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STAPLES	
7 1-2c Gingham, a yard	.6c
10c Gingham, a yard	.9c
12 1-2c Dress Gingham, a yard	1.0c
15c Percale, a yard	1.1c
10c Percale, a yard	1.3c
6c Canvas, a yard	1.2c
9e, 38 inch Brown Sheeting, yard	1.2c
12 1-2c Bleached Domestic, a yard	1.0c
9-4 Bleached Sheeting, a yard	.29c
DRESS GOODS	
15c figured Batiste, the yard	1.0c
15c figured Crepe, the yard	1.0c
35c figured Voiles, the yard	.24c
25c figured Rice Cloth, the yard	.19c
35c fancy Ratine, the yard	.19c
35c Dress Crepe, the yard	.23c
25c Crash Suiting, the yard	.17c
35c corduroy, the yard	.24c
LADIES' HOSE	
One lot 50c ladies' fibre silk hose, pair	.35c
35c ladies' lisle Hose, the pair	.25c
15c ladies' hose, the pair	.9c
LADIES' GLOVES	
\$1.00 ladies' black silk gloves, the pair	.89c
\$1.00 ladies' white silk gloves the pair	.89c
\$3.50 ladies' long kid gloves, the pair	\$2.49
\$1.50 ladies' kid gloves, the pair	\$1.23
\$1.25 ladies' kid gloves, the pair	\$1.09
65c ladies' knitted gloves, the pair	.49c
BATH TOWELS	
50c bath towels, the pair	.45c
25c bath towels, the pair	.23c

LADIES' W. B. CORSETS	
\$3.50 ladies' W. B. Corsets	\$2.79
\$3.00 ladies' W. B. Corsets	\$2.59
\$2.50 ladies' W. B. Corsets	\$1.99
\$2.00 ladies' W. B. Corsets	\$1.79
\$1.75 ladies' W. B. Corsets	\$1.49
\$1.50 ladies' W. B. Corsets	\$1.29
\$1.25 ladies' W. B. Corsets	.98c
LADIES' SILK WAISTS	
\$3.00 ladies' silk Waists	\$1.98
\$1.50 ladies' Waists	\$1.09
\$1.25 ladies' Waists	.98c
75c ladies' Waists	.54c
LADIES' UNION SUITS	
35c ladies' combination Union Suits	.29c
75c ladies' combination Union Suits	.54c
\$1.00 ladies' combination Union Suits	.89c
LADIES' GOWNS	
75c ladies' Muslin Gowns	.54c
\$1.00 ladies' Muslin Gowns	.89c
LADIES' SHOES	
One lot \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 ladies' Oxfords, the pair	\$2.49
One lot \$2.00 and \$2.50 ladies' Oxfords, the pair	\$1.49
One lot \$1.50 and \$2.00 children's and misses' Oxfords, per pair	.98c
LADIES' HATS	
\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Ladies' Summer hats at	\$1.49
One lot Ladies' and Misses' hats at	.98c
\$8.50 ladies' Palm Beach suits at	\$4.93
Big reduction on Ladies' Skirts.	

MEN'S SHOES	
\$5.50 men's Packard shoes	\$4.98
\$5.00 men's Packard shoes	\$4.49
\$4.50 men's Broctonia shoes	\$3.99
Big discount on Men's and Boys' Oxfords.	
MEN'S SHIRTS	
\$1.50 Men's shirts	\$1.23
\$1.25 Men's shirts	.98c
\$1.00 Men's shirts	.89c
75c Men's shirts	.59c
MEN'S UNDERWEAR	
35c men's undershirts	.24c
35c men's drawers	.24c
65c men's union suits	.49c
\$1.00 men's union suits	.79c
CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR	
20c children's under waists	.14c
45c children's knitted union suits	.34c
40c children's knitted union suits	.29c
35c children's union suits	.24c
15c ladies' vests	.12c
10c ladies' vests	.8c
25c ladies' vests	.21c
Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases at Big Reduction.	
MEN'S HATS	
\$7.50 men's Stetson hats	\$6.49
\$6.00 men's Stetson hats	\$5.49
\$5.00 men's Stetson hats	\$4.49
\$4.00 men's Stetson hats	\$3.49
75c men's, youths, and boys sample hats and caps at Big Reduction.	

MEN'S SUITS	
\$25.00 Men's Suits	\$20.00
\$20.00 men's suits	\$15.00
\$15.00 men's suits	\$12.50
\$12.50 men's suits	\$10.00
MEN'S OVERALLS AND JUMPERS	
Men's Overall	.98c
Men's Jumpers	.98c
MEN'S WORK PANTS	
\$1.25 men's work pants, pair	.98c
PALM BEACH SUITS	
\$8.50 men's Palm Beach suits	\$4.49
BOYS' SUITS	
\$5.00 boys' Palm Beach suits	\$3.49
\$4.50 boys' Palm Beach suits	\$2.98
BOYS' UNION SUITS	
35c boys' Porosknit union suits	.24c
65c boys' dress shirts	.49c
DRESS PANTS	
\$5.00 men's dress pants	\$4.49
\$4.50 men's dress pants	\$3.98
\$3.50 men's dress pants	\$2.98
\$3.00 men's dress pants	\$2.69
\$2.50 men's dress pants	\$2.19
SUMMER COATS AND PANTS	
One lot of summer coats and pants, dark colors.	
\$10.00 grades for	\$6.98
\$8.50 grades for	\$5.98
\$7.50 grades for	\$5.49
Just received a big line of millinery for Fall and Winter.	

WATSON BOYS ALLOWED BOND; TRIAL SEPT. 10TH

WACO, Sept. 5.—J. E. and W. R. Watson, charged jointly with their father, T. E. Watson, of the murder of Bank Commissioner John S. Patterson, were released on bond of five thousand dollars each, today. The bonds were signed by ten sureties and the men were released from jail. The trial of the two brothers has been set for Sept. 18th. T. R. Watson has not been allowed bail.

GERMANS AND BULGARS VICTORIOUS IN ROUMANIA

BERLIN, Sept. 6.—German and Bulgarian forces succeeded in capturing seven Rumanian works in Tutrakan, forty miles southwest of Bucharest.

F. Bloomtritt of the Miles country, who attended the Central West Texas Farmers' Institute at Abilene the past few days passed through Ballinger Friday en route home.

Man Showered with Misfortunes Brought Here

A. J. Thomason is in the Halley & Love sanitarium at Ballinger suffering with both lower limbs broken between the ankle and knee. Accompanied by his father, W. B. Thomason, and son, Russell Thomason, and Ed South-erland, M. B. Flipping, and E. A. King, the unfortunate man was brought here on the midnight train Tuesday night from Coleman, where he was hurt at eight o'clock of the same night by being run down by the fire truck. Mr. Thomason was given treatment as soon as he was received at the local sanitarium and the parties who came with him returned to their home at Coleman on the nine-thirty train Wednesday morning, stating that Mr. Thomason was getting along as well as could be expected, and a late report from the sanitarium Wednesday afternoon said he was resting well.

This is not the first misfortune that has been visited upon Mr. Thomason recently, according to a statement made by one of the friends who came to Ballinger with him Wednesday night. About three weeks ago he lost his home and all its contents by fire. Until the family could arrange for house-keeping again, Mrs. Thomason and the children

went to East Texas to visit with relatives. After going to East Texas, two of the children were taken sick, and are at present in such condition that Mrs. Thomason could not leave them and come to be with her husband.

Mr. Thomason is a drayman in Coleman, and it was while attempting to catch the fire truck to go to a fire just after he had quit work Tuesday evening, that he was hurt. He ran out in the street to catch the first fire truck that came by, and missing it, the second truck struck him and passed over both of the lower limbs.

The fire was caused by an oil stove explosion, but the fire was put out before the damage amounted to much. Mr. King, who accompanied Mr. Thomason to Ballinger, is chief of the Coleman fire department, and he says that the Coleman people are well pleased with the auto fire truck added to the fire fighting equipment. He stated that there was considerable objection to the purchase of the truck, but since it has been demonstrated what the truck will do in handling fires, the people have become satisfied and would not agree to going back to the horse and wagon truck.

SHERIFF PERKINS DIPPING CATTLE

Sheriff Perkins and Dr. Warner, superintended the dipping of 140 head of cattle for Joe Cervenkie, of the Rowena country, first of this week, in compliance with the law governing tick eradication.

It is claimed that Mr. Cervenkie's cattle had been inspected

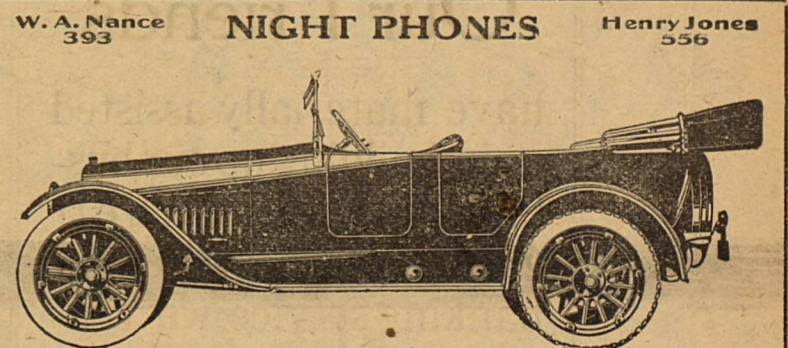
and pronounced infested with ticks. He declined to dip them, and under the law it became the duty of the sheriff to have them dipped.

A complaint was also filed against Mr. Cervenkie, alleging that he violated the sanitary livestock laws, and made bond for his appearance at Ballinger when the case is called for trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seipp of the Maverick country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

WILSON EMPOWERED TO PROTECT AMERICAN TRADE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The senate adopted an amendment to the revenue bill today, which empowers the president to use such part of the army and navy as he deems advisable at any time to prevent interference by belligerents against American firms or shippers. This bill will give the United States protection in her commerce with foreign nations, and will no doubt increase exports and import.



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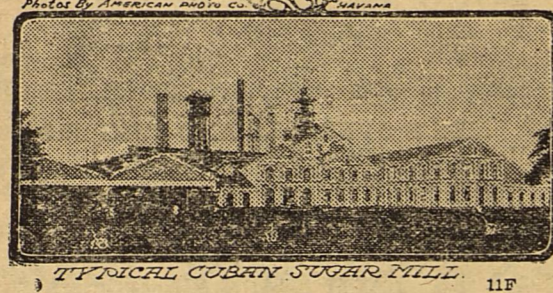
What Would We Do Without Sugar?



We are so used to sugar that we are likely to forget to give it its proper important place. Right now if somebody asked you what sugar was good for you'd probably say—"Oh! to put in coffee and tea and for making candies and desserts." That's it—we all think of sugar as a sweetener and overlook its value as a food. The chemists classify sugar as a hydrocarbon—that name may or may not be interesting to us, but what is interesting is their statement that it has, as a hydrocarbon, equal food value with the starchy foods and by digestion largely adds to the fatty tissues of the body. Why do we eat sugar anyway? Your first answer might be: "Because it is sweet and tastes good." Of itself the answer would be correct, but the more important fact is that the body craves sugar because it needs it. And when the body craves something it gives us an appetite for it. So primarily that's why we like sugar and things made with sugar and not just because they are sweet. In view of the fact that sugar has gone up so tremendously of late these facts



are interesting because we find that instead of the luxury sugar having come up it is the "FOOD" sugar that has raised its price. Yet—even though the price is up we have to have our sweet food just the same. Certainly the makers of that delicious beverage Coca-Cola must have discovered that sugar is up, because one of the principal ingredients in making Coca-Cola syrup is fine cane sugar. Think of it—they use an average of 80 tons of sugar a day—about 4 carloads. But unlike many manufacturers that company has itself borne the raise and so you and I pay just the same today for our bottle or glass of Coca-Cola that we've always paid. Incidentally, this phase of the situation is a good reminder of the benefits one gets from drinking a beverage as pure and good as Coca-Cola. Not only do we please our palates and derive wholesome refreshment from the drink but we also give our systems that bit of sugar sweetness that they crave and which is necessary to health and tissues. Is it any wonder then that Coca-Cola is so popular and so universally drunk that it has been called "the drink the nation drinks"?



CROP REPORT FROM STATE DEPARTMENT

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 31.—The commissioner of agriculture sends out the following report today showing crop conditions in certain counties for the week ending Aug. 20th: Taylor, Haskell, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland and Callahan counties weather warm and dry. Maize gathering 80 per cent. Cotton suffering slightly. Delta, Lamar and Red River counties. Local showers and lower temperatures checking destruction of cotton. Peanuts, sweet potatoes and sorghum needing rain. Sorghum for hay, 75 per cent for molasses, 50 per cent. La Salle, Dimmit and Zavalla counties. Abundant rains have fallen. Feed crops doing well. Pasturage for fall assured. Extensive planting of frijole beans

gong on. Anderson, Cherokee and Houston counties. Cool nights, local rains. Corn, 90 per cent; peas, peanuts, sugar cane, sweet potatoes and hay crops 95 per cent. Cotton 40 to 60 per cent.

