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## FINAL VOTE SUBMISSION DEFEATED

*By United Press.*  
AUSTIN, March 1.—By a vote of 93 to 41 submission was defeated in the House this morning. Those present and not voting were Burton of Tarrant; Hill, Lindemann, Seawright, Valentine.

Representative Dehogory made a sensational statement on the floor of the House, saying that Health Officer Collins sought to prevent him from appearing because of alleged varioloid or ebriken pox, so he could not vote. Dehogory had been confined to his room and the health officer objected to his leaving.

Representative Nichols and Marvin took their seats at ten-twenty, and the House by a vote of 76 to 51 refused to reconsider tabling the vote by which submission had just lost. The amendment may be taken up in the future.

### SOLICITING A. & M. FUNDS

E. D. Walker is chairman of the finance committee in charge of the work of raising a special fund to carry on the campaign for the West Texas A. & M. college. It is going to require considerable money to handle this work successfully, and every one is expected to not only contribute of their cash, but to devote time and use their best efforts in this move.

Mr. Walker received a letter from the general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co. Thursday, remitting \$25 as a subscription to the fund. Other out-of-town business interests have signified a willingness to help, and have been called on.

### CLEAN-UP NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

This is the 1st day of the month, the first day of Clean-up week. Let us all pull together, aid the ladies every way to make their efforts a success. The Ladies Civic League are in earnest, each doing her part cheerfully. Clean up boys, clean up and smile when the committee calls and show them how nice you have your premises. Show them you don't have to be made by law to do the right thing. If it is wet and muddy this week, clean up next week. Keep on cleaning up until it is done.  
J. W. POWELL.

## PRESIDENT CONTENDS FOR POWER

*By United Press.*  
WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson informed Congress today that he would stand flatly behind the Senate bill requesting that he be granted full power for handling the international situation after Congress adjourned.

It was made known that the House was modifying the bill granting the President's requests, and the President announced that he would sign the bill only when Congress conforms to his full desires in the matter.

## GERMANS RETREAT ON SOMME FRONT

HEADQUARTERS BRITISH ARMIES, Feb. 26.—Bapaume, on which the Germans have lavished great defenses and have often declared that it would not fall only after "greatest price ever paid for victory by our army," is now directly threatened by the greatest German retirement since stationary warfare began more than two years ago. The British are building an attack that is believed to be sure to drive the Germans from this place with great loss.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The Official Press Bureau, quoting the Frankfurter Zeitung, says that on February 2nd, a terrible explosion in a large ammunition depot at Paris occurred. The dispatch carried by the German paper says that more than eight thousand tons of ammunition were destroyed and two hundred people killed and several hundred wounded.

R. T. Jones returned home Sunday from Cleburne, where he had been at the bedside of his mother, who was very low. Soon after returning home he received a message telling of his mother's death, and he and his wife left in auto Monday morning to attend the funeral.

Mrs. J. H. Kelly of Watrous, New Mexico, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. D. Jackson, and other relatives and Ballinger friends the past two weeks, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

# Reveals German Plot to Align Mexico and Japan Against United States

## SPANELL CASE WILL BE CALLED IN APRIL

The case in which Harry J. Spanell of Alpine, is charged by indictment with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Col. C. C. Butler of the Sixth United States cavalry, in Alpine, July 20, 1916, will probably be set for April 30 in Coleman, according to F. L. Snodgrass of Coleman, who is quoted in the San Angelo paper as saying as much.

The second Spanell case was transferred from Tom Green to Coleman county early in February. The San Angelo Standard says:

"Judge Snodgrass stated Sunday, prior to leaving on the Santa Fe for his home that he had had a conversation with District Judge J. O. Woodward, the latter part of the week, when the jurist intimated that the case would be set for April 30. Contrary to published reports, no Coleman attorneys had to his knowledge, been employed either to defend Spanell or assist in the prosecution, states Judge Snodgrass."

## BALLINGER AMONG FEW CONTRIBUTING

As perhaps most of the readers of this paper know, it was originally planned to have each state in the Union represented in the inaugural parade at Washington, on March 4th, with a float. With this end in view the Women's Wilson Union, with headquarters at Washington, took up the work of raising funds for the work, and Mrs. Cato Sells, Chairman of the Texas Float Commission, called on the various towns in Texas to subscribe to the cause.

A letter came to the Young Men's Business League of Ballinger, asking for a donation of \$25. E. D. Walker, chairman of the committee here remitted exchange to the amount of the \$25. Later it was decided that there would be no parade and Mrs. Sells this week refunded the \$25, and addressed the following letter to Mr. Walker.

It will be noticed that Ballinger was one of only a few Texas towns sending in \$25, and by so doing Ballinger gained a good standing with those in charge of the inauguration.

My dear Mr. Walker:  
At a meeting of the chairmen of the float committees of the several states on February 17, the announcement came from Col. Harper, Chairman of the General Inaugural Committee, that there would be no floats in the parade of March fifth.

I am therefore returning to you, unmeshed exchange for the \$25.00 contribution of the Ballinger Commercial Club, and I beg you to accept the sincere thanks of our committee for the promptness, generosity and splendid spirit of your response.

The impression seems to have prevailed generally over the country that there would be no inaugural parade, which fact has undoubtedly been a handicap in collecting funds for the float feature. Perhaps that was the reason for Col. Harper's ruling.

Our committee, however, had received about four hundred dollars, which was so far as I know, far in excess of the amounts received by other state float committees, and quite in keeping with the generous and progressive spirit that characterizes Texas.

Sincerely yours,  
MRS. CATO SELLS,  
Chairman Treas. Float Com.

*By Robert J. Bender.*  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Germany's attempt to align Mexico and Japan in hostile conspiracy against the United States has been frustrated. The state department today announced that so far as it is known a letter from the German Foreign Secretary Zimmerman to Gen. Carranza, provisional president of Mexico, never reached Carranza, being intercepted, and was never passed on to Japan. President Wilson personally vouched for the authenticity of the letter before the Senate.

Attention has been called to the fact that Zimmerman's instructions to the German representative in Mexico City was that he should only broach the matter to Carranza, "as soon as it was certain there would be an outbreak of war between the United States and Germany." It is also pointed out that this had not developed up to the time that Ambassador Bernstorff left this country, and that the Japanese government would not consider any proposal such as advocated by the Zimmerman note.

Conviction is also expressed by those who consider that the plot has frustrated, that Secretary Lansing's department does not believe that Japan had any knowledge of this plot, or that she would even consider any proposition made by an enemy nation.

*By United Press.*  
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Germany wants to line-up Mexico and Japan actively against the United States in case of war between that nation and the United States.

Such a plot has been underway for some time, and was revealed today when the American administration obtained through documentary proof of Germany's machinations being put forth to sway the daily congress to stir the nation into real perils of international problems.

Facing the possibility of further delay in congress, plus the opposition in the work of avoidance of an extra session, the administration played its "trump card" today when it revealed between Germany and Mexican representatives whereby Germany sought to align Mexico and Japan belligerently against the United States.

### MEXICAN ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN CREATED SUSPICION

NEW YORK, March 1.—With the disclosures of Germany's attempts to align Mexico and Japan in alliance against the United States a story by Ralph Turner, United Press correspondent at Tokio, takes on new significance. The story was received from Mr. Turner on Feb. 24th by the United Press, and told of "mysterious movements" in Japan of three Carrancistas. A brief synopsis of the story was put on the wire, but today the entire report from Tokio was made public, and is as follows:

### MEXICANS IN JAPAN SEEKING FRIENDS AND MUNITIONS FOR CARRANZA.

(By Ralph H. Turner) . . .  
United Press Staff Correspondent.

TOKIO, Jan. 12.—(By Mail)—An international affair centering around three Mexicans and their mysterious movements in attempts to buy ammunition and arms, has just finished its first act in Japan. Today the attention in diplomatic circles here is directed toward conjecture as to just what the Mexicans were at in their mission for the Carranza government. The Mexican's efforts met with success, but their activities have

been so intent as to arouse daily watchfulness on the part of officials connected with both American and British Embassies here, the latter fearing that attempts were being made to aid the Germans.

