50

Men who want dependable furnishings have but to step into this store to see them in full assortments for fall—in styles that are smart and new. Why we want your shirt, neckwear, hat and underwear trade is because we know we can satisfy you.

Special attention is called to the Broadway Shirts. We show many new ones. Priced \$1 to \$5.

See our new line of fall Neckwear.
Many new novelties 50c to 65c

MELTON DRY GOODS CO. Everybody's Store

Satisfaction----

A smile of satisfaction always comes from the man who wears shoes from our stocks. Why our shoe business is constantly on the increase month after month is because we founded this department on the desire to please and satisfy. We do more than merely sell shoes; we fit them as they should be fitted.

See the new styles now.

Howard & Foster shoes \$6.00 and \$5.00. Others good makes at \$2.50 and up.

Ladies' high-grade, eight inch lace boots in all the new two-tones and black kid. We have never shown such a wonderful line of ladies' shoes as we are this fall. Let us show you the many new styles. We have all sizes and widths, \$5.00 to \$7.50 others at \$2.50 and up.

Sturdy is what we look for when buying boys' shoes. The new styles are of this character—all constructed of solid leather.

P. Cogan & Sons boys' shoes, the best made for \$3.00 to \$3.50. Many good solid leather shoes for \$2.00 and \$2.50.



HIGHWAY INSPECTOR MAY VISIT BALLINGER

Co-operating with Coleman, Brownwood, and other towns along the proposed route of a direct National Highway from the Panhandle to the Gulf, a telegram was sent to D. E. Colp, secretary of the Texas Good Roads Association, Tuesday evening, asking Mr. Colp to include Ballinger in the route to be inspected in logging out the route for the proposed line.

It will be remembered that we published a letter from Mr. Colp a few days ago, in which he stated that a trip of inspection

would be made from San Antonio to the Panhandle, the party appointed to select the route leaving San Antonio on Aug. 30.

It will also be remembered that a federal appropriation of eighty million dollars for road building was recently authorized by congress, and Texas will get her share of this good road money. It is expected that all the National Highways will be taken over and maintained by the federal government within five years, and such a road running through this county and maintained without cost to the county would be worth more than a railroad to the county.

The new proposed Galveston-San Antonio-Austin-Panhandle line will cut the distance at least 100 miles between the Panhandle and these points shorter than the middle east Texas line.

On Sept. 6th, and immediately following the trip of inspection, a meeting will be held at Austin, for the purpose of adopting a route, and laying plans for the building of this highway. It is very important that the people in this section get busy and co-operate with the State Good Roads Association officials and with the other counties on this proposed route, and do everything possible to secure this highway.

E. D. Walker received a long distance phone call from Coleman late yesterday afternoon, the party calling stating that Coleman was on the job and urged that Ballinger get in connection with Mr. Colp, and in response to the letter received by The Ledger from Mr. Colp and published in this paper a few days ago, the following telegram was sent last night:

"D. E. Colp, San Antonio: "Our people stand ready to co-operate to fullest extent. Invite you to include Ballinger in inspection trip. Will arrange to be represented at Austin meeting."
"A. W. SLEDGE."

G. B. Vanlandingham of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday and while here renewed with the Banner-Ledger and S. W. Dallas News for the ensuing year.

E. B. Dozier of Paint Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

GOOD ROAD SPIRIT GREATLY REVIVED

"If the county will not fix the road just South of the city, we will do our part towards making up the money to have the work done," said R. T. Williams, of the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., Wednesday afternoon. "We will give one hundred dollars," said Mr. Williams, "or more if necessary, if the other merchants of the town will contribute, and a move started to fix this half mile or more of road that is reported to be in such bad shape."

Mr. Williams also stated that if the county did not have the funds with which to do the work, that his firm would honor any reasonable amount of script issued to carry on the road work, and carry the script until the county realized on the recent special road tax voted, and in this way keep the road work going.

There is constant complaint about this South Ballinger road, and most of the "kicking" is now coming from farmers who must haul their cotton to the gins here and who report that the road is gradually getting worse.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Hereafter three months subscriptions to The Banner-Ledger will be 35 cents, and six months subscriptions 60 cents. The yearly subscription remains at \$1.00. The price of paper has doubled, but we trust that it will not be necessary for us to increase the subscription rates further, and will not unless it becomes absolutely necessary. We are trying to take care of the increase in cost of blank paper by increasing the price of advertising and job printing. Many papers have increased the subscription rate, and at the same time cut down the size of the paper. We are striving to give our readers the best paper possible for the \$1.00.
BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

J. W. Hufines of Winters, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Rex Beach's "Ne'er Do Well" with Select Selig Cast to Show on Tuesday, Sept. 5

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The above telegram was received yesterday afternoon by Messrs. Reeder & Cohen, of the Queen and White City Theatres, from the Vitagraph-Lubin-Selig-Essanay Inc. (V-L-S-E) moving picture exchange, in re "The Ne'er Do Well," the big special film feature. The production is the largest and most pretentious ever to be shown here, and will mark time for picture fans in Ballinger.

"The Ne'er Do Well" was written by Rex Beach, who it will be remembered also wrote "The Spoilers," "The Auction Block," "Going Some," "The Iron Trail," "The Silver Horde," "The Barrier," and other novels besides many famous short stories.

It takes nine reels to tell the story and artistic action is present in every inch of the picture, which was staged in a beautiful natural background in the Canal Zone at Panama.