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.

C. C. Robason of Benoit, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday and while here renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

CHANGE IN GAME LAW; 15 IS LIMIT

Ballinger hunters, who had planned to be in the field at day light this morning and make the "first killing," were no doubt disappointed when they found the general downpour of rain making sweet music.

The game season is on; at least that part of the season during which time it is not a violation of the law to kill as many as fifteen doves per day. It is reported by those who have been watching the crop that doves are plentiful in the Ballinger country, but with a few days slaughter the birds will begin to leave the country.

We understand that there are several deputy game wardens in this country, deputized for the special purpose of enforcing the new changes in the game laws. The man who has his old gun in shape, and who expects to devote some of his spare time to dove shooting during the next few days, might profit by posting himself, as well as the man who will shoot quail when the quail season opens, and the season for other games in this section. There have been some changes in the game law, and for the benefit of Ballinger hunters, we publish the following information relative to open season for hunting all kinds of game to be found in this section:

The species coming under the law may be taken in the number specified from the sunrise of the opening day to the sunset of the date set for termination of the open season.

Deer—November 1 to January 1; limit three bucks; does and fawns protected at all times.

Wild turkey—December 1 to April 1; limit three for the season.

Doves—September 1 to March 1; limit 15 per day.

Quail—December 1 to February 1; limit 15 per day.

Prairie chicken—November 1 to February 1; limit 15 per day. There has been a closed season of five years on the prairie chickens, which expires this year. Under the state law they can now be shot during the months of November, December and January.

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.

SEPTEMBER RUSHED IN WITH GOOD RAIN

What this country lost in moisture during the months of June, July and August promises to be made up in September. Before September was six hours old mother earth was soaking wet, with a general down-pour driving the moisture in the ground and filling the branches with water. Nearly a half inch of rain fell on the last day of August, but the shower was confined to a small territory. The heavy rain began falling in Ballinger about five o'clock Friday morning and continued almost up to the noon hour, raining at least six hours without a let up. At noon the rain gauge registered about three inches at Ballinger, and a report furnished by the West Texas Telephone Co., from other points follows:

Abilene, light shower; Ballinger, 3 inches; Benoit, 1 1-2 inch; Blackwell, 1 inch; Bradshaw, 1 inch; Brady, no rain; Bronte 1 1-2 inch; Brownwood, good rain; Coleman, 3 1-100 inches; Concho, Good rain; Crews, 1 1-2 inch; Eden, light shower; Ft. Chadbourn, 1 1-2 inch; Hatchel, 1 1-2 inch; Leaday, line in trouble; Maverick, 1 1-2 inch; Menard, no rain; Miles, 2 inches; Millersview, light shower; Norton, 1 1-2 inch; Olfen, Good rain; Ovalo light shower; Paint Rock, 2 inches; Pony, line trouble; Rowena, 2 inches; San Angelo, 1-2 inch; Santa Anna, light shower; Stacy, no rain; Talpa, 1 inch; Truitt, 1 1-2 inch; Wilmeth, 1-8 inch; Wingate, light shower; Winters, 7-10 inch.

PUGET SOUND TO GULF HIGHWAY

People at both ends of the proposed line and at many points through the country which it is expected the line will pass, are interested in the building of a National Highway, to be known as the "Puget Sound to the Gulf Highway," and the proposed building of this line is the cause of the call being made for a meeting to be held at Austin, September 6th at one-thirty o'clock.

There are three proposed routes for this line through Central West Texas. One of the routes include this county, and the placing of Ballinger on the highway. Ballinger has been asked to send a representative to the Austin meeting. D. E. Colp, secretary of the Texas Good Roads Association and W. E. Long, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Austin, are busy working up the attendance for the Austin meeting and several letters have been received from both of these gentlemen urging that Ballinger be represented.

At first glance we should realize the importance of securing this road. It means more to Ballinger than another railroad would profit. Thousands of people would be brought this way every year, resulting in financial benefits for practically every line of business in the city.

It is the purpose of the federal government to maintain a number of National Highways thru the United States, and it is believed that all the proposed lines will be taken over and maintained by the government within five years, and when they are established they will be gradually improved until there will be a constant stream of tourists passing through this country throughout the entire year.

At this time we have no commercial organization to look after such matters, and unless the people get together and take some steps, and co-operate for the upbuilding of the country, Ballinger will suffer.

MAYR'S WONDERFUL REMEDY FOR STOMACH TROUBLE

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.

Million Profit a Week for Ford

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 1.—A profit of more than \$1,000,000 a week was made by the Ford Motor company during the year which ended July 31, according to the financial statement made public yesterday. The year's business totaled \$206,867,347; the year's profit was \$59,994,118. Cash in hand and in banks totaled \$52,530,771. In 1912 the available cash was \$6,400,000.

Total number men employed in all plants is 49,870. Of these 26,626 are receiving \$5.00 a day or more, the statement says. More than 27,000 of these men are employed in Detroit.

Henry Ford announced that most of the profits would be used in expanding the company's business.

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, 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.

W. E. Chambers of the Ballinger Lumber Co., left for points East Saturday afternoon on a short business trip.

Health and happiness have been essentials to the well being of the human race since creation. Naturally, health is sought by everyone—thousands suffering from blood maladies, are giving thanks to the wonderful results obtained through **S. S. S.**

Happiness and health are bound by a strong band of security when **S. S. S.** is permitted to assist nature in restoring strength and vigor to the over worked and poisoned blood, with its strengthening vegetable qualities.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY MASS MEETING HELD

Nearly one hundred citizens responded to a call for a mass meeting which was held at the city hall just before noon Monday. The meeting was called for the purpose of taking steps to secure the Puget Sound to the Gulf National Highway, about which readers of this paper are more or less familiar.

Scott H. Mack was elected chairman of the meeting and the question of good roads were discussed for about one hour. Judge Jno. I. Guion, J. McGregor, J. W. Powell and others briefly outlining the benefits to be derived by building through this county a highway that would attract tourists from the North, and South, East and West, and from every part of the country.

A telephone message from D. E. Colp, who was at Sweetwater en route to Ballinger, making a trip over the country for the purpose of logging out a route for the proposed highway, stated that he would arrive in Ballinger at eleven o'clock. It was the purpose of those calling the meeting to have Mr. Colp present to address the citizens, but on account of car trouble he and his party did not arrive until after noon.

However, a committee was appointed to meet Mr. Colp and ascertain what was necessary for Ballinger to do to get on this highway, and to also appoint a delegation of business men to go to Austin Wednesday and attend a meeting which is to be

held in that city, at which time the proposed road will probably be routed, and steps taken to put through a proposition which is now receiving the entire time and attention of the Texas Good Roads Association, of which Mr. Colp is the secretary.

E. D. Walker, Jack McGregor, R. W. Bruce, Chas. Ferguson, Scott H. Mack, and R. P. Kirk, constituted the committee appointed.

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.

COURT GOES TO PAINT ROCK

Judge Jno. W. Goodwin and District Attorney Early of Brownwood, and Judge Jno. W. Hornsby of Austin, and Judges Doss & Baugh of Ballinger, left from this point Monday to attend District Court at Paint Rock.

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.

C. P. Mosley of Waco, coach for Baylor university, passed thru Ballinger Saturday en route home from Winters.

Ballinger, Sept 12 TUESDAY, Sept 12 FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL TOUR HOWE'S GREAT LONDON SHOWS

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Over 1,000 Men, Women, Horses and Animals. Two Trains of Double Length Cars will bring it to you. GRAND, GIGANTIC, MORAL MUSEUM OF MARVELS. The Great Triple Golden Menagerie- INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL CONVENTION



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\$25,000 HERD OF PERFORMING ELEPHANTS 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 Menagerie.

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.

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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 Val-davia and is welcomed by the inventor and his daughter, Cleo. On the trial trip of the inventor's boat, a Japanese helper is surprised in the act of examining the mechanism of the ventilating device. Hope reports favorably on the new device but there are others interested in it. An attempt to burglarize Doctor Burke's laboratory fails, but later Cleo finds him murdered in his bedroom. Cleo sells her father's books to get 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 man they hunt 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. The conspirators fail to harm Hope and Cleo. They manage to reach Sandsboro, where Doctor Owen has one of the books. Each of the others approach the doctor, but he refuses to hear them. He arranges to meet Hope at the hotel with the book. Morton poses as Hope and but for an earthquake would have possessed the volume.

NINTH INSTALLMENT

Though the earthquake caused considerable material damage to Sandsboro, partially wrecking the hotel, a bank, and several smaller buildings, but few casualties and no fatalities resulted. Within an hour Hope, Cleo, and Doctor Owen, their clothing still showing traces of dust and falling plaster, were seated about a table in the latter's study, poring over the book which Cleo had snatched from Olga during the panic in the restaurant.

"There's nothing in this one, either," said Hope disgustedly, as he turned the last leaf and slammed the cover. "That leaves six more books to look for. Things are narrowing down, in any event."

"Where do we go now, Jarvis?" asked Cleo.

"The next name on the list," said Hope, taking from his pocketbook the page from Dawson's ledger, "is Richard Patten, care general delivery, Santa Eulalia."

"And where is Santa Eulalia?"

"It's at the southern end of the San Joaquin valley, Miss Burke," said the physician. "Right in the edge of the mountains. It's only a small place. You shouldn't have difficulty in finding your man there."

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"There he is, over by the door," said the clerk, pointing to Hope, who, haggard with anxiety, was discussing with Hook further plans to be followed in the search for Cleo.

"Say, mister," piped the boy, tugging at Hope's sleeve, "is your name Jarvis Hope?"

"That's my name, son," said the officer. "What do you want of me?"

"I reckon this letter's fer you, then," and the boy displayed the note from Cleo.

Hope eagerly devoured the few ill-written lines.

"It's from Cleo!" he exclaimed, turning to Hook, who was peering eagerly over his shoulder. "Thank God, she's alive! That hell-hound Morton has her a prisoner up in the mountains. In a cabin on a ledge, she says."

"Do you think you could show me the place where you saw her?"

"Sure. I been fishin' there a lot of times."

"Come along, then," cried Hope, and, followed by Hook, he fairly dragged the boy into his motor car.

So excited were Hope and Hook at the prospect of finding Cleo that neither of them noticed that another car was following them, nor, when the roughness of the country compelled them to leave their machine and proceed on foot, did they notice that the two men in the other car did likewise.

For two hours the boy led along the winding course of the river until at last they reached the gloomy defile, with its perpendicular walls of rock, known as Dead Man's gull.

"There's where I seen the lady—up there," said the boy, pointing to where, far above them, the sheer face of the cliff cut the sky.

"Do you know how to get up there?" demanded Hope.

"Nope," was the answer. "I ain't never been up here 'cept for fishin'."

"Come on, Hook," called Hope. "There must be a trail to the top somewhere if we can only find it." At last, streaming with perspiration and staggering from exhaustion, he reached the mesa where Morton had landed in the aeroplane. A few score yards away he could see, above a line of bushes, a weather-beaten cabin, and, standing in the doorway—God be thanked!—was Cleo. They saw each other at almost the same instant. Running to the brink of the chasm which separated them, Hope tried to call across to her, but the distance was too great; she could not catch his words. But he saw her pointing to the cable. Hurrying to the end of it, he glanced about for the basket, but it was not to be seen. Rendered reckless by his thoughts for Cleo, and taking no thought as to how he was to get back, he grasped with both hands the pulley-hook from which had hung the basket and swung himself off into space. He was half way across the appalling abyss when Cleo, who had been watching him in terrified fascination, uttered a piercing shriek of horror. Small wonder that she shrieked. She had seen a man emerge suddenly from the bushes which lined the opposite cliff—a man whose evil face she recognized. It was Mahlin! Frozen with horror, she saw him run toward the end of the cable from which Hope was dangling. She saw him swing an ax high above his head; she saw it whistle through the air and bite deep into the rusted cable; she saw the strands of wire part, one by one; she saw her lover's face turn pallid—and then she fainted.

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pened to the engine," he thought. "We're in for a smash, for we can never make a landing on those mountains." Scarcely had the thought leaped through his mind when what had looked an instant before like a rocky and inhospitable mountainside resolved itself into a grass-covered mesa on which the machine landed as lightly as a bird.

The mesa, or tableland, on which they stood apparently ended, a few hundred feet away, against a sheer wall of rock which rose skyward as abruptly as the side of a house. In the base of this cliff was a square, black hole, evidently the entrance to an abandoned mine, and near by stood a rudely built and dilapidated cabin.

The cabin, he now saw, was built on a narrow shelf of rock; behind it rose the sheer cliff; before it was an abyss. It stood, indeed, on a veritable island in the air, and the only way to reach that island was by means of a wire cable which was stretched across the chasm. From this cable, red with rust, but apparently still strong, hung a sort of basket, roughly constructed, by means of which one could ferry himself across the river of space.

