

# Does Ballinger

## SENSATIONAL CHARGES AGAINST GOV. FERGUSON

AUSTIN, Feb. 14.—Senator Johnson, of Hall county, presented a resolution in the Senate this morning, making sensational charges against Governor Ferguson.

The charges included the charges made by C. H. Morris, candidate against Ferguson for governor in the last campaign, and to these recriminations the Johnson resolution adds other serious charges of alleged financial dealings.

The resolution names a committee, composed of Senators Dean, Hudspeth, Lattimore, Johnson, of Harris, and Buchanan of Scurry, to investigate the charges.

Governor Ferguson occupied a seat in the Senate during the reading of the resolution, and later made a lengthy reply from the Senate floor. He invited a thorough investigation and said the "game was off," so far as personal character and official acts were concerned.

The Senate went into a committee as a whole to conduct the investigation. The resolution was amended so witnesses could be summoned. The Senate convened at two o'clock to begin at once to take up the work.

**GOVERNOR SUES SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS FOR LIBEL**  
Brenham, Feb. 14.—Gov. Ferguson's attorney filed suit here today against the San Antonio Express, charging publication libelous matter in recent campaign and asks for \$50,000 damages.

### TEMPTING FATE AWAITS SHIPS FROM AMERICA

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—When it became known here today that the United States had permitted test ships to sail from American ports for ports in the barred zone, it was intimated that the ships would meet with destruction. "Tempting fate" is the way Germany regards the action of the United States in permitting the ships to sail for allied ports.

L. S. Eason of the Wingate country, W. P. Hearrell, J. D. Reynolds, I. C. Little, J. B. and J. D. Carleton of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

W. N. Hawkins of Coleman, passed thru Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a business trip to Paint Rock.

### TROUBLE IN CUBA AND MEXICO AGAIN

By Carl D. Groat.  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The American government is feeling the influence of Germany in Cuban and Mexican troubles. As administration officials viewed the situation today it was claimed that Germany is stirring up trouble in the two southern republics for the purpose of keeping the United States engaged in affairs near at home so the American government will have less time to pay attention to German acts on the high seas.

It is evident that German pressure on Carranza has already had effect in forcing England to consider landing troops at Tampico to protect the oil wells which are supplying British warships, according to intimations from diplomatic quarters today.

It is feared that the situation in Cuba may become such that American intervention may be necessary. The Mexican problem is accentuated by unofficial reports of the killing of three Americans in Mexico. It is well known that the war department is keeping careful watch on the border, fearing that trouble involving the United States again will break out.

### FIRST WORD TODAY DIRECT FROM GERARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The first word to be received here direct from Ambassador Gerard since Feb. 5th, reached the state department today in confidential messages sent from Berne.

Further than to say the messages advised the department regarding his sailing, Gerard's messages are being guarded with utmost secrecy, and the department declined to give our anything.

Jake Stubblefield of Norton, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to San Antonio in his auto, to look after cattle interests, in that section a week or two.

Mrs. Ebb Boykin and nephew, Tom Boykin of Miles, were among business visitors in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

# West Texas A. & M.?

## GERMAN RAIDER IS DESTROYED

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 13.—Rio Janiro dispatches received here declares that British cruisers sank a German raider, the Vineta and a German submarine. The Vineta is the raider which is credited with destroying so many vessels off the Brazilian coast on December 28th. The report says that one British cruiser was badly damaged. It is also reported here that the naval battle off the Brazilian coast was thick for several days. The latest versions of the sea fighting received here says that the cruisers Glasgow and Amethyst were both engaged in the battle and that the latter was badly damaged.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 13.—The Buenos Aires Standard this morning printed an unconfirmed report that British cruisers had seized the Uruguayan, a Uruguay cruiser off the Brazilian coast and towed it to Falklands. It is alleged that the Uruguayan was sending wireless messages to German ships. The vessel is a fourteen hundred ton vessel and was built in nineteen ten. The main battery consist of two four point sevens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris of Miles, came over Tuesday to visit relatives and friends a few days.

### JAPAN READY TO FIGHT WITH U. S.

DALLAS, Feb. 14.—"In case the United States and Germany go to war, Japan will use all her naval and military power to help the United States."

This was the declaration of Y. Nagashima, of Read Mitusi Co., the largest financial institution in the Orient.

"We may be a foolish people," said the prominent Japanese today, "but not so foolish as to believe that the friendship of Germany is more valuable than the friendship of the United States. We believe that the United States would be wise in going to war with Germany, as we found it very profitable."

Mr. Nagashima is here with his wife on a tour of the United States for the purpose of investigating financial conditions in America.

### ASKS IMPEACHMENT OF RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Charging high crimes and misdemeanors in the administration of the currency laws, Congressman Lindbergh today introduced a resolution asking for the impeachment of the Federal Reserve Board.

### CONE JOHNSON QUILTS HIS JOB

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Cone Johnson, solicitor of the state department, tendered his resignation today, and will return to Texas to resume his law practice.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jester left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth, where they will make home for the present. He will return to Ballinger Saturday to wind up his affairs before returning to take up his theological duties.

R. B. Ingle of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

## AMERICAN SCHOONER TORPEDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—State department received report this afternoon saying the American Schooner Lyman M. Law, had been submarined in the Mediterranean. It is understood from the report to the department that the crew of the schooner was rescued, but it is not known whether the vessel was warned or not.

### BERNSTORFF SAILS FOR FATHERLAND

HOBOKEN, Feb. 14.—Alfred Hopkins, age nineteen, claiming to be a relative of Prince William, of Germany, tried to rush his way by the guards to get to Ambassador Bernstorff as the German embassy staff were boarding the steamer Frederick VIII yesterday afternoon. When taken in charge by the guards the young man waved a letter saying he had been commissioned to deliver the letter to Mr. Bernstorff. Hopkins is being held for an examination. 175 made up the party of Germans returning to Germany with the ambassador. They were accompanied to the steamer by 150 police and deputies commissioned to give the passengers a safe departure from America.

### TROOPS RETURNING TO CAMP FROM BORDER

San Antonio, Feb. 12.—The Fourth Texas Infantry, composed of eleven hundred men, arrived from the Big Bend country today and are going into camp at Camp Wilson.

### SELLS LAND.

Will Gross, who lives up the river ten miles on the Gross ranch, was transacting business in the city Tuesday and we were informed that Judge Gross had just sold 300 acres of land out of the Gross ranch on the corner next to Rowena to Anton Mika and Will Gallia for a consideration of \$30 per acre. This land is a fine piece of unimproved land but these gentlemen will at once have the same cleared up and put in cultivation and houses built on the same.

### COTTON CONSUMPTION FALLS FAR SHORT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumption to January 6th, exclusive of linters, amounted to 113,701 bales, compared with 542,801 last year. Held in consuming establishments on January 31st, was 2,304,866 against 6,974,901 last year.

### LOCAL CAPITALISTS INVEST IN OIL FIELD

W. B. Ray will return to Oklahoma in a few days where he will become one of the directing officers in the Early Bird Oil Co. Mr. Ray and G. G. Odom recently purchased some bonds in this company, and after visiting the field and making an investigation they decided to invest heavily in the company and acquired a controlling interest by buying a majority of the stock. The gentlemen are enthusiastic over the prospects, and do not hesitate to say that they expect to become millionaires within a few years.

The Early Bird Co., owns lease on 160 acres of oil land. Six wells are now producing oil most profitably, and the company is planning to sink thirty or more wells as soon as the work can be done. The Ballinger parties are interesting some of their friends in the investment.

Mr. Ray stated that it was not his purpose to move to Oklahoma; that he had no idea of moving his family from Ballinger, but he would spend some of his time on the ground for awhile giving the business his personal attention. He has succeeded in other lines of business and his friends have confidence in his judgement.

### THREE AMERICANS ON SUBMARINED SHIP

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Three Americans were included in the crew of the steamer Saxonian which was submarined on Feb. 15th. One of the number was seriously injured.

WHITE STAR LINER SUNK.  
London, Feb. 13.—The Africa, a White Star liner steamer, with a capacity of twelve thousand tons, was submarined today.

Mr. A. W. Sledge, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir: What do you think of the possibilities of Ballinger standing in a position to obtain location for West Texas A. & M. College? If you desire me to take any steps looking for location of said college, let me know.

Respectfully,  
WALACE HAWKINS.

We think the possibilities are great. We think that Ballinger is the logical place for such a college. Ballinger is on the dividing line of the agricultural and stock raising part of Texas. Ballinger can offer everything necessary for the success of such an institution. Ideal in climate, perfect in health, free from immoral environment, centrally located, and can offer a location that will discount any other spot to be found in the territory called for by the bill.

This bill is passed. It carries with it a half million dollars appropriation. The locating committee is composed of the governor, the lieutenant-governor, the commissioner of agriculture, the speaker of the house, and the superintendent of public instruction.

It is up to Ballinger people and the people of this county, for the school will be a direct benefit to every one, to get busy and pull—pull altogether, with a strong and steady pull.

There is no reason under the sun why this school should not be located at Ballinger, and no town has a better chance than Ballinger, if the citizens will get busy and present to the committee the advantages that are here.

It will be remembered that Ballinger came second in the running for the West Texas State Normal, and that alone should encourage everyone to pull—pull hard for the West Texas A. & M. College.

### BELIEVES WE CAN GET THE COLLEGE

Scott H. Mack called up The Ledger this morning, and suggested that the people get busy. "We can offer the committee all that could be asked for in the way of a location," said Mr. Mack, "and I believe we can get the college, if we go after it."

### NO PRIZE FIGHTING IN TEXAS

Austin, Feb. 13.—The house "snowed" the Beard bill under his morning. The bill as introduced permitted ten round boxing matches in cities of twenty-five thousand population or more.

## Partnership

We consider that our depositors are in partnership with us and we have a real desire to help them increase their business, as their prosperity is our prosperity.

It is our business to help advance the business of our customers.

### The Winters State Bank

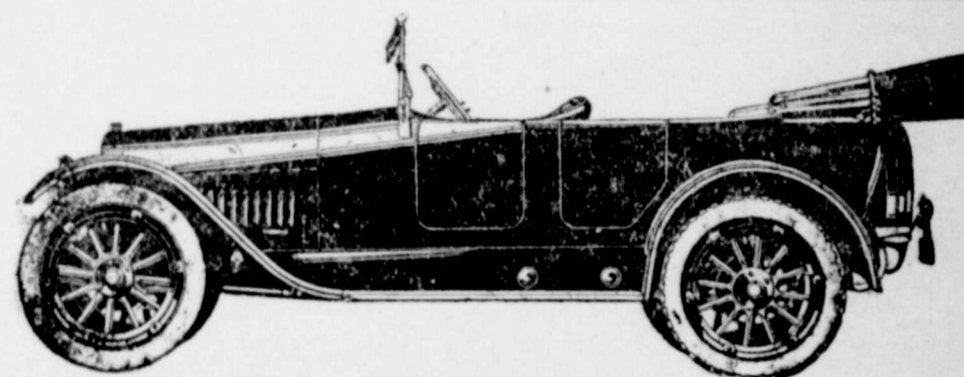
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**A SURPRISE WEDDING**

\$9.66 FOR ONE TURKEY IS SOME PRICE

The greatest surprise in matrimonial matter in Ballinger, was created this week when it became known that Prof. A. S. James, teacher in the Central school, was a married man. Prof. James and Miss Lena Middleton, of Denton, were married on Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve, Rev. C. A. Roberts, of Cleburne, where Miss Middleton was visiting, officiating.

Off to spend the holidays Prof. James went to Cleburne, and stole a march on his friends by bidding farewell to singleness and secretly pledging to protect and support the fair one of his choice until death shall part them.

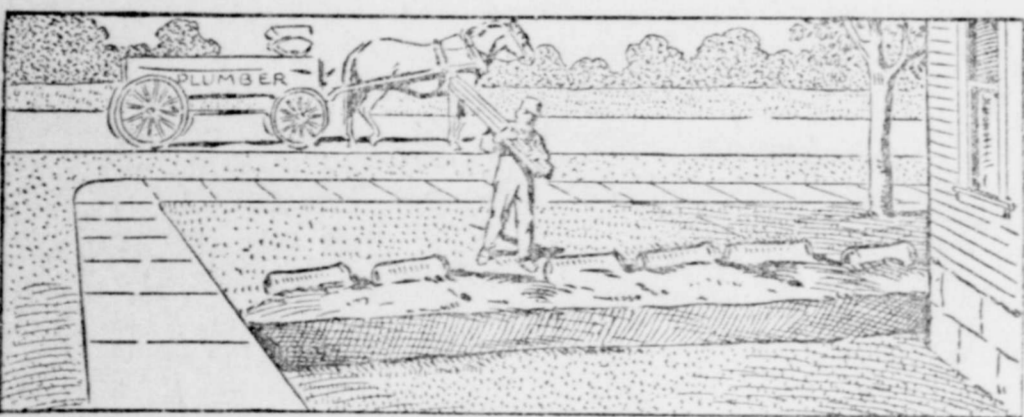
Miss Middleton was a private instructress in Denton, and she carried out her wedding plans and its culmination with secret, not even her most intimate friends being aware of her being a married lady. Several of Mr. James' friends in Ballinger were informed that he was married, but they only took it as a joke and would not believe it until they were confronted with the real proof.

The friends of Mr. James wish for he and his bride all the pleasures of a married life, and congratulate him on his choice of a life time mate. The newly weds, or "oldly" weds, will make their home at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. Skinner where they have secured rooms.

**When You Have a Cold.**

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

Miss Jess Seerest, who teaches on Valley creek, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks and Ballinger friends.



**Put in City Water**

The many advantages of having city water can hardly be reckoned in dollars and cents.

Your house—your garden—your lawn—your barn or your garage will be benefited in many ways by having city water.

Perhaps you think the expense will be too great. But let us furnish you an estimate, free of charge, and then you will know definitely how little it costs to have this convenience.

We do all kinds of repair work also.

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**LOCAL BANKER SEES BETTER COTTON PRICES**

Ballinger, Texas, Feb. 9th, 1917. To My Patrons and Friends:

There are times when we can suffer great sacrifice if we permit ourselves to be deceived by false reports such as submarine seacrows and war reports, which are now used to the exclusion of all other facts to tear down cotton prices below their justified intrinsic value, which today is unquestionably 20 cents and better for middling cotton. As prices of all manufactured goods from cotton are now based on 25 cent cotton, which the shortage in crop justifies.