While future developments are expected to heighten the sensational character of the Carranza mission, it is now known as a certainty that the Mexicans, assisted by two Japanese, a Dutch adventurer, and a Welshman discharged from the British army for conduct unbecoming an officer, succeeded in chartering the Kotohira Maru, a Japanese vessel of 4,100 tons. After loading cargo, this boat left Yokohama during the night of January 4, and proceeded to Muroran, where it coaled and sailed direct for Salina Cruz, Mexico.

According to the manifest, the shipments consisted of 403 tons, but it is known that this steamer of 4,000 tons did not sail direct for Salina Cruz with a cargo of only 400 tons, listed as machinery. It is also known that the Kotohira Maru carried twenty-seven Japanese gun experts.

It is believed that the Mexicans, handicapped in their operations by the alertness of the Japanese government, were offered only inferior material, of an old pattern and lacking in uniformity, so the trio finally resolved to add to their small arms purchase a quantity of machinery for the manufacture of guns and ammunition.

The three Mexicans were J. M. Carpio, R. Vargas and Guitierrez Astreza. They arrived in Kotohama November 23. They are all Carranza men. Carpio was chief of staff under General Obregon, Carranza's War Minister.

The Mexicans had money—all kinds of it. They had credits issued by New York banks totaling more than \$2,000,000 gold. This money is generally known to have been deposited in the Chartered Bank, the First Bank of Japan and the Mitsui Bank. In addition to these credits there is a large sum of money deposited in a powerful bank here, the remnant of a sum placed here by General Huerta when that bandit was su-

preme across the Rio Grande. During their stay here the Mexicans were frequently seen in company with two smooth looking, well dressed Filipinos, but while the movements of these Filipinos are being constantly watched, as yet their connection with the Mexicans has not been established.

The two Japanese aiding the Mexicans were T. Uzuki, former principal of the Tokio Marine College and M. Nakashima, who has been active in Mexican interests for years. Nakashima sailed for Mexico on the Kotohira Maru. He lived in Mexico for nearly ten years.

The Mexicans made frequent calls at the Mexican Legation and were often seen in company with Colonel Romero, Carranza's minister here. The latter claims, however, that his countrymen only came to Japan in quest of new trade markets for Mexican products.

Dan Middleton came in Wednesday from his ranch in Brewster county to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few weeks.

County Treasurer Will Brown felt the effects of the measles in such a way for about forty-eight hours that he thought his time had come. He is recovering today, and now knows how to sympathize with his friends who fall victim to this disease. Mr. Brown's father and mother came down from Winters to be with him during the worst period.

Prof. H. G. Seerest, principal of the Talpa schools, who had been in the Halley & Love sanitarium the past few days, was able to return home Wednesday.

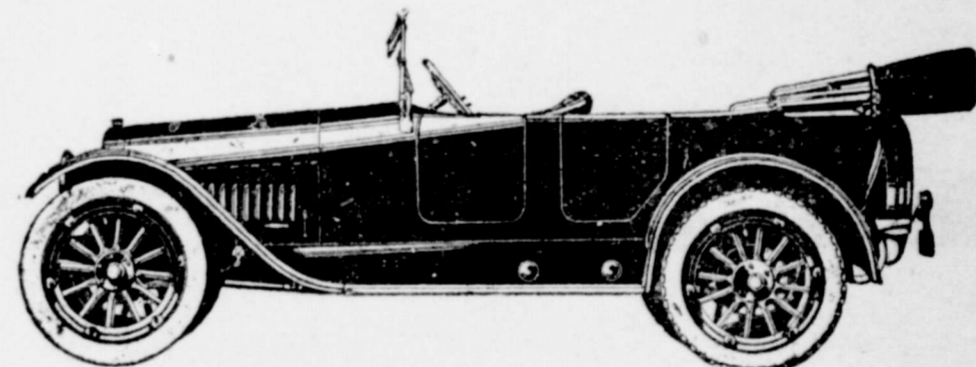
### ARE THERE ANY HOGS IN BALLINGER?

The Hog Law goes into effect today, March 1st. I think the city is free from this nuisance, the first time in years.

Any one knowing of a violation of this ordinance will please phone me or let me know of it and I will do the rest.

J. W. POWELL,  
Mayor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COAL OIL FIRE SENDS BOY TO GRAVE

(San Angelo Standard)

W. K. Williams, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams, 236 West Fifth street, was fatally burned Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, when, it is supposed, he poured coal oil into a hot stove. Suffering great agony, the child lived only a few hours, dying at 12:15 Sunday afternoon.

None of the members of the family was down stairs when the boy arose from his bed, attired in his outing nightie Sunday. It is believed he intended to start a fire in the stove and thus surprise his mother and grandmother Mrs. N. A. Matthews, who were in a room on the second floor. He was unaware that there were live coals in the heater.

The first intimation of the accident reaching these upstairs was when the child screamed. Rushing down into the bedroom, the women found the body enveloped in flames. The flames were smothered with a quilt, but not before they had done their deadly work, burning the arms and chest almost to a crisp. Flames inhaled into the lungs affected the vital organs and this would probably have caused death had not the burns about the body been as serious as they were.

J. M. Williams, the father, is at present in New Mexico, a bridge builder in the employ of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad.

## BOY HURT IN AUTO COLLISION FRIDAY

Milton, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Woodson, was badly bruised, but is not thought to be seriously hurt as the result of being run over by an automobile Friday afternoon. The car, it is reported, was driven by a daughter of P. E. Lunsford, who lives near Wingate, and it is not known whether the girl was driving above a normal rate of speed, but the fact remains that a smash came. Milton was riding a bicycle.

Reports from the boy's bedside today, say he is getting along fairly well.

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Mrs. Lawrence of Houston and Mrs. Noon and little daughter, of Arizona, who had been here to attend the funeral of their father, Capt. N. F. Bonsall, and to visit their sister, Mrs. E. A. Trail, left for their respective homes Monday afternoon.

R. T. Williams left Monday afternoon for Comanche on a business trip and will visit other points in the state before returning home.

## W. R. SMITH GETS FEDERAL JUDGESHIP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Representative W. R. Smith of Texas, who retires from Congress with this session, was agreed upon by Senator Sheppard and Culberson to be recommended for appointment to the new West Texas judgeship.

The position was created a few days ago, being an additional Judge for the Western Federal District, with residence at El Paso. It is understood that the new judge also will be employed to relieve the congestion of business in the Northern District.

Mr. Smith was appointed Judge of the Thirty-Second Judicial District of Texas by Senator Culberson while the latter was Governor in May, 1897, to succeed Judge William Kennedy, deceased. He served two terms and was elected to Congress. He has been in congress for fourteen years and will retire on March 4th when Thomas L. Blanton, of Abilene, will succeed him.

## Guion's "Top Notch" S. C. Reds.

Do not send your orders for eggs to the East this year. Give me a trial and place your order early. A guarantee of 75 percent fertility or extra setting for half price. Pen No. 1; headed by a full brother to the 1915 First Chicago Cocker. Pen No. 2; headed by Son of First Cockerell, Des Moines, Ia., 1915. Mated to these are good even colored hens and pullets of extra type and quality. Eggs \$2.00 per 15.

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## \$41.80 FOR ONE HOG

Max Wilson of the Pony creek country, and G. W. Caswell of the Norton country, were marketing hogs in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Caswell received a check for \$41.80 for one meat hog. They sold to local parties who shipped out a car load to the Fort Worth market Tuesday afternoon.

Can't you see it pays to raise hogs? Mr. Caswell besides selling hogs, has killed this season 10 large hogs for his home use.

Mr. Wilson informed us that one of his hogs brought \$40.00, out of the lot he sold today.

What these men have done, nearly any other farmer can do.

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Capt. A. B. Hutcherson of Midland, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Goetz of the Winters country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

## THRIFT GARDENS TO FIGHT H. C. L. HERE

A Thrift Garden in the Back Yard, 25x50 feet, will

At a cost not exceeding \$2.00 for best seeds and \$5 for fertilizer—

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Supply a family of six with fresh vegetables throughout the season.

It can be made to yield produce, in cash value, from \$50 to \$100 per season.

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Killing two birds with one stone is made easy here. Converting your ugly back yard into a garden is killing one bird. Growing a supply of nice vegetables in that garden will cut the high cost of living and you have another bird in the hand.