"Great place for kidnapers or counterfeiters, eh? The police wouldn't find 'em here in a year of Sundays."

Morton had started toward the machine but, at Smith's remark, he turned and walked back to the edge of the chasm, where he stood staring at the cabin on the edge, apparently lost in thought.

"The place seems to interest you," said Smith, laughing. "Thinking of opening up the mine?"

"No," said Morton thoughtfully, as he turned away, "but I have just thought of another way in which it might be made to pay."

"Bob," said Morton, as he and the

aviator sat that evening at a table in a cafe, "what are you going to do after you have finished your engagement here?"

"I haven't any engagements ahead," Smith answered gloomily. "I'm thinking of taking a run East to see if I can't book a few dates."

"Going to take the machine with you?"

"No. Freight's too high and it's too much of a speculation. I'll leave it on the coast until I get something."

"The trip you gave me this afternoon seems to have reawakened my enthusiasm for aviation," said Morton lightly. "I find that I shall have to stay around here for the next few weeks and I'd like to pass the time with something more exciting than golf. Why not rent me your machine? I'll assume all the risks and I'll pay you enough to make it worth your while. How about it?"

Before Smith and Morton separated the latter had become the temporary owner of the aeroplane.

Morton and Olga fully realized that, as a result of their desperate but unsuccessful attempt to obtain possession of the book from Doctor Owen in the restaurant at Sandsboro, they had shown their hand and that, henceforth, they might as well play their game in the open. Recognizing that Hope and Cleo could have no object in continuing their search for the books had they discovered the lost formula in the one which Fitzmaurice had loaned to Doctor Owen, the two conspirators followed the naval officer and the girl to Santa Eulalia, where they learned, by a few inquiries, that Patten was prospecting in the mountains and that it was uncertain when he would return. As the hotel was the only one in Santa Eulalia, Morton and Olga established themselves in the nearby town of Ellenville.

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"As far as it goes," said Olga, "it is admirable. You seem, however, to have overlooked one rather important detail. You tell me that this cabin is practically inaccessible. How do you

proposed, then, to get the girl to it?"

"By aeroplane," Morton exclaimed triumphantly.

On an afternoon early in the following week, Cleo, as had become her custom, was strolling along a quiet lane in the outskirts of Santa Eulalia. Today she was alone, however, for Hope had been called to Los Angeles on business. So completely absorbed in her thoughts was Cleo that she paid no attention to the large closed car, with drawn curtains, which rolled silently up behind her. Just as it came opposite her the door swung open, a man leaped out, a blanket was thrown over her head, muffling her screams, and she was dragged into the car, the whole performance being enacted in far less time than it takes to tell it. She struggled desperately to free herself from the enveloping folds, but unseen hands pinned her against the cushions while someone held a sponge, saturated with something that smelled sweet and sickly, over her nose and mouth.

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"So you're awake at last, my dear," he said, coming toward her. "How are you feeling?"

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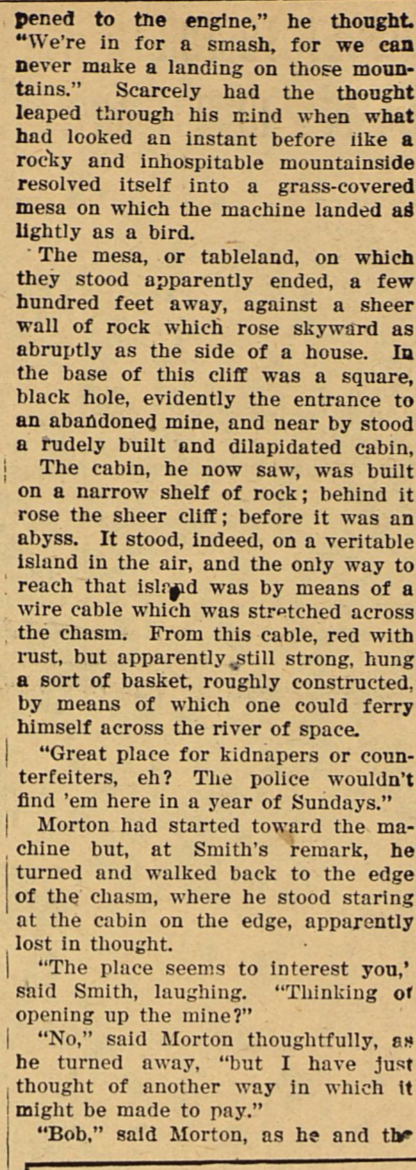
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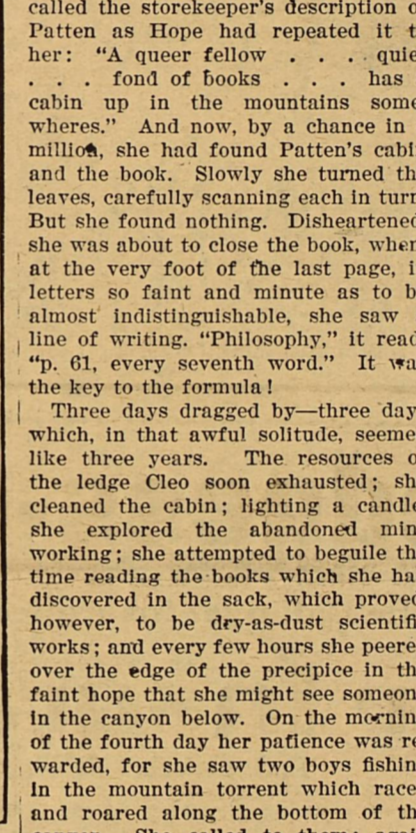
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"And you're going to marry me, too, my beauty," he repeated, his breath hot upon her cheek, and he bent forward to kiss her, but, with a sudden movement, she wrenched herself free.

"Marry you?" she cried contemptuously. "Marry you, you cur, you cad? I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man left on earth!" and, as he again attempted to kiss her, she slapped him in the face.

"You little devil!" he snarled, livid with anger, "you'll kiss me now, and before I'm through with you you'll be glad to marry me," and he made as though to seize her, but, eluding his grasp, she reached the door, opened it, and fled with Morton at her heels. A hundred yards she ran blindly; then stopped abruptly, trembling with terror and excitement, for at her very feet a chasm yawned. But as her pursuer approached she turned defiantly.

"If you attempt to touch me, Mr. Morton," she said steadily, "I shall jump. I would rather be dead than have you lay a hand on me."

"You need a chance to cool down and think things over," he said. "I suppose my proposal was a little sudden. So I'll just leave you here for a few days, my dear. You will find a basket of food on the table, and there will be no one to disturb you. It's a quiet, restful place—no one could find you here in a thousand years. Sure you won't change your mind and give me a kiss, my dear? No? Well, then, I'll be going. When I come back

again I fancy that you'll be a little more cordial."

She saw him walk briskly along the edge of the cliff to a cable arrangement which, in her panic, she had failed to notice; saw him climb into a basket which was suspended from a pulley-wheel which ran upon the cable; saw him haul himself across the chasm by means of a rope, get out of the basket, detach it from the pulley, and disappear with it behind the screen of bushes which lined the opposite cliff. A few minutes later she heard a sudden roar, as of a motor car with its muffler open, and before her astonished eyes an aeroplane arose.

Having convinced herself that escape from the ledge was impossible save with assistance from outside, Cleo returned to the cabin, less worried than might have been expected, for she knew that Hope and Hook, once they discovered her absence, would move heaven and earth to find her. On the table was the basket of provisions brought by Morton—a cold ham, bread, potatoes, tinned meats—enough to last her with reasonable economy, she figured, for at least a week. She discovered a cupboard which contained matches, candles, a bag of salt, some tins of fruit and vegetables, and a meal sack filled with what felt like books. Untying the string, she emptied the contents of the sack upon the floor—then gave a cry of astonishment and joy. For, amid the tattered dog-eared volumes, was one she recognized. It was a work on metallurgy—one of the dozen books which, since her earliest recollection, had stood on the shelf above her father's desk. She opened it with trembling fingers. Written in a firm, bold hand across the flyleaf was the name, "Richard Patten." By one of those coincidences which causes fiction to hang its head, Morton had brought her to the cabin of the very man for whom they were searching. Now she recalled the storekeeper's description of Patten as Hope had repeated it to her: "A queer fellow . . . quiet . . . fond of books . . . has a cabin up in the mountains somewhere." And now, by a chance in a million, she had found Patten's cabin and the book. Slowly she turned the leaves, carefully scanning each in turn. But she found nothing. Disheartened, she was about to close the book, when, at the very foot of the last page, in letters so faint and minute as to be almost indistinguishable, she saw a line of writing, "Philosophy," it read, "p. 61, every seventh word." It was the key to the formula!

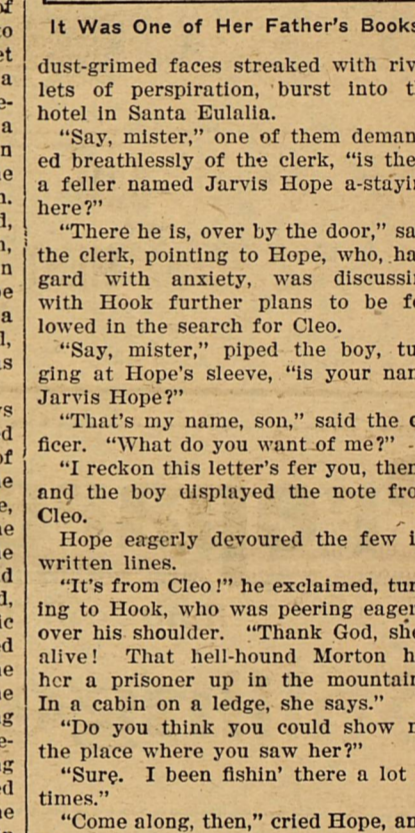
Three days dragged by—three days which, in that awful solitude, seemed like three years. The resources of the ledge Cleo soon exhausted; she cleaned the cabin; lighting a candle, she explored the abandoned mine working; she attempted to beguile the time reading the books which she had discovered in the sack, which proved, however, to be dry-as-dust scientific works; and every few hours she peered over the edge of the precipice in the faint hope that she might see someone in the canyon below. On the morning of the fourth day her patience was rewarded, for she saw two boys fishing in the mountain torrent which raced and roared along the bottom of the canyon. She called to them; again and again she screamed, but the distance and the noise of the river drowned her voice. Gathering a handful of pebbles, she stretched herself on the edge of the cliff and commenced to methodically bombard the boys below. A dozen pebbles she threw without attracting their attention, but at last, when she had almost abandoned hope, a pebble struck one of them on the shoulder. Whirling about to see where it had come from, he saw Cleo on the ledge, half a thousand feet above. He called to his companion and they both stood staring up at her. Frantically she beckoned to them, but they shook their heads; it was evident that they knew of no path by which to reach the ledge. She tried to call to them, but it was impossible to make them hear. Suddenly a thought struck her. Running to the cabin, she looked wildly about for pencil and paper, but could find neither. On the table lay the book which contained the code. Tearing out the flyleaf she lighted match after match, let them burn for a moment, blew them out, and, using the blackened ends in lieu of a pencil, scrawled her brief call for help: "Held prisoner by Morton in cabin on ledge in mountains. Come quickly, Cleo." Folding the sheet, she addressed it to Jarvis Hope, Shaftsbury Hotel, Santa Eulalia. Now her problem was how to get the message to the boys below, for, should she let it flutter down, it would, in all probability, be carried away by a gust of wind, and, if she tied it to a stone, it might plunge into the river and be lost. All at once there came to her the recollection of an amusement of her childhood. With her handkerchief and a piece of string she made a miniature parachute, such as children use; weighted it with a small stone, and tied to the stone the message. Returning to the cliff, she first held up the parachute for the boys to see, then tossed it out into space. Almost instantly the handkerchief billowed out, thus checking its descent, and it sailed gently downward into the boys' outstretched hands. She could see them slowly deciphering the ill-written message, and then glance up at her again, whereupon she gestured frantically that they were to take it to the town. They quickly caught her meaning and, giving her a wave of encouragement, started down the canyon on a run.

Hope did not return from Los Angeles until the day following Cleo's disappearance. He was met at the railway station by Hook, who, almost

beside himself with anxiety, told him the news. He wired to Los Angeles for detectives. Stirred by Cleo's youth and beauty and the mystery which enveloped her disappearance, posses of cowboys and citizens scoured the surrounding region.

It was on a Monday afternoon that Cleo disappeared. Shortly before noon on Friday two panting boys, their

"I Want You to Marry Me," Said Morton.



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THE MURDER RECORD.

In Scotland there is an average of 40 murders annually. What do you suppose the average is in Texas? Go look it up, and write us your opinion of the comparison.

The British Isles contain nine times the population of Texas. You would be surprised to find out that the annual murder crop is about the same in both, wouldn't you? Go look that up also.

While you are about it, look up the murder record of France, Germany, Italy, Austria, yes, even of despised Russia, and then compare Texas with each.