Just prior to the beginning of the season of 1910 to 1911, cotton prices went close to 20 cents that being the middle of two short crop years 1909 to 1911, showing that practically all surplus cotton was used up at beginning of 1911 to 1912 season, which was one of our biggest crop years. It matters not what the submarines do or whether we have war with Germany or not, the basic reason why cotton is intrinsically worth over 20 cents middling basis is the actual shortage in production as shown by actual figures for the past six years:

**Crop Production**

1911-12	16,101,000
1912-13	14,104,000
1913-14	14,552,000
1914-15	15,136,000
1915-16	11,862,000
1916-17	11,500,000

**Actual Consumption, Six Years**

1911-12	14,515,000
1912-13	14,715,000
1913-14	14,541,000
1914-15	13,519,000
1915-16	14,813,000
*1916-17	14,500,000

\* Estimated by London

86,603,000  
 83,255,000

These figures show 3,348,000 bales as the actual shortage in cotton necessary to supply the needs of the world before another crop begins to come in besides the thousands of bales that have during the past six years been destroyed by fire or sunk in the ocean.

Now my friends, in all candor can we any longer with such figures glaring us in the face deceive ourselves or permit the Wall Street future manipulators to pull the wool over our eyes by such delusions as the submarines to tear down the actual intrinsic value of cotton. If the financial world and cotton manufacturers really realized what they are up against on a cotton famine, they would now gobble up all the cotton they can get for 25 cents per pound.

Mr. Cotton Bear you can deceive some of us all the time and all of us some times, but in the face of facts and figures, like these you cannot deceive all the people all the time. It will not surprise me to see some cotton sell even as high as 30 cents per pound before another crop is made.

Now Mr. Farmer if you have any cotton, while you are justified in view of the present cotton famine to demand over 20 cents for your cotton on hand. Still do not go cotton crazy in planting another crop, for feed stuff is short and will be high and if we do get into the war, labor and cotton pickers will be very short and high priced.

So it behooves every cautious and safe farmer to plant even more feed and grain than he will need for himself so as to supply the army which is always a destroyer and not a producer. When millions are fighting and destroying it is an enormous task for the civilians to produce enough to supply the world.

Sincerely yours,  
 CHAS. S. MILLER.

**Chamberlain's Tablets**  
 These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion, or constipation they will do you good.

W. S. Maddox of the Valley creek country, who had been visiting his son, George Maddox and family near Old Rannels, passed through Ballinger Friday en route home. Mr. and Mrs. George Maddox are rejoicing over the arrival of an eight pound baby boy at their home Wednesday, Feb. 7th, and mother and baby are doing nicely, so says Grandpa Maddox.

**Prof. Hertzog Praises This Perfect Laxative**

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin an Ideal Remedy for Constipation.



In every family there is more or less occasion for a laxative remedy. It is to meet this need that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is prepared, and that this combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin fulfills its purpose is proven by its place in thousands of American homes.

Prof. F. J. C. Hertzog, the well known linguist, 2341 North Orianna St., Philadelphia, Pa., wrote to Dr. Caldwell that he has used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in his household with excellent results and that he and his family consider it indeed a friend in need, and always keep a bottle of it on hand.

Constipation is the direct cause of much serious illness and is a condition that should never be neglected. Harsh cathartics and violent purgatives should never be employed to relieve constipation, because the very violence of their action shocks the entire system. A mild laxative, such as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is far preferable, being mild and gentle in its action, without griping or other pain or discomfort; its freedom from all opiate or narcotic drugs makes it an ideal remedy for children.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold in drug stores everywhere for fifty cents a bottle. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure to get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washington Street, Monticello, Illinois.

**LEG BROKEN.**

T. J. Griggs, vulcanizer at the Harwell Motor Co., had the misfortune to get his right leg broken Friday afternoon while out in an automobile about four or five miles from Ballinger.

A negro boy, who works around the garage, was driving the car and lost control of the steering wheel while on level ground and the car turned over, with the above results. The car was not very badly damaged, excepting breaking the windshield and smashing the fenders.

Mr. Griggs is a nephew of Judge R. S. Griggs, and has been with the Harwell Motor Co., for the past few months and is an expert in his line.

He was resting very nicely at last accounts.

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**CITATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Rannels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. W. Alexander 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 Rannels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1917, the same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 6th day of February A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1845, wherein Alma Crews Alexander is plaintiff, and H. W. Alexander is defendant; that nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:  
 STATE OF TEXAS;  
 County of Rannels:  
 In the District Court of Rannels County, Texas.  
 To the Honorable J. O. Woodward, District Judge:  
 Now comes Alma Crews Alexander, hereinafter styled plaintiff, and complaining of H. W. Alexander, hereinafter styled defendant, and would respectfully represent and show to the court: That plaintiff is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas, and has resided in said State for more than one year and in Rannels county for more than six months next preceding the filing of this suit, and that defendant's residence is unknown to this plaintiff.  
 Plaintiff would further represent that heretofore, to-wit, on the 10th day of October, 1907, she and defendant were lawfully married in Rannels County, Texas, and that they lived together

as husband and wife until about the 27th day of December 1912, when the defendant without cause and without provocation on the part of plaintiff willfully abandoned this plaintiff, and for more than three years has lived apart from this plaintiff, and during which time has in no way contributed to the support of plaintiff or her two minor children hereinafter mentioned.

That there was born to plaintiff and defendant during their married life two children, as follows: Charles Crews Alexander, a boy, now 8 years of age; and Lois Viola Alexander, a girl, now 5 years of age; which said children now and at all times since the plaintiff was so abandoned by her said husband, lived with plaintiff.

Wherefore premises considered, plaintiff prays that defendant be cited in terms of law and that on final hearing hereof she be granted a divorce and that the custody of the said children be awarded to her.

WRIGHT & HARRIS,  
 Attorneys for plaintiff.  
 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 6th day of February A. D. 1917.

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

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**BROTHER-IN-LAW DIED.**

W. E. Allen returned home Friday afternoon from Midland, where he had been at the bedside of his brother-in-law, Mr. Ellis, the past week or ten days and the many friends of the family will be pained to learn of the death of Mr. Ellis, while Mr. Allen was at his home this week.

**Sloan's Liniment for Stiff Joints.**

Rheumatic pains and aches get into the joints and muscles, making every movement torture. Relieve your suffering with Sloan's Liniment; it quickly penetrates without rubbing, and soothes and warms your sore muscles. The congested blood is stimulated to action; a single application will drive out the pain. Sloan's Liniment is clean, convenient and quickly effective, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 25c.

**SISTER DIED**

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichols returned home Friday from Coke county where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nichol's sister, Mrs. Bert Cornelius, nee Mary Reed, who died at her home in that county Thursday, Feb. 8th. Mrs. Cornelius was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Reed, well known to the pioneer citizens of Rannels county.



TEXAS MAN DRIVES THIRTY-FIVE MILES FOR MORE TANLAC

Wealthy Planter and Merchant Says Wife had Rheumatism so Bad Couldn't Straighten out Fingers

"I have come thirty-five miles in my car to get more Tanlac," said B. Lochridge, wealthy planter and merchant of Lochridge, Texas, while in Kiesling's Drug Store at Houston a few days ago.

"My wife suffered with indigestion six years and for the past five or six months has been troubled a great deal with rheumatism. Her lower limbs would swell twice their normal size and she could not begin to get her shoes on. The suffering in her hands was terrible and her fingers were bent just like a claw and she couldn't straighten them out. She could hardly eat a thing and suffered terribly with gas and severe pains in all her limbs and stomach. She was on a diet and even that hurt her and the only relief she could get from the gas was by taking cooking soda. She tried everything that money could buy without getting any relief.

"Then she started taking Tanlac and commenced to feel better on the first bottle and she has improved so fast that I can hardly realize it. She has just finished her second bottle and there's not a particle of swelling in her limbs. She can wear her shoes now and her fingers are perfectly straight. She can eat three square meals a day now and is as active and well as anybody. She came to Houston with me today in my car thirty-five miles. She was not at all tired when we got here. She can now go anywhere and is getting around over the city like she did years ago."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co., in Winters by Owens Drug store, and in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford.

BIG LINER ESCAPES GERMAN SUBS

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Cunarder liner Carmania arrived safely at Liverpool today, having made its way through the barred zone without coming in contact with submarines.

The Carmania left New York Feb. 4th, loaded with food stuffs and ammunition.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam, which sailed from New York to Amsterdam, Holland, on January 29th, is back in port here. The steamer reached port last night.

Officers of the ship say they received wireless messages after they reached the barred zone ordering them to turn back. Two hundred and fifty passengers are on board the ship, having traveled six thousand miles without reaching their destination and are now where they started from.

AMERICAN SURVIVES SUBMARINE TRAGEDY

LONDON, Feb. 14.—John Steffins, an American, it was officially announced today, is among the survivors of the Saxonians which was submarined several days ago.

A WILLING WITNESS

Is This Ballinger Resident.

What stronger proof of the merit of Doan's Kidney Pills can Ballinger readers demand than the statement of a well-known local resident? The evidence that follows should convince the most skeptical doubter.

G. W. Newman, preacher, 906 Sealey Ave., Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were out of order. I suffered from dull, throbbing pains across my loins. I often had such sharp catches in my back I could hardly straighten. The kidney secretions passed irregularly and annoyed me greatly. Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from J. Y. Pearce's Drug Store, put my back in good shape and rid me of kidney complaint."

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

Hope of Averting War Fast Waning

By Robert J. Bender.

United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Hope of averting a clash between the United States and Germany is fast waning, and American officials see the thickening of war clouds today.

The Kaiser's persistence in ruthless submarining of neutral as well as belligerent merchantmen and the entrance of Austrian submarines in the campaign further militated against this hope; especially in view of the fact that an American ship not carrying contraband of war being sunk.

It is apparent that Germany is determined to cast all caution to the winds. German statesmen are quoted as saying Germany will have no regard for Americans or any one else in its submarine warfare. In addition to all this American business is fast becoming congested, owing to the German "barrier."

All administration officials making statements today are dubious of the future, and an ultimatum may come at any time.

By Carl J. Ackermann

BERNE, Feb. 13.—The German public and German officials do not believe that the entrance of America into the war will have the slightest effect on the outcome of the fighting between the central power and the allies. Hindenburg believes that the preparations now underway will win the war for Germany before America could enter.

When Ambassador Gerard left Berlin orders were issued by the German government cancelling all vacations for German army officers and men during the month of February. Such move developed with the information that Hindenburg was waiting for the opportune moment for great final effort. Germans believe that the moment for victory is at hand. They hold that they have achieved this success because of the great success attending the unlimited submarining and the shortage of French supplies and lack of coal in France.

German officials have been assured by German-Americans in the United States that President Wilson will not declare war on Germany through fear of a German-American uprising.

It was determined early in November that the unlimited submarine warfare would be carried on when the Socialists warned the German Kaiser that they would start a militant move for peace unless the Kaiser started negotiations.

Conservative land owners controlling the food supplies and industrial leaders controlling the munition plants told the German government that the only way to end the war was through unlimited submarining and complete blockade of allied ports.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Cablegrams received here at 2:50 this afternoon says that Germany is addressing a note to the United States through the Swiss minister, suggesting that the two governments get together for the purpose of averting possible hostilities and perhaps straighten out the break. The communication, it is understood, proposes that the United States suggest to Germany anything that might tend to bring about negotiations on the submarine controversy. Whether the note is a formal communication or has actually been received is unknown. The Swiss legation is handling the affair with utmost secrecy.

By Carl J. Ackermann.

BERNE, Feb. 12.—"I will sit here in Berlin until Kingdom come and not leave until all Americans are permitted free exit from Germany," is what Ambassador Gerard told German officials, and is what caused passports to be returned to a number of newspaper correspondents just four hours before the train left. German police took up the newspaper correspondents' passports ostensibly for visa, and after Gerard refused to leave, the passports were returned to the correspondents. It was later learned that German intended to hold them hostages for safety of German ships now being held in American ports.

GERMANY is delaying a large number of Americans in Berlin for possible retaliatory measures in case of war with United States. The foreign office is striving to keep America out of war, but the German military party long ago prepared for American hostilities and only lukewarm support is being given the efforts of the German statesmen to prevent war between the two nations.

Germany practically made a demand upon Ambassador Gerard before he left Berlin to sign a treaty guaranteeing permission for all German ships to leave American harbors in case of a war ultimatum, and the demand is now being backed up by threats to hold American correspondents hostages if such action is not taken. Mr. Gerard told German officials if Americans are forced to remain in Germany, America would regard such action as sufficient cause for war and he refused to sign the proposed treaty.

Immediately after arriving at Berne Mr. Gerard began communicating with President Wilson in a code carrying details of Germany's threats.

(By Carl D. Groat.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—It was reliably stated this morning that demands for the release of American prisoners of the steamer Yarrowdale would be sent to Germany. With the demand will go an explanation from the United States that this government is not seizing German ships now interned in American harbors, nor holding their crews, and is interested only in seeing that the ships are not sunk and American harbors obstructed.

Germany's tactics towards Ambassador Gerard and other Americans has aroused the administration officials and official information received to the effect that the Yarrowdale prisoners have again been detained in serving to increase feeling against Germany.

With the British Armies in the Field, Feb. 9.—British officers say that the German cup of pessimism is overflowing on account of the possibility of the United States entering war. Noticeable discouragement is seen in the attitude of German soldiers recently taken prisoners by the British. They express the general view point by saying, "What's the use." The evacuation of Grandcourt by the Germans without fighting is a surprising example of the decreasing German morale.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 9.—The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette reports that Bulgaria has sent a message to the United States warning the American government that in case of war she will support Germany.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 8.—Unless Berlin guarantees that no damage will be done to Brazilian vessels or to any interest of Brazil, that government intends to sever relations with Germany. This information reached here today in dispatches from Rio Janeiro, and were published in the Buenos Aires Herald.

PERU TO SUPPORT UNCLE SAM.

LIMA, Feb. 9.—Peru today formally entered a protest against Germany's unrestricted submarining. The Peruvian sailing vessel Lorton was submarined.