The Selig Polyscope Co., of Chicago and Los Angeles, produced the picture, and have also made other Rex Beach novels in film versions. The feature is released thru V-L-S-E.

Kathlyn Williams, who figured prominently in "The Adventures of Kathlyn," and Selig Red Seal plays released thru V-L-S-E, enacts the role of Edith Cortlandt, and is supported by a tremendous cast of favorite stage and screen stars. Colin Campbell, who directed other big features for Selig, supervised and directed Miss Williams, Thomas Santsehi, Wheeler Oakman, Frank Clark, Sydney Smith, and Eugenie Besserer, in "The Ne'er Do Well."

Ballinger people will view the most satisfying moving picture

ATTENDS DISTRICT FARMERS' INSTITUTE

C. A. Doose of our city, president of the Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute, left Tuesday afternoon for Abilene to be present and preside at the first meeting of this organization.

A splendid program has been arranged and we expect to hear some good results from this organization in the near future.

Some of the subjects discussed will be, Preparation of Soil, Cultural Methods, Diversification and Rotation of Crops, Plant Food in the Soil and What it Means, Co-operative Gathering and Marketing of Crops, etc., and quite a number of other interesting subjects will be discussed by able men in each line of the work.

Joe Ashley of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Mullin, Texas, on a business trip.

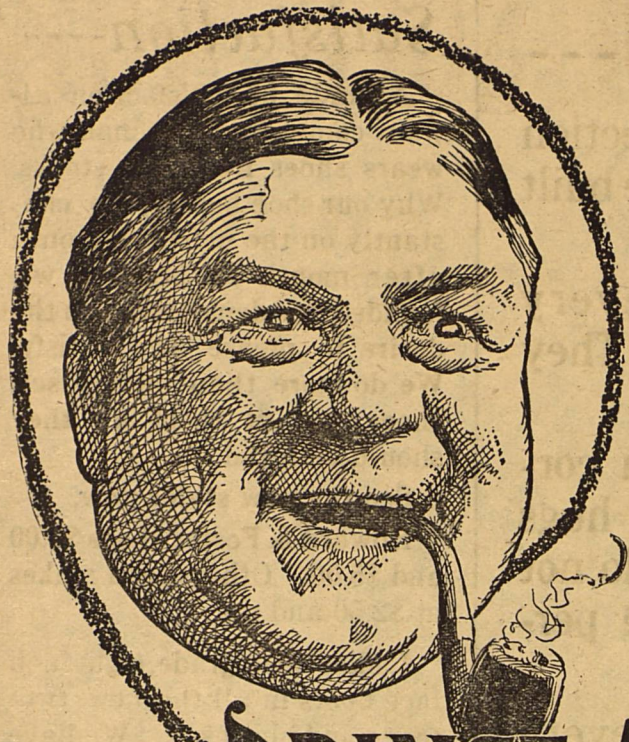
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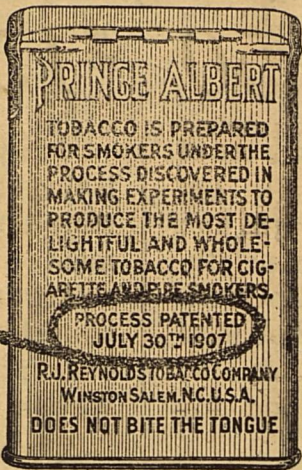
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WINTERS NEWSPAPER MAN IS IN JAIL

Sheriff Perkins left Ballinger Sunday afternoon for El Paso, where he goes with a complaint filed here against M. Lester Chambers by the First National Bank, of Winters, in which it is alleged that Chambers disposed of mortgaged property.

The First National Bank filed this complaint some two or three weeks ago and it was placed in the local sheriff's hands for execution. Mr. Perkins, learning the whereabouts of Chambers wired the sheriff to arrest him.

Chambers was arrested and placed in jail at El Paso last Friday by the El Paso officer, and Mr. Perkins notified. Mr. Perkins had set Monday to make the trip to El Paso, but he received a telegram from the El Paso sheriff Saturday night informing him that Chambers was attempting to get release from jail by suing out a writ of habeas corpus which would come up for hearing Monday morning at ten o'clock and advised Mr. Perkins to be present with the original complaint. Mr. Perkins arrived at El Paso at eight o'clock Monday morning, and unless Mr. Chambers makes bond for his appearance here at a certain time, he will be brought back by Mr. Perkins, and will be given bond here, where he has friends who will no doubt come to his rescue.

Chambers has been publishing a paper at Winters known as the Tribune. He discontinued the publication of the paper about the first of July and went to El Paso. Most of the equipment of the plant which had been used for printing the paper was heavily mortgaged, and it was when the creditors began to investigate their security that it was discovered that certain pieces of printing equipment and machinery on which the bank held a mortgage could not be located, and the complaint as stated above was filed.

Chambers formerly conducted a printing business in Ballinger, publishing what was known as the Kunnels County Democrat. He moved away from the county, after turning the Ballinger paper over to others, and for about a year was out of the county, when he returned and established the Tribune at Winters.

Bad To Have A Cold Hang On.

Don't let your cold hang on, rack your system and become chronic when Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will help you. It heals the inflammation, soothes the cough and loosens the phlegm. You breathe easier at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is a laxative Tar Syrup, the pine tar balsam heals the raw spots, loosens the mucous and prevents irritation of the bronchial tubes. Just get a bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey today, its guaranteed to help you. At druggists.