Scarcely a day passes but there comes to this office the news of some wicked, wanton and unnecessary spilling of human blood.

No excuse is regarded as too flimsy to warrant this worst of crimes, while the public takes no more than a mild and sportsmanlike interest.

A man is killed for 45 cents, a woman is shot because she won't come home and be beaten up. There is a quarrel over some unimportant land deal, then a shot and a funeral.

At trials it is not uncommon to see blood-stained fingers wandering through the golden ringlets of some little child who is employed as a trump card to save some guilty father. The jury blubbers and acquits him. They knew he ought to have gone up, the twelve good men and true explain, "But that kid just got us."—Houston Chronicle.

Life is cheap in Texas. Men are killed on "trumped-up" excuses, and be it said to the shame of our courts, the excuses hold good when the red-handed murderer is presented at the bar. There is a reason why Texas has

SPEED FIENDS
CAUGHT AT TALPA

The man who drove his car thru Ballinger at a speed of about sixty miles per hour, was caught at Talpa and slightly punished for the violation of the traffic law. We say slightly punished because he was only required to pay a small fine, when such offenders deserve a severer punishment than the mere parting with of a few dollars.

We are reliably informed that two of the men lived at Coleman and one at Breckenridge. It seems that the Breckenridge man was driving the car, which was a Dodge with a Coleman number on it. The party were enroute from a visit to San Angelo, and the speed of the car attracted the attention of people along the road, as well as when the car passed through Ballinger when it is believed that the highest speed possible for the car to make was made.

City Marshall Pilcher was turning the corner at the Ballinger State Bank just as the car passed, and got a pretty good description of the men, and immediately phoned to the deputy sheriff at Talpa and the men found their way blocked with a big six shooter when they reached that town. They denied coming through Ballinger when first placed under arrest, but soon realized they were in the clutches of the law, and requested to be allowed to settle the cost without being brought back to Ballinger, and after paying their fines and cost to the amount of about \$20 they were permitted to go on their way.

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SHOULD UNITE FOR GAME PROTECTION

Rev. J. W. Raby called at The Ledger office Tuesday and placed a notice of warning to hunters against hunting on his property on Valley creek. Mr. Raby has one of the best pieces of farm property in Rannels county, and he thinks a great deal of his game, and in order that people might know that he is protecting the game he has posted notices at every gate and at conspicuous places, and is also placing a notice in the weekly and daily Ledger.

"I do not shoot the game on my place myself, and I am not going to permit any one else to do so," said Mr. Raby, in discussing the slaughter of game in this country which has almost completely exterminated every kind of game. He stated that he had several nice coveys of quail on his place, and some of them were very gentle, and would feed around close to the house, and he also emphasized that he would make it interesting for any one he caught trying to kill them, or hunting game of any kind on his place.

"I think the farmers of this country should unite for the protection of quail," said Mr. Raby, "for I know quail to be a benefit to any farm instead of a nuisance. The quail does not destroy grain, but destroys insects. The dove is a grain bird," said Mr. Raby.

Mr. Raby also stated that he had a good many squirrels on his place and it was his intention to protect these and do everything he could to get a good start of squirrels and quail. Mr. Raby is preparing to stock his farm with Nebraska Pheasant, and he says he will provide a breeding, or roosting place near his home for these and will allow them to go where they please. In this way the Pheasant can be

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

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

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

SAYS BALLINGER IS LOSING GOOD OPPORTUNITIES

D. C. Imboden, representing the International Soil Products Exposition and Dry Farming Congress to be held at El Paso Oct. 14-26, was a visitor to Ballinger today. Mr. Imboden says the big show at El Paso promises to be a great success in every respect.

President Wilson will open the congress, being en route to the Pacific coast, and also from the dedication trip of the Elephant Butte dam. The directors expect not less than one hundred thousand visitors from other countries and every state in the Union will be well represented.

Mr. Imboden says the natural advantages of the Ballinger country are great in his opinion, and that the people here are losing by not taking advantage of the op-

RETURNS FROM PLEASANT COAST TRIP.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gannaway returned home Saturday night from Houston, where they spent a couple of weeks with relatives. They were not due to return home for another week, but the threatened strike caused them to hurry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gannaway were in Houston at the time of the Gulf storm which did so much damage at Corpus Christi and other places in that section of the state, and which caused so many people to leave Galveston. Mr. Gannaway says the Galveston people came to Houston by the train loads, and were greatly excited over what he said was nothing more than a West Texas dust storm.

While gone Mr. and Mrs. Gannaway made three trips to Gal-

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Mrs. J. T. Tyler of Waco, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Milton, since spending some time in Colorado, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

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Rev. J. W. Best left Monday afternoon for Pearl, Texas, on a short visit and business trip.

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We trust that other farmers will take the same steps that Mr. Raby is taking to protect his game. Almost all kinds of game have become extinct, and if a concerted stand is not taken against the reckless slaughter of birds, such game will soon become a curiosity in this country.

THINKS FARMERS SHOULD PLOW COTTON

A prominent citizen of this county, and an experienced cotton man, one who has devoted much of his life to a line of business that is akin and closely related to the cotton industry, but he is not a cotton buyer either, sees the possibilities of a much larger cotton crop than was expected.

"Cotton is growing in a hurry," said the gentleman to a Ledger man today, "and I think the farmers should plow their cotton before the ground bakes. With a late frost there is no telling what the cotton will do, and by conserving the moisture that we have from another good rain of last week, a big cotton crop can yet be produced."

The gentleman is correct, and knows what he is talking about. It is probable that there will be two months of cotton making weather before frost, and it is possible that this country will enjoy a longer period of frostless weather, and in that event much cotton can be produced from the healthy stalk that is now putting on growth so fast since the rain. Picking cotton and plowing cotton in the same field may appear to be a waste of time, but the farmer who does both of these things may be able to drive a six cylinder car, while the other fellow who spends his time cussing the country will be driving old Back to a rattle trap buggy, or staying at home. Who knows?

portunity to place before the many visitors who will visit Dallas during the state fair and El Paso during the congress, an exhibit from this county, and advertise the country among the many home seekers who will visit the state.

We think Mr. Imboden is correct. It there ever was a spot on the map that needed a good live chamber of commerce, with a good secretary, that place is Ballinger.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

District Attorney W. U. Early, who returned Sunday from an extended vacation trip to Kentucky and Tennessee, yesterday had the pleasure of pocketing a hundred dollars from the sale of a bale of cotton and seed. The cotton sold for 15.27, making the value of the bale about \$84, and the seed more than brought the total receipts from the sale to a hundred beans.

"I will have about fifty bales to sell this year," said Judge Early this morning, "and hope to realize enough from the cotton to pay my campaign expenses in the recent primary election."—Brownwood Bulletin.

Mrs. A. T. Campbell was operated upon at the Halley & Love sanitarium Tuesday for appendicitis, and we are glad to report her resting very nicely at last reports.

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.

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H. C. Connor of Benoit, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

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Knox hats in the new straight brim and all the new colors for fall. Dark brown, green, grey and black. Priced at

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Caps

Have you seen the new ones? Prettier than heretofore, Prices

50c to \$1.50

Fall Footwear

New shoes are here. Our preparations for fall are now completed so we invite all men and young men of this community to call and see the new styles. Emphasis is placed on the quality of our footwear, every pair is made by manufacturers whose product has reached the highest standard of perfection.

The Dixie is glazed kangaroo and made by Howard & Foster, a shoe for the young men who care; Price \$6.00.

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Gun metal, and kids in many different shapes at \$3.00 up to \$5.00.

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Solid leather shoes for schools Wear, priced at

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MELTON DRY GOODS COMPANY

GIN RECEIPTS FAR AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

Ed P. Eason, government cotton reporter from this county, was here from Winters Tuesday, having just completed calling on the gins in the county and filed his report to Washington. Mr. Eason is not allowed to give out any figures before the department at Washington issues the report, but he says he believes the present crop is the earliest in the history of the county. Something like one hundred bales of cotton had been ginned in the county last year up to the first of September, while for the present year the gin receipts will run about two hundred bales.

Mr. Eason would not venture a guess as to the total ginning for the season, but said the recent rains would prove a big benefit to the cotton crop of the county, and would be the means of increasing the receipts wonderfully above what was expected a week ago.

Opening Announcement

We will open on next Saturday, in the Miller building, a new and dependable stock of merchandise, consisting of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats and notions. In order to get acquainted and establish ourselves, we will give the lowest price possible on all merchandise, making our terms cash and one-price-to-all. The public is cordially invited to pay us a visit and get acquainted, as well as getting our prices, and we will assure you that your patronage will be greatly appreciated.

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Citation

The State of Texas.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:
You are hereby commanded to summon J. A. Castlen by making publication of this citation once in 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, of 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 5th day of September in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, Number 1811, wherein Eulah Castlen is plaintiff and J. A. Castlen is defendant, the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows: That plaintiff is a bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas, and has resided in said Runnels county, continuously for more than six months next before the filing of this suit. That the residence of the defendant J. A. Castlen is unknown.

1. That plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married at Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, on the 12th day of March 1911, and lived and cohabited together as man and wife, part of the time until on or about February 28th, 1912, when the defendant finally left and abandoned the plaintiff with the expressed and evident intention of permanent abandonment, and has ever since been separated from and remained away from the plaintiff and has never returned.

2. Plaintiff avers that there is one child of the marriage of plaintiff and defendant, viz: Mary Runnels Castlen, now about three years old. That it is to the interest of said child, a girl, that she be and remain in the plaintiff's care and custody, free from any interference on the part of the defendant.

Premises all considered, plaintiff prays that defendant be cited in terms of law to answer this petition; that upon hearing hereof plaintiff have judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, and that plaintiff be divorced from defendant and for general relief.

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 5th day of September, A. D. 1916.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS,
Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 8-15-22-29

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NATIONAL HIGHWAY DELEGATES MEETING

AUSTIN, Sept. 6.—A meeting of delegates from Llano, Georgetown, Burnett, Brownwood, Ballinger, San Angelo, Lampasas, and San Antonio, is being held here today, in an effort to decide upon a route for the proposed Gulf-to-Puget Sound Highway. Marble Falls is represented also, by a special committee, which is agitating a \$125,000 for good roads in Burnett county. Among the San Antonio delegates are Roy Lacy, George Darrah, Carl Francis, H. E. Brown, C. A. Reed, Lewis Moore, W. E. Fry, C. J. Nibler, and others.

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A bale of cotton will pay for five acres, and a bale of cotton will grow on one acre. Shucks! You "ain't" talking to me.

You are talking to a pessimist. You are talking to a Socialist. There now! Back to business.

If I couldn't pay for a home in Runnels County at present prices of land, and the "big stuff" the land makes, I would start a petition to establish a home in Runnels county for the wabbly minded, by golly.

Lands have not advanced with commodities. The simplest minded can see a jump.

The man who cannot get a home now had better adjust a kicking attachment. There has not been such a time to get homes since Adam was a little boy.

Texas is no longer a 40-acre patch but the rows are a mile long and there is a jug of ice water at each end.

Moreover, gentlemen, that is not the last word.

The modern Runnels county farm has sprung a leak of pure gold. No use any longer to drill for oil. Cotton seed beats oil. Cotton beats cotton seed.

It beats the land. These prices. If we could catch the squeal and fry it in batter, it would be equal to angel food, by gum. Nothing to it. But I was writing about homes. That's the sweetest morsel a man ever rolled under his tongue. And to say, when he gets the home he can have the other morsels—livers, giz—ah,

there I go again. Pardon.

Homes. The man who owns a home owns it clear down to where it connects with the Chinaman's home. The man who owns his home is a multimillionaire. Take me. (Pardon for being personal). Take me for instance. I'm rich. Leastwise I think I am and that answers every purpose. I'm rich. I don't deny it. I know I'm rich. It gives me the fancy thrills and thrills. I wish others might get them. The way to get them is to get a home of your very own. I can sit on my front gallery and pat my foot and get a home in Runnels county. I have done it. Done it easily. I can do it again. Do it easier than ever.

Farming is a nifty, classy, top-notch business. Schure. If I had my year-before-last cotton I could buy The First National Bank of Ballinger (reference, Ralph Erwin). I made 134 bales. At present prices that would be at least \$13,400—give me the road.

Truce to your foolishness. This thing of our people getting homes should be no child's prattle. Listen: If the Federal Land Bank law becomes effective one hundred per cent more farmers will own their homes. If money is available at not over six per cent, on long time loans, farmers will buy homes. And there will be a "come back" to it. Local bankers will realize on the "come back." When our people are home owners, banks and every other line of business will be benefited. E. Nuff.

"UNCLE JOHNNIE."

MOST EVENTFUL CONGRESS CLOSES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Congress is arranging to quit work, and the lawmakers will walk out either late this evening or early tomorrow. The session just closing will go down in history as one of the most important in the American nation.