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 9.—Uruguay agrees with the United States that the neutral nations can not recognize Germany's unrestricted submarine policy, and a note to that effect has been forwarded to Berlin.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—It is reported here today upon good authority that China has joined the United States in severing relations with Germany. The statement received here, and which is given from an authoritative source says that the Chinese note sent with Germany has been sent to Berlin.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 12.—Ambassador James W. Gerard expects to sail from Barcelona, Spain, for the United States on Feb. 24th. The ambassador and his legation are expected to arrive here today and will remain several days before going to Spain.

Americans with the diplomatic party said that while Germany is suffering greatly from the British blockade on account of shortage of supplies, the nation apparently has resolved to continue its policy of unlimited submarining, come what may and regardless of the suffering of the masses in Germany.

Ambassador Gerard refused an interview with newspaper reporters and the members of his staff are equally as reticent. Only the private American citizens would talk about conditions in Germany, and these were not free to talk for publication.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—German Ambassador Bernstoff was assigned reservation on the Scandinavian American liner Frederick VIII here today, also passage has been reserved for the ambassador's staff and German consuls. The Frederick VIII is due to sail from New York at two o'clock next Wednesday.

AUSTIN, Feb. 12.—The house voted on the Martin resolution today, almost unanimously defeating the resolution asking President Wilson to take into consideration in dealing with Germany the fact that that country is "fighting for its existence" and that German-Americans in this country are loyal to their "Fatherland." The vote against the resolution was almost solid.

GALVESTON, Feb. 12.—The navy has completed arrangements for arming all sea tugs of the Gulf and Atlantic ports, according to announcement of naval officials. It is said that there is ample supply of three and six pound rapid firers and ammunition available for this purpose.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Congressman William Lafalette offered in the house today a joint resolution making it unlawful to arm American merchantmen while the United States is not in a state of war.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The universal military training bill was today reported favorable to the senate. The bill provides for every male citizen in the United States, or those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, shall undergo a military training or naval training period of six months during the year they become nineteen years old. Following the training period the bill provides that all such citizens will become members of the citizen reserve until they are twenty-eight years old, and during that period they may be called by the president one day in each year for inspection.

The bill also provides that no person will be compelled to undergo six months training after reaching the age of twenty-six. The exemptions provided for by the bill will include physically unfit and persons and those on whose earnings the members of their immediate family depend for a living. They will be subject to re-examinations periodically. All members of religious sects whose orders forbid members to bear arms will be trained for the non-combatant branches of military service.

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

C. A. Orbeck returned home Wednesday at noon from Dallas, where he had been to attend the bankers' convention and accompanied the flying squadron as far as Brownwood to meet with the bankers' association of this district. Mr. Orbeck reports a very pleasant trip.

Jeanes Produce Co. advises you to keep oyster shells for your poultry. They have a solid ear just in.

WILL OUTLAW DIRTY PLACES IN BALLINGER

The Civic League has announced that "unrestricted submarining" will be declared against all dirty yards, dirty lots, dirty streets, and alleys in Ballinger on March first. They have sent a note of warning to the mayor and city commissioners, and the unlimited warfare will begin with the coming of the month of March.

According to the statement issued by the ladies every lot owner will be held responsible for his premises, and that portion of the street and alley that is adjacent to his property. Heretofore it has been the custom for the citizens to get the trash and refuse around their premises together and the city furnished wagons to do the moving. This rule will not be carried out this time and all parties must move their own trash piles.

The ladies will send out a committee to inspect the city. The committee's report will be made public and published, and credit will be given where credit is due, and those who have not done their duty towards making Ballinger a cleaner city, and thereby a more healthier place to live.

DOING BUSINESS ON BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

The Ballinger Ledger believes in looking after its own business: "It takes cash to pay telegraph tolls and buy paper. Have your nicker ready when you call for a paper. If you are a regular subscriber your paper will be delivered. Don't 'bum' the carrier boys for a paper, as they must account for all the papers carried out. Incidentally it might be added that the telegraph tolls on war news are heavier because more news is demanded, and the price of paper is going higher every day. The safe way, and the business-like way, is to subscribe for the paper and have it delivered each afternoon at the home or business house. No publisher whose paper is worthy can afford to give it away."—Brownwood Bulletin.

No sane man would think of walking into a grocery store and asking the grocer to "give" him a nicker's worth of tobacco, but it is no uncommon thing for a man to walk into the printing office and call for a paper, and walk out without offering to pay for the paper, and frequently without thanking the publishers. The average newspaper man is a liberal fellow, and the average newspaper man goes with his nose to the grindstone and finds it hard to meet his bills on the first of the month. There's a reason. Yes, the Ledger believes in looking after its own business, for if we don't look after it who will?

Chas. S. Miller of the Ballinger State Bank, and J. Whit Patterson of the First National Bank, left Wednesday morning for Brownwood, to attend the District Bankers' Association meeting which convened in that city today.

Mrs. Lelia Athey of Raymond, Alabama, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin, and family, of the North country, left from this point Monday afternoon for her home.

Rev. J. B. Curry and Misses Roberson, returned to Ballinger Wednesday from Collinsville, where they had been to accompany the remains of Mrs. Maud Roberson for burial.

Miss Julia Lord, of Richland Springs, came in Wednesday to visit relatives on the Dean farm in the Spring Hill community.

W. F. Mansker returned home Wednesday at noon from an extended visit to relatives at Victoria and other points in South Texas.

H. S. Yeager returned home Wednesday at noon from Grimes county, where he had been to attend the funeral of his mother, who died at her home in that county last week.

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WITH YOUR HANDS TIED by some chronic "female complaint" or weakness, what can you expect? There's nothing you can accomplish—nothing you can enjoy. And no good reason for it. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription will cure you, safely and certainly, if you'll give it faithful use. For every one of these womanly troubles, this is the only remedy: In periodical pains, bearing-down sensations, organic displacements, and every kindred ailment, and in all the nervous disorders caused by functional derangements.



Mrs. FANNIE HARRISON, 222 South Hill Avenue, Dallas, Texas, says: "This is to certify that I have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and I know it is good for it sure did straighten me out. I was where I could not do my work. I lay around all the time. It was recommended to me by a friend. Will say to those who are suffering in any way from female trouble to take the 'Prescription' and it will straighten them out." Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels.

AMERICANS READY TO GO FOR OUTLAWS

EL PASO, Feb. 15.—Colonel Sichel, commanding the New Mexico military district, is holding the Twelfth Cavalry in readiness to cross into Mexico to pursue the Villista bandits who raided the Corner ranch of the Palomas Land and Cattle Co. last Tuesday and kidnapped three Americans, and a number of American-Mexicans.

Information also received here says that Mr. Spencer, an American, the foreman of the Ojitos ranch in Mexico, and his wife and ten Mexicans were captured by Ynez Salazar and three hundred Villistas Monday, and are being held for the payment of a five thousand dollar ransom. Spencer was released and allowed to come to the border to get the ransom while his wife is being held hostage.

EAT BIG MEALS! NO SOUR, ACID STOMACH, INDIGESTION OR GAS

"Pape's Diapiesis" is Quickest, Surest Stomach Relief Known—Try it!

Time it! Pape's Diapiesin will sweeten a sour, gassy or out-of-order stomach within five minutes.

If your meals don't fit comfortably, or what you eat lies like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is usually a sign of acidity of the stomach.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapiesin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, nausea, debilitating headaches or dizziness. This will all go, and besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapiesin helps to neutralize the excessive acid in the stomach which is causing the food fermentation and preventing proper digestion.

Relief in five minutes is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent cases contain enough "Pape's Diapiesin" to usually keep the entire family free from stomach acidity and its symptoms of indigestion, dyspepsia, sourness, gases, heartburn, and headache, for many months. It belongs in your home.

SELLS ROOFING FOR TWO BUILDINGS

While here in his regular rounds last Saturday Jess McAdams sold the roofing for the Lankford building and for the Harwell garage building. Mr. McAdams closed a deal for a sufficient quantity of Texaco overlapping roofing for the two new buildings, and the covering for the new buildings will be here by the time the buildings are ready to be covered.

See A. J. Zappe before you sell your produce. We want your produce and you need our Dry Goods and Groceries 15-1dlw

Carl Guin left Tuesday afternoon for Coleman on a short business trip.



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"THE LABOR IS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE."

We believe that the bill, now pending before the legislature, providing for an increase in the salaries of our judges, should become a law.

Judging from the number of British ships submarined daily, the supply must be unlimited.

President Wilson has demonstrated most conclusively that he is not a fighter and does not want war, but it seems that in the present crisis patience will cease to be a virtue.

From time to time the South

when he is assured that he can see the direct benefit of the money. The Texas Good Roads Association is doing a good work, but the people in each county will object to sending two-thirds of the amount to be raised by taxing autos to the association.

SELECTING MEN TO COUNT SCHOOL CHILDREN

The work of taking the school census in this county, in both the common and independent districts, will begin soon. It is to the interest of the school fund that every child within the scholastic age be included in this count.

A mothers' pension bill is before the Legislature, providing a monthly pension of \$12 for each indigent mother, and \$4 additional for each addition child in the family, under 16 years of age.

ALL CHILDREN LOVE "SYRUP OF FIGS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give it when feverish, cross, biliousness, for bad breath or sour stomach.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs."

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative" they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle.

MRS. INNES GIVEN 3 YEARS IN PEN

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Ida Innes, wife of Victor Innes, of Portland, Oregon, was today sentenced to three years for larceny in connection with the disappearance and supposed murder of Lois and Beatrice Nelms in San Antonio.

Paper Shell Pecans

We have this year a choice lot of Soft Shell Pecan trees grown on our own grounds, warranted true to name, thrifty. Now ready for delivery and transplanting.

PREDICTS BIG COTTON ACREAGE

L. N. Keeler, of Runnels county, Texas, predicts the acreage of cotton will be large there this year. At Ballinger, in that county, the last season 35,000 bales were pressed, and the price farmers received made it the best paying crop they ever raised.

J. T. Bryan and Malcom McKay left Saturday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

NORTON NEWS

Rev. J. D. Ramsey, pastor of the Methodist church, filled his pulpit last Sunday morning.

There was singing at Charlie Roper's last Sunday night.

Raymond Lanehart is visiting his sister at Miles.

Henry Wilson of Brown county, is visiting friends here this week.

Mr. Hawkins, who has been working in the garage here for several months, has moved his family to Bronte, where he recently accepted a position in a garage.

The young people enjoyed a social party at Marvin Willis' last Friday night.

Dr. W. W. Mitchell has bought a new automobile.

Joe Bass is erecting a new car house with a concrete floor and foundation.

W. T. Garner is slowly recovering from injuries sustained from a falling tree the first of last week.

There is a new boarder at the home of J. D. Good. It's a new boy. Mrs. Good and the boy are getting along very nicely and Mr. Good is convalescing.

Miss Lillie Jackson of Knickerbocker, has been visiting relatives and friends here for several days.

Mrs. Allen Taylor, who had been visiting her son in Coleman county, returned home last Saturday.

Miss Edna Caswell has been very sick with pneumonia since her recovery from the measles.

Messrs. Charlie Roper and Ray-



For Stiff Neck

Apply Sloan's Liniment without rubbing to the sore leaders and the pain will soon be relieved.

For rheumatic aches, neuralgia, gout, lumbago, bruises, strains, sprains and muscle stiffness, have a bottle handy.

Quickly penetrates and soothes, cleaner than musky plasters or ointments, does not stain the skin.

At all druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

Sloan's Liniment

KILLS PAIN

SPRING HILL HAPPENINGS.

We are glad to report health in our community has improved from last week. Miss Namoni Davis is up, after a case of measles.

Harrold Dunn is able to be up again.

Sunday School was attended by a small crowd Sunday evening. We are glad to report some new

Preparedness... If not, call The Ballinger Insurance Agency for full information as to how to prepare against these evils. Ballinger Insurance Agency T. J. GARDNER, Manager Office with Bennett Abstract Co. Telephone No. 317

receives from the North aid that adds to the development of our resources and educational institutions. We have in mind a recent gift of \$10,000 from a New York citizen to Simmons College at Abilene, the money to go to the building of a gymnasium.

Dr. J. D. Sandefur, president of the college, who was in our city this week, says that the expenditure of this money will give Simmons College the second best gymnasium in Texas.

CITY SHOULD GUARD AGAINST SMALL POX.

Following close on an epidemic of measles Waco was badly afflicted with the small pox. It is reported that the same thing is occurring so near to us as Abilene. Ballinger is now experiencing the worst scourge of measles in its history.

WILLING TO GIVE UP ONE-HALF.

The legislature on second reading changed the Highway Bill so that one-half instead of one-third the registration fees imposed on autos by the bill, would be retained in the county where it was paid.

is intended rather as a measure enabling counties to extend charitable help to needy mothers who under present conditions must go to the poor farm or beg their daily bread from the public.

In dealing with the indigent mother and child problem what is needed above all things is a law that will put every husband and father who deserts his wife and children at work and the price of his labor turned to the support of his deserted family.

Painful Coughs Relieved.

Dr. King's New Discovery is a soothing, healing remedy for coughs and colds that has stood the test of nearly fifty years.

MEXICAN BANDITS KIDNAP 3 MORMONS

EL PASO, Feb. 14.—A message confirming the report of the kidnapping of three Mormons and seven Mexicans by Mexican bandits near Prudencio Mirando, sixty miles southwest of Pochita, New Mexico, on a ranch of the Palomas Land Co., was received here by P. T. Stephenson, manager of the company, today.

R. A. David, of Winters, T. W. Sharpes and H. Kay Berry of the Norton country and O. S. Johnson of Crews, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and Mr. Berry reports good showers at some places between Ballinger and his home.

Rev. Father Garman of Rowena, visited the local priest here between trains Monday.

MANY DIE IN HOTEL FIRE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 12.—One is known to be dead, a dozen are missing, and a score or more injured, some seriously, as the result of a fire which destroyed the Kenwood, a fashionable residence hotel, early this morning.

Mrs. Lucille Squire, aged thirty, was killed when she jumped from a third story window, missing the life net that was being held for her.

Citizens arriving before the firemen rescued many guests by piling boxes against the walls of the building which served as a fire escape. A downtown fire was in progress when this fire broke out and much of the fire fighting apparatus was in service when the alarm was sounded.

It is estimated that there were seventy-six persons in the building. A gasoline explosion in the basement is believed to have started the fire. The main stairway to the building was destroyed before the guests were aroused, and the only fire escape on the rear wall could be reached only through occupied rooms.