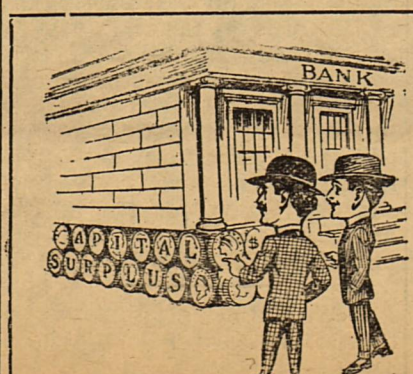
MAUD, HE WINS, ON THE DEUTSCHLAND

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 28.—H. Maud, a telegraph operator at Austin, Tex., is winner of a small fortune by reason of the safe arrival of the undersea craft Deutschland in Germany.

Some weeks ago, when the stock exchange in New York handled a syndicate bet by English sports offering fifty to one that the German submarine would not reach home safely from the initial trip to the United States, Maud invested \$100 in the wager, and today he received a check for \$5,100, representing the earnings on his investment.

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

Mrs. Sam Oglesby and baby, of Mertzon, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, left for their home Monday.



When Our Body Becomes Tired and Weakened

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and the system completely out of gear; it's a sure sign the blood is full of poisons and subject to complicated maladies unless the poisons are removed. S. S. S. will cleanse the blood and give new life and vitality to the blood by its vegetable purity. Get S. S. S. at any druggist. Insist on the Genuine.

CHANCE TO GET ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Some towns and communities have great advantages forced upon them, while others use their natural advantages, and get up and go after the good things that are in sight.

Ballinger has the opportunity to be placed on one of the great national highways, but we can't believe that this road will come to Ballinger unless the people show an interest in good roads. Read the following letter:

Editor Ledger:

Ballinger, Texas.
Gentlemen:—Mr. W. E. Long, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Austin, has asked me to write you further concerning the proposed meeting at Austin on Sept. 6th. I wish to say in the first place Mr. Long has had this matter under advisement for some time, and he has worked out a plan to give the entire Panhandle a direct route to Austin and Galveston, making the route something like 100 miles or more shorter than any of the present routes, and not only that but he proposes that this route shall become one of the national highways and there is absolutely no question but what the federal government will take over all of the main through highways within five years and maintain them wholly at government expense, and not only that but there is a possibility of your being able to secure a part of the present federal appropriation for each county through which this road runs, and it is the duty of the State Association to help any and every community in Texas, therefore we shall gladly render you any assistance we can.

We have planned to make a trip of inspection over two of these routes before the Austin meeting, starting from San Antonio about the 30th, and we shall be glad to have you write us fully concerning your county and also advise us if your organization expects to co-operate in the promotion of this work together with any other information that you think would be of advantage to the cause.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, we beg to remain,
Yours truly,
TEXAS GOOD ROADS ASS'N.
D. E. Colp, Sec.

Are You Looking Old?

Old age comes quick enough without inviting it. Some look old at forty. That is because they neglect the liver and bowels. Keep your bowels regular and your liver healthy and you will not only feel younger but look younger. When troubled with constipation or biliousness take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are intended especially for these ailments and are excellent. Easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rabb and daughter, Miss Maurice, of Roswell, N. M., who had been visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Connor of Benoit, passed through Ballinger Monday in their auto en route home. Mr. Connor accompanied them to Ballinger and returned home on the morning train.

A. Cambridge and O. N. Barlow, of Big Spring, came in Sunday to visit relatives and friends and to look after business affairs a few days.

ADVANCED RAILWAY RATES CANCELED

AUSTIN, Aug. 28.—The railroad commission today canceled every advance rate made, as a result of the hearings last year on petitions of the railroads for more revenues. The order is effective September first, and reinstates rates effective prior to the time of the issuing of the new tariffs.

The order is the result of railroads agreement last week, in which they ignored several Texas-made rates between points affected by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Shreveport decision.

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

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

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,

(Seal) Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure it taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCaughn and Miss Josie Glenn of Marie, were among out-of-town shoppers in Ballinger Monday. The trip was made in Mr. McCaughn's big Studebaker.

Rev. E. R. Stanford, returned to Paint Rock Monday at noon, where he is assisting in a protracted meeting, which will close about the middle of this week.

Rev. J. L. Speer of Winters, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

Lee Maddox

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BALLINGER MAY LOSE GOOD CITIZEN.

A deal is pending, which if goes through, will probably be the means of Ballinger losing one of her best citizens. It was announced Monday that W. B. Ray would move to Lampasas. When asked about it by a Ledger reporter, Mr. Ray stated that there was nothing certain about it, but such a thing was probable. He admitted that he had purchased a thousand acre farm two miles from Lampasas, and that if the deeds were all in proper form and passed the legal test, it was his intention to move to the farm with his family about the first of the year.

Mr. Ray has many friends in Ballinger who will regret to see he and his good family move away from here. He has been actively associated with the business, social and religious life of the city for several years, and he will be missed in all of these circles.

BUILDING ADDITION TO NEW HOME

L. L. Stroble, proprietor of the Stroble Market, is having two rooms and a sleeping porch added to the house he recently purchased from S. J. Carmony, who moved back to his old home at Moody. Claypool & Price are doing the work.