Clean-up campaign begins in Ballinger on the first day of March and continues until the old town is made as clean as the ladies want it. They are to be the judges—the ladies of the Civic League. If you don't clean-up to suit the ladies you will hear from them, and the whole town will hear about you, and then you will be ashamed to show your face. You can't afford to be so exclusive in your ways as to allow your premises to become the talking stock of the town. You'll clean up or you'll be classed as sorry, and you'll be sorry if you don't clean up.

The Thrift Garden idea, which means the utilizing of the backyards, vacant lots and waste grounds of a community, was originated by Allen W. Clark, chairman and founder of the National Clean Up and Paint Up Campaign, with a view of directing the attention of the people of the towns and cities to an immediate and effective way of reducing the high cost of living. A way which lies near at hand—the backyard.

Mr. Clark has been engaged in working out the details of such a campaign since last August. His foresightedness in this will help solve a most serious problem now confronting every household. The distressing "food riots" now raging in some of the Eastern cities and the high cost of living make this the psychological time for directing the attention of the people to the means of relief at hand.

It has been estimated by authorities on gardening and production that a backyard Thrift Garden, 25x50 feet will supply a family of six with an abundance of fresh vegetables, sufficient to supply all needs through the season if judiciously planted and given the proper care and attention.

"The people of the United States are beginning to husband Nature's resources," said Mr. Clark in explaining the Thrift Garden propaganda, "whether we are drawn into war or not. Thrift Gardening will teach our people economy, thrift, and preparedness. We have become an extravagant people because of our abundance. We have been profligate with Nature's store house. The present distressing situation is, in my opinion, largely due to willful waste."

Only quick-maturing vegetables should be grown in backyard or other limited space Thrift Gardens, such as lettuce, radishes, onions, string beans, carrots, and tomatoes. In the vacant lot and larger plots Thrift Gardens potatoes may be grown profitably, especially at the present market price of \$3.00 per bushel.

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## PROGRAM FOR MID TEACHERS MEET

The program for the Mid-Texas Teachers' meeting to be held at Brownwood on March 16 and 17, has been announced. This promises to be the most important teachers meeting ever held in this part of the state. Teachers from sixteen counties in Central West Texas will be present to hear a program, which will not only be entertaining but which will be educational and those who attend will be benefited by so doing. The meeting means a big boost for Central West Texas schools.

A number of prominent educators of the state, including Miss Anne Webb Blanton of Denton, president of the Texas State Teachers' association; Dr. Robert E. Vinson, president of the University of Texas; Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college; Dr. H. T. Musselman, editor of a school journal in Dallas; Dr. A. E. Winship, a prominent educator of Boston, Mass., will be present.

The Ballinger schools, as well as many other schools, will not observe Texas Independence Day as a holiday, and instead of taking the holiday the teachers will teach, in doing this have requested the various school boards to permit them to suspend school for the day on Friday, March 16 in order that they might attend the meeting at Brownwood.

The Brownwood committee has announced that the general session of the meeting will be held in Lyric Theatre, and the sectional sessions will be held in the afternoon at the Howard Payne College. The program for the entire convention is as follows:

### Friday's Program.

Friday morning at Lyric theatre. Enrollment 8 to 8:30.

1. Invocation—Dr. W. B. Gray.

2. Address of welcome—Hon. H. C. McGowan, Mayor of Brownwood.

3. Response—Superintendent W. S. Fleming, Ballinger.

4. Reading: "Ashes of Roses"—Contance Cackay.—Pauline Ragsdale.

5. Address—President W. B. Bizzell, A. & M. College.

6. Song—Young Men's High School Glee Club.

7. Address—Dr. H. T. Musselman, Editor Texas School Journal.

### Friday Night Program

Friday evening, 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock. Reception by Federated Clubs at Carengie Library.

Program, Howard Payne College 8 o'clock.

Address—Dr. H. T. Musselman.

Address—Dr. A. E. Winship, Boston.

### Saturday's Program.

Saturday Morning, Lyric theatre, 9 to 12:

1. Selection—Daniel Baker Fine Arts Department.

2. Address—President Robert E. Vinson, University of Texas.

3. Selection—Daniel Baker Fine Arts Department.

4. The Affiliation of the High School with the Institution of Higher Learning—Spt. V. L. Griffin, Brownwood.

5. Selection—Daniel Baker Fine Arts Department.

6. Value of Membership in State Teachers' Association—Miss Anne Webb Blanton, President T. S. T. A.

Saturday afternoon, Howard Payne Chapel, 3:30 to 4:30.

Business Meeting.

On the same dates as the convention of teachers of the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association at Brownwood, the Mid-Texas Mothers' Congress will convene. This also promises to be a very interesting meeting. The association includes the same counties as composing the Mid-Texas Teachers' association, and mothers from sixteen counties are expected to attend this meeting. Mrs. Scott H. Mack, of Ballinger, is on the program to respond to the address of welcome, and Supt. W. S. Fleming, of the local schools is also scheduled to address the congress.

### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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W. S. Maddox, G. S. Walker, and E. H. Harding of the Norton country, and W. S. Caudle of the Hatchel country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.



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**MORTUARY.**  
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**T. F. Owens**

T. F. Owens, who moved to Ballinger from the Winters country the first of the year, died at his home near the Hamilton wagon yard, Tuesday afternoon. He was taken ill with acute pneumonia the middle of last week. The remains were shipped to Winters Wednesday afternoon for burial. Mr. Owens was about 60 years of age at the time of his death and was one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of Runnels county. He leaves his wife and three sons and a daughter, Mrs. W. D. Meadows, besides a host of friends to mourn his death. W. J. Compton, of Valley Mills has accepted a position with the Santa Fe as baggage master and began upon his duties first of the week. George Weber of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

**Mrs. C. W. Perciville.**

Mrs. C. W. Perciville died at her home on 12th Street Sunday morning at 10:40 o'clock from heart trouble. She was 48 years of age at the time of her death, and was a consistent Christian, a kind loving wife and mother. The funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. T. C. Jester, and the remains tenderly laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Monday afternoon. The sad ones left to mourn the death of their loved one have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this city.

There is a Calendar in this paper worth \$5.00.

**HALF THOUSAND CASES OF MEASLES**

According to actual count there has been more than five hundred cases of measles, counting those who are now "tussling with" in and near Ballinger. The present epidemic is perhaps the worst ever to strike this city and section of the state. The present siege has been pretty severe in many cases, and while there has been some mighty sick folks, especially among the older heads, there has not been any deaths here, either directly or indirectly from the malady.

The epidemic has made an almost clean-sweep among the children, and there will be little disturbance or hindrance in school work on account of measles for a few years at least.

Prof. H. G. Seest of Talpa and Prof. Hickman, of Coleman, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to writers on a short business trip.

Mrs. A. L. Higdon of Lampasas who had been the guest of Mrs. U. P. Melton, returned home Friday.

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**POULTRY GROWERS TO CO-OPERATE**

Saturday afternoon, after a delightful concert by the Ballinger Band, a meeting was called for parties interested in poultry raising to meet at the Court House to organize for the purpose of raising poultry on a co-operative and therefore more profitable basis.

The meeting was called to order by A. C. Homann, who told of the a. M. F. Treadwell follows, benefits to be derived by co-operating with a talk on the methods to be pursued. J. L. Quicksall, U. S. Government Agent at Waco, who was in our city, spoke on the timely condition of effecting the organization now.

J. H. Taylor, Secretary of the Hog Growers Association, brought out the very interesting fact that their association in its short existence of two years has shipped over 100 cars of hogs averaging per car around \$2,500.00, producing an income of a quarter of a million where there had been none before. He especially stressed the point that it pays to standardize production as the market pays well for anything which looks well.

The organization of the poultry growers was effected by the selection of M. F. Treadwell as Secretary of County or Central organization.

The principal purposes of the organization are to form units all over the county, breeders of egg-laying strains to get together in every community and build up egg production, breeders of heavy chickens to form units for themselves, to secure markets for early fryers, capons, and old stock.

The standardizing of breeds of poultry will be one of the principal aims, as a better market value can be secured for ear lots of thoroughbred chickens, white or dark shelled eggs.

For each unit organization there shall be a President and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall co-operate with the County Secretary on all matters pertaining to the buying or marketing end, the actual local affairs being entirely under the direction of the unit organization.