G. H. Sturm left Monday at noon for Rowena, where he is finishing up some carpenter work.

W. T. Hill, the Benoit postmaster, motored over to the city Tuesday on a short business trip.

Miss Toulme left Tuesday afternoon for New Orleans and points in Mississippi where she will spend a few weeks vacation with relatives and friends at her former home.

TICK ELECTION MADE VALID IN THIS COUNTY

Practically all opposition to tick eradication in this county vanquished this week when a large committee of stockmen appeared before the commissioners' court and petitioned that body to maintain the cattle inspectors and carry on the work of making Runnels County free from ticks and to keep the county under quarantine to keep it from ticks.

The court acted favorably on the proposition and the inspectors will continue the work in this county. In order that the law may become valid and parties who violate the law prosecuted, the court immediately took steps to have the certificate giving the result of the election published, and same appears in due and legal form in this paper, and with the publication of this law the tick eradication law becomes valid in Runnels County.

Those who had gone to the trouble and spent considerable money to free their cattle from ticks were somewhat put out when it was discovered that an error on the part of a previous commissioners' court had blocked the law, temporarily at least, and they began immediately to take steps to make the law valid, even though it required the calling of another election.

M. C. Taylor came in from San Angelo Monday morning to look after business matters in our city and this section a day or two.

E. A. Jeanes, of the Jeanes Produce Co., left Monday morning for Waco, where he will attend the State Butter and Egg Shipping Association meeting and will go on to South Texas in the interest of his company for a few days.

mond Lanehart will soon open up a vulcanizing plant in some nearby city.

Clarence Lollar was shopping and marketing some pork in Ballinger Monday.

Tom Setser made a business trip to Winters, Monday.

Workmen are building the concrete foundation for Bob Dorsett's new residence in the western part of town.

Mrs. Taylor of Midland, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Rayburn, and family, returned home last week.

Cap Barnett and Jean Rayburn left the latter part of last week in a car on a prospecting tour through Northwest Texas.

The Methodist congregation is having their nice church building painted on the inside.

Chester London of Winters, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Tubbs has been very sick this week with measles.

See A. J. Zappe before you sell your produce. We want your produce and you need our Dry Goods and Groceries

Seed Seed You always pay a good price for the pretty picture on package garden seed, then why not buy your seed in bulk from Jeanes Produce Co.

"For All the People"

THE sturdy principles and sound common sense of Abraham Lincoln stood our country in good stead during the grave crises of his day—nothing could swerve him from what he considered his loyal duty to "all the people, all the time."

The Farmers and Merchants State Bank believes in loyalty to its depositors all the time—not a few favored ones with large and active accounts, but to large and small alike. This good business principle has kept the old and added new depositors steadily since the bank was founded. It is the basis on which it solicits checking accounts.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK TEXAS

members. We meet every Sunday evening at 3 o'clock. Everybody come.

We would also be glad if those boys who ride wild mules on Sunday would attend Sunday school. Docteur Linley spent Sunday with Mr. Hightower.

Miss Katherine Wheelis spent Sunday with the Misses Pain.

Mr. and Mrs. Guss Carnes and little daughter Hazel, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Duncan.

Melvin Carnes spent Saturday night with Clifton Jones.

Collier Flowers and Roy Hightower called on Misses Lela and Lola Allison, Friday night.

The party at Mr. Tipton's Saturday night was attended by a large crowd. All reported a nice time. While some preferred going hunting and miss a good time. Apple Blossom.

Best Loan proposition on any good west Texas land. Will buy vendors lien notes. We have the cheapest money and plenty of it.

Have closed loans in less than one week from the time the application was taken. McFarland & Cryer, Winters, Texas.

Just received a line of the latest Spring goods at A. J. Zappe's store.

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**"Stop that headache!  
It's stopping your work"**



Pain and Ill Health rob you of all your efficiency.

**DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS**

quickly relieve Pain, but at the same time, when over-work or nervousness is the cause,

**Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine** should be used to relieve the cause.

IF FIRST BOX, OR BOTTLE, FAILS TO BENEFIT YOU, YOUR MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.

**SEVERE HEADACHE.**

"I once had terrible headaches and feared La Grippe. I could not attend to my work. I took some of Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills and the pain was quickly gone. Then I started using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and the trouble vanished completely and I felt well and active once more."  
HENRY FARNHAM,  
Spring Valley, Minn.

**COUNTY'S OBLIGATION TO POOR AND INSANE**

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 8.—The county's obligation to the poor, insane and afflicted; highway improvement; cooperation of departments, and needed legislation are among the topics being discussed at the semi-annual meeting of the County Judges' and County Commissioners' Association of Texas, which got underway here today.

The meeting was called to order by President C. D. Smith. Mayor Lindsay welcomed the delegates for the city, and County Judge Corley for the county. County Judge Beauchamp responded for the visiting judges, and President Smith for the county commissioners.

The entire morning session was devoted to routine business. This afternoon the real session started. Among the speakers were Judge Davis, Texas county; Judge Price, Bastrop county; Judge Bradley, Limestone county; Commissioner Jenkins, Meridian; Commissioner Morgan, Denton; Judge Bryan, Harris county; Judge Tucker, Hopkins county; Commissioner Miller, Dallas; Commissioner Jackson, Wichita Falls; Judge Fryar, Freestone county; Judge Alexander, McLennan county; Judge Bullock, Mitchell county; D. E. Colp, secretary of the Texas Good Roads association.

The judges' meeting, at which Judge Temple of Weatherford will preside, will include the following speakers: Judge Maloney, Brazos county; Judge Steed, Grayson county; Judge McMillan, Delta county; Judge Harris, Wichita county; Judge Leslie, Fannin

county; Judge Ranspot, Palo Pinto county; Judge Smith, Burnet county; Judge Holman, Cooke county; Judge Brown, Tarrant county; Judge Moulden, Collin county; Judge Latham, Montague county; Judge Potteroff, Denton county; Judge Taylor, Navarro county; Judge Sweet, Brown county; Judge Tidwell, Ellis county; Judge Williams, Red River county; Judge King, Shackelford county; Judge Pool, Victoria county.

Officers will be elected just before the close of the final session. Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take Herbine. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**ARM BROKEN**

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Denmer and two children motored over to near Bronte to spend the day with Mrs. Denmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carr, Sunday. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Carr had the misfortune to get his right arm broken Saturday by a large stick of wood falling on it.

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

**OPERATED ON FOR GALL STONES**

The many friends of Will Dunlap will be glad to learn that he is doing nicely this afternoon following a successful operation for gall stones at the Halley & Love sanitarium Monday morning.

Mrs. Dallas Hawkins and her sister, Miss Reilly, of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Saturday for Brownwood to visit relatives a few days.

**LOCAL TEACHERS TO ATTEND BIG MEET CHARLEY NOYES DEAD; RESULT HORSE FALLING**

With Mrs. Scott H. Mack, president of the Mothers Club in Ballinger; Mrs. E. Toepferwein, president of the Mothers Club in Menard; the presidents of the local Parent-Teacher associations; Mrs. B. A. Fowler, secretary of the local presidents' council and Mrs. R. B. Rogers, president of the local council, in attendance, the Presidents' Council of the Mid-Texas Mothers Congress met in Brownwood Tuesday morning to arrange a program for the Mid-Texas Mothers Congress which will meet in Brownwood March 16 and 17.

A large attendance of mothers is expected. The program, which as yet is tentative, will be published in the near future.—Brownwood Bulletin.

In connection with the Mid-Texas Mothers Congress to be held in Brownwood on March 16 and 17, steps were taken at a recent meeting of the local school board to make it possible for all the Ballinger teachers to attend the Mid-Texas Teachers Association at Brownwood on these dates. March 2nd—Texas Independence Day—is a holiday in the local school and would have been observed, but at the request of Superintendent Fleming the board passed an order calling for school to remain in session on March 2nd, and there will be no school on March 16th in order that the teachers may attend the Brownwood meeting. It is expected that Runnels county will be well represented at this meeting.

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Hair stops falling out and gets thick, wavy, strong and beautiful.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few week's use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it surely get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any druggist or toilet counter, and just try it.

**AMBASSADOR FLETCHER GOING TO MEXICO**

LAREDO, Feb. 12.—Ambassador Fletcher and party have made reservations at a local hotel and they are due to arrive here tomorrow morning. Two special trains arrived from Mexico City today, and are waiting at Nuevo Laredo. It is believed that the ambassador and his staff will be accompanied to Mexico City by a strong guard of Carrancistas. The American ambassador is en route to the Mexican capital to represent the United States government.

**Special Notice To Telephone Patrons.**

Our February issue of Telephone Directory is being compiled and will be closed February 15th. Please refer to last directory and see if your name, number and address is correct, if not call No. 19 and give us correction. Now is the time to give us order for new telephones in order to get your name in this issue.

WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE CO. By H. W. Day, Mgr. 12-2tw1tw

W. B. Ray returned home Monday at noon from a business trip to Tulsa, Okla.

Charley Noyes, the nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Noyes, died at Brady Sunday morning at five o'clock from injury sustained when a horse fell on him late Friday afternoon. The news of the death was received in Ballinger shortly after it occurred and brought sorrow to the friends of this family in Ballinger where they have made their home for a good part of the time during the past few years.

From the best information obtainable it seems that Charley was working with cattle on his father's ranch six miles east of Melvin, and was driving cattle on a horse when his horse ran over a calf, or the calf ran in front of the horse tripping his mount, and in the fall the young man's neck was dislocated. He was hurriedly carried to Brady for medical attention, but the injury was of such nature that all the medical skill in the world could not have saved his life.

It was announced in Ballinger early Monday morning that arrangements had been perfected for the funeral and that the remains would be laid to rest in the cemetery at Melvin Tuesday a y morning at ten o'clock. Quite a number from Ballinger will attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Noyes moved to Ballinger from Menard several years ago, and for several years spent the school term here for the benefit of education for their son Charley was the only boy in the family, and only one other child survives, a little girl. Mr. Noyes is extensively interested in Ballinger, being one of the largest, if not the largest, city tax payer. The family moved from Ballinger to the ranch when school closed a year ago, and did not return for the present term.

Charley had many friends among the boys and girls of Ballinger as well as the grown-ups, and the news of his death was received here with sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes have the sympathy of their many friends in Ballinger.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**YOUTH KILLED BY OFFICER'S PISTOL**

Gene Phelps, aged 18 years, son of W. H. Phelps of Abilene, died at Albany early Wednesday morning from wounds received late Tuesday when a pistol belonging to a Shackelford county officer was discharged. Sheriff Dodson of Abilene said he understood the officer was Deputy Sheriff Henry Herring.

According to the information obtainable here, the shooting was purely accidental.

With another youth Phelps was in an automobile with the Shackelford county officer bound for Albany when he was wounded. The officers had picked the young men up on advices of the Taylor county sheriff's department.

The boys went out on Spring creek with camping kit to stay several days to trap, employing a 14-year-old boy to carry them and their outfit out there from Abilene Sunday morning, according to the statement of the 14-year-old boy. The two older boys were not at the camp when the Abilene officers arrived, but the younger boy was. This latter declared he was employed by the two youths to haul them out to the creek in a hack.

Not finding them at the camp, the local officers asked the Shackelford county officers to assist them. According to the information gleaned from the local officers, young Phelps was on the rear seat of the automobile with the Abilene officer when the latter's pistol was accidentally discharged, the bullet penetrating the young man's groin. He was taken to Albany where he died several hours later.

C. A. Orbeck left Saturday afternoon for Dallas, where he will represent the Ballinger State Bank at the State Bankers Association meeting in that city this week.



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After a night of restlessness due to a hacking cough, with its strain and disturbance on your whole system, you feel completely exhausted.

Do not let the cold wear you out and encourage more serious illness.

Take Dr. King's New Discovery and get grateful relief, it quiets the annoying cough, relieves the colds and grippe—makes you feel comfortable again and you get the much needed rest.

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**TICK ERADICATION TO CONTINUE HERE**

Whether the tick eradication law just held invalid in this county is ever put into effect or not, those who opposed the law had as well make up their mind to abide by a similar law, for Texas is going to be freed of the ticks. This is a fact that the opposition to cattle dipping can not deny.

At present there is pending in the legislature a law that will put tick eradication on a more extensive campaign, and will bring every county in the state under the control of the sanitary livestock commission, and the man who has ticky cattle and who declines to dip them will himself be dipped.

The bill pending provides for zones, and is designed as a compromise between the cattlemen who are offering different ideas for putting into effect a law that will put the entire state under the quarantine. It proposes to divide the state into four zones, or districts, and dipping will be carried on according to existing conditions for the various zones, clean up dates being fixed for each zone. If this law is passed it will perhaps go into effect by the middle of the summer. Runnels county will be placed in the first zone, which will be composed of the following counties:

Armstrong, Archer, Andrews, Briscoe, Bailey, Baylor, Bowie, Borden, Brown, Brewster, Carson, Collingsworth, Castro, Childress, Cottle, Cochran, Crosby, Clay, Cooke, Collin, Comanche, Callahan, Coleman, Concho, Coke, Crockett, Crane, Culberson, Cass, Camp, Dallan, Deaf Smith, Donley, Dickens, Delta, Denton, Dallas, Dawson, Erath, Eastland, Ector, El Paso, Foard, Floyd, Fannin, Franklin, Fisher, Gray, Grayson, Garza, Gaines, Gregg, Glass, Cook, Hartley, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Hall, Hardeman, Hale, Hockley, Hopkins, Hunt, Haskell, Harrison, Hood, Howard, Irion, Jack, Jones, Jeff, Davis, King, Knox, Kent, Kaufman, Lipscomb, Lamb, Lubbock, Lamar, Lynn, Loving, Moore, Motley, Montague, Morris, McCulloch, Mitchell, Martin, Midland, Marion, Nolan, Oldham, Ochiltree, Parmer, Potter, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Roberts, Randall, Red River, Rockwall, Runnels, Reagan, Reeves, Rains, Sher-

man, Swisher, Stonewall, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Smith, Somervell, Sutton, Schleicher, Sterling, Titus, Throckmorton, Terry, Tarrant, Taylor, Tom Green, Terrell, Upshur, Upton, Van Zandt, Wheeler, Wood, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, Ward, Winkler, Young, Yoakum; 137 counties.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**EXCITING RUNAWAY HURTS ONE MAN**

A. J. Byars and son Allen, of the Benoit country, were thrown from a buggy in front of the Cameron Lumber Co. yard Friday afternoon when their horse became frightened and took a sudden turn with the buggy. The gentlemen drove up to the watering trough in front of the lumber yard to water a young horse they when he was thrown from the came frightened. Mr. Byars was hurt about the head and shoulders when he was thrown from the buggy and the young man was slightly injured.