GOOD POSITION

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if you take the Draughon Training, the training that business men desire. You can take it at college or by mail. Write to-day DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, Box 13 Abilene, Texas

Prof. J. N. Key of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Willie Meadows, of Talpa who had been visiting her cousin, Mrs. C. A. Watson and family the past day or two, left for her home Friday.

CAN'T PUMP WELL DRY.

The well in the E. Allison & Son store, which is known by the old timers in Ballinger as the Cameron Wagon Yard well, is supplying the water for the work in putting down the new macadam on Eighth street. A pump is throwing a big stream of water constantly on the street ahead of the steam roller and notwithstanding that the two inch stream is being pumped from the well at the rate of one hundred gallons per minute, the water can not be lowered below a certain point in the well, and it is the opinion of many that it would be impossible for a much larger pump to pull the water out of the well faster than it runs in. The water is also being used for sprinkling the other streets of the city, the water being pumped direct into the sprinkler.

As long as such well remains right in the heart of the city there is no danger of a water famine in Ballinger, and such wells are plentiful here. Some of the citizens think the city should use well water for the city supply instead of pumping out of the city lake, contending that a series of these wells would be ample for supplying the city for all purposes.

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

WILL SPEND MONTH IN MISSOURI

Geo. M. Vaughn will leave Tuesday morning for Paris, Missouri, where he will spend a month visiting at his old home. Mrs. Vaughn left last Friday for a visit at other points and will join Mr. Vaughn en route. They will keep posted on Ballinger news through The Daily Ledger which will follow them.

Herbine is the medicine that cures biliousness, malaria and constipation. The first dose makes you feel better, a few additional doses cures completely. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

J. B. Bass of the Norton country, Louis Jamison of Talpa, and F. M. Wood of the Mud Creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

H. E. Dickinson of Reagan county, came in Sunday to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a week or two.



Recently a motorist wrote to us saying that after three years' service with Texaco Motor Oil in his Hudson Roadster, he has not had occasion to grind the valves or renew the piston rings. He found almost no wear, and his motor was clean and free from hard carbon.

THAT man saved a considerable sum on his repair expense. YOU can save too, by getting Texaco Motor Oil, and you can effect a further economy by using TEXACO Auto Gasoline, the gas that gives more miles per gallon. Get them at any dealer displaying the Red Star Green "T" sign.

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GET RID OF HUMORS AND AVOID SICKNESS

Humors in the blood cause internal derangements that affect the whole system, as well as pimples, boils and other eruptions, and are responsible for the readiness with which many people contract disease. For forty years Hood's Sarsaparilla has been more successful than any other medicine in expelling humors and removing their inward and outward effects. Get Hood's. No other medicine acts like it.

ABILENE BOOSTERS TO VISIT BALLINGER

A special train of Pullman cars will arrive in Ballinger Thursday morning, September 14th, over the Santa Fe, bringing 100 boosters from Abilene. The excursionists will leave Abilene on September 12th, and after a visit to points north and west of Abilene, including Stamford, Lubbock, and Midland, the train will be transferred to the Orient at Sweetwater and the trip made to San Angelo where the excursionists will spend Wednesday night, coming here the following morning, while en route to their home. The boosters are touring a large territory for the purpose of advertising the Central West Texas Fair to be held in Abilene Oct. 10-14 inclusive, and to boost Abilene and as trade center. They will spend an hour or two in Ballinger and the train will be transferred from the Santa Fe to the A. & S. and the return trip home made over the A. & S. to Tuscola where the train will again be transferred to the Santa Fe, and return by Sweetwater and again over the T. & P. to points between Sweetwater and Abilene.

Car of Marble Just Received.
A good stock to select from. We can furnish you with any kind of marble or granite. Ballinger Marble and Granite Works. 30-wtf.

Mrs. W. E. Bartlett and little children left Saturday evening for Santa Anna to visit relatives a few days.

WANTS BAD ROAD FIXED RIGHT NOW

"Something should be done at once on the South Ballinger road leaving the wagon bridge and extending to the cross roads and towards the South Ward School," said Frank Pearce Saturday morning. "I'll give \$5.00 towards fixing this stretch of road and I believe many other business men will come down on a subscription list," the young Mr. Pierce continued.

It is said Ballinger is losing good money, big money, by not having this road fixed so cotton can be hauled to town. Farmers living within four miles of Ballinger are carrying their crop to Rowena and other towns farther distant in order to get out of crossing this bad road. Holes two feet deep and a few feet apart are making the road look like a sieve.

"I believe Ballinger will lose \$10,000 this year if the road is not worked immediately," said Mr. Pearce. "The commissioners court have said they would begin operations on the road as soon as it rains. That is not soon enough, and Ballinger merchants should put up their money and with the help of the commissioners get the South Ballinger road worked. If those humps and holes were only ploughed, it would help greatly."

One local gin man stated Friday that he would come down to the tune of \$10.00 if something was done, and several others have volunteered to kick in. The work must be done and done right now if Ballinger gets her usual big cotton receipts.

Yellow complexion, pimples, and disfiguring blemishes on the face or body can be gotten rid of by doctoring the liver, which is torpid. Herbine is a powerful liver correctant. It purifies the system, stimulates the vital organs and puts the body in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Attorney L. B. Harris of San Angelo, was looking after legal business in Ballinger Monday.