In view of the fact that this county will have a new demonstration agent should be a good incentive for every community to organize a poultry club to affiliate with the county organization, in order to secure quick results from the information to be gained thru the demonstration agent.

**WHAT IS LAX-FOS**

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**WHY BROWNWOOD WANTS A. & M. LOCATED AT BALLINGER**

Brownwood people naturally hope that the new agricultural and mechanical college to be established in West Texas may be located at Ballinger; but Brownwood people do not intend to participate in the campaign now being waged by Ballinger and other towns to secure the new state school. Runnels county is the leading agricultural county of western Texas, and is in the center of a vast district which would be benefited by the new school. Brownwood people want the school located there because, first, it would be well located from the standpoint of the school itself; and second, because Brownwood would be benefited by having the state school within seventy miles of this city.—Brownwood Bulletin.

If paper was not quite so expensive we would give the reasons why this school should be located at Ballinger. There are so

many reasons it would be an expensive undertaking to enumerate them. The Bulletin hit the nail on the head in saying that "Runnels is the leading agricultural county of western Texas, and in the center of a vast district which should be benefited by the new school." The locating board will have a hard time getting around the location to be offered in Bal-

**CITATION**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels 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 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 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 Runnels;

In the District Court of Runnels 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 Runnels 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 Runnels 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, Runnels County, Texas.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting: You are hereby Commanded to Summon Unknown Heirs of Geo. E. Sanders, deceased, J. H. Quinn, and 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

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day 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, County of Runnels;

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, 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 premises, 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 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 pay-

able 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 as 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 thereon, 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; Thence 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, had peaceable, quiet, continuous and adverse possession of the two hundred acres of said land first hereinbefore 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, hereinbefore 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, hereinafter 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 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. 12-19-26-2-9-16-23-2



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**MEETING HELD AT LIBRARY FRIDAY**

It was a rather small audience that gathered at the Carnegie Library Friday night, to hold the annual election of directors. Nevertheless, those who dodged the numerous attractions in town last night and made their appearance at the library, were delighted with a splendid program.

were to remain in office; there are nine directors in all, and three were elected at the last night's meeting. Mrs. Frank Miller and Mrs. W. S. Fleming were re-elected and Scott Mack was elected to place caused by the vacancy of Dan Moser Jr.

President Dr. W. D. Falley called the house to order, and as several performers were not present, asked for the next number on the program, a piano solo by Mrs. H. C. Gardner. Then followed a song by Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, and an address by Prof. W. S. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming, speaking, said that the library had now on hand something like 800 or a thousand

volumes of good books. The collection, he said, while largely of the fiction class, still contains many splendid works of standard authors and some good reference books. "Whenever you want information on any subject that you can't find anywhere else, you can come here to the library and get it," he went on. A brief history of the Carnegie Library from its inception up to the present day was given, together with some of the hopes and disappointments that have been handed out to the institution with persistent regularity. Mr. Fleming stated that he was in favor of a tax on city property of the infinitesimal sum of an eighth of a mill on the hundred, for upkeep of the library. He thought Ballinger should get out of the category of cities that do not support their public libraries, and remove the stigma placed on Texas Carnegie libraries. The ladies of the town were thanked by the speaker for their efforts to make the library a success, and deplored the fact that the male element seemed so indifferent. Magazines which were purchased by the Young Men's Library Club were at the disposal of anyone who care to read them, said Mr. Fleming, and he hoped as soon as warmer weather prevailed that the public would take advantage of the material. Some of the magazines have been sold to pay the salary of a librarian, but there are still many good publications being received. A reading circle for the children had been proposed by several ladies, who had volunteered their time, the speaker announced, and he hoped this department of the library would be put into effect with the coming of summer.

A solo by Dr. McCoy was another splendid feature of the evening's entertainment, and was followed by a hearty encore. In fact, all number on the program were applauded heavily.

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**COURT CUTS OUT FREE DIP DOPE**

The commissioners court in session last week passed an order discontinuing free dipping poison for dipping cattle. When the tick eradication work was first inaugurated in this county, the commissioners arranged to furnish free of charge the necessary poison for making up the dip. Some of the stockmen declined to use the county's dip, and indicated that they preferred to buy their own dip.

the eradication work in this county, the commissioners found that they could cut the expense by cutting out the free dip, and we have been requested to state that all parties will have to furnish their own dip in the future.

Retained, it will be remembered, the court the inspectors and as soon as the weather warms up the work of eradicating ticks in this county will be prosecuted until the county is free of ticks, and then the expense of keeping the cattle clean will not be so great and the profit in tickless cattle will begin to show up.

U. P. Melton, of the Melton Dry Goods Co., returned home Wednesday night from the Eastern markets, where he had been the past several days buying spring and summer goods for his firm.

J. P. Knight of the Winters country, Sam Petty of the Toke country and Henry Knox, of Talpa, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Joe Ash, station master at Texedo, Texas, for the M. K. & T.

railway Co., came in Wednesday night to join his wife here on a visit to relatives and friends.

**Sloan's Liniment Eases Pain**

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Rev. T. C. Jester, who spent the past week or ten days in Ballinger winding up business affairs, left Monday afternoon for Fort Worth where he will continue his theological studies.



**A Laundry Convenience**

A stationary wash tub, with hot and cold running water right at your elbow, takes the drudgery out of washing. No carrying of water. Simply turn a faucet and the water is there—just as you need it.

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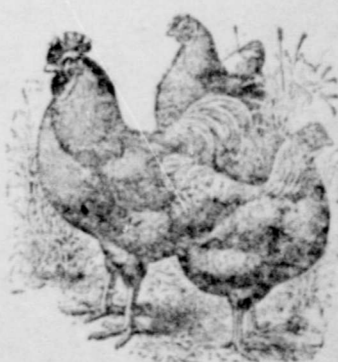
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**THINKS OUR CHANCES FOR A. & M. BRIGHT**

Financially, educationally, Runnels county is all right. I guess our morals are not worse perhaps than those of other counties. Geographically we are pretty well located and the chances for the West Texas A. & M. are bright.

West Texas is coming into the limelight. There is no longer any doubt that the vast area west of the 98th meridian will help feed the fast increasing multitudes. Gradually but surely the center of population is moving west.

There never has been a greater transformation than has taken place here in Runnels county. The wildest dreams had no vision to compare with what has taken place. Yesterday I was talking with a good farmer who came here from Milam county. Some years ago when this was considered a sizzling, blistering desert he exchanged his little place in Milam county for a small block of level prairie land near Winters and moved up near the merry, cheery blue skies for his health and the health of his family.

To his own surprise and that of his friends down in the "sticks," he made enough money "up here" to buy more land with the altitude, atmosphere, and the good health thrown in. Now he is all puffed up with his thumbs in his vest holes and his "ear" in the shed. He owns 340 acres of as fine land as there is in the county.

Aside from this he has six fine mules to farm with and the young 'uns a comin' on.

A fine house, every convenience, a barn stuffed full of year-before-last hay!

He has been offered \$55.00 per acre for his farm—\$18,700.00.

Pardon, but I must tell it on him. I know that this good man used to peddle chickens in a little box under his left arm. So you can read between the lines that, this aristocratic Runnels county Redneck is a diversifier, by the mention of the hay, the mule colts and the chickens.

What's the use of multiplying words. The contentment written all over this good citizen's face is enough to make a man feel good.

This is one typical case out of hundreds and yet in the eyes of the Easterner we are living in a desert "out here."

Truth is, we are just about half way between the deep blue sea and the pure blue sky. A man with two eyes can look up with one and down with the other and see the difference. A one-eyed man "up here" can poke his right fore-finger through the sky and let the glory through. "Down yonder" it takes a man with two hands to keep the chiggers scratched off.

JOHN BALLEW.

**A Bilious Attack.**

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach, and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

**A CHILD GETS CROSS, SICK AND FEVERISH WHEN CONSTIPATED**

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated clean little liver and bowels.

If your little one's tongue is coated, it is a sure sign the stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When your child is cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, system full of cold, throat sore, or if feverish, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given to-day saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. Get the genuine made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

**DEMAND FOR NEW DICTIONARY GROWS**

"From the way the people are crowding in here to get these dictionaries, I venture to predict this town is destined before long to become the intellectual center of the universe." Thus spoke a woman employed at one of the counters from which The New Universities Dictionary being offered by this paper to its readers is being distributed.