Inheriting its most pressing problems from the European War

and Mexican bandits, and having had placed before it one of the most elaborate legislative programs ever known, the Sixty-fourth Congress, now in its last hours, probably will go down in history as one of the nation's most eventful sessions.

Called on twice to back the President in steps which it thought surely meant war with Germany, and actually appropriating millions for the Mexican punitive expedition, it nevertheless found time for half a dozen domestic measures of major importance—and to approve the heaviest appropriations in American history.

"Preparedness" led in attention throughout. The largest naval appropriation the world has ever known in peace-time, and the next-but-one largest army budget, were approved. Back of every economic measure—child labor, rural credits, U. S. merchant marine, workmen's compensation, was the cry of "industrial preparedness."

Though the Democratic party never lost its hold on legislation, and though President Wilson at all times was the admitted pilot, not a single measure passed both Houses on strict party lines.

The most sensational episode of the session was the fight over the Gore and McLemore resolution, warning Americans off armed merchant ships after Germany had given notice it intended torpedoing them. Avoudably slaps at the President's foreign policy, they brought the Chief Executive and Congress into sharp conflict.

Leaders of Congress called on the President and warned him if the resolution came to a vote, they would be approved, two to one. The President's answer was a summary demand that they be tabled. Three or four days passed while the fight was organized from the White House. Then his congressional lieutenants struck, and the resolutions were overwhelmed. After that, Congress—except for one halting exception—accepted the President's leadership in foreign affairs without question.

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 Gannaway 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 1900 vrs to 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 to 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 plaintiff R. E. King further the sole owners of said land and premises so far as known to these plaintiffs and the estimated value thereof is (\$14,000.00) fourteen thousand dollars.

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

Citation by Publication
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:

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 un-

known 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.

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

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

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 2nd day of August, A. D., 1916.

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

CITATION
STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Sam Honig, Mose Honig, Annie Berkovitz and husband, Matthew Berkovitz, Fannie Weisz and husband, Emanuel Weisz, Sarah Herskovitz and husband, Salomon Herskovitz, by making publication of this Citation once in 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 15th day of July A. D., 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1790, wherein H. Giesecke, Independent Executor of the Estate of Wm. Honig, deceased, is Plaintiff, and Chas. E. Speck, Isaac Honig, Sam Honig, Mose Honig, Annie Berkovitz, and husband, Matthew Berkovitz, Fannie Weisz, and husband, Emanuel Weisz, Sarah Herskovitz, and husband, Salomon Herskovitz, are Defendants; the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

STATE OF TEXAS: The County of Runnels, In the District Court, October Term, 1916. To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas: (1) H. Giesecke, as Independent Executor of the Estate of Wm. Honig, deceased, and acting herein in that capacity, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled Plaintiff, complaining of Chas. E. Speck, who resides in Schleicher County, Texas, and of Isaac Honig, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, and of Sam Honig, Mose Honig, Annie Berkovitz, and her husband, Matthew Berkovitz, Fannie Weisz, and her husband, Emanuel Weisz, Sarah Herskovitz and her husband, Salomon Herskovitz, who are non-residents of the State of Texas, all of whom, are hereinafter styled Defendants, represents:

That heretofore, to-wit, on the 11th day of March, 1914, Wm. Honig departed this life, in Runnels County, Texas, testate, having left his last Will and Testament which was duly probated in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 4th day of May, 1914, the same being a regular term of said Court, the original of said last Will and Testament, duly probated as aforesaid, is now on file in the County Clerk's Office of Runnels County, Texas, a certified copy of which is filed in this cause for the purpose of having certain clauses and provisions therein, as hereinafter shown, construed by this Court.

(3) Plaintiff alleges that by the terms and provisions of said Will, he was appointed therein by the said Testator as Independent Executor, without bond and without any action of the County Court, probating said Will, further than the probating of the same and of filing an Inventory and Appraisal and list of claims in said estate as provided by law in such case. That after the death of the said Wm. Honig, as aforesaid, he made application in due form in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, for the probate of said Will, which was probated therein as aforesaid, and that by order of said Court he was duly appointed and qualified as such Independent Executor of said estate and has been acting as such ever since the said appointment in the discharge of his duties as such Independent Executor, and is now acting in that capacity.

(4) Plaintiff alleges that immediately upon his qualifications as such Independent Executor of said estate, that he forthwith prepared and filed in said County Court of Runnels County, Texas, the inventory and appraisal of said estate in manner and form as required by law in such case, and in which inventory there appears, as a part of the property of said estate, certain nine sections or surveys of land, of 640 acres each, situated in Schleicher County, Texas, the said nine sections or surveys of land being described as follows, to-wit: Survey No. 34, Abstract No. 1752, Certificate No. 1525; Survey No. 35, Abstract No. 958, Certificate No. 1526; Survey No. 38, Abstract No. 955, Certificate No. 1527; Survey No. 39, Abstract No. 959, Certificate No. 1528; Survey No. 69, Abstract No. 1085, Certificate No. 1435; Survey No. 70, Abstract No. 1267, Certificate No. 1435; Survey No. 71, Abstract No. 1338, Certificate No. 1436; Survey No. 72, Abstract No. 957, Certificate No. 1436; Survey No. 73, Abstract No. 961, Certificate No. 1437; each of said surveys being in the name of G. H. and S. A. Ry. Co. That the above nine sections or surveys of land were and are the only surveys of land inventoried as a part of the estate of the said Wm. Honig, deceased, as aforesaid, and the said nine sections being all the surveys of land, of 640 acres each, owned by the said Wm. Honig at the date of his death, as aforesaid.

(5) Plaintiff alleges that by the Fourth Clause or Provision of said last Will and Testament, probated as aforesaid, the first four surveys of land hereinbefore mentioned, namely, Surveys Nos. 34, 35, 38, and 39, were bequeathed and devised to the Defendant, Isaac Honig. That the remaining five sections, as above described, were by the Sixth Clause or Provision of said last Will and Testament, bequeathed and devised to the Plaintiff herein, in trust, however, for the Defendants, Isaac Honig, Sam Honig, Annie Berkovitz, Sarah Herskovitz and Fannie Weisz, share and share alike, that is, one fifth interest to each of said last name Defendants, upon the following conditions, which are set out in said Clause Sixth, in the following language, to-wit:

"I hereby direct and empower said H. Giesecke, Trustee to sell and convey and execute deed or deeds to said five sections of land or any part thereof, at any time within five years after the date of my death as to him, may seem best, and to divide the proceeds of such sale or sales, that is the net proceeds, in equal portions or sums between my said three sisters and my said two brothers, that is, one fifth to each of them. Should said land have been sold within the five years named, then in that event, he, the said H. Giesecke shall at the expiration of said time, partition same, share and share alike, in equal portions, having regard to the value thereof, between my said three sisters and said two brothers, executing to each of them a deed for their respective shares. Until said land shall have been sold or partitioned as aforesaid, the said H. Giesecke, Trustee, shall have the exclusive management and control of said land and shall each year divide the net rents and revenues arising therefrom, equally between my said three sisters and said two brothers. It is understood, however, that said lands are to be taken and accepted subject to the unpaid purchase money owing to the State of Texas thereon, that is each of my said sisters and two brothers shall pay to the State of Texas, the unpaid purchase money owing on said five sections of land in proportions of one fifth, by each of them respectively.

"The devise of the one fifth interest herein made to my brother Isaac Honig, is in addition to the property hereinbefore in sections or paragraphs three and four, of this will, bequeathed and devised to him, and is made and given to him by reason of his faithful, kind and affectionate service and care of me during my affliction and I deem it right and just that he should have the largest share and part of my estate."

That the language quoted above from said Clause Sixth of said Will, has direct reference to said five surveys, to-wit: Nos. 69, 70, 71, 72, and 73 hereinbefore described, there being no other surveys of land belonging to the said estate of Wm. Honig, deceased, to which the aforesaid quoted language could apply, or to the said Testator intended the same to apply, and that said Testator intended said language in said Will, as above quoted, to apply to the said five sections last mentioned, and to none other, they being the identical five surveys of land intended by the Testator, in said Clause Sixth in his said Will, to devise and bequeath to his said friend, H. Giesecke, Plaintiff herein, in trust for the purposes set out in said Clause Sixth in the language as hereinbefore quoted therefrom. That by the terms of said Will, appearing in said Clause Sixth thereof, and in the language as hereinbefore quoted therefrom, the said H. Giesecke, as such Trustee, Plaintiff herein, is expressly empowered and directed to

sell and convey, and execute deed or deeds to the aforesaid last mentioned five sections of land at any time within five years after the date of the death of the said Testator, and to apply the proceeds of such sale or sales, that is, the net proceeds, as directed in said Clause Sixth, and in the language hereinbefore quoted therefrom, and in the manner therein directed.

(6) Plaintiff alleges that the five years has not elapsed since the death of said Testator, as is apparent from the foregoing allegations and that he having qualified as such Independent Executor of said estate, as aforesaid, and having accepted the trust as provided in said Clause Sixth of said Will, did thereafter, in the capacity as such Trustee, and as Independent Executor, as aforesaid, to-wit, on the 24th day of June, 1916, in virtue of the power so vested in him by the terms of said Will, and especially by the power conferred upon him in said Clause Sixth of said Will, and in pursuance thereof, and for the purpose of executing said trust, did on the date last aforesaid, in the capacity as aforesaid, enter into a contract with the said Defendant, Chas. E. Speck, of Schleicher County, Texas, for the sale of said five sections of land last above described, which contract was then and there written and executed by the Plaintiff herein, in the capacity as aforesaid, with the said Defendant, Chas. E. Speck, in duplicate, by the terms of which the Plaintiff contracted to sell the said last mentioned five sections of land to the said Defendant, Chas. E. Speck, for a valuable consideration as set forth in said written contract of sale, which was then and there and is an advantageous sale of said five sections of land and the full market price therefor. That the Defendant, Chas. E. Speck, being now in actual possession of said five sections of land last above described in virtue of said contract of sale, and the Plaintiff is desirous of consummating said contract of sale of said five sections of land, last described, to the said Chas. E. Speck, by making a proper and legal deed of conveyance there-to to the said Chas. E. Speck, and receive the consideration therefor as provided in said contract of sale, and, to that end, in view of the fact, a question has recently arisen as to the validity of the said trust as provided in said Clause Sixth of said Will, giving the right to the Plaintiff herein, as such Trustee, to sell and convey to the said Chas. E. Speck, the aforesaid last described five sections of land, and that, by reason thereof, it has become necessary, for the interest of said estate, that a proper decree of this Court be obtained, judicially construing said Clause Sixth of said last Will and Testament of the said Wm. Honig, deceased, in order to determine whether or not the Plaintiff herein, in the capacity as aforesaid, has the power to make, execute and deliver a deed of conveyance in writing, conveying the fee simple title to said five sections of land last above described to the said Chas. E. Speck.

(7) WHEREFORE, premises considered, Plaintiff prays that the Defendants, Isaac Honig and Chas. E. Speck be duly cited to answer herein, and that the other Defendants, non-residents of the State of Texas, as aforesaid, be duly cited herein, by publication in manner and form as required by law in such case to answer herein, and that on final hearing hereof, Plaintiff have judgment of this court construing said Clause or Provision Sixth of said Will, and decreeing that the Plaintiff herein, acting in the capacity as aforesaid, is duly empowered and authorized by the terms of said Clause Sixth of said Will, to sell and convey said five sections of land last above described, and as herein prayed, and that all costs in this behalf expended, including a reasonable attorneys fee herein be taxed against all of the Defendants herein, and to be paid out of the Estate of the said Wm. Honig, deceased, and for general relief.

JNO. I. GUION, and M. C. SMITH, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term hereof, 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 19th day of July A. D., 1916.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS.
THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that Charles A. Dailey, whose postoffice address is San Angelo, Texas, did on the 6th day of July, A. D., 1916, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to impound, appropriate, and divert 7 1-3 cubic feet of water per second of time, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands herein-after described, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted, from the storm and flood waters of Oak Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River; the proposed dam to be located on the J. F. Wrenn Survey, 627 varas North 15 1-2 East from the northeast corner of the James C. Moore Survey and on Oak Creek 19 miles North 47 West from the Town of Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas. The dam to be constructed across said Oak Creek and to be of reinforced concrete 12 feet high and 45 feet long, thus creating a reservoir or lake 1 mile long having an average width of 35 feet and a depth of 6 feet in the bed of Oak Creek. And from said reservoir the water so impounded will be diverted by means of a pumping plant to the lands to be irrigated described as follows:

1st. Tract: beginning 190 varas South 30 East and 680 varas South 60 West from the northeast corner of said J. F. Wrenn's Survey No. 277; thence North 60 East 550 varas; thence South 90 East 648 varas to a slough; thence South-80 East 500 varas, along the South side of said slough to the East line of the said Wrenn Survey; thence South 30 East with the East line of said Wrenn Survey to Oak Creek;

2nd. Tract: beginning on the South bank of Oak Creek 582 varas North 30 West and 200 varas South 60 West from the Southeast corner of Survey No. 465; thence South 300 varas; thence North 75 East 410 varas; thence East 203 varas; thence North 5 East 602 varas; thence South 30 East 90 varas; thence North 60 East 290 varas to the South bank of Oak Creek; thence up Oak Creek with its meanderings to the place of beginning, containing 100 acres, all aggregating 200 acres and situated in Runnels County, Texas.