The frightened horse dashed down Hutchings avenue, with the overturned buggy and smashed into Dr. Hale's auto, and also ran into the Miller Mercantile delivery wagon. The delivery wagon team was frightened by the runaway horse and added to the mix up, but was stopped after runaway horse continued down Hutchings avenue and was caught near the river bridge. A badly demolished buggy constituted the main wreckage.

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Hundreds of Items for now and future use in the dry goods and hardware departments, many interesting prices on groceries all combine to make this an event that will bring shoppers here to buy their supplies

### Toile Du Nord

Gingham, the standard of all qualities, new Spring patterns, extra special .....12½¢

### Huck Towels

Bleached pure white, turkey red border, good size and weight, only 11¢

### Gingham

Light colors, in stripes only, heavy grade, worth 12½¢, ideal for boys waists, special .....9½¢

### Men's Suits

Spring weights, blue serges, fancy worsteds, extra well tailored \$18.50 grade for only .....\$13.85

### Handkerchiefs

Child's school size, hemmed, bleached pure white, extra value at .....2½¢

### White Lawn

28 inch width, sheer and extra stout, smooth weave, worth 8½¢, special only .....5¢

### Suitings

A special lot, sold at 20¢ to 25¢, some light others dark, reps, foulards, satteens, special .....11¢

### White Waistings

For summer, voiles, stripes, and figures, worth 35¢ to 40¢, special .....23¢

### Ladies' Vests

Full tape neck and arms, bleached white, Summer weight 12½¢ grade, special .....10¢

### Silk Waists

Extra heavy georgette crepe, whites, creams, new styles, hand embroidered, \$6.50 grades .....\$4.95

### Percales

A house dress fabric, good weight and width, light colors, extra value .....8½¢

### Men's Work Pants

Color dark tan, extra hard finish, woven stripes, the \$2.50 grade special at .....\$2.15

### Middies

Misses and women's sizes, good weight materials, new styles, extra good 65¢ grades 59¢

### Men's Shirts

Dress shirts, standard make, desirable patterns, worth up to \$1.25, for .....85¢

### Cotton Plaids

For quilt linings, standard width, good weight, fast colors, special 8½¢ grade, 15 yards for .....\$1.00

### Overalls

Made of heavy grade blue demins, cut full and roomy, all sizes, worth \$1.25 special .....93¢

**House Dresses**  
Women's good quality gingham, checks, plaids, or solid colors, all sizes, \$1.50 grade .....\$1.19

**Dimity**  
For baby dresses, small and medium bars, sheer, and good quality, 15¢ grade .....11¢

## Groceries

If one person in ten knew of these real savings on their eating to be effected at this store—these bargains would not go half around. Genuine bargains—better see about them.

### Jelly

Quart size, extra good, pure fruit, a real 35¢ grade, special, a quart .....16¢

### Catsup

Made from choice ripe tomatoes, a regular 15¢ seller, standard brand, a bottle .....7¢

### Sweet Pickles

A 25¢ jar, made from green tomatoes and cucumbers, a good relish for, a jar .....11¢

### Starch

For laundry use, 10¢ size, 1 pound package, high grade lump, extra value 5¢

### Peace Maker

## Flour

Best of the Best. Every sack warranted, or your money back. Extra value  
**\$2.50 Sack**

### Coffee

Fresh roasted, whole grain, good grade, 25¢ seller, 6 pounds for .....\$1.00

### Oat Meal

The regular 10¢ size, 1¼ pound selected oats, an extra value for .....7¢

### Olives

A quart of extra selected green olives worth 50¢, a real bargain for .....23¢

### Can Corn

White corn, carefully selected, sweet, thoroughly cleaned, a specially good one for .....10¢

### Syrup

Sorghum for cooking, light color table syrup, two good 60¢ grades from which to select, a gallon 47¢

### Pure Fruit

Jelly, of many flavors, a standard high grade product, the 10c size, extra at .....5¢

## "MOON BROS" BUGGIES

Worth 100 cents—a buggy without a flaw—a tried and found to be the best of the "best," that's the general verdict that is given this high grade vehicle by the hundreds of satisfied customers who own one.

We Sold Four Cars Last Year—and some people think there are no more buggies sold but buggies of this class always sell. Just unloaded a fresh car, from which to make selections—get yours now.

\$90.00 Runabout—A neat trim style that is modern in every respect. You should see at to appreciate its beauty

**\$76.75**

### \$100.00 Top Buggy

Not the ordinary kind but a high grade "Moon Bros." which outwear 3 ordinary kinds, an extra value

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The ideal young man's rig, has auto seat and top is easily removed, special

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The stout "Moon Bros." quality, has extension top like surry, a big value at

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Pie plates, small bakers and bowls, a grade that sells for 15¢, special .....11¢

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**SUMMONING JURORS FOR DISTRICT COURT**

The jury list for the spring term of District Court was released Tuesday, and placed in the hands of the sheriff, and the work of notifying those who have been selected is well underway.

Court convenes in Ballinger on Monday, March 12th at one-thirty p. m. The docket is a light one, and so far there has not accumulated any great amount of business for the grand jury to take up when it meets to investigate the moral standing of the county.

A three weeks petit jury has been summoned, and with the grand jury is as follows:

**Grand Jury**

A. J. Thorp, Scott H. Mack, F. L. Harper, Walter Murray, W. W. Poe, J. B. Riggs, W. R. Albritton, Henry Hoffmann, John Bigby, D. S. Crockett, E. J. Clayton, Edgar Jayroe, T. J. McCaughan, H. A. Mitchell, J. A. Carter, W. E. Puckett. These men will be called to answer to roll call at one-thirty on March 12th.

**Petit Jury for First Week**

F. T. Rushing, E. J. Handley, Edwin W. Jones, J. H. Clark, Mike C. Boyd, Arthur Bell, J. H. Ganaway, J. A. Bass, G. W. Dark, E. M. Bond, H. C. Gardner, T. M. Bailey, J. M. Blessing, A. L. Spann, Preston Dunn, M. C. Wilson, Robt. McGregor, J. H. Bridwell, Pryor Mapes, Clarence Routh, W. R. Greer, Sam Baker, Will Francis, W. E. Davis, W. F. Atwell, H. F. Lindermann, W. D. Danham, A. H. Lewin, H. K. Berry, J. R. Mackey, C. B. Laxon, G. W. Dean, E. D. Bowen, J. L. Kennedy, Joe Snellgrove, Dan Moser.

**Petit Jury for Second Week**

J. H. Martin, Jim Mitchell, D. R. Smith, E. M. Eubanks, E. G. Bowen, W. H. Arnold, Claud Lee, W. C. Barrett, J. S. Mills, L. B. James, J. H. Mills, W. L. Golden, John

Mansker, J. H. Lewis, J. A. Yarnell, L. Baldwin, J. S. Clark, O. R. Ferguson, D. M. Hillyard, F. D. Bedford, J. V. Denwidde, Ed Gerhart, E. Koenig, R. A. Bishop, W. J. Mountz, E. V. Bateman, J. F. Allen, W. B. Kelsey, J. W. Batts, H. G. Stokes, A. D. Barnett, W. M. Smiley, H. Lampe, Horrace Murphy, W. L. Baker, L. M. Bailes.

**Petit Jury for Third Week**

S. A. Mathis, Clarence Harter, Ben Spill, Jas. Barrett, Robert Spreen, S. J. Akin, J. B. Bass, A. J. Bingham, S. P. Hathaway, C. Black, Bert Fletcher, R. B. Armstrong, Ed Lehr, N. J. Alexander, Leon Ward, J. L. Chastain, Geo. Holliday, R. O. Walton, P. J. Barun, Roy Bates, W. H. Cain, D. D. Aldridge, H. C. Martin, W. S. Alleorn, R. L. Bates, E. J. Cathcy, W. E. Barbee, W. J. Davis, E. E. Gaston, W. M. Davenport, H. Baldwin, C. R. Jians, T. F. Bridwell, John Alexander, R. H. Gambrell and John Currie.

**TON UP THE BLOOD**

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

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

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

**SPRING'S COMING**

You will need lumber for making improvements around your home. When you think of building and painting think of

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**GAME BILL KILLED; HERE IS SUBSTITUTE**

The five year closed season for all birds as proposed by Representative Metcalf, of San Angelo, did not meet with favor in the legislature, and it has been sidetracked and a substitute bill offered that is not so drastic, but makes some important changes in the present game law. The substitute to Metcalf's bill cuts out the five year closed season, but contains some of the other drastic measures, and in brief is as follows:

It makes it unlawful for any fresh water fish to be taken from state waters by any means other than hook and line or trotline, or by a minnow seine more than 10 feet in length, or by any trap or device for the catching of fish other than those specified above. It makes it unlawful for any fresh water fish taken from state waters to be sold. It makes it unlawful to take more than 25 such fish in a day. The species referred to in the text are bass, white perch or crappie.

An amendment to the existing game laws provides for a hunter's license, cost \$1, to be secured by every person hunting in the state each season. This license must be obtained from the fish and game commissioner, and on conviction of any person for the violation of the law the offender's license is automatically revoked. All licenses expire on the first day of September following the issuance, and must be renewed.

A very stringent affidavit must be sworn to by all undertaking to ship game from one place to another.

The clause touching the taking of wild deer is amended so that it becomes unlawful to take deer between January 1, and November 15 of each year. Thus the season is set between the dates of November 15 and December 31; furthermore only one buck a season is allowed.

The turkey season is set within the same limits—November 15 to December 31—and only one wild gobbler may be killed in the season. The season in which prairie chicken may be taken is confined to the month of December, and only three chickens may be taken in one day. The quail and dove seasons are brought together, opening on December 15 and closing on February 1; the bag limit is ten a day. In a few of the northern counties the dove season is to be the month of September alone.

The final recommendation of the bill is that it be placed on an emergency footing and, as it were, railroaded thru and made effective immediately.

In regard to wild fowl it simply forbids shooting at a wild fowl or aquatic bird before sunrise or after sunset.

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"Pape's Gold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only 25 cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Don't accept a substitute.

**AMENDMENT TO MILITARY BILL**

Washington, Feb. 13.—Senator Borah offered an amendment to the universal military bill today. The amendment proposes the repeal of the present National guard law.

**FORMER BALLINGER MAN DENIED BOND**

M. H. Bibb, former night watch man at Ballinger, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Edward W. Stokes here on December 6, last, was refused bail in the Tom Green county district court Saturday afternoon when a habeas corpus hearing was held before Judge Dubois.

J. J. Sheppard, a local attorney swore on the witness stand Saturday afternoon that Bibb told him immediately following the shooting that he "had had a little trouble with a fellow around there. He broke up my family twice, but he will never do it any more."

Mrs. M. A. Gaskins, who was rooming at the Three Sisters' Hotel at the time of the fatal killing, testified that prior to the killing Mrs. Bibb had told her that she was going to get a divorce from her husband and marry Stokes.

Eight witnesses were introduced, only one, however, by the defense. This was Miss Ethel Bibb, daughter of the defendant.

Following the conclusion of the testimony, W. A. Anderson, one of the attorneys for Bibb, stated to the court that Bibb should be granted bond as the defense could only be classed as manslaughter, due to the fact that Stokes was seen with Mrs. Bibb at the time of the shooting, after the defendant had warned him to cease his attentions to his wife. The court turned down the application and Bibb will return to his confinement in the county jail until the May term of court.

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**MORTUARY**

Mrs. J. E. Jones.

Mrs. J. E. Jones died last Friday at her home at Rowena and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Saturday afternoon. She had been suffering for some time from that dread disease, tuberculosis.

The Ledger joins a large circle of friends in condolence and sympathy for the relatives left to mourn the death of their dear one.

**Mrs. Maud Roberson.**

Mrs. Maud Roberson, who came to our city last summer and bought the H. W. Lynn residence, died at her home Saturday afternoon from tuberculosis, and the remains were shipped to Collinsville, Texas, Saturday afternoon for burial. Besides other relatives she leaves two daughters and a son to mourn her demise.

The Ledger joins friends in sympathy for the sad relatives who mourn this death.

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**INVESTED IN OIL FIELDS.**

G. G. Odum returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sunday, where he with a number of other local capitalist invested heavily in a new oil field near that place. They anticipate a rich field and are enthusiastic over the investment just made.

**GERARD TO STOP IN PARIS.**

BERNE, Feb. 13.—Ambassador Gerard and his immediate party will leave here Thursday going to Paris, where they will remain until time comes to make connection with the Spanish liner which leaves Barcelona some time after the 20th of February.

**PERUNA in Your Home**

A housewife must give the first aid in colds, coughs and other ailments. Her promptness in applying the remedy often saves a serious illness. Her experience with remedies has led her to know that PERUNA is always reliable, that she should have it on hand for the immediate treatment of coughs and colds, and that it is always to her



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**The Family Safeguard**

The experience of one woman, given herewith, is typical of thousands of letters that reach the Peruna Company from grateful friends who have found their homes incomplete, and their family safety in danger without PERUNA.



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**BALLINGER SCHOOL TO RUN FULL TERM**

At a recent meeting of the school board, the check up was made on finances it was determined that the present term would continue for the full nine months, provided the full state apportionment amounts to seven dollars per capita this year, and six dollars of this amount has been paid and ordered paid, and the other one dollar will come in, it is believed. The superintendent's report shows that the work is progressing nicely, and only an unusual large number of cases of measles are hindering in the work, and this trouble will soon be out of the way. A proposition made by the ladies of the Shakespeare Club and the Civic League to plant out trees at West Ward met with a unanimous approval, the school to take care of the trees after they are planted.

**About Constipation.**

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea, and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits, especially bananas and apples, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

**BALLINGER THE CHAMPION**

Ballinger basket ball boys enjoyed another successful victory, which they won over Winters Friday. Considering the fact that the two teams competed for the championship of this district, shows an increased interest for the boys, which they showed after they came from Winters, by giving a shirt-tail parade over the town. Winters started like winners, but as the race neared its goal they looked like contenders—and this they were. The officials claimed that it was a clean, sportsman like game. The score was 30-20.