She had no time for further comment, as a number of persons were waiting to present their coupons and secure a copy of the new dictionary.

The demand for the book has been phenomenal, large numbers having been distributed within the past week, and the publishers have been called upon repeatedly to replenish the fast vanishing supply. The distribution has been heavy, indicating that this paper is giving its readers at a nominal cost an opportunity to satisfy a long-felt want.

The offer places within the reach of all a dictionary of convenient size for use in the school, home or office. The editors, who rank among the leading expert etymologists of America, strove for simplicity in compiling this volume. At the same time they made it authoritative and accurate—a dictionary that will lend in valuable aid to the young man starting to carve out a place for himself in the world, who realizes the necessity of learning to speak and write the English language correctly; and no less valuable to the man of large business affairs who at all times finds it necessary to have easy access to the definition of terms used in connection with important matters of commerce and law. The subscribers to The Daily Ledger "gobbled up" the first shipment of dictionaries, and before the subscribers to the weekly paper could save up three coupons the supply ran out. However, a new supply was received this week, and we will be able to fill orders as they come in for the next few days.

**The Pneumonia Season.**

The cold damp, weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask anyone who has used it.

There is a Calendar in this paper worth \$5.00.

Miss Bettie Miller returned home Wednesday at noon from a short visit to friends at Santa Anna.

**DEBATING PRESIDENT'S REQUEST**

By Carl D. Groat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The House Foreign Affairs Committee failed to report out the Flood bill, giving President Wilson the power he asked for in his address yesterday afternoon.

Instead several members sought to inject amendments. As an upshot the committee voted to send amendments to the President for his consideration this afternoon.

The committee will meet again at four o'clock, and in the meantime the same objections were met in the senate Foreign Relations Committee. After a two hours session behind closed doors, it was announced that no decision had been reached, and the bill is where it was when Mr. Wilson appeared before Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The minority members of the house Foreign Affairs Committee balked on two points in granting the President the authority he asked for in an address before a joint session of Congress yesterday afternoon.

The points objected to are the matters of giving the President authority for arming merchant ships carrying munitions and authorizing him the use of other instrumentalities than guns, gunners, and money.

Some of the members of the committee object to the stand America is taking against submarines, declaring that such a stand is bound to react in the future and will render useless valuable weapons of war for us some time.

**THE BREAD AND BUTTER QUESTION.**

The teaching profession is a noble, charitable one, but are you content to work in the charity department of your state when they allow you no pension or protection in old age? Are you willing to go into the great broad fields of business where you can lay up something for a rainy day, and provide your own protection for old age? Six thousand teachers quit the profession in Texas annually. Can you blame them when you compare their annual earning capacity with that of any other class of educated men or women? The bookkeeper, stenographer, private secretary, or operator, as a beginner, gets from \$50 to \$75 per month, twelve months in the year, and soon receives an advance in salary and it is not long if they are made of the right kind of stuff before they are promoted to assistant manager, or manager of a large business concern, or engage in business for themselves and are thereby enabled to lay up a comfortable living for old age. Make a comparison of the teacher, who after graduating from the high school spends from one to two years in the State Normal and hundreds of dollars preparing himself, and has been teaching five years in the public schools, with the bookkeeper, stenographer, or operator who has only spent from three to six months in obtaining his education after graduating from high school, and from one hundred to two hundred dollars and has had five years experience in the business world, and you will find that the one who has spent only a few months in obtaining his education and a small amount of money is drawing twice the salary of the teacher regardless of the fact that the teacher spent more time and money in the preparation for their life work. More evidence on this subject can be had by writing the Tyler Commercial College at Tyler, Texas, for their large illustrated catalogue giving full particulars of America's largest commercial training school, with more than two thousand enrollments annually and reading what teachers say who have attended this institution, of the advantages it offers to those entering the business world where they can greatly increase their earning capacity, enabling them to own homes of their own and enjoy the comforts that should rightly be theirs.

**PREPARING TO FIGHT U-BOATS**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Bids will be opened tomorrow by the Navy Department for the manufacture of twenty-four hundred one pound guns and mounts, three hundred and fifty three inch guns and several hundred four and five inch mounts.

It is known that these types are the most effective against submarines, and the placing of the orders at this time indicates that the navy is preparing for any emergency that might become necessary in driving submarines from the high seas, and in arming merchantmen.

BORDEAUX, France, Feb. 27.—The big American freighter, Orleans, carrying a large cargo of supplies for the allies, the first American ship to run the submarine gauntlet and escape through the barred zone, docked here today.

Thirty thousand people lined the water front and cheered as the American steamer pulled into the harbor. Schools and factories closed and the crew and officers of the boat were carried through the streets at the head of a big parade and given a reception at the City Hall.

**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.

**FOOD SITUATION SHOWS IMPROVEMENT**

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Following a boycott on certain lines of food inaugurated during the past week foodstuffs took a decided drop here today.

Butter dropped one cent per pound. Sugar dropped forty points.

Local freight congestion is somewhat cleared, and general conditions show improvement.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**WILL INVESTIGATE FOOD TROUBLE**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The house passed the Borlean amendment to the Sundry bill providing for four hundred thousand dollars for the federal trade commission to investigate the food price trust.

The sundry measure itself passed without opposition, and on a record vote.

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**FAMOUS INDIAN FIGHTER DEAD**

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Captain Jack Crawford died here with pneumonia early this morning.

Captain Crawford was the chief scout under General Custer and took part in the pursuit of Sitting Bull under General Miles.

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Just as Scores of Ballinger People have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect kidney backache, Urinary troubles often follow. Doan's Kidney Pills are for kidney backache, and for other kidney ills.

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

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

**GERARD SAILS FOR HOME**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The state department received a cable today saying that Ambassador Gerard sailed from Coruna this morning.

Miss Eunice Brown, who had been quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Kearney at Belton, we are glad to report able to arrive in Ballinger Wednesday to visit relatives and friends and to recuperate.

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One buggy, mare and colt for sale. 5 room house for rent. See Thos. A. Rape. 28-2td

**WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS**—Eggs for setting; eggs from pen \$2.50 per setting 15; yard eggs \$1.50 per setting 15. Mrs. W. A. Guin, Hatchell, Texas. 26-6td2tw

**FOR SALE**—Good substantial delivery wagon. The first man who comes with \$10 gets the wagon. Albert Sledge at the Ledger office. d&wtf-dh

**FOR SALE**—Thoroughbred Buff Orpington Eggs \$1.00 per setting. See or phone 5303. Mrs. Mae Norman. 23-Stwpd

**GARDEN SEED**—A full line of bulk garden seed has just arrived. Jeanes Produce Co. 15-ftdw

**OYSTER SHELLS**—A solid ear load of crushed oyster shells for your chickens at Jeanes Produce Co. 15-d&w-tf

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—A No. 1 three-year-old black Jack, white tips. See him at City Wagon Yard. Off the market after March 31st. W. T. Nichols, Ballinger Route A. 17-1td4tw

**FOR SALE**—One Indian motorcycle, two 1916 model Fords, and one five-passenger Buick, almost as good as new. Bargains. Central Garage. 19-tfw

**LOST**

**LOST**—Party who found axe in their car will please return same to Ledger office. 26-1td-1tw-pd

**LOST**—Brown coat, Thursday on Mt. Margaret road. Had two Masonic pins in lapel. Notify J. H. Cook, Tennyson, Texas. 21-twtd

**LOANS**

**Farm Loans Wanted.**

Choice loans 6 percent to 8 percent interest. Quick service. Call on or write, McFarland & Cryer, Winters, Texas. 16-wtf

**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

**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

**COLEMAN BOY IS KILLED BY PONY.**

**COLEMAN**, Feb. 28.—Paul Miller, 6 years old, son of Mrs. J. A. B. Miller and grandson of J. P. Morris, was killed by a Shetland pony here about 5:30 yesterday afternoon.

The pony threw the boy, his foot hanging in the stirrup, then dragged him a distance of about two blocks.

The child was practically dead when picked up. J. A. B. Miller, a former mayor of this place, the boy's father, died a little more than a year ago.