A hearing on the said application of the said Charles A. Dailey will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 9th day of October, A. D., 1916, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 29th day of August, A. D., 1916.

J. C. NAGLE, JOHN WILSON, Board.

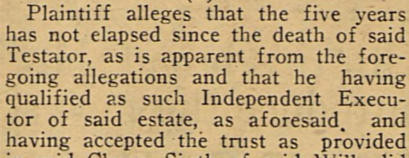
Attest: W. T. PATTER, Secretary.

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TO SPEND SCHOOL TERM IN DALLAS.

Miss Euphia Ward and sister, Miss Addie and brother, Bernie, left this afternoon for Dallas, where they will spend the school term. Mrs. Ward has been in Dallas several days, where she went to secure a house and prepare for a home for the family. Miss Euphia will teach in the University of Dallas, and the two other children will attend the university.

EVERY BARREL OF OUR LIME IS UNIFORM. In strength and purity. The same may be said of our cement, plaster, or, in fact, anything we sell. If you've bought here before you know us—if you haven't been a customer, it will be to your advantage to become one. Our motto is: "Guaranteed Goods at Moderate Prices."



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Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

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MOVING TO NEW HOME
L. Dougherty, who has been conducting a tin shop at Winters for some time, and who recently sold his home here to Prof. J. M. Skinner, moved his family to Winters this week. Mr. Skinner will move into the Dougherty place as son as the weather clears up.
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.

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NATIONAL PAY-UP WEEK OCTOBER 2 TO 7-1916

Millions to Pay Debts on Pay-Up Week

The first event of its kind ever held in this city promises to be a great success, when the first week in October will be observed as National Pay Up Week. This is an event of nation-wide importance. Ballinger is one of the thousands of cities in the United States to observe the great debt paying event, and already the people of Ballinger are planning to make a general clean up of accounts—"clean off the slate" of obligations and enter the winter months in good standing with the bill collectors.

The progressive merchants of Ballinger have entered this campaign, and will offer special inducements to the people to pay their bills. Read the list below and watch this paper for special announcements from time to time, and make your arrangements to join the great National Pay Up Week—October 2-7.

Watch the stores which are decorated for this occasion, and remember that the following merchants are co-operating in the great national event:

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., The Walker Drug Co., Melton Dry Goods Co., Ballinger State Bank, A. J. Zappe, Jas. E. Brewer, Scotch Woolen Mills, Hall Hardware Co., W. B. Wood & Son, H. L. Wendorf, O'Kelley & Walton, Doyle Knight, Walker-Smith Co., E. C. Allison & Son, J. P. Martindale, Ballinger Electric Light & Power Co., City Drug Store, Asa Cordill, First National Bank, Schawe Grocery Co., Harwell Motor Co., Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Mayor's Proclamation

To All People Greetings:—By the authority invested in me as mayor of this city, and in keeping

with the proclamation issued by the President of the United States fixing the week beginning October 2nd as National Pay Up Week, I hereby proclaim the week of same date as Pay Up Week in Ballinger.

I implore the citizens of our city to join in making this event one of the great benefit to both creditor and debtor. Let us co-operate with the people throughout the nation in making this an event of debt elimination, and for the fostering of a better feeling between creditor and debtor and work together with that unity of spirit that will make for success and prosperity of our commercial world and for the happiness of the homes; thereby encouraging a promptness in meeting our obligations and establish a better line of credit for all.

(Signed)
J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

INVESTIGATE COST OF 8- HOUR-LAW

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Senator Reed introduced a resolution this morning directing that the Interstate Commerce Commission investigate immediately what increase, if any, devolve upon the railroads through the operation of the eight-hour law. After some discussion the resolution was passed over until tomorrow, when it is expected it will be passed.

The Adamson eight-hour law was signed by the president yesterday as the train carrying him from Shadow Lawn, N. J. to Hodgenville, Kentucky, stopped at the Union station. A messenger was waiting at the station with the bill and Mr. Wilson affixed his signature to same.

That there might be no question to the legality of the measure as a result of it having been signed on Sunday, the president will affix his signature again upon his return to Washington Tuesday.

How long peace will reign as a result of the bill apparently is dependent upon developments in the proposed move to test the constitutionality of the act. Should the railroads take no action, but await the beginning of an investigation of the workings of the eight hour day by the special commission for which the measure provides, the brother-

hoods will remain inactive. The employees, leaders declare, however, that should the law be held unconstitutional, and the railroads attempt to restore the ten hour day on their lines, a strike will follow, promptly.

Brotherhoods in a circular letter to their members today, pointed out that the measure would not become effective until next January first and that many things might occur between now and then which would change materially any suggestions or comment they might make.

Bad Temper from Bad Liver

You can generally blame your grouch on a lazy liver. Liver ills are back of coated tongue, bad breath, biliousness and muddy sallow complexion. Insufficient flow of bile leaves impurities in the liver which poison the entire system. Po-Do-Lax is Nature's remedy. It stimulates the activity of the liver, increases the flow of bile, and by its laxative quality carries off the waste matter and clears the complexion. At your druggist, 25c.

BRITISH GET 41,000 MEN; 29 FORTS

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The British in their aggressive offensive move advanced fifteen hundred yards eastward near Guillemont, on the western front, last night.

Since beginning the offensive on July first the allies have captured twenty-nine fortified villages and forty-one thousand men, with enormous stores of munitions.

SOFIA, Sept. 5.—German and Bulgarian troops penetrated Rumanian territory last night for a distance of ten miles, capturing the Rumanian towns of Kurtbunar and Akkadunlar.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The Brit-

ish made sweeping gains for a distance of three thousand yards along the firing line North of the Somme yesterday, capturing German positions for a depth of a half mile, driving the Germans back with heavy losses in men and field guns.

A combined attack by the French and British forces of the Somme front Sunday resulted in an important gain of ground between the villages of Forest and Clerly, which lie to the South of Combles and to the East of Maupas, over an extent of nearly four miles. These two places were occupied by the French, while the British captured a part of the village of Ginchy and gained total possession of Guillemont. Thus the advance of the entente allies is closing on Combles, which at present as a powerfully fortified German stronghold.

In the various attacks launched by the British and French up ward of 3,000 prisoners were taken, together with a large number of guns. The artillery action prior to the infantry attacks was of great intensity along the Forest-Clerly sector, while both British and French inaugurated further attacks at various other points.

The German positions east of the village of Fleury, also was overrun by the French, who carried several trenches and organized works.

The Germans returned to their attacks at the Verdun sector, sending large forces of infantry against the French positions at Vaux and Chapitre, and, after heavy fighting, gained a foothold in one of the French salients. At all points apparently the fighting continues with the utmost ferocity.

J. T. Riddle of the Bethel neighborhood, and J. M. Nichols of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Williams and niece Miss Hattie Grundy of Clinton, Miss., after a pleasant visit to her brothers, E. D. and Forest Futch, left for their home Monday afternoon. They also visited relatives at Mereta while in this state.

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FOR SALE—One of the best small farms in Runnels County. 120 acres in cultivation, one mile from Wingate. Easy terms. See Mrs. C. C. Gannaway, Ballinger, Texas. 7-3td 2twpd

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FOR SALE—Jersey cows, fresh in milk. W. W. Embry. 31-14th 2tw.

TRESPASS NOTICES

POSTED—my pasture is posted, and the law governing same will be enforced. No hunting, day or night will be tolerated. It is my purpose to protect all game on my place, and the trespassers will take notice and avoid prosecution. J. W. RABY. 5-d tf- w tf.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS

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

LOST

LOST—from Christoval, Texas, August 24th, bay horse, heavy mane and tail, scar on left hip, Mex-brand left shoulder, wire-cut right front foot just above hoof, small star in face, bare-footed, weight about 850 pounds, age about 10 years. S. H. Underwood, Maverick, Texas. 4-1d-1w

LOST

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 Pechucke and get reasonable reward. 13tw

Saturday, Sept. 9th! A Great Day for Women! Opening of the latest Fall Hats at THE FAIR. 7-2td1tw.

Mrs. Siegers and two children of Miles, came in Saturday afternoon and went out to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones, of the Valley creek country.

Wm. Goetz of the Olfin country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

COTTON REVIEW

PREDICTS 20c COTTON

To the Planters and Merchants: The United States Government report on the condition of cotton to August 25th issued today was 61.2 per cents, indicating a yield of 158 1-2 pounds to the acre, or a crop of 11,400,000 running bales equivalent to 11,800,000 500 pound bales. This was a little lower than we were looking for, notwithstanding we were sure that the condition was serious.

The price of cotton advanced three to four dollars a bale. In our forecast issued August 25th we stated that the crop was likely to run around 11,500,000 bales which was not far wrong, judging from the report. With another week or deterioration since August 25th, it looks like we will not have a crop larger than last year.

The big New York houses admit now that we have a crop disaster and no telling how high the price will go. They say that cotton goods trade was never better and the mills are running full time to fill orders based on very much higher price cotton than present prices. It is our firm belief that cotton will go to 20c per pound this month, especially if our planters and merchants will use common sense in marketing, and not glut the market with cotton just as we are about to realize what is justly due us. Why should a farmer rush his cotton to market when it is increasing in value \$1.00 per bale per day?

We believe that cotton should be held off the market for three weeks more, and then sell a small portion the later part of the month. Supplies will be scarce and the price will rise, however, the mills will have to have cotton by the 25th and we must not cut off supplies altogether, as it might cripple them, which we don't want to do. We want the mills to hum and keep the cotton worked up out of the way as fast as we sell it.

We notice that England keeps threatening to place an arbitrary price on cotton if it goes too high, forbidding the importation above a certain price. That is all bluff, and is one of the scare reports we cautioned you about, that they would try to use to depress the price.

The truth of the matter is, we have caught England short on cotton, and it hurts to see "American mills outstripping her for supremacy in the trade. England has always gotten the cheap cotton every fall, as they bought practically all of the early surplus, which enabled her to pay the cost of transportation and compete with out mills, but we have a different situation now. The American mills have been foresighted enough to carry a pretty large stock of the actual cotton.

We hope yet to see people wake up to the situation, and not throw away the best opportunity they have had in a generation.

We have spent large sums in trying to put them wise as the saying goes, as we have foreseen this coming for quite awhile, and we felt it was our duty to call attention to it. In fact, it was the reason of our trade letters being established. We want that extra three hundred million dollars in our planters' pockets, and then we can all get our share through our increased prosperity. "We can fight the battles of peace" as well as war.

You can expect temporary declines in market, but the general tone will be for higher prices, unless we rush cotton on the market too rapid.

SOUTHERN COTTON REVIEW

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.

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Bad blood is responsible for more ailments than anything else. It causes catarrh, dyspepsia, rheumatism, weak, tired, languid feelings and worse troubles. Hood's Sarsaparilla has been wonderfully successful in purifying and enriching the blood, removing scrofula and other humors, and building up the whole system. Take it—give it to all the family so as to avoid illness. Get it today.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Stallworth of San Antonio, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Stallworth, of the Pony creek country, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home.

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 or ringing in head. Remember the full name and ask for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

Ex-Sheriff Connelly of Brady, was the guest of his friend, R. P. Kirk while in Ballinger Monday en route to Paint Rock, where he is a witness in the Simmons case in the district court.

Changing Seasons Bring Colds.

"Stuffed-up head," clogged-up nose, tight chest, sore throat, are sure signs of cold, and Dr. King's New Discovery is sure relief. A dose of this combination of anti-septic balsams soothes the irritated membrane, clears the head, loosens the phlegm, you breathe easier and realize your cold is broken up. Treat a cold persistently; half-way measures leave a lingering cough. Take Dr. King's New Discovery until your cold is gone. For 47 years the favorite remedy for young and old. At your druggist, 50c.

U. G. Thomas and M. P. Coleman of the Marie country, were in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Coleman left for the east on a business trip.