STATE FAIR GREAT EDUCATIONAL SHOW

"The 1916 State Fair of Texas, which will be held in Dallas October 14 to 29, is to be the largest, most interesting and most valuable agricultural and educational exposition ever held in America. No previous State Fair or Exposition—in Texas or any other State—has reached the high standard of quality set for this year's big exposition at Dallas."

The above paragraph is taken from a recent announcement issued by R. E. L. Knight, president of the State Fair of Texas, and indicates the position of the Fair management with reference to the coming Fair.

Incomparable agricultural exhibits, together with vast showings of all that is latest and best in farm implements and machinery, are some of the features which are expected to prove of vital interest to the Southwestern farmers.

Then too there will be wonderful exhibits of all kinds of horses, cattle, swine and sheep, and the thousands of specimens of women's work will be carefully featured.

It is said that practically all of the educational institutions of Texas are preparing interesting exhibits, and the educational division will doubtless be of much interest.

But the State Fair of Texas is not entirely educational. While education—and development through education—may properly be called its theme, it has other interests. The various programs of attractions—the various amusements for which it is famous, annually draws hundreds of thousands of people to Dallas, and it may be said that these vast crowds of pleasure-seekers have never been disappointed. Nor will they be disappointed this year, for the program of amusements for this year's Fair reads like a trip through a veritable wonderland of pleasure.

Does Sloan's Liniment Help Rheumatism.

Ask the man who uses it, he knows. "To think I suffered all these years when one 25 cent bottle of Sloan's Liniment cured me," writes one grateful user. If you have Rheumatism or suffer from Neuralgia, Backache, Soreness and Stiffness, don't put off getting a bottle of Sloan's. It will give you such welcome relief. It warms and soothes the sore, stiff painful places and you fee so much better. Buy it at any Drug Store, only 25 cents.

SAYS MANY MAKE COMMON MISTAKES

Postmaster J. J. Erwin, in speaking of common mistakes made by letter writers to a Ledger man today stated that a study of letter writing ought to be a course in the public schools. All kinds of errors that can be made, are made, according to the Ballinger postmaster.

"Some men in this town put a stamp on each corner of an envelope and cause our force much extra work. Our cancelling machine can only cancel a letter on two corners, and the additional work has to be done by hand," said Mr. Erwin.

"Many business men are not free from guilt in making mistakes in letter addressing that any high school boy ought to know," continued the post office man, "and some even fail to have their own address printed on their envelopes. We are holding some letters in this office now, which will have to be sent to the dead letter office at Washington, that we can not return to the sender for lack of proper address."

One way to complete your education along postal law lines is to get a copy of the new Postal Guide, which you can now buy for 40 cents. This book formerly sold for \$3.00 and Postmaster Burselson is endeavoring to get the book before public by reducing the price. Mr. Erwin states the local office will probably be able to supply all asking for the books, and will place an order if sufficient number are purchased. No profit is made on the guide, and the postal department is cutting into the cost rather deep in doing this.

C. W. Perciful returned home Monday from a short business trip to points West.

DANGEROUS CALOMEL IS SELDOM SOLD NOW

Calomel Salivates! It Makes You Sick and You Lose a Day's Work—Dodson's Liver Tone Acts Better Than Calomel and Is Harmless for Men, Women, Children—Read Guarantee!

Every druggist here, yes! your druggist and everybody's druggist has noticed a great falling-off in the sale of calomel. They all give the same reason. Dodson's Liver Tone is taking its place.

"Calomel is dangerous and people know it while Dodson's Liver Tone is safe and gives better results," said a prominent local druggist. Dodson's Liver Tone is personally guaranteed by every druggist. A large family-sized bottle costs only 50 cents and if you find it doesn't take the place of dangerous, salivating calomel you have only to ask for your money back.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a pleasant-tasting, purely vegetable remedy, harmless to both children and adults. Take a spoonful at night and wake up feeling fine, no sick headache, biliousness, ague,

sour stomach or clogged bowels. Dodson's Liver Tone doesn't gripe or cause inconvenience all next day like calomel.

Take a dose of calomel tonight and tomorrow you will feel sick, weak and nauseated. Don't lose a day's work!

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up with your head clear, your liver active, bowels clean, breath sweet and stomach regulated. You will feel cheerful and full of vigor and ready for a hard day's work.

You can eat anything afterwards without risk of salivating yourself or your children.

Get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and try it on my guarantee. You'll never again put a dose of nasty, dangerous calomel into your stomach.

WILL DOBBS ESCAPES GULF COAST STORM

(Brownwood Bulletin)

While on Flour Bluff, 12 miles south of Corpus Christi last week, Will Dobbs, a well known traveling man of this city, had an experience he will not care to repeat. Mr. Dobbs, with a number of friends were enjoying the fishing at Flour Bluff on the Gulf coast when the West Indian hurricane of Friday struck and from Friday noon until Saturday morning he was not right sure whether he would ever get back to Brownwood. The entire promontory was covered with about six feet of water, the Cline's hotel where he was stopping was totally wrecked and practically all the cottages at the resort were wiped off the earth. In the hotel there were eight women and a number of children, and these had to be carried from the hotel to higher ground, across a wide stretch of rising water. It fell to Mr. Dobbs' lot and since the wind was blowing at a rate calculated to be from sixty to ninety miles an hour one can readily see what a task he had. The entire party was marooned from Friday until Sunday, there being only one boat, large enough to carry passengers, that escaped the fury of the storm, throughout all that region. Provisions ran short and except for Mr. Dobbs foresight in storing a few necessities in a water tight compartment where the waves could not wash it away all would have suffered before help reached them. None of Mr. Dobbs party suffered more than slight injuries, though five people in the vicinity drowned. It was a narrow escape for all, and Mr. Dobbs considers himself fortunate to have escaped with no more serious injury than a nail wound in his foot. He arrived home last night and will rest up a few days before taking the road again.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