Misses Virginia King and Bertha Blanks and Messrs. Wynn Hamilton and Hubert Beyatte, of San Angelo, motored over to Ballinger Sunday afternoon and were the guests of friends for a few hours.

E. P. and S. W. Bryan of the Rowena country, were among the number in Ballinger Friday who called at the Ledger office for a dictionary. The last hundred order is going right along and if you want one you will have to hurry.

**WILSON ASKS CONGRESS FOR POWER TO ARM SHIPS**

**WASHINGTON**, Feb. 26.—Asking authority to arm merchantmen and take any other step that may be necessary for the protection of American lives and American interests on the high seas, President Wilson addressed a joint session of congress this afternoon and discussed frankly the situation between the United States and Germany.

Realizing that the steps the president was taking draws the United States measurably nearer open hostilities with Germany, congress listened with the deepest gravity at the president's pronouncement of the seemingly determination of Germany to carry out its ruthless submarine warfare. Mr. Wilson cited the series of offenses the Germans had committed against the American nation as well as against other neutral nations since the diplomatic break.

President Wilson declared that the time had come when influences other than "material things" must be considered, if the United States is to uphold the rights and privileges of her citizens. The president intimated that he realized that he was facing a fight in congress in asking the power he seeks, but is counting on patriotic union of all opposing factions to present a united front to Germany and the entire world.

The president does not ask for a declaration of war, but merely authority for "armed neutrality." According to the president the

**19 KILLED IN PULLMAN CAR WRECK**

**ALTOONA**, Pa., Feb. 27.—Eighteen passengers, including every one in a Pullman coach, were killed early this morning when the Mercantile Express on the Pennsylvania railroad was smashed into by a fast freight train while the passenger was stopping at Mount Union for minor repairs.

Nine bodies were soon recovered from the ruins of the wreck, and it was known that the other nine passengers were dead.

**UGH! ACID STOMACH, SOURNESS, HEARTBURN GAS OR INDIGESTION**

The moment "Pape's Diapepsin" reaches the stomach all distress goes.

Do some foods you eat hit back—taste good, but work badly; ferment into acids and cause a sick, sour, gassy stomach? Now, Mr. or Mrs. Dyspeptic, jot this down: Pape's Diapepsin helps neutralize the excessive acids in the stomach so your food won't sour and upset you. There never was anything so safely quick, so certainly effective. No difference how badly your stomach is upset you usually get happy relief in five minutes, but what pleases you most is that it helps to regulate your stomach so that you can eat your favorite foods without fear.

Most remedies give you relief sometimes—they are slow, but not sure. "Pape's Diapepsin" is positive in neutralizing the acidity, so the misery won't come back very quickly.

You feel different as soon as "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach—distress just vanishes—your stomach gets sweet, no gases, no belching, no eructations of undigested food, your head clears and you feel fine.

Go now, make the best investment you ever made, by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia, or any stomach disorder, due to acid fermentation.

J. N. Wells of the Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and had just returned from Wichita Falls and says about an inch of rain had fallen recently from Abilene on to Wichita and the wheat and oat crops were holding up well.

Archie Hutcherson, a prominent stockman, of Midland, and a former valued citizen of Runnels county, was greeting friends in Ballinger Tuesday.

**BRITISH FACE GERMAN HALT**

**LONDON**, Feb. 28.—General Douglas Haig's men are closing in on Bapaume, and are at present less than two miles distant from the strategic point.

The German retreat is apparently slowed down, and dispatches from the Western front indicate that they are planning for a strong resistance now before being carried on by the forward sweep of the British.

**ENDORSES SINKING OF LACONIA**

**BERLIN**, Feb. 28.—The first editorial comment in German newspapers on the sinking of the Laconia, justified the latest submarine outrage, and suggested that Germany was merely carrying out its warnings to the world. Citizens of Berlin are hopeful and are together in agreeing that victory and complete success will result from the submarine warfare. This was also expressed in the speech of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, before the Reichstag.

**RECEIVES \$5.00 FROM WALKER DRUG CO.**

Mrs. E. H. Colburn gets \$5.00 for having "Calendizer" hanging in full view and being able to tell the representative of the Walker Drug Co., that W. E. Barbee was advertising The Bankers' Reserve Life Insurance Company.

**BRITISH RECAPTURE OLD TERRITORY.**

**LONDON**, Feb. 26.—The British forces in Mesopotamia have just won a land victory by recapturing Kut el Amara. Turkish troops are in full retreat from the territory surrounding the position.

**TOKIO**, Feb. 26.—Two British steamers, the Persens and Worcestershire, aggregating fourteen thousand tons, were sunk off the Colombo coast today.

The explosions that caused the loss of the two ships occurred aboard, and the authorities say they believe it was the work of German plotters.

Aug Herring Jr., and S. P. Hale of Talpa, H. H. Ratchford, of Paint Rock, and Fletcher Roper of the Oak creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis and daughter of the Crews country were shopping in Ballinger Friday. Claud Lee, of the Maverick country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

**Two American Women Killed By Submarine**

**WASHINGTON**, Feb. 27.—Following a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing this afternoon, it became generally known among the highest administration officials that the sinking of the Laconia had been considered a "clear cut case," and no investigation is necessary.

What shall be done and how, is altogether in the hands of President Wilson. Any decision it is flatly stated, must come from him. It is strongly intimated that the President has no immediate intention of again going before Congress. He will act on his own initiative and it will then be up to Congress to back him up.

**WASHINGTON**, Feb. 27.—Many of the administration officials believe that Germany has committed the overt act. President Wilson was brought abruptly face to face with the most critical submarine case since the sinking of the Lusitania, when the state department received today official confirmation of the sinking of the Laconia by torpedoes fired without warning from a German submarine, and the killing outright of two American women.

However, it is generally believed that the incident will not cause a request for declaration of war. It is pointed out by administration officials that the President wants only at this time, money, and explicit power to protect American lives and property at sea. With this arranged for, it is expected that the worst will come later, as the Germans have convinced the world that they intend to carry out the ruthless submarine warfare.

President Wilson has called a session with his cabinet this afternoon, and all facts available will be presented to the cabinet meeting, and no statement from the President will be given out until after the cabinet meeting.

**LONDON**, Feb. 27.—The American embassy here is in receipt of a report from Consul Frost at Queenstown, saying that two American women, Mrs. Mary Hoy and daughter Miss Elizabeth, were killed when the Laconia, a trans-Atlantic liner, was submerged off the Irish coast Sunday af-

telling of the death and burial of Mrs. Mary Hoy and daughter Miss Elizabeth Hoy. The two ladies were killed by a submarine torpedo fired into the Laconia. The women were buried at sea shortly after a British warship rescued the survivors from the Laconia.

**LONDON**, Feb. 26.—The liner Laconia, with a capacity of eighty thousand tons, one of the largest vessels in the trans-Atlantic service, was torpedoed off the Irish coast.

The vessel was sunk Sunday night by a torpedo believed to have been fired by a German submarine.

Six Americans were aboard the ship, but it is not known whether any of them perished. 287 survivors are en route to Queenstown.

**SUBS GET TWO MORE BRITISH SHIPS TODAY**

**LONDON**, Feb. 27.—British steamers, Heady, capacity five thousand tons, and the Aris, capacity three thousand tons, were sunk today by German submarines.

**LONDON**, Feb. 26.—Holland now understands why the Germans began massing troops near the Dutch border two months ago, and is now in a position to appreciate the menace in the widespread rumors that trenches have been constructed paralleling the Dutch border.

Public indignation over the sinking of seven Dutch ships by German submarines is tempered by the realization of the acute danger of the Netherlands. The Germans have just mobilized troops across the border.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite for Colds.**

J. L. Esley, Macon, Ill., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly."

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**BALLINGER BOYS LEAVE FOR MEXICO**

Eugene Kipp and Will Chambers left Ballinger Sunday afternoon for Guadalajara, Mexico, where they go to join Mr. Kipp's father in business. John H. Kipp conducts a large business in Guadalajara, and owns extensive business interests there. His family came to Ballinger about three years ago, and on account of the unsettled condition of Mexican affairs they have never returned. Eugene spent several months in the State University and recently returned home to arrange to go to his father and young Chambers accepted an offer to go with him and become connected with the Kipp business. The boys are making the trip via Laredo and Monterey. Eugene speaks Spanish, and being familiar with the Mexican country and people he stated before leaving Ballinger that they did not anticipate any trouble.