Jake Stubblefield, the Norton stock man, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

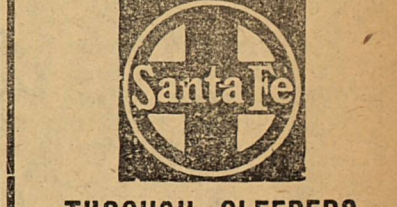


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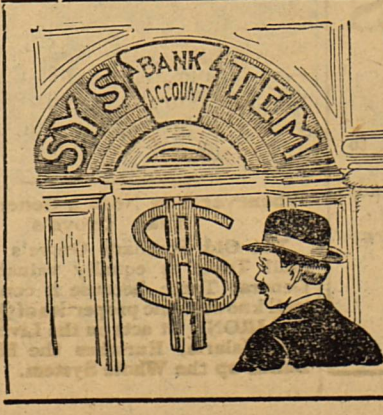
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COUNTY BOARD PASSES RESOLUTION

The County Board of Trustees after hearing the discussion concerning the employment of an attendance officer to enforce the compulsory school attendance law, passed the following resolutions:

1. It appears to be the consensus of public opinion that the citizens of Rannels County will comply with this law because it is intended to raise the standard of intelligence, therefore,
2. Be it resolved by the County Board of Education that (a) each local board of trustees be urged to study this law and that they and the local teacher do all in their power to secure a voluntary compliance with this law from any who may not understand the provisions of this act; (b) should their persuasive influence prove unavailing, they should immediately report to the county superintendent as provided by the law; (c) that no hardship be imposed upon any needed in gathering the crops, we suggest that each local board of trustees set a date known to be agreeable to the patrons, and that said date for enforcing this law be widely and publicly announced in said district.
3. That we defer the election of an attendance officer to a later date pending the disposition of the patrons voluntarily complying with the compulsory school attendance law.
4. That the county superintendent be requested to furnish a copy of this resolution to each newspaper in Rannels County.

Signed:

J. S. BILLUPS, Pres.
L. S. BIRD, Secretary.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mrs. Carrie Barnett and daughter, Mrs. Ed Herbst, and children, returned to their home in Somerville, Tex., Saturday after a week's visit with Mrs. T. O. Brown.

Mr. Wooten of San Angelo, returned home Sunday night after a few days' visit with his brother-in-law, Ed Eubank, and family.

W. E. Branch left Monday for Stacy on business.

Mrs. Horace Murphy left Wednesday for Abilene, for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Dee Oliver of the Pearce neighborhood, visited in South Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Nina George of Ballinger, is spending a few days this week with her friend, Mrs. J. W. Black.

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D. C. Claypool, contractor, 500 13th St., Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were out of order and I had soreness and dull pains across the small of my back. I used Doan's Kidney Pills which I got from the Walker Drug Co., and they soon strengthened my back."

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

Charlie Ransbarger and John H. Webb of the Pony creek country, C. A. Compton of the Spring Hill neighborhood, R. W. Albritton and I. C. Browder of Miles, and W. S. Maddox of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger on first Monday.

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.

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.

REESE-CONNER

Mr. Wesley Reese and Miss Allie Conner were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 7:00 o'clock, at the residence of Rev. T. C. Jester, who officiated.

Mr. Reese is one of Ballinger's popular young business men, reared from infancy in our city, admired by a host of friends for his sterling worth and ability.

The bride came to our city a few months ago and has been on the staff of girls at the West Texas Telephone Co. office, and during the short time in the city has made many friends. These friends and others join The Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

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Mrs. W. E. Chambers and little daughter left Tuesday morning to visit relatives at Santa Anna a few days.

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"GETS-IT" is a liquid. You put on a few drops in a few seconds. It dries. It's painless. Put your stocking on right over it. Put on your regular shoes. You won't limp or have a corn "twist" in your face. The corn, callus or wart, will loosen from your foot—off it comes. Glory hail! "GETS-IT" is the biggest selling corn remedy in the world. When you try it, you know why.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

The school board will meet Friday afternoon and attend to any matters that might have been overlooked in arranging for the opening of the 1916-17 term of the public schools of this district. School will open with the usual formalities at nine o'clock Monday morning, and the first day will be devoted to classifying and assigning pupils to the proper grades.

In order that the parents and guardians might be posted and know where to send the children, we suggest that the announcement made in this issue by Superintendent Fleming be carefully read.

Everything points to a successful term, and with the co-operation between parent and teacher, the children should make a better record during the coming session than for several past terms. A nine months school has been insured, and present prospects indicate that the pupils will be so distributed as not to crowd the rooms to the detriment of the school.

It is already rumored that some children will stay out of school on the first day on account of the circus that will visit the city on the day following the opening of school. The parents that allow this will do their child an injustice, and will work a hardship on the teachers. Send your children to school on opening day and keep them in school until school closes.

It is probable that a recess will be given for the circus, if the school board deems proper.

Rheumatism Follows Exposure

In the rain all day is generally followed by painful twinges of rheumatism or neuralgia. Sloan's Liment will give you quick relief and prevent the twinges from becoming torture. It quickly penetrates without rubbing and soothes the sore and aching joints. For sore, stiff, exhausted muscles that ache and throb from overwork, Sloan's Liment affords quick relief. Bruises, sprains, strains and other minor injuries to children are quickly soothed by Sloan's Liment. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 25c.

NEW TEACHERS ARRIVING.

Miss Helen Stafford of Bay City, Miss Cora Whitlow of Smithville, and Prof. F. B. Joiner of Alabama, arrived in the city yesterday and are ready for the opening of school next Monday. The teachers came in a little earlier than was planned on account of the threatened strike. Prof. Joiner will teach English in the local high school and the young ladies will teach in the grade school.

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TENTATIVE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS MADE

Upon assembling Monday morning next, the new pupils will be classified as rapidly as possible, and given temporary classification. Any asking for advanced standing will be examined. Monday afternoon and Tuesday any former student wishing to enter the next higher section should be present to stand the tests covering the whole of that term's work preceding the section applied for. This is for the accommodation of those who did complete the whole term's work last May.

As these examinations may change the numbers in each section, only tentative assignments can be made, and are as follows: West Ward: Miss Caperton, principal. Those Low Seconds who attended West Ward last year as High Firsts; and, Low Firsts down to Pou street. Miss Powell, all Low Fourth; Miss Whitlowe, all High Fourth and all High Third; Miss Gregory, all Low Fifth.

Central Ward: Mr. A. S. James principal, Low Seventh; Miss Bridwell, High Seventh and part of High Sixth; Miss Ladwig, High Sixth; Miss Rasbury, Low Sixth; Miss Stafford, High Fifth; Miss May Bridwell, Low Third; Miss Hamilton, all of High Second and those Low Seconds promoted thereto in Central last May; Miss Evans, High First and Low First from Pou street line.

South Ward: From the Colorado river to the line, pupils up to the Low Sixth will attend South Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Emile L. James will have this important work. These teachers are from one of the best normal schools in Missouri, the reared in Texas.

For all the teachers we ask your earnest co-operation. Theirs is a very responsible opportunity; yours is a similar duty to the child and the school. No school can be useful in the highest degree unless the pupils have plenty of work to do; nor unless there is a high standard of discipline. In securing this, teachers and parents must cooperate.

This is the first year of the Compulsory School Attendance Law. Unless the trustees set a later date for it to be come operative, it will go into effect when school opens next Monday morning. We hope that every child between the ages 8-14 will be sent not only the required sixty days, but the entire term.

W. S. FLEMING, Superintendent.

CITATION STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Rannels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Mary Malone by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Rannels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger 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 4th day of September, A. D., 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. _____, wherein George T. Malone is Plaintiff and Mary Malone is Defendant the nature of Plaintiff's demand being as follows:

Plaintiff sues for a divorce from defendant, alleging that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married on May 15th, 1910, and lived together until about July 22nd, 1915, when defendant finally left and has since been absent from plaintiff.

That plaintiff during their living together treated defendant with kindness and maintained and supported her as best he was able. But about one and a half years after their marriage the defendant was guilty of such misconduct, outrages and cruelties, as to render their living together insupportable. That the defendant soon after their marriage by her acts and conduct and words informed plaintiff that she did not love him. She so expressed herself in words; she showed by her conduct that she preferred the companionship and society of others persons to that of her husband. That she accompanied other unmarried men alone and under circumstances such as to bring upon herself and plaintiff disgrace and dishonor, remaining

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away and alone with them for hours at a time. Remarking to plaintiff's sister that she had a fellow in Dallas whom she soon expected to see and be with and that she would soon have a man in Dallas after she arrived there, or words to that effect. That she left her young baby about 14 months old, and deserted it, not even writing to plaintiff as to its health or wellbeing, said child now being in care of plaintiff's mother, and other acts, words and conduct alleged in plaintiff's petition, for which plaintiff prays for divorce and for custody and education and maintenance of said child, and for general relief; all of which is shown by said original petition.

That plaintiff has reason to believe and does believe that defendant is so conducting herself now in the City of Dallas as to bring disgrace upon herself. That she brought a suit for divorce against plaintiff upon false grounds, but was compelled to dismiss same for want of proof.

Plaintiff prays for divorce as aforesaid, that he have custody of said child and for general relief.


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 4th day of September 1916, A. D.

MARY PHILLIPS,
(Seal) Clerk, District Court.
Court, Rannels County, Texas.
8-4-tw.

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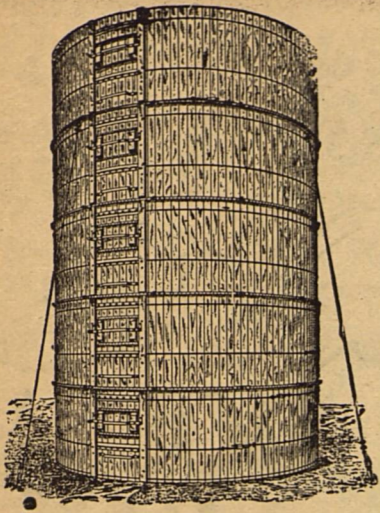
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MOVE FOR MORE WATER IN CITY

About fifty men met at the City Hall Friday afternoon and started a move to secure a better water supply for the city. It was not through fear of a water famine that caused this meeting to be held, but the desire for a better water supply prompted the business men and citizens to get together and discuss a plan that is believed will give Ballinger a better class of water, and at the same time a supply that will be ample for taking care of any growth that the city might make.

Jack McGregor was elected chairman of the meeting and briefly stated the object for which the people had been called together, and E. Allison, who had given the proposition to be put before the people some thought, briefly outlined what he stated would settle the water question of Ballinger if the city grew to be a city of fifty thousand inhabitants, and which in substance is as follows:

Wells in the western part of the city and along the crest of the bluff on the North side of the river have proven to be supplied with a flow of water that indicates a feed from an underground current that will supply ample water for all purposes. One of such wells is located on what is known as the Woodward place a short distance above the city. Mr. Allison's idea was to test this water for its qualities, and if pronounced pure to then test out the quantity by digging a large well, installing a pump and connecting it with the mains.

According to those who have had occasion to make observation the water supplying these wells does not come from the river, as had been claimed by some, but flows in from the Northwest, coming out of the hill to the west of the city and north of the river, and is as pure as any water could be. In small wells it has been proven that an ordinary pump can not take the water out as fast as it feeds into the wells, and it is believed by digging a large well, allowing a faster feed that ample water will be secured for a supply of fifty thousand gallons per minute, which will be some water, and several times more than is being consumed by the city now.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF SENATORIAL PRIMARY

Official report of the Senatorial Primary, held on the 26th day of August, 1916.
O. B. Colquitt, 494.
C. A. Culbertson, 910.
I. E. F. Krebs, hereby certify that the above report is a true and correct copy of the official count of the vote cast in the Senatorial Primary, held in Runnels County, on August 26th, 1916.
E. F. KREBS,
Chairman of Democratic Executive Committee.
J. N. KEY,
Secretary.

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.

W. A. Danford of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and while here renewed with The Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year. Mr. Danford says some of the crops in his section are good, while others nearby are sorry.



Catarrh means inflammation. Inflammation is the stagnation of blood—the gorging of the circulation with impure blood. Of course you can't be well under this condition. It means, headaches, indigestion, kidney trouble, coughs, colds, etc.

Peruna By assisting nutrition increases the circulation, invigorates the system, removes the waste matter and brightens you up.

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BANK RE-ELECTED SCHOOL DEPOSITORY

At a meeting of the school board held Saturday morning, the Ballinger State Bank was designated as the custodian of the school funds of the Ballinger Independent District. The board advertised for bids on deposits for the school money, and only one bid was submitted, that of the above named bank, which proposed to pay interest of four per cent.

This was a call meeting and very little business came before the board. The board will meet again next Friday to approve the work now underway in building a study room in the high school building and to take steps to provide for enforcing the compulsory education law.

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

SCHOOL PUPILS WANT BOARD.

Superintendent Fleming states that he has a number of inquiries about board from parties who will send their children here to school, and from pupils who are paying their own way, and must secure board at a reasonable rate. The applicants for boarding places, desire to get places, if possible, in private families, where they can feel at home, and not be expected to pay fancy prices, and where they will not expect extra service or high living. Any who are in a position to take a few boarders, or have room in their homes for one or more boarders, will confer quite a favor on the school management as well as the prospective pupils, if they will communicate with Mr. Fleming over the phone.

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.

IS THERE MONEY IN CHICKS

D. C. Moore, Houston, Texas, last year (1915) made an average net profit of \$1.50 per hen.
J. S. Hubbard of Ft. Worth, Texas, for the first five months of 1916, from less than one acre of ground made a net profit of \$692.49, from poultry and pigeons, and purchased all feed used. There are many 200-acre one-crop farmers who do not make as much in one year.