**C. A. Freeze had a narrow escape**

Saturday from a serious accident when his car turned over, but fortunately no one was hurt and the car was only slightly damaged.

**Charlie Waldrip of the Crews**

country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday and ordered The Banner-Ledger to the address of Mrs. Pearl Clark.

**Get at The Source of Your "Skin Diseases"**

Don't be misled by this term, for the appearance of pimples, boils or rashes indicate something more serious than a mere "breaking out" of the skin. These eruptions are, in reality, signals from nature that the blood is impoverished, debilitated and in need of help. Of course you can sometimes drive away the infected places by applying a salve or lotion, but unless you treat them through the medium of the blood, they will occur again and again.  
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### DR. C. A. ZACHERY ENDS HIS LIFE

News was received in Ballinger Monday of the death of Dr. C. A. Zachery, of Crews. Dr. Zachery took an overdose of chloroform between ten and twelve o'clock Sunday morning and died from the effects of the medicine. Justice of the Peace Tally, of Crews, held an inquest and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The funeral was held Monday and the remains laid to rest in the Crews cemetery.

Dr. Zachery had been a citizen of this county for perhaps fifteen years. He located at Rowena where he practiced for some time, later moving to Crews. For some time he had been in bad health and was carried to the asylum where he was given temporary relief.

Mrs. Zachery is a teacher in the Crews school. Besides her two children survive. They have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

#### A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

#### JUDGE DOSS RETURNS FROM AUSTIN

Judge A. K. Doss is at home from Austin, where he went to confer with the attorney general's department with reference to straightening out the tangle in the tick eradication law. He secured a ruling that will put the law into effect in this county again as soon as the ruling is complied with. Judge Doss visited the lawmakers while in the capitol and incidentally did a little lobbying for one of two of his favorite measures that are now pending before the legislature.

### DISTRESSING RHEUMATISM

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### 33RD DEGREE TEAM TO EXEMPLIFY MASONRY

What our local Masons think of the coming to Ballinger Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the 33rd Degree Team means to the Masons of the District.

Every true lover of the Ancient Craft of Masonry should make it a point to be present on the 20th of this month when Ballinger Lodge 643, will hold open house for members of the fraternity in the district. The brethren who are to exemplify the work hold high positions of honor in the order and are men of affairs in the business world. This is a labor of love with them and for the good that they can do. —J. McGregor.

Every Mason in this district should avail himself of the opportunity to see and hear Masonry exemplified by men of national reputation in the fraternity. —Wiley Barbee.

Every Mason in this district who possibly can should take advantage of this opportunity to see the work exemplified in perfectness. I feel assured that every person in Ballinger regardless of lodge affiliations will be glad to welcome these distinguished visitors. —Paul Trimmer.

The coming to our city of the Honorable Sam P. Cochran of Dallas with the rest of the staff of 33rd Degree Masons for the purpose of putting on work in the Master's Degree in our lodge is certainly a compliment to our city and speaks well for the men at the head of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge. —J. Y. Pearce.

The 20th of February will be an occasion the memories of which will linger long in the minds and hearts of every true Mason. —A. J. Thorp.

The coming of the party of 33rd Degree Masons will be the big event in the history of Ballinger. Never before has it been Ballinger's privilege to have in her midst so many distinguished men. Every one in the party is a prominent and successful business man of Dallas. Knowing these men personally as I do you cannot but become broader, more tolerant, and charitable after coming in contact with them. —W. B. Halley.

I wish to say to every member of the Masonic fraternity in the district that a positive intellectual treat will be enjoyed by all fortunate enough to be guests of Ballinger Lodge on Feb. 20th. It was my pleasure to enjoy their most effective and complete exemplification of the work when at Abilene. And no Mason can listen to them without a revival of his regards for the great institution of ours. This is indeed a privilege that should not be likely missed by any Mason. —Robt. McGregor.

These visitors are men of big activities, broad visions and nationwide experience in life and in Masonry. Their high stations are due to their true and tried convictions and their proven ability in things worth while. Coming into close touch with such men cannot fail to inspire, elevate and encourage us, both as individuals and lodges, to better living, higher ideals and greater efforts to reflect in our lives the teachings of true Masonry. —J. H. Baugh.

I was at Abilene in October and witnessed the 33rd Degree Team from Dallas, headed by Brother Sam P. Cochran exemplify the work in the Masters Degree. It was done simply and perfectly. Brother Mike S. Thomas, 33rd Hon. made one of the greatest speeches on "Men as Masons" that it was ever my privilege to hear. —A. B. Legate.

The coming of the distinguished Masons to Ballinger means much to the members of the craft in this district. I am sure that every member after witnessing the impressive and dignified manner in which the degrees are conferred and listening to the interesting talks made by these brothers will have a higher idea of Masonry and what it means to be a member of this ancient order. —Audice Reese.

Every Mason should be proud to have the pleasure of being present at the meeting Feb. 20, to see the work properly put on by men who are thoroughly competent. —J. Whit Patterson.

I think the visit of the distinguished 33rd Degree Masons will be for the betterment of Masonry in this section of the state far greater than any event heretofore. —Archie Crews.

It means more to the Ballinger Lodge to have the 33rd Degree Team to be with them and exemplify the work than it would be to



the Democracy of the county to have Woodrow Wilson make a speech in our city.

—Walter Tally.  
It will be an opportunity of a life time for the members here as this section of the state has never before had the chance to hear such a illustrious Masons as we will have present with us on Feb. 20th.

—W. R. Bogle.  
Would like to say to my Masonic friends in Rannels county and adjoining territory should you fail to meet with us on the 20th of February you will miss the opportunity of your life to see the work exemplified in Masonry by the distinguished and illustrious Brother Sam P. Cochran and his team. —Ed Walker.

The introduction of new blood has always been beneficial. The coming of our brother Masons who have proven their work both personally and in our work can only bring us lasting results and redound to our benefit as individuals and as a lodge. Too much cannot be said for our brothers who leave their work in business to assist us in carrying on our work and upholding our ideals of the order. —H. M. Josey.

The gathering of so many prominent Masons at a subordinate lodge is a rare occurrence. Every Mason should take advantage of this opportunity and be present. I have been a Mason 45 years and deem this meeting which we will have on Feb. 20th the grandest affair in my Masonic life. I hope to see all the Pioneer Masons of Rannels County present on that occasion and hope Brother Joe Routh who is temporarily out of town will be able to meet with his old friends and brothers on that occasion. —Judge W. H. Weeks.

The gathering of the distinguished Masons and business men will be a great event for Masons in this section. —O. L. Parish.

#### Winter Brings Colds To Children

A child rarely goes through the whole winter without a cold, and every mother should have a reliable remedy handy. Fever, sore throat, tight chest and croupy coughs are sure symptoms. A dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will loosen the phlegm, relieve the congested lungs and stop the cough. Its antiseptic pine balsams heal and soothe. For croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial troubles try Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey. At all Druggists, 25c.

Mrs. Kearney, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Daugherty and family, left Monday afternoon for Comanche.

R. E. Briggs, who recently sold his studio to Ernest Cordell, has just closed a deal for the Bartlett studio upstairs in the Brewer building. We understand Mr. Bartlett is figuring on buying a similar business at Thurber.

#### Use "Gets-It," Lift Corn Right Off

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"Just like taking the lid off—that's how easy you can lift a corn off your toe after it has been treated with the wonderful discovery, 'Gets-It'—it's the wide world over and you'll find nothing so magic, simple and easy as 'Gets-It'! You folks who



have wrapped your toes in bandages to look like bandits, who have used salves that turned your toes raw and sore, and used plasters that would shift from their place and never "get" the corn, and who have dug and picked at your corns with knives and scissors and perhaps made them bleed—just quit these old and painful ways and try "Gets-It" just once. You put 2 or 3 drops on, and it dries at once. There's nothing to stick. You can put your shoe and stocking right on again. The pain is all gone. Then the corn dies a painless, shriveling death, it loosens from your toe, and off it comes. "Gets-It" is the biggest selling corn remedy in the world today. There's none other as good. "Gets-It" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce, and The Walker Drug Co.

### COURT CERTIFIES OF TICK ELECTION

At the regular November term, 1915, to-wit, the 8th day of November, 1915, came on to be considered the returns of an election held the 9th day of October, 1915, in and for this entire county to determine whether or not this county shall take up the work of tick eradication in this county, and it appearing to the court that said election was in all respects legally held and that said returns were duly and legally made and that there were at said election 594 votes, of which number there were cast for Tick Eradication in Rannels County 397 votes, and against Tick Eradication in Rannels County 197 votes and it appearing to the court from said returns that a majority of the qualified voters of said county voting at said election voted in favor of Tick Eradication in Rannels County, the court does hereby declare and certify the election to have been carried in favor of Tick Eradication in Rannels County, under the direction of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of the State of Texas. It is further ordered by the court that the County Judge be and he is hereby instructed and authorized to publish the results of said election in newspapers published in said County.

The State of Texas, County of Rannels,

I, W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certain order made and entered by the Commissioners' Court of Rannels County, Texas, at their regular November Term, 1916, as shown in the Minutes of said Court, in volume 5, pages 516 and 517.

Given under my hand seal this 13th day of Feb. 1917.

(Seal) W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court and ex-officio clerk Commissioners' Court in and for Rannels County, Texas.

#### Certificate Of Election Order.

Whereas, on heretofore the 8th day of November, A. D., 1915, at a regular term of this court, an order was made and entered canvassing the returns of an election held in said County on the 9th day of October, 1915, to determine whether or not the work of tick eradication should be taken up in said county under the direction of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission and certifying the result of said election. And whereas, said Court did order publication of same to be made, and such publication was defectively made. Now, therefore, it is ordered by the Commissioners' Court in regular session assembled that publication of same be made in a newspaper published in said Rannels County, in accordance with law.

The State of Texas, County of Rannels,

I, W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court in and for said Rannels and State, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a certain order made and entered by the Commissioners' Court of Rannels County, Texas, at their regular February Term, 1917, as shown in the Minutes of said Court, in volume 6, page 102.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of Feb. 1917.

(Seal) W. C. McCarver, Clerk County Court and ex-officio Clerk Commissioners' Court in and for Rannels County, Texas, 13-14d1w.

#### PATTERSON FARM, WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK.

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Gentlemen:—Ship me at once, 20 hundred pound bags Aunt Patsy Mash. I have discontinued using all other Mash but Aunt Patsy several months ago. I see the mistake I made by not using it exclusively two years ago, when I first became acquainted with its merits. I find it the best for increasing the egg yield. My young stock have been fed Aunt Patsy every day since they were a week old, and they are a promising looking flock of White Rocks, and I expect to give a good account of themselves in the fall and Winter shows.

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 GARDEN SEED—A full car of  
 bulk garden seed has just arrived.  
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 and one five-passenger Buick, al-  
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**LOANS**  
 Farm Loans Wanted.  
 Choice loans 6 percent to 8 per-  
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 out what we can do for you be-  
 fore you place your loan. COM-  
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**TRESPASS NOTICES**  
 All parties, friend or foe, are  
 hereby warned not to cut wood  
 or in any way trespass on my  
 Wylie ranch lands or any lands  
 owned by me in that section or  
 they will be prosecuted to the  
 fullest extent of the law. R. R.  
 Russell, per Max Russell. 16-4tw

**POSTED**—My place located 16  
 miles above Ballinger south of  
 the river, known as the Blocker  
 ranch, is posted. I will prose-  
 cute anyone hauling wood, hunt-  
 ing, camping and fishing. G. B.  
 NIXON. 3mo-d&w-pd

**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

**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.

**RULES FOR COMING**  
**SCHOOL MEET**

Dear Fellow Teacher:  
 Your County Executive Com-  
 mittee met at Winters, Feb. 10,  
 and formulated plans and rules  
 for the approaching Interschol-  
 astic League finals to be held at  
 Ballinger, March 23-24. The fol-  
 lowing rules will apply to prelimi-  
 nary contests, also. The Commit-  
 tee's business was not to originate  
 rules but to interpret uniformly  
 those given and to expand where  
 necessary. Strict enforcement of  
 all rules was provided for.

1. Every contestant must pass  
 on 3 out of 4 subjects. All grades  
 will be averaged, including mid-  
 term examinations. Schools that  
 have not had mid-term examina-  
 tions must do so before playing  
 League contest games. Mid-terms  
 will count 1-2 of the total grade  
 average. The other 1-2 of grade  
 average will be found by averag-  
 ing all monthly grades immedi-  
 ately preceding contests.

Every contestant must have  
 been in attendance 4-5 of the  
 school days of the calendar month  
 immediately preceding any con-  
 test. For age limit see Interschol-  
 astic League Constitution, Article  
 VIII, Rule 1.

Rule 10, Art. VIII, reads as  
 follows: "Before each game or  
 contest in this League, each school  
 shall file with the director in  
 charge and upon demand shall  
 present to the manager of an op-  
 posing team a list of the contest-  
 ants representing that school,  
 with the eligibility of such con-  
 testants certified to by the prin-  
 cipal or superintendent." It was  
 decided to demand this certificate  
 before every League game, pre-  
 liminary and final alike. Any  
 school refusing to present such  
 certificate will be suspended from  
 League.

Each contesting school will be  
 required to submit list of contest-  
 ants to the proper county director  
 not later than March 1.

An admission fee of 25c for each  
 contestant will be charged for  
 entrance to the final athletic  
 events. One fee will afford en-  
 trance to all athletic events. An  
 admission fee of 25 cents will be  
 required of those attending the  
 final debate and declamation con-  
 test. No fee will be demanded of  
 debaters and declaimers partici-  
 pating in this contest.

Let us urge you to get in touch  
 with the director of the county  
 contest in which you are most in-  
 terested. The addresses of county  
 directors are as follows: General  
 Director, R. E. White, Wingate;  
 Debate and Declamation, C. C.  
 Minatra, Miles; Athletic Director,  
 A. W. Cherry, Winters; Essay,  
 Lucile Tolson, Miles; Spelling,  
 Mrs. Addie G. Averitt, Norton.

Lists of prizes for the various  
 contests will appear shortly.  
 Watch for them.  
 Respectfully,  
 County Executive Committee.