CHILD LOSES LIFE LIGHTING STOVE

L. A. Banowsky is in receipt of a letter from his brother, B. H. Banowsky, at Brownfield, giving details of the fatal burning of his little nine year old daughter and the destruction of the family home at that place on last Friday. The little girl was attempting to light the burners to an oil stove when the oil contained in a can exploded, setting the house on fire and fatally burning the little girl. Her little brother, two years older, made a heroic effort to extinguish the flames, but her clothing was burned from her body and she died a few hours later.—Miles Messenger.

OFFICIAL COUNT IN CONGRESSIONAL RACE.

We are in receipt of the official returns of the Congressional vote polled in the July primary in the 16th Congressional District. The congressional convention was held at Sweetwater today, and the chairman, H. C. Hord, sends out the final count, which is as follows:

R. N. Grisham	3,656
W. R. Smith	18,262
Thomas L. Blanton	20,249

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

CONGRESSMAN SLADEN TO HAVE OPPOSITION

It is probable Coleman county will present a candidate for Congress two years hence, in the person of Hon. Walter Woodward. He is able, young, and virile and with a winning personality will become a conspicuous figure, should he enter the field of National politics and decide to try for a seat in Congress.—Santa Anna News.

Constipation the Father of Many Ills.

Of the numerous ills that affect humanity a large share start with constipation. Keep your bowels regular and they may be avoided. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

John Branham of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Menard on a short business trip.

38 NEGROES LEAVE FOR COTTON FIELDS

Ballinger lost thirty-eight of her colored citizens Friday afternoon, when that number of men, women and children boarded the east-bound Santa Fe for Copeland, Texas, where they will be placed in the cotton fields.

It was the sudden and unexpected exodus of the colored folks that attracted the entire colored population of the city to the station. Those that didn't go were at the train to see the others off, and the farewell scene was one never pictured in Ballinger before.


A negro man, representing an employment agency, came to Ballinger a few days ago, and rounded up the negroes and providing them with transportation carried them to Copeland. Most of the negroes were those who were brought to this country on similar mission last year, and the year before. Very few of the older negro citizens left Ballinger, and with the departure of this party of cotton pickers the colored population has been reduced to almost normal again.

There is a local demand for cotton pickers at present, but the supply of Mexicans, whites, and negroes was more than will be needed here to gather the crop, and realizing that the picking would be short these negroes were induced to go to where the work would last longer. We are perfectly willing to see them leave.

The Mayor reported that Mr. H. L. Mobley, called him up on the telephone and stated he had paid for \$2.50 worth of groceries at the Cash Grocery for the charity fund. They can call for same at their pleasure.

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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

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

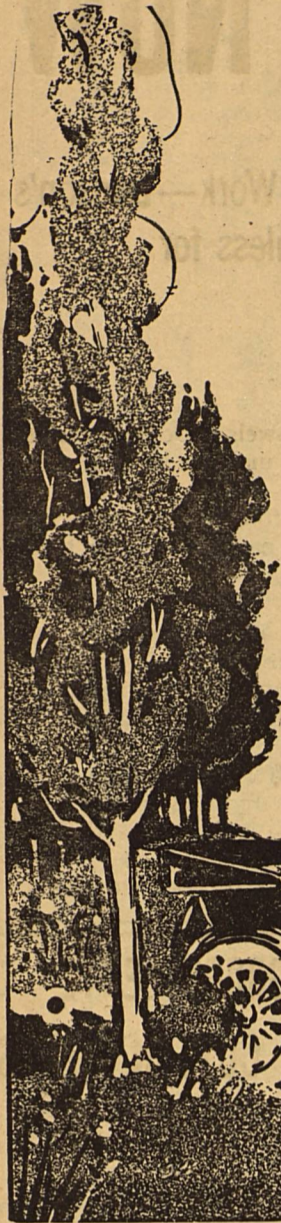
"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

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

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

LOOK A NEW PRICE ON CHEVROLET 490



The most comfortable low priced car on the market now within reach of all.

The increased production has enabled the factory to produce this wonderful car at a lower price and still retain its quality, durability and workmanship.

Fully Equipped With Electric Lights and Electric Starter

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Delivered

First come first served—the supply now in stock will not last long.

Phone 88 for a Demonstration

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BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

Two Counties Claiming Patterson Murderers

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shooting had been made public, and it is not known yet, whether any words passed between the men before the shooting or not.

Mr. Patterson was shot in the right side about four inches below the shoulder, the bullet passing through the upper part of the right lung and possibly entering the left lung also. It was a .38-caliber bullet, fired at close range. The attending physician, Dr. Harrison of Teague, said the wound was very dangerous, but not necessarily fatal unless internal bleeding should be excessive. He thought there was little internal bleeding.