Constable Burdick of Coleman, had official business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

Prof. J. N. Key of the Winters country, C. E. Trammell and O. Yarnell of the Norton-Maverick country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE IS COMING HERE

Abilene, Tex., 8-31-16.
Hon. C. H. Willingham, Ballinger, Texas.
Unanimously voted to bring next Central West Texas Farmers' Institute meeting to Ballinger, as per your telegram.
C. A. DOOSE.

The above telegram was received shortly after the Daily Ledger went to press Thursday afternoon, and it means nothing more nor less than that Ballinger will have the honor of entertaining delegate farmers from twenty counties in a farmers' institute meeting here early in the year of 1917.

Judge Willingham sent a number of telegrams urging farmers in session at Abilene this week to hold their next meeting in Ballinger, and it is to Judge Willingham that credit is due for securing this convention for Ballinger.

The president of the Central West Texas Farmers' Institute placed the invitation before the meeting at Abilene, and with Mr. Doose at that end of the line and Judge Willingham here, the farmers selected Ballinger by unanimous vote.

Mr. Doose returned home last night, and he reports that while the attendance was not as large as was expected at the first meeting of the recently organized institute, that the program was carried out in a most successful way, and the meeting was a success in every detail. The Abilene Reporter in giving an account of the first day's session of the institute, said in part:

"The attendance upon the first semi-annual convention of the Central West Texas Farmers' Institute which met here Wednesday was not very satisfactory but what was lacking in numbers was more than made up for in enthusiasm. Only about fifty attended the Wednesday morning session, but more were there during the afternoon and a much larger crowd is expected for Thursday, the second and last day."

"Miles, Runnels county, furnished the largest delegation, five or six automobiles having been employed to bring the farmers from that section."

"The farmers met in the county court room at 9:30 and were called to order by President C. A. Doose, who briefly explained the object of the organization and of the meeting. The institute was formed at the state meeting in Austin this year, and twenty counties comprise the district. The object is to further the interests of the farms and to bring the farm folk closer together for the common good. The state department of agriculture and all other agricultural interests stand ready to assist, the president said, and unless the farmers take a hand it can not hope to be a success. The organization does not belong to the department of agriculture or any other department but belongs to the men, women and children of the farms. The good of this particular section will be kept in mind by the leaders, he said."

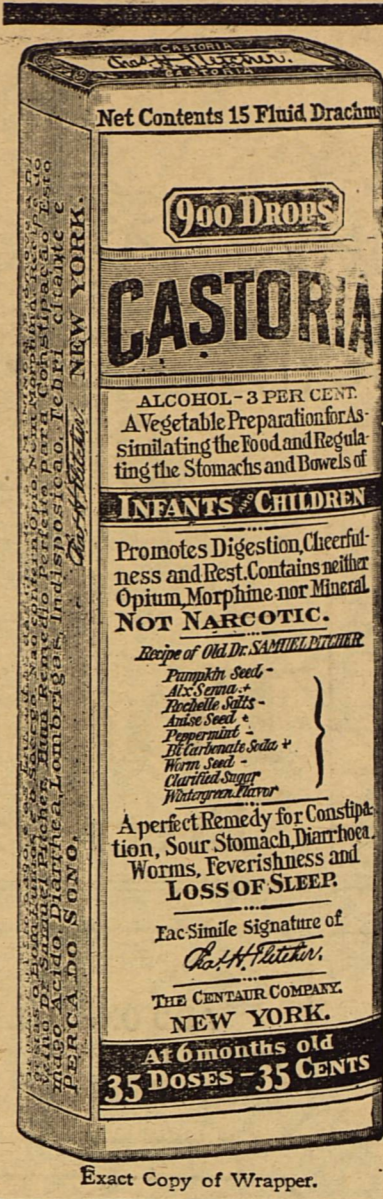
"The Rev. C. W. Hearson, pastor of the First Methodist church invoked divine blessings on the meeting."

"Mayor E. N. Kirby made the address of welcome on behalf of the city of Abilene. As usual his address was to the point and well received. He said that he was 21 years old before he ever rode on a train, although he lived close enough to hear the whistles, and that he had spent the happiest days of his life on the farm. Mayor Kirby himself is a practical farmer, with a record of raising the best watermelons and Indian corn in Taylor county. He said he wanted farm products to go higher, high enough to force some of the city people to go back to the farm in order to make a living."

RECEIVES FINE CATTLE BY EXPRESS.

J. A. Nunn received three thoroughbred Holstein calves by express Thursday and carried them out to his place near Runnels. The calves were shipped from Whitewater, Wisconsin, a good long distance, but they came thru in good shape. The livestock industry is greatly benefited by importing such fine stock.

Elder J. W. Kelly left Saturday afternoon for Santa Anna, where he preached Sunday.



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WOULD WELCOME RETURN OF HOWE'S GREAT SHOWS

(From The Chronicle, Pottsville, Pa., June 18th, 1916.)

The two performances of Howe's shows yesterday, were well attended. The closing of the public schools gave the children a chance to attend the afternoon performance, which they did in large numbers, the menagerie being found very instructive. Of special interest were the largest elephant and dromedary in existence, the baby orphan camel and the African flat-tailed sheep, and the baby lions.

The performance includes a number of acts which are superior to anything carried by the Ringlings or Barnum. The Zanfretta family are particularly good and the Japanese troupe are said to be the best in the country.

The clowns were very amusing, one of them, who was dressed up as a woman, getting in some clever work before the performance by escorting male gallants of town to their seats. This clown made a particular hit when he grabbed hold of the arm of one of the Chronicle's book-binders, whose wife happened to be out of town. The Chronicle man blushed up to the roots of his hair at the prospect of being seen by a large audience in the company of a strange woman, but he proved game and gracefully accepted the escort of his merry petticoated companion.

The sleek, blocky, well groomed horses, three hundred in number, drew forth volumes of praise.

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.

BUYS HOME.

Samuel C. Harris, county attorney elect, of Winters, closed a deal this week with G. B. Nixon, for the J. T. Dawson residence on 9th Street for a consideration of \$800.00, and Mr. Harris and family will move to Ballinger to make their home. A cordial welcome awaits them in our business and social circles.

Miss Pearl Farris of Denton, who had been visiting friends in Ballinger the past few weeks, left Saturday afternoon for Plainview, where she will teach in the public schools the coming year.

J. D. Austin of Comanche, who had been visiting relatives and friends at Abilene and other points in that section, passed thru Ballinger Friday en route home.

Ernest and Elmer Hamilton, sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hamilton, of McGregor, after a pleasant visit to their aunt, Mrs. J. S. Jones, left for their home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. Sharpes of the Norton country, came in Saturday to accompany her mother, Mrs. Robinson, who was en route home at Austin.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

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

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

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

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

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

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for special instructions on your case and 64-page book. 14c. Postage in plain wrapper. 1-30



DOLLAR DAY

SHOW DAY IS DOLLAR DAY

DOLLAR DAY

AT

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Buy a Suit or a Dress for a Dollar

Here is the Plan

ADD ONE DOLLAR to the price of any summer suit or dress and take another of the same price. A \$10 suit add One Dollar and take two. All other spring and summer suits and dresses or a suit and dress of same price. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a real saving.

\$1

School Dresses

A wonderful line of children's gingham, percales, and galatea, school dresses, values up to \$1.50, Dollar Day\$1

Summer Millinery

Every woman's summer hat in our entire stock, values up to \$1.00, your choice, Dollar Day \$1.50 Sport Hats, \$1.

\$1

Hardware Department

All \$1.50 pocket knives, Dollar Day for\$1
Black powder shells, 2 boxes \$1
Guaranteed axe, Dollar Day . \$1
O-Cedar mop, \$1.25 value, Dollar Day\$1

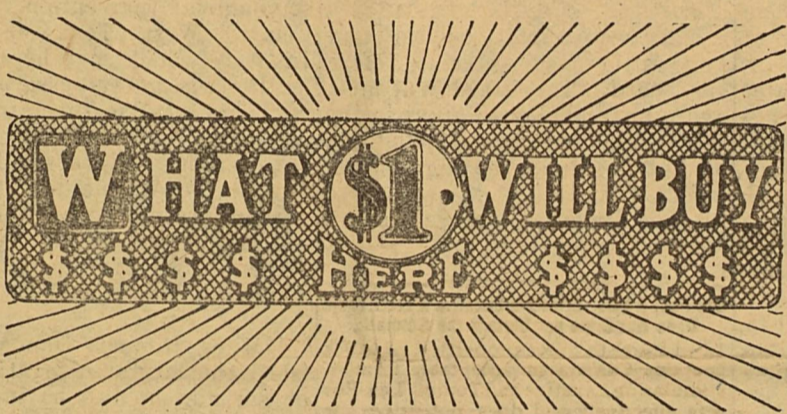
Make Our Store You Headquarters

Furniture Department

Dinner plates, 1 dozen, Dollar Day, the dozen\$1
Aluminum kettle, 3 quart size, Dollar Day\$1
Hammocks, values to \$3.50, Dollar Day\$1
Anchor window shades, Dollar Day, 3 for\$1
Congoleum rugs, the cleanest and most sanitary floor coverings, 17x17 for flower pots and stands, Dollar Day, 5 for\$1
Door and dresser rugs, size 18x36 Dollar Day, 3 for\$1
3x4 1-2 Congoleum rugs, many new patterns, regular \$1.50 values, Dollar Day\$1

Art Pictures

Reproductions of the old masters, pastoral and historical scenes, 12 for ..\$1



Grocery Department

These grocery prices should prove of interest to all who are trying to keep down the high cost of living.

Peaberry coffee, Dollar Day, 6 pounds for\$1

Make Your Dollars Do Double Duty

Keg of pickles, Dollar Day, \$1
Good matches, 30 boxes, Dollar Day for\$1
20 pounds Arm & Hammer soda, 2 ten pound buckets, Dollar Day, only\$1
25c cans of K. C. baking powder, Dollar Day, 5 cans for\$1
1 pound tomatoes, special Dollar Day, 12 cans\$1
1 pound peas, special Dollar Day 12 cans\$1
1 pound sweet corn, special Dollar Day, 12 cans\$1

Dry Goods Department

LL domestic, 20 yards Dollar Day \$1
Springtime bleached domestic, 16 yds Dollar Day \$1
Best grade sheeting, 4 yards Dollar Day \$1
Cotton checks, good quality, 20 yds. Dollar Day \$1
Good quality dress gingham, 20 yds. Dollar Day \$1
Good Turkish towels, 4 pair Dollar Day \$1
Solid and fancy outing, 14 yards Dollar Day \$1

These Prices are for Cash and for One Day Only

Men's Department

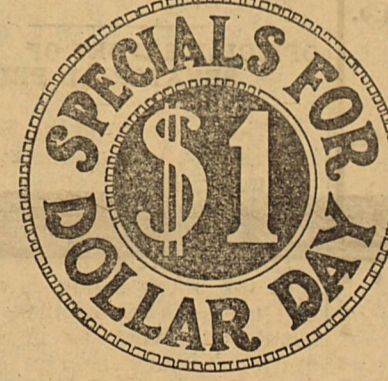
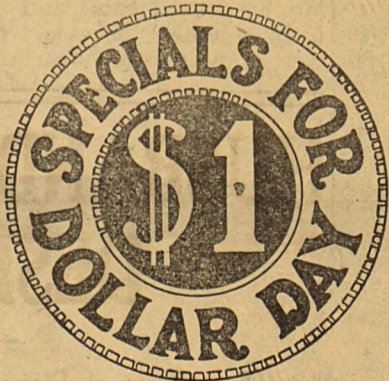
\$1.50 fancy Sateen shirts, all sizes, Dollar Day \$1
1 lot men's fancy hats, value to \$3, Dollar Day \$1
\$1.50 fibre suits case with straps Dollar Day \$1
75c shirts with or without collars, Dollar Day 2 for \$1
\$1.50 and \$2 bathing suits, for men and women \$1
Regular wash ties, 25c values Dollar Day 5 for \$1
Arrow collars, Dollar Day 8 for \$1
Indigo and Express stripe overalls, union made \$1

Men's Summer Suits \$1

Add \$1 to the price of any Palm Beach, Mohair or Cool cloth suit and get two. Dollar Day only.

Boys Caps

A bunch of odds and ends, all sizes, Dollar Day, 10 for\$1



Here Is a Chance to Save on Shoes

SPECIAL TABLE

Children's Shoes

About 250 pairs of misses' and children's shoes, a good range to select from, practically all sizes but broken lots, former price up to \$3.00 Dollar Day \$1

SPECIAL TABLE

Women's School

About 200 pairs of women's high shoes. These are good serviceable shoes that formerly sold for \$3.00 and \$4.00 your choice of any pair in this lot Dollar Day \$1

SPECIAL TABLE

Boys School Shoes

Some-exceptional values just at the time the boy needs a pair of school shoes. Almost all sizes. Broken lots of \$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes, on sale Dollar Day \$1

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