**Stop That Cough**

A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected; your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Relieve that cold at once Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your druggist, 50c.

**RUNNELS REPRESENTATIVE MAKING GOOD.**

Judge Jno. I. Guion, president of the Board of Regents of the A. & M. College, returned from Austin Sunday. Judge Guion spent several days in Austin on business and had occasion to be thrown with Representative Wallace Hawkins and other members of the legislature while in Austin, and he says that Mr. Hawkins is making good and is representing this district in an able way. "I heard quite a number of the

representatives and state officials speak of the good work being done by the Runnels district representative," said Judge Guion, "and I found that he stands well with the law makers of the state." This will be good news to the friends of Mr. Hawkins who vouched for him when he was making his race, and predicted that the young man had the right kind of material in him to make good.

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

**CLOSED LAND DEAL.**

John Morrison, of the Wingate country, was in Ballinger Thursday and closed the deal with Jim Cordell for 215 acres of well improved land near Wingate at a consideration of \$32.50 per acre. Mr. Cordell who owns a nice home in Ballinger and has lived here for some time past, will likely invest his surplus cash in real estate near Ballinger. Mr. Morrison was fortunate in getting this fine little farm which is said to be one of the best in that section.

**CHAS. O. FERGUSON SERIOUSLY ILL AT HOME**

Chas. Ferguson is very ill at his rooms at the H. M. Jones residence on Eighth Street with erysipelas and is being treated for the malady. Several injections of serum have been given Mr. Ferguson, and reports from him today say he is some better.

**SERIOUSLY ILL**

Clarence Harter, of Wilmeth, who was in Ballinger Friday informed us that his father W. R. Harter was seriously ill at his home near Wilmeth with kidney trouble, which his many friends over the county will be sorry to learn. He is one of the highly esteemed and pioneer citizens of the Wilmeth-Wingate country.

**MILES PEOPLE LOYAL TO RUNNELS COUNTY**

Judge M. C. Smith and C. P. Shepherd had legal business in the progressive little city of Miles Friday. They report that Runnels county sentiment is strong in that place, and they did not talk to a man who was not for Runnels county first, last and all the time. The report that the Miles people favored San Angelo over Ballinger as a desirable location for the West Texas A. & M. College is a mistake, according to the attorneys who spent several hours in Miles on legal business. As an evidence of this fact a petition is being circulated and signed by ninety per cent of those to whom it is presented, endorsing Ballinger as the place for the college, and pledging their allegiance to Runnels County.

**GIRLS! DRAW A MOIST CLOTH THROUGH HAIR, DOUBLE ITS BEAUTY**

Try this! Hair gets thick, glossy, wavy and beautiful at once.

Immediate?—Yes! Certain?—that's the joy of it. 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 or excessive oil, and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair. A delightful surprise awaits those whose hair has been neglected or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, 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 weeks' use, when you 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 drug store or toilet counter and just try it.

**STEALS TO CUT HIGH COST OF LIVING**

There was a time when a butcher would hardly have noticed a little thing like losing a quarter of beef. That was when beef was selling for such a price that enabled a man to feed his family a day on twenty-five cents, and then have hash for several days. It is different today and a quarter of beef, especially the hind quarter, represents a real bank roll. For this reason the thief who entered the Strobe market about dark Saturday night and before the market closed for the day, carried off a whole quarter of a fat beef, made a rich haul. Mr. Strobe's butcher dressed a nice beef Saturday afternoon, and it was placed on the cooling rack in the rear of the building. When Mr. Strobe went to close the back door about eight o'clock he noticed he only had three quarters of the new beef. He had never heard of a beef before that cut out only three quarters, and an investigation soon convinced him that he was minus a quarter. There is no clue, but the market man is getting some consolation out of the thought that the appetites of some hungry people were no doubt appeased on the good juicy steaks cut from that quarter of fat beef.

**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. Address orders to Runnels County Pecan Nursery, S. B. Howard, 107 N. 12th St., Ballinger, Texas. 15-tfw.

**MILITARY AND NAVAL TERMS OFTEN PUZZLE**

Definitions of military and naval terms, grouped together under a single heading, is one of the special features of The New Universities Dictionary now being offered to readers of this paper, contributing to the splendid success attending the distribution of the book. Nearly everybody nowadays is reading about the war, and not infrequently the reports from the other side contain some word or expression with which the average reader is unfamiliar. The meaning of such terms can readily be had by turning to The New Universities Dictionary as well as that of many expressions which have come into more common usage since the Continent of Europe has become one vast battle ground and the high seas turned into a "danger zone" by the naval operations of the contending powers.

In all there are twenty-five of these supplementary dictionaries containing the definition of hundreds of words brought into general and proper use not only by the war in Europe, but by the forward steps in science, business, society, religion and the increasing popularity of sports of all kinds, which can be found in no dictionary other than the one this paper is distributing among its readers at a nominal cost.

Coupons are being redeemed in large quantities, so enthusiastically that the offer has been received, and it is evident that The New Universities Dictionary is finding its way into the business office as well as the home, and many school children are finding the book a great help to them.

Kosciusko, Miss. Mr. J. P. Gentry, Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir—I have been feeding Aunt Patsy's Poultry Feed for about a month and my hens have been doing a great deal better. But the question I want to ask, is, will feeding this feed keep the hens from setting? I only have ten hens and don't run an incubator; but depend on the hens to do the hatching. Only one of them has gone to setting, and one has been clucking for at least nine days, and has been laying up until Sunday.

Your little book does not touch on this. I will certainly appreciate any information you can give me.

If this feed won't let them quit laying long enough to set I will have to quit it for a while, for I certainly have got to have some spring chickens.

Thanking you in advance for the information, I am, Very truly,

A. E. Atkinson. Ask your Dealer for Aunt Patsy, the egg producer. WALKER-SMITH CO.

**SPOONTS LEAVES SUNDAY FOR POSITION AT MARFA**

Joe Spoonst left Sunday for Marfa, Texas, where he has accepted a position with the light plant at that place for the ensuing year.

**GINNED TWELVE BALES.**

The Day gin turned out 12 bales of cotton Thursday for a few farmers near Ballinger who had been holding in storage for better prices.

Mr. Farmer. F. F. Moore has the Rock Island implements and will sell for cash the following: No. 99 Chief Planter \$35.00 Lone Star Cultivator \$40.00 We have the latest improved tools. F. F. Moore sells every thing cheap. Call and see him before you buy elsewhere. 16-3tv

**STOVE EXPLOSION CAUSES FIRE ALARM**

An oil stove exploding at the home of Elmer Simpson caused an alarm to be turned in shortly after three o'clock Friday afternoon. The fire company responded to the call, but the fire had been put under control before the city extinguishers arrived on the scene. The damage was slight.

**Cold Sores and Fever Blisters**



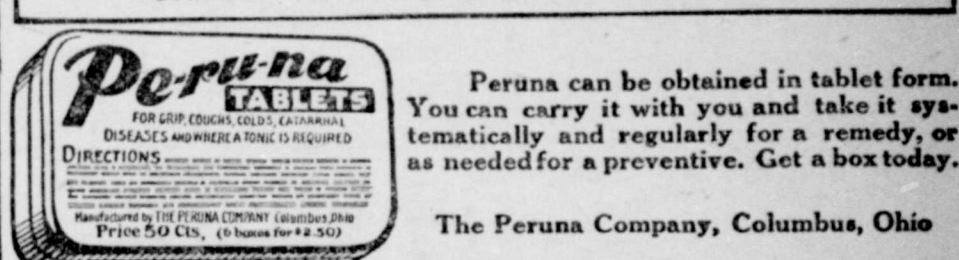
are only outward manifestations of the inflammation of the mucous surface that lines the lungs, the stomach and all the digestive tract, but they give you evidence of how sore a membrane may become as a result of inflammation, which is stagnation of the blood, rightfully called acute catarrh.

If you suffer from such conditions don't let them become chronic, don't run the risk of systemic catarrh.