Shortly after the Watsons were arrested Sheriff Burleson issued the following statement:

"From all I can understand Commissioner Patterson had told the Watsons that he was about to close their bank and had ordered a notice posted on the door when the trouble started. I do not know what the trouble with the bank was."

"We are doing everything possible to save Mr. Patterson's life, but the chances are very much against him. Watson used a .38 automatic and fired three times at Bank Examiner McKinnon, according to reports reaching me, and twice at Patterson. The shooting occurred in the bank and as near as I can learn the three Watsons were there. Patterson had been most of the day at the bank with his bank examiner, McKinnon. There had been no run on the bank and we did not know that it was in any trouble until after the shooting.

"Mr. Patterson was immediately moved to the Yoakum hotel where he was promptly given attention by local physicians. We also ordered specialists from Temple and Dallas, coming on a special train. The Watsons are now out on bond and will not be arrested again unless Mr. Patterson dies and then the charge may be changed to more serious one."

Bank Examiner McKinnon had been at work on the Farmers and Merchants' State Bank books for several days, according to reports, and he found it necessary to call in the bank commissioner for consultation. Mr. Patterson after an inspection of the books, told the Watsons that he would have to post a notice on the door of the bank announcing that it was closed by the bank examiner. The shooting then followed. Examiner McKinnon had a narrow escape, three bullets narrowly missing him.

WACO, Aug. 29.—John S. Patterson, commissioner of banking and insurance, who was shot at Teague Monday while in the

discharge of his official duties, died tonight at 8 o'clock at the Providence sanitarium in this city. Mr. Patterson was 43 years of age.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Dr. Mortford of El Paso, who is now at Long Beach, Cal., and three brothers, one of whom lives at Los Angeles, one at Kansas City, and one at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Mr. Patterson married Miss Edna Carnes of Moody, Texas, sixteen years ago. They have no children.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. John S. Patterson, commissioner of insurance and banking, was always a staunch friend and supporter of Gov. Ferguson. He and Governor Ferguson organized the First State Bank of Moody, Mr. Patterson being the president and Mr. Ferguson vice president of that institution. His first experience in banking was as a stockholder in the First National Bank of Killeen.

Mr. Patterson was a native of Tennessee and in his forty-fifth year. He came to Texas in 1896 and began the practice of law at Waco, when he was 21 years of age. Judge Walter Acker of Houston was a friend of Mr. Patterson's youth, and when the young man had completed his college course in the Winchester Normal college, Winchester, Tenn., and the Cumberland university of Lebanon, Tenn., induced him to come to Texas. The late Judge Waller Baker was also a close friend of Mr. Patterson.

In 1912 Mr. Patterson moved from Waco to Dallas, where he was associated with William Thompson in the practice of law. When Mr. Ferguson was announced as a candidate for governor, Mr. Patterson interested himself in behalf of his friend. When Mr. Ferguson was inaugurated governor in January 1915, he appointed Mr. Patterson commissioner of insurance and banking, which position he filled with great credit. He was regarded by many as the most competent and zealous banking commissioner that has ever served in Texas.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies, Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

J. Cidwell of Miles, came in Tuesday and met his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. E. Aken of Winters, and they left in the afternoon for Killeen, where she will make her home.

Uncle Johnnie Moore returned home Wednesday at noon from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Florence, Texas.

Railroad Strike Set For Next Monday

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and brotherhoods began leaving Washington.

The strike order as it now stands is for a walk out at seven o'clock a. m. on September 4th, which is Labor Day. The strike order has gone out to all the brotherhood members and is subject to release. If the order is released as scheduled 400,000 railroad men will quit their jobs as fast as they come in off their runs after seven o'clock next Monday morning. In the meantime President Wilson is preparing plans for immediately drafting the train crews back into service under federal orders and maintaining the regular schedules. He is before congress this afternoon asking for authority to take such steps, and it is believed that congress will authorize the federal operation of railroads until the strike can be settled.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Western railroads send out warnings today asking all travelers and shippers to prepare for strike by next Monday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—A formal effort in Congress to rush through legislation to prevent the railroad strike ended temporarily in a quarrel this afternoon, when charges were made that certain senators were attempting to make political capital out of the disastrous situation.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, made the charges following a statement made in the committee room by Senator Cummings and other Republicans, that since the date of the strike had been set, and that the strike appears to be inevitable, that there was no need to rush through strike legislation, which might afterwards prove inadequate.

After a general misunderstanding with nothing accomplished, the committee adjourned, agreeing to hear representatives of the employees, managers and shippers tomorrow.

It is the general opinion of administration officials that the strike can not be stopped, or even postponed, and the country has been notified to prepare for it, while President Wilson works out some plan for operating trains under military rule.

LEG BROKEN

Tom Stocks Jr., who is with the construction gang of the West Texas Phone Co., had the misfortune to fall from a telephone pole Tuesday and had his leg broken and was taken to the hospital at Dallas, and was doing very well at last reports.

HELP FOR HELPLESS GRADUALLY GROWING

In contributing \$2.50 to the charity fund, one lady stated yesterday that she had just visited some homes in Ballinger that were most pitiful, where poverty was causing suffering. The charity committee investigates all claims made on the board for help, and when it is determined that help is needed.

The winter season is rapidly approaching and it is the desire of the committee to be prepared to take care of the worthy calls for help when the cold weather comes, and in order to do this they are calling for contributions.