**Mr. Farmer.**  
 F. F. Moore has the Rock Is-  
 land implements and will sell for  
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 sick with breath bad and  
 stomach sour.

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 get feeling right—who have the  
 headache, coated tongue, bad  
 taste, and foul breath, dizziness,  
 can't sleep, are bilious, nervous  
 and upset, bothered with a sick,  
 gassy, disordered stomach, or  
 have a bad cold.

Are you keeping your bowels  
 clean with Cascarets, or merely  
 forcing a passageway every few  
 days with salts, cathartic pills or  
 castor oil?

Cascarets work while you  
 sleep; cleanse the stomach, re-  
 move the sour, undigested, fer-  
 menting food and foul gases; take  
 the excess bile from the liver and  
 carry out of the system all the  
 constipated waste matter and  
 poison in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will straight-  
 ten you out by morning—a 10-  
 cent box from any drug store will  
 keep your stomach sweet, liver  
 and bowels regular, and head  
 clear for months. Don't forget the  
 children. They love Cascarets be-  
 cause they taste good—never  
 gripe or sicken.

**Card of Thanks**  
 We wish to thank our many  
 kind neighbors and friends for  
 their untiring help and sympathy,  
 during the very short illness of  
 our dear husband and father.  
 May the Lord bless each of you  
 as our prayer.

MRS. C. C. THOMAS,  
 AND CHILDREN.  
 d&wt

**BALLINGER GIRL RE-**  
**TURNS HOME TO WED**

Miss Etta Hutton returned  
 home from Texarkana last Friday,  
 and with her coming came the an-  
 nouncement that she is to be mar-  
 ried on Wednesday, Feb. 21, to E.  
 V. Wolverton, of Mart, Texas. Miss  
 Hutton has been in Texarkana  
 since last August where she  
 went to accept a place in the Tex-  
 arkana schools. She resigned last  
 week, and returned to her home  
 here. She was accompanied  
 home by her sister, Mrs. Preston  
 Hunt, of Texarkana, who will  
 visit with her parents, Mr. and  
 Mrs. J. K. Hutton, until after the  
 wedding. Mr. Wolverton, the  
 fortunate young man, is a promi-  
 nent business man of Mart, being  
 actively engaged and holding an  
 interest in the leading hardware  
 store of that city. Miss Hutton  
 has many friends in Ballinger who  
 will join The Ledger in best wish-  
 es in the important change she is  
 about to make.

**Read and Heed**  
 Early to bed and early to rise;  
 Mind your own business and tell  
 no lies,  
 Don't get drunk and spoil your  
 eyes,  
 Pay your honest debts and econ-  
 omize.  
 Boots and shoes of any size,  
 Repaired and mended otherwise.  
**THE BUSY SHOE SHOP.**  
 tfdw H. L. Wendorf.

**ATTENDED CHARLEY**  
**NOYES FUNERAL.**

Among the number from this  
 place who attended the funeral of  
 Charley Noyes at Melvin, Tues-  
 day, were: Paul Trimmer, A. K.  
 Doss, J. H. Baugh, H. L. Wendorf,  
 E. C. Allison and wife, Mr. and  
 Mrs. Ralph Erwin, Mr. and Mrs.  
 John Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. George  
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 Danish, Norwegian and Swedish  
 governments this afternoon for-  
 warded to the Central Powers  
 identical notes protesting against  
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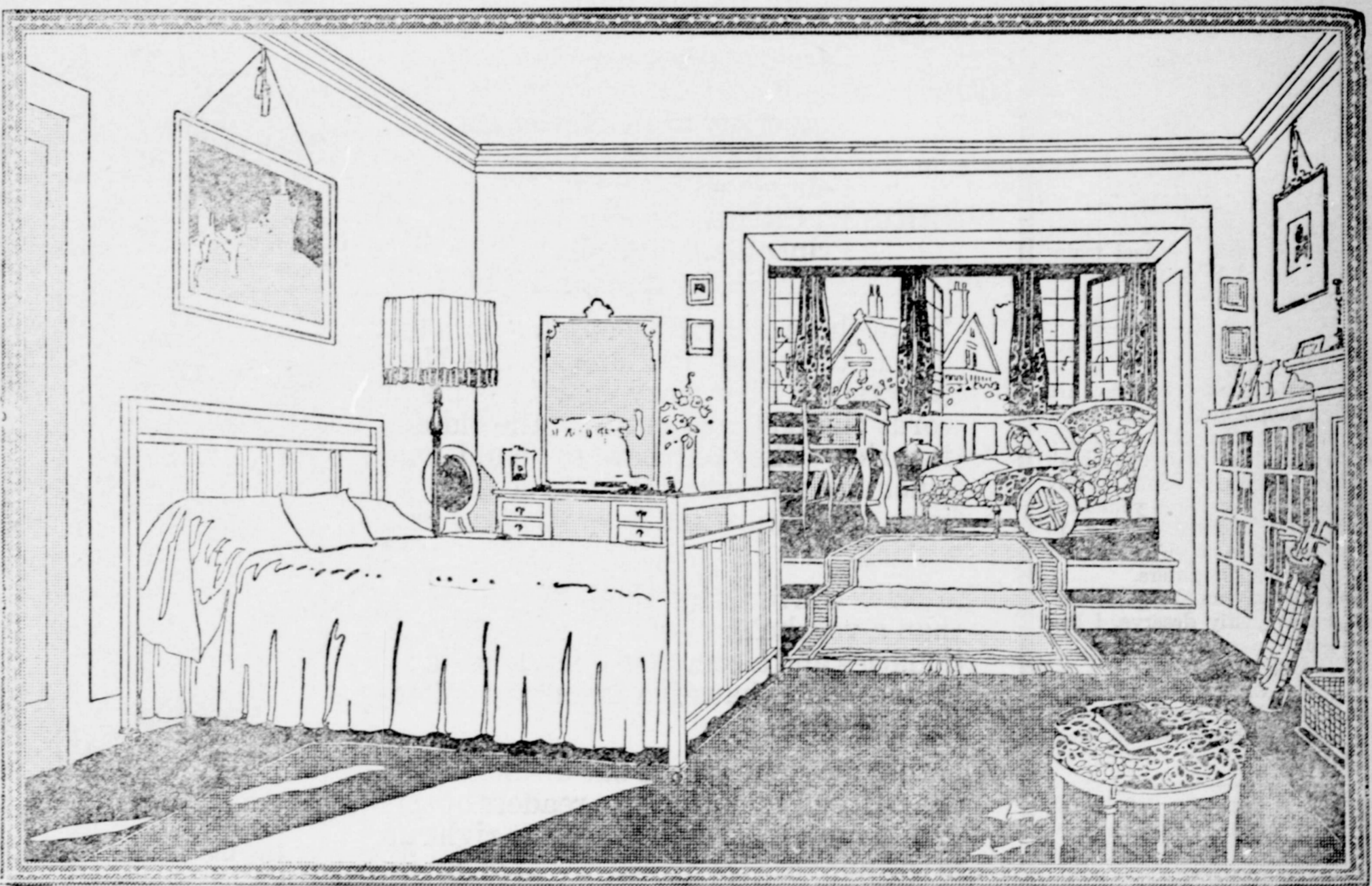
AUSTIN, Feb. 12.—The house  
 adopted by a vote of sixty to  
 fifty-three an amendment to the  
 anti-pass law which permits mem-  
 bers of the legislature, governor,  
 lieutenant governor, and boards  
 of state institutions to accept free  
 railroad passes. The amendment  
 allows use of passes in going to  
 political conventions.

J. B. Porterfield, Lon Mapes,  
 and Marshall Whitt, of the Pony  
 creek country, were among the  
 business visitors in Ballinger Mon-  
 day.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Stallworth,  
 of the Bethel neighborhood, were  
 shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Ira Thurman left Monday  
 morning for Santa Anna on a short  
 business trip and visit to his  
 brother.

Miss Anna Jean Sharp return-  
 ed home Monday at noon from a  
 visit to friends at Austin and en-  
 joyed grand opera while in that  
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Very respectfully,  
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Shumate.

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Liberty, Tex., Aug. 29, 1916.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Gentlemen: I desire to express my appreciation for the thorough business training my son received in your institution, and to say a few words of praise for your school. There is no better commercial college in this good old America of ours, from North to South, East or West. My son is doing fine work, and am satisfied he received more practical training during the four months he was in your school than he would have received in a university.

Your teachers were always kind and courteous, willing and ready to assist your students. They are Christian people of the highest moral characters, efficient and competent to hold their respective high positions. I am glad I sent my boy there, and I recommend your institution to all parents wishing to make business men and women of their sons and daughters.

Wishing for you the great success you so justly deserve, I beg to remain,

Most respectfully,

O. P. BAILLIO, Sr.

Write for free catalogue and read many such letters of commendation.

Mrs. J. T. Caughron of South Ballinger, paid the Ledger a pleasant call Tuesday afternoon and ordered the Banner-Ledger to her son Vernon O. Caughron at Fort Sam Houston, with the U. S. Supply department and has served in the U. S. army in the Philippines and has been away from home the past three years, but will return home this spring to visit home folks and friends.

**YES! LIFT A CORN WITHOUT PAIN!**

Cincinnati authority tells how to dry up a corn or callus so it lifts off with fingers.

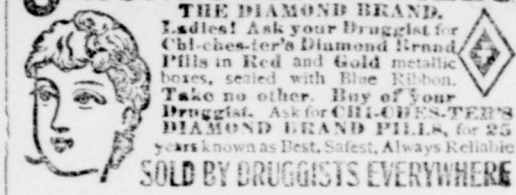
You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of freezone applied directly on a tender aching corn or callus, stops soreness at once and soon the corn or hardened callus loosens so it can be lifted out, root and all, without pain.

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If your druggist hasn't any freezone tell him to get a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house. It is fine stuff and acts like a charm every time.

Wm. Havenhill of the Winters country, and W. F. Redman of the Rowena country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**



Just received a line of the latest Spring goods at A. J. Zappe's store. 15-1d1w

R. P. Conn returned home from Winters Tuesday afternoon where

he had been to deliver a five passenger Velie auto, which he had sold to Wm. Stevens. Mr. Conn informed us that he was just unloading a car of Maxwell autos to supply his trade in this section.

Just received a line of the latest Spring goods at A. J. Zappe's store. 15-1d1w

R. T. Jones left Tuesday afternoon for Cleburne to be at the bedside of his mother who is seriously ill and not expected to live.

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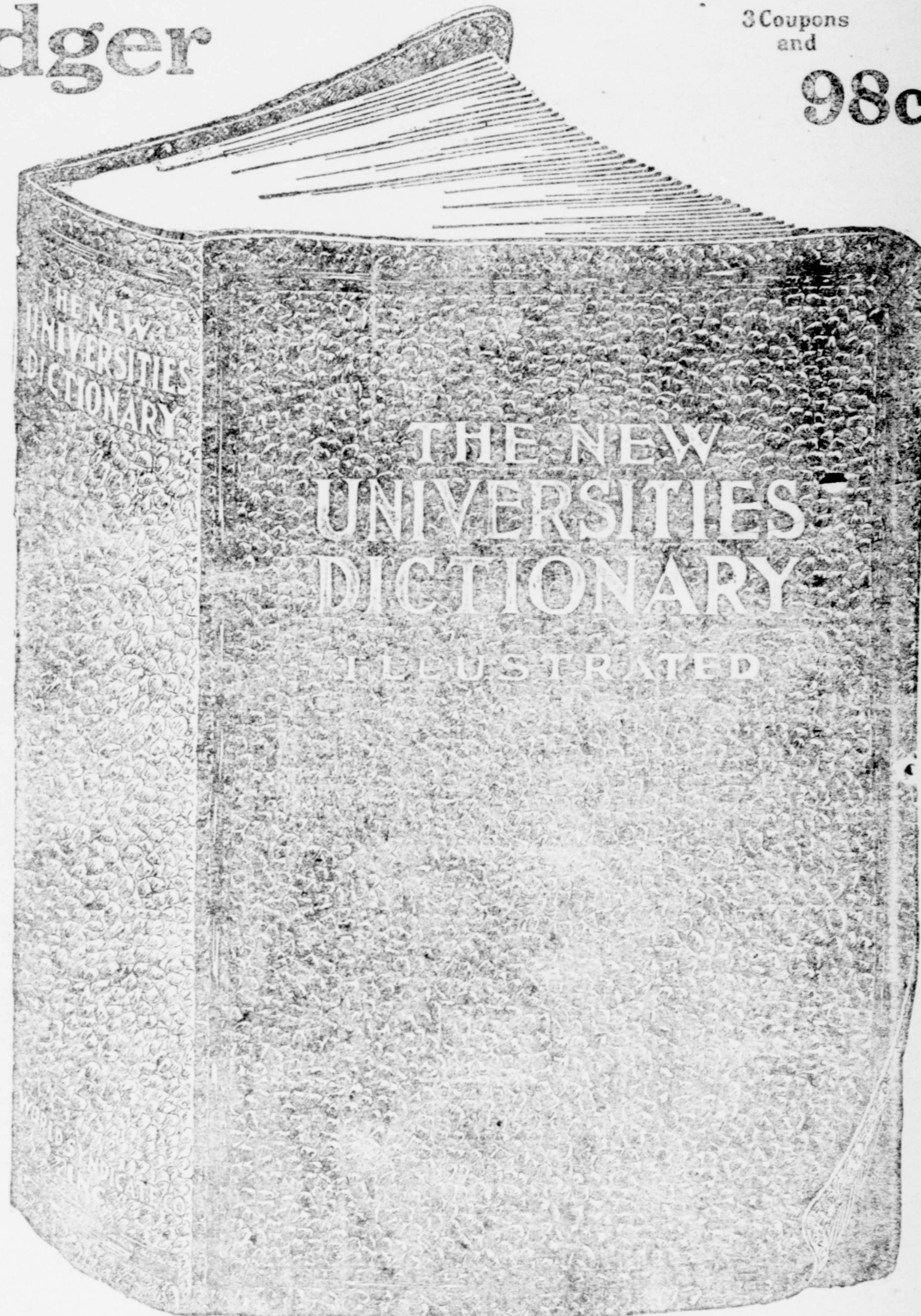
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Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into your bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guar-

antee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

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### HOW TO COOK JACK RABBITS TOLD BY FARMER.