**Clear it Up With PERUNA**

When your system is cleared of all its poisons, the membranes soothed and healed, the cold gone and your digestion restored, you will enjoy life, feel equal to all its tasks, and be at peace with the world. Let Peruna do for you what it did for this sufferer:

Mrs. L. A. Patterson, 238 Utah Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. says: "I have been a friend of Peruna for many years. I have used it off and on for catarrhal complaints and found it a very excellent remedy. I have a small family of children. Times are hard with us, but I can scarcely afford to do without Peruna, especially during the season of the year when coughs and colds are prevalent. We always recommend Peruna to our neighbors, for the benefit it has been to us."



**NEW AGENT HERE FOR TEXAS COMPANY**

G. M. Worthington, assistant general superintendent for the Texas Co., of Dallas, is here today checking in a new agent at this place. Lee Butler, of Comanche is the new man on the job, and H. C. Van who has had charge of the Texco Co., business here for the past year or two, will be transferred to Fort Worth where he will be in the warehouse for the company. Mr. Butler is a man of family and will move his family here as soon as he can find a house.

This train will arrive fifteen minutes earlier. The change is due to a slight change in the main line. The report that the early morning train would be converted into a through train, and instead of leaving here at 9:30 and running only to Brownwood, would leave about six o'clock and go through to Temple failed to materialize. Those desiring to do shopping for booze in San Angelo will have to leave Ballinger fifteen minutes earlier than heretofore.

**REMAINS SHIPPED TO BROWNWOOD**

Mrs. O. F. Sensobaugh, wife of the presiding elder of the Abilene district, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to Brownwood to accompany the remains of her mother, Mrs. Lane, where the remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery in that city. Mrs. Lane died at the home of her daughter in Abilene Wednesday night at the ripe old age of 81 years, old age and general infirmity was the cause of death.

**Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System**

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

**SLIGHT CHANGE IN SANTA FE SCHEDULE**

Beginning next Sunday there will be a fifteen minutes change in the schedule of the west-bound passenger train which arrives here from Temple at 1:10 p. m. now.

*"They Who Wish to Prosper Must Work and Save."* —Scott

Spendthrifts and idlers are similar; a generation of them would bankrupt a nation. The prosperous are the nation's strength.

A bank account here leads to a seat in prosperity's corner.

Under direct supervision of U. S. Government.

...The...

**First National Bank** Of Ballinger

**SPRING'S COMING**

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

**Ballinger Lumber Company**

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A representative of The Walker Drug Co. will call at some home in Ballinger trade territory on some day of the month, and if he finds this copy of "Murphy's Handy Full Page Newspaper Calendizer" hanging in full view and you **Can Tell Him Whose Advertisement or Statement of Facts Appears Under the Date He Calls**, you will be presented with a bright, shiny, five dollar gold piece. Hang the calendar up. Be prepared. You don't know where he is going, or on what day he will ask to see the "Calendizer." It may be thirty miles in the country, or it may be in the town of Ballinger. He may come to your home on the 7th, on the 23rd or maybe not until the 30th. Fortify yourself against the coming of the representative. **Hang the Calendar Up.**

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## "Truth" In Advertising

This Calendar carries with it a list of some of Ballinger's most progressive and aggressive business concerns who believe in the power of truthful advertising.

That man who advertises what he has to offer you can save you money because he enjoys a greater volume of business than the man who does not advertise. They seek your business on a broad basis of service and value and that is what counts. Do you trade with them?

You get a brand new Calendar every month.

**1** | **2** | **3**  
**Confidence of All—** | **Hats Hats**

For a long time we have been serving the Doctors and public in this vicinity with good Drugs and good service. Today we enjoy the confidence of all who need our medicines—but never mind what we say—just ask your doctor or neighbor. We have FOUR legally qualified PHARMACISTS; E. P. Price, J. M. Pyburn, J. A. Weeks and A. R. Crews.

**The Walker Drug Co.**  
Phone 12 and 13

Latest styles, lowest prices. Select your shape no charge for time. This coupon worth 10 per cent on purchase of hat.

**The Fair**

**4**

We want to show you Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, the best on earth, with the simplest, quickest, most durable self filler ever devised. Always keep in mind that our stock in every department is selected with great care as to beauty, fitness, and service giving qualities, and that our Repairing Department is second to none.

**Jas. E. Brewer**  
Jeweler and Optician.

**5**

Are you wanting to buy a farm, ranch, or a piece of city property? If so, see us. We are in a position to make the terms to suit the purchaser.

**C. A. Doose & Co.**  
25 Years Experience  
Ballinger, Texas.

**6**

**"Watch Me Grow  
N. Passur**

**7**

**EAT WHERE YOU GET**

The Same Care,  
The Same Cleanliness,  
The Same Quality.  
With large or small orders.

We will appreciate your business.

**City Cafe**

**8**

**USE**

Magnolia Gasoline

Motor Oil

Sealy Auto Oil

**Magnolia Petroleum Co.**

J. A. Williams, Agent.

**9**

**BALLINGER-WINTERS  
AUTO LINE**

W. E. Brooks.

Good Warm Cars

Phones 12 and 135.

**10**

**Not Only On This Day**

But every day in the month, we are serving our customers with choice meats. We sell meat fit to eat.

**STROBLE'S MARKET**

**11**

**HEAR**  
Christ Crucified  
Message Mission  
Presence Blessings  
Love for God and Man  
Tabernacle

**E. A. BEDICHEK**  
Phone 642.

**12**

We have a large and complete stock of building material of the first-class. Will be glad to figure your bill ever so large or small.

And that summer time is drawing so near. And the problem of keeping cool and comfortable. Let us help you by planning a sleeping porch.

**H. H. HARDIN & CO.**  
Phone 291 Ballinger, Tex

**13**

The number of states in the U. S. originally was 13; the number of red and white stripes in our grand old flag is 13. One of the most interesting phone numbers in Ballinger is 13; phone 13 for an order for it will receive our personal attention.

**THE WALKER DRUG CO**  
Phones 12 and 13.

**14**

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
of Ballinger**

Under direct supervision of U. S. Government.

**15**

Eyes scientifically examined and lenses manufactured to suit each particular case.

We duplicate any broken lenses. Bring us the pieces.

**Jas. E. Brewer**

**16**

If it's Plumbing, Windmills, Gas Engines, or Oliver Implements. We have them—

**E. C. ALLISON & SON**  
Ballinger, Texas.

**17**

We will be in our new quarters some time in March, where we will be better prepared to take care of customers.

**HARWELL MOTOR CO.**

**18**

Good Goods  
Good Nature  
Good Service

the tripod on which stands the reputation of  
**The Walker Drug Co**  
Phones 12 and 13.

**19**

When you think of Refrigerators you should think of the AUTOMATIC. There is no better made than the AUTOMATIC at any price.

**Hall Hardware Co.**

**20**

**Melton Dry Goods Co.**

—Every body's Store—

Never have we shown such an assortment of all that's new for Spring 1917

Everything to wear at this big store.  
Welcome—

**21**

Good intentions will not clothe or feed your loved ones after you are gone. Insure in the

**Bankers Reserve Life Co**  
Its policies not excellent.

Phone 238. W. E. Barbee

**22**

**CITY AUTO WORKS**  
Phone 69

Storage batteries reworked and recharged. All work guaranteed first class. We have a full line of Accessories. Better work for less money is our motto.

**23**

Free Battery inspection  
(Any battery on any car.)

and have your storage battery tested every month. It prevents trouble; saves big repair bills. Expert battery repairing and recharging. We can supply repair parts for any storage battery, or a battery to fit the battery box on your car.

**ELDER BROTHERS**  
Reo Car Dealers.

**24**

**If It Is New**

you will see it first at Lankfords. Everything in housefurnishings.

**T. S. Lankford**

**25**

**Eupion Oil**

is the Best kerosene oil made. If you have trouble with oil in your stoves try Eupion.

**Pierce-Fordyce Oil Association**  
Distributors.

For Sale by All Reputable Dealers.

**26**

**Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.**

Headquarters for Quality, Service and Satisfaction.

**27**

**FEED FEED FEED**  
Plenty of Feed of all kinds Good Ear Corn; Shelled Corn, 2 bushel sacks.

Bran, Chops, Oats, Cane Seed, Golden Rod (Molasses feed) Ground Peanut vines (100lb. sacks) Johnson Grass Hay, Alfalfa & Timothy. Prairie and peanut hay