Up to date seven individuals have contributed \$22.50. All these contributions have come through The Ledger and are listed below. Some people object to giving this way, desiring that their donations be private. In such cases we withhold names, and only publish the amount. It is much better to make your offering voluntarily than to be called on by the committee, and unless the funds come in by volunteer subscriptions, the committee will go out and call on the people.

R. T. Williams is president of the charity board and C. R. Crews is secretary. You can hand them the money, or leave same at The Ledger office. Don't wait, contribute today by phoning your name to The Ledger, and help the committee get this work off their hands:

- R. T. Williams \$5.00
- C. J. Lynn & Son 2.50
- Cash 2.50
- H. L. Mobley 2.50
- Scott H. Mack 2.50
- Mrs. W. W. Fowler 2.50
- Widow Lacy 5.00

BALLINGER NEWS.

This Case Has a Hint for Many Ballinger Readers.

This Ballinger woman has used Doan's Kidney Pills. She has found them as represented.

She wishes her neighbors to know.

She publicly recommends them. No need to look further for a tested kidney remedy.

The proof of merit is here and can be investigated.

Profit by Mrs. Ward's statement.

Mrs. J. T. Ward, 306 Tenth St., Ballinger, says: "My back ached constantly and I had dull, throbbing pains across my kidneys. I had headaches and dizzy spells, too. My eyes swelled up and my sight was blurred. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from the Walker Drug Co., and was relieved of the backache and my kidneys were put in good condition."

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

LINDLE-LEASK

A. B. Lindle of the Rowena country, was here Monday, coming in his auto to bring his daughter and her husband, who were married at the Catholic church in Rowena Monday morning.

Miss Ora E. Lindle and Thomas Leask were married at ten o'clock Monday morning, and after spending a few hours with relatives and friends they were brought to Ballinger by the father of the bride in his auto and the happy couple left Monday afternoon for Ellis county where they will make their home.

Mr. Leask is a prominent young farmer of Ellis county, while the bride is one of the most popular young ladies of the Rowena-Miles country.

GONE TO MARKET.

Scott H. Mack and W. F. Weathersby left Tuesday afternoon for the Eastern markets, where they will buy goods for the Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack store.

W. R. Hutton, John Killemier, and others of the Miles country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Abilene to attend the meeting of the West Texas Farmers' Agricultural meeting, of which C. A. Dooze is president, and W. R. Hunton, vice-president.

Mrs. I. N. Lewis of Tahoka, came in Wednesday at noon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few weeks.

COMING!

Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

10 Part Screen Version of Rex Beach's

"The Ne'er-Do-Well"

Filed by Selig at Panama.

Queen and White City

Matinee and Night.

Advanced Prices.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Parker of Bell county, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. T. Rushing, and family.

Miss Ione Wardlow is visiting in Paint Rock.

Miss Leska Hinde left Saturday for Mertzton for a ten days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ballou are in Christoval for a few weeks stay for the benefit of Mr. Ballou's health.

Mrs. Currie Barnett and daughter, Mrs. Eldie Merbert, and children, of Somerville, Tex., are visiting Mrs. T. O. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter and children of Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. Brandon and children, of Eagle Branch, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hinde Sunday.

Arthur Ballou of St. Louis, is visiting his father, E. Ballou.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Tom Knight and Luther Scott are still very low.

O. M. Hood, Mrs. I. F. Watson and Mrs. W. H. Brown are on the sick list this week.

The Literary Society will meet

Saturday night.

Bro. Milton has just closed a very successful meeting. There were six conversions and many others who were deeply interested and all who attended were greatly benefited.

ELBERTA PEACH.

MORTUARY.

Rufus Montgomery.

Friday morning, Mr. Rufus Montgomery, who lived with his two sons on the O'Kelley place, south of Ballinger, place, His wife died four years ago. He is survived by five children, two sons and three daughters. Mr. Montgomery was 58 years of age and was a native of our state.

Interment was had in the Rowena cemetery. Jno. W. Milton, conducted the services at the house and at the cemetery.

May the Lord lead and guide all those who have been left to mourn the departure of their father and friend.

A. L. Kerley of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Ballinger Sept 12 TUESDAY, Sept 12

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL TOUR

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3 Huge Rings, Triple Menagerie, Elevated Theatre Stage, Museum and Real Horse Fair

Over 1,000 Men, Women, Horses and Animals.
Two Trains of Double Length Cars will bring it to you.

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JUMBO A most colossal Double-Humped Wonder of the CAMEL WORLD—Heading the Largest Drove on Exhibition.

20 Lady and Gentlemen Riders—40 Leapers and Aerial Artists—30 Acrobatic and Special Gymnasts—40 Funny Clowns. Under the skillful guidance of Mr. R. H. DOCKRILL, Equestrian Director.

Litter of Lions, Tigers, and Leopards Cubs—"MITE," the Infant Kangaroo, in the Kindergarten Department of our Triple Menageries.

FIVE BANDS OF MUSIC.

Headed by Prof. Charles Tinney's Band of Forty Eminent Soloists—Music of all Nations.

OVER A MILE OF GORGEOUS, GLITTERING SPLENDOR—In a DAZZLING, Delightful, Double Street Parade, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

GRAND FREE OUTSIDE EXHIBITION
When parade returns to the grounds, and again at 6:30 in the evening. Two Performances Daily, Irrespective of weather. All tents sun and water proof. Seats for 10,000 patrons. Gentlemenly uniformed ushers.