P. H. Hamilton, one of the prominent young farmers east of the city, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday. He says after quite an experience with the jack rabbit he thinks the following is the best way to cook him:

Peel the jack rabbit carefully and remove all interior plumbing; put in to boil over a slow fire; replenish water whenever necessary until cistern is emptied. As soon as cistern is full again, repeat the process; select a clean, smooth piece of pine plank, place rabbit upon it, as it and pepper to taste

and bake five hours; then bury the rabbit and eat the plank.—Clipped from Wichita Falls Times.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hinkle and son Carl, of the Crews country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

Miss Jennie Bennett came in from Blackwell Friday afternoon to visit Ballinger friends for a few weeks.

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## DEMAND GROWING FOR STATEWIDE TICK LAW

Thousands of dollars will be saved the cattle interests of Texas if the tick eradication bill now pending in both houses of the state legislature is adopted, according to J. E. Boog-Scott of Coleman who spent today in Brownwood.

Until every county in the state is tick-free, the Coleman visitor believes cattlemen of the state who now have tick-free stock will suffer.

"For instance," said Mr. Scott, "the counties north of Brown through which Pecan Bayou passes and in which cattle are infested would work a hardship on Brown. Ticks can be carried down stream on drifts which might lodge in Brown county. In time the ticks would spread all over the county practically, if steps were not taken immediately to eradicate them a second time."

Mr. Scott was one of the persons who appeared before the legislative committee recently urging the adoption of the statewide tick eradication law. He believes that it will pass both houses of the legislature and that Texas within a few years will be tick free.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

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 the Unknown Heirs of J. H. Quinn, deceased; E. E. McClain and the Unknown Heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased, 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 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1917, the same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of January A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1840, 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 the Unknown Heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased; J. H. Babington and the First National Bank of Coleman, Texas; are Defendants, the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

**THE STATE OF TEXAS,**  
In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, March Term, A. D. 1917. To the Honorable District Court of Said County:

Now comes J. H. Ingram, who resides in Hushpuckena, Mississippi, hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of the Unknown Heirs of Geo. E. Sanders, deceased; J. H. Quinn and the Unknown Heirs of J. H. Quinn, deceased; E. E. McClain and the Unknown Heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased; J. H. Babington, and the First National Bank of Coleman, Texas, whose residence is unknown, except last named defendant, which resides in Coleman, Texas, hereinafter styled defendants; and for Cause of Action, plaintiff represents to the Court:

I. 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 the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming 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 the map of the plan of said addition as on file in County Clerk's office in 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. Plaintiff avers that he and those under whom he claims and holds title to the premises and lots herein sued for have had, actual, adverse, exclusive, quiet and peaceable possession of said lots and lands, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than five years next before filing of this suit, holding under a deed

and deeds duly registered during such period of time and paying all taxes due on and against same. Wherefore plaintiff has title and owns said land as against all claims adverse to him under the five years of statute of limitations; which he pleads herein.

Plaintiff further avers that he and those under whom he holds and claims title to said land have had and held peaceable, quiet, adverse and exclusive possession of the land and lots sued for, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years next before the commencement of this suit. Wherefore plaintiff avers that he is the owner of and entitled to recover said land and premises as against all claims under the ten years statute of limitations which he pleads in this cause, and prays for judgment as hereinafter set out.

IV. That J. H. Quinn who had no title whatever to above described property executed a Deed of Trust to J. H. Babington, Trustee for the First National Bank of Coleman, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note for the sum of \$3163.87 due and payable sixty days after date, being date Oct. 28th, A. D., 1908. That there are no instruments of record to give notice that this note has been extended and that plaintiff became the owner and is now the owner in fee simple and that there has never been any extension brought to his notice, and that he pleads to this lien the Statute of Limitation of four years, according to the laws of limitations to promissory notes secured by Deed of Trusts.

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

J. H. INGRAM,  
Q. V. MILLER,

This action is brought as well to try title as for damages.

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

Witness my hand and Official Seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 10th day of January, A. D., 1917.

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

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are hereby commanded to Summon James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased, 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 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1917, the same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1834, wherein Jacob Stubblefield and William Ash, are Plaintiffs and James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown Heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown Heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased, are Defendants; the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

The State of Texas,  
County of Runnels,  
In District Court, March Term, A. D. 1917.

To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas:  
Now comes Jacob Stubblefield and William Ash, who reside in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled plaintiffs, complaining of James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown Heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased whose place of residence is to plaintiff unknown, hereinafter styled defendants; and for cause of action plaintiff represents to the court that on or about December first, 1916, they were lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tracts of land

situated in Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: The plaintiff Jacob Stubblefield, being the owner of two hundred acres, a part of James Seymour survey No. 463, abstract No. 423, certificate No. 3047-3184, beginning at the north west corner of the J. F. Wren survey No. 275; Thence S. 30 E. with east boundary line of said James Seymour survey, 1344 varas to the southeast corner of said Seymour survey; Thence west with south boundary line of said Seymour survey 1548 varas; Thence north to the south boundary line of 200 acres conveyed to M. N. Osgood by W. H. Wheat and wife, Nov. 12th, 1879; Thence in an easterly direction with south boundary line of said M. N. Osgood, 200 acre tract to place of beginning, being same land conveyed by S. J. Wheat and wife to W. L. Lollar, and Frank Osgood, October 12th, 1903, deed recorded in Vol. 34, page 107, deed records of Runnels County, Texas.

The plaintiff Will Ash, being the owner of a part of said James Seymour survey No. 463, being three hundred and ninety seven acres, beginning at the southwest corner of J. F. Wren survey No. 276 for most southeasterly corner of this tract; Thence N. 30 W. 1375 varas; Then S. 60 W. 1360 varas stake for corner, same being N. W. corner of said Seymour survey; thence south with west line of said Seymour survey 1861 varas to its S. W. corner; Thence east with said south boundary line of said survey, 805 varas, the most southeasterly S. E. corner of this tract; Thence north with west line of the S. J. Wheat tract 1268 varas to a point due west of the beginning of this tract; Thence east along the north line of said S. J. Wheat tract 836 varas to place of beginning; both of said tracts of land under one fence or enclosure; that on the day and year last aforesaid the defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and jointly ejected the plaintiffs therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from them and each of them the possession thereof to the damage of each of them the sum of two thousand dollars.

Plaintiffs further say that they are the owners of the said tracts of land, respectively herein above described, by virtue of the five years statute of limitation, in this, that he Jacob Stubblefield, plaintiff, and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly recorded and registered, has had peaceable, quiet, continuous and adverse possession of the two hundred acres of said land first herebefore described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next before the institution of this suit, and before the entry of defendants thereon and after the defendants claim, if any, to said land.

And said Jacob Stubblefield, plaintiff, further says that he is the owner of said two hundred acres of land by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this, that he claiming to have a good and perfect title to said two hundred acres of land, hereinafter described by metes and bounds has now and has had peaceful, continuous and adverse possession of the enjoying the same for the period of more than ten years next before the first day of December, 1916, and before the commencement of this suit; taken and held under written memorandum of title duly recorded in Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

Plaintiff William Ash says that he and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered in Runnels County, Texas, has had peaceable continuous and adverse possession of said 397 acres a part of said James Seymour Survey No. 463, herebefore described by meter and bounds, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next before the institution of this suit and before the entry of defendants thereon, and after the claim, if any, of defendants accrued thereto.

And plaintiff Will Ash, says, that he is the owner of said 397 acres of land a part of said James Seymour Survey No. 463, herebefore described by metes and bounds by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this, that he claiming to have good and perfect right and title to said land, has now and has had, peaceable, continuous adverse possession of the said land, using, cultivating and enjoying same for the period of more than ten years next before the first day of December, 1916, and before the commencement of this suit, taken under written



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Jake Stubblefield, one of the pioneer and prominent stock men of Norton, was in town Friday to get the machinery to install a carbide light plant at his home place.

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A dull and pimply skin is due to a sluggish bowel movement. Correct this condition and clear your complexion with Dr. King's New Life Pills. This mild laxative taken at bedtime will assure you a full, free, non-gripping movement in the morning. Drive out the dull, listless feeling resulting from overloaded intestines and sluggish liver. Get a bottle today. At all Druggists, 25c.

M. Barbee left Friday afternoon for Marlin, where he goes to visit old friend and to recuperate a few weeks.

Prof. G. W. Page of Victoria, who had been looking after business at San Angelo, was the guest of his brother W. B. Page, Saturday, while en route home.

### Do You Want Winter Layers?

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R. P. CROUCH,  
Ballinger, Tex.

H. Giesecke and son Arthur, returned home Saturday afternoon from Temple where an examination was made of Arthur's foot. Several bones were found broken, and he will not return to A. & M. College for awhile.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

memorandum of title specifying the boundaries thereof, and duly recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs each pray judgment of the Court that the defendants be cited according to law to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiffs have judgment for the title and possession of their respective tracts of land above described, and that writ of possession issue in favor each of them, and for their damage as alleged, for cost of suit and such other and further relief special and general, in law and in equity, that they may be entitled to.

JNO. I. GUION,  
Attorney for Plaintiffs.

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 January, A. D. 1917.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS,  
Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 12-19-26-2-9-16-23-3



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Our foresightedness during the last year and our close correlation with the wholesale interests caused us to buy and buy liberally. Now we are ready to furnish our customers good dependable merchandise as cheap and in many instances cheaper than any firm in this entire section.

### Only Standard Goods Sold

We make a specialty of offering for sale only goods of standard quality and of known worth and value. Goods that you see advertised in your home papers and national magazines you will find in our store. You know what you are buying when you trade with us.



### Just the Same as Seen In the Style Centers

May Now Be Seen at Ballinger's Greatest Store

OUR buyers are back from market and have for your approval the smartest Spring goods obtainable. Just the same styles are shown in our store as you will see in the larger cities of the east. The same styles at the same time without the frills of the fancy prices. The favorable weather we had been having has caused us to have these goods rushed to us.

### Buy Early; Get the Use of Your Clothes

The styles we are now showing are positively authentic and are being shown right now in the Eastern style shops.

### We Want Your Business and are Determined to Get It

Here you will find practically every thing for your entire household. We bought our goods right and have plenty of them now on hand.

### We Want Your Cash Business

Knowing as we do the wonderful buying power of ready money, we were enabled to secure many choice bargains from the manufacturers. These goods are now in our store and we want you to have them. You can buy good dependable goods here as cheap as you can buy them from any man or set of men and we want you to let us prove this statement.

### Twenty Stores In One

In our mammoth building we represent practically twenty stores, and you many supply practically every want of your entire farm, family or household. This makes shopping around useless.

### A Preliminary Showing of Spring Ready-to-Wear New Jersey Sport Suits

Dashing and decidedly different are the new Jersey sport suits. Nothing newer than these clever designs could be wished for—they are in a class by themselves—some in contrasting shades—some in the new pastel shades—some in contrasting materials—all are indeed beautiful.

### Charming Afternoon Dresses

Varied indeed is our showing of these very popular dresses. New shades and color combinations, Grecian lines predominate, shades are rose, blue, chartreuse—bead trimmed, fashionable narrow girdles.

### A Preliminary Pre- Season Showing of Millinery

- Never has a season offered such vivid colors or such a wonderful combination of silken fabrics with clever braids and even more clever silken flowers.
- The hat may be small or large as both styles are equally good, necessarily depending on the occasion.
- Just what they are showing in the larger cities.
- Clever hand blocked shapes of black straw braid.
- Novelty sport hats with jaunty decorations and plain band effects.
- Every color to match the new shades and materials of the garment.
- Miss Kathrine Hancock will serve you in our Millinery Department this season.

## Why Not Be the Prize Winner

Start That 100-Word Essay  
Today and Bring It to Our  
Store Tomorrow in Person

To some one boy from our High School we are going to give a suit of his choice of

**LANGHAM  
HIGH  
CLOTHES**

The boy or young man who wins the prize will be the one from our High School, who submits the best essay on

**"How Much Does Good Taste  
in Dress Influence Success?"**

Keep the essay within one hundred words. Write it neatly on one side of the paper only and bring it to our store in person (don't mail it or have another carry it for you), on or before February 25th. There are no other conditions—no other restrictions. Handle the subject the way you think best.

We want every young man in this town to know all about Langham-High Clothes. That's why we are giving away one suit to that boy in our High School, who writes the best little article. Langham-High are the first clothes that were ever specially designed for younger young men—we mean the fellows between 15 and 20 who know what they want in clothes. Langham-High will satisfy you perfectly.

This is a chance to get a dandy suit of Langham-High free—don't overlook it. The name of the prize winner will be announced in this paper.



It will be pretty fine to be that fellow. Each one has the same chance no matter what class he belongs to or how many compete. Many have already submitted their essays.

Will we see you this week with your essay?

Any Boy between 15 and 20 years  
of age living in Runnels  
County may Enter.



### A Preliminary Showing of Spring Dress Goods Charming New Silks

Candidly we believe this is the most wonderful collections of silk we have ever placed before the buying public of this section. Every price range is complete and you will be indeed surprised at the nominal and real exceptionally moderate prices we are asking.

**Sport Stripes**—This will indeed be a season of sport styles and our range of silks suitable for the garments is especially large and consists of Shantung, satins and taffetas.

**Shirting Silks**—Possibly the most popular material this season for serviceable wear will be these beautiful shirtings. Plain, fancy stripes and self stripes of satin, are shown in a wide range of colors.

### Preliminary Pre- Season Showing of Footwear

Our Shoe Department has certainly kept ahead of the times and it is indeed gratifying to hear the many pleased expressions and gasps of delight as our lady customers see for the first time the beautiful new Spring boots.

**Oyster White**—9 inch boots in lace style with a cleverly constructed arch and kid heel to match.

**Pumps**—Are going to be especially good this season and you will find a very attractive display and complete size and width range here. Black beaded kid, plain patent leather, white and ivory combinations, and oyster white.

**Children's Shoes**—We are paying special attention to the proper fitting of children's shoes.

LET US TAKE CARE OF YOUR MAIL ORDERS.

Many of our friends from out of town are finding it very pleasant to deal with us through the mail. All goods must be satisfactory to you or you may return them.

**HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.**  
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

DON'T SPOIL YOUR NEW SPRING FROCK BY WEARING AN OLD CORSET  
We feature the celebrated Gossard and Justrite Corsets and have just the one to suit your figure and at the price you want to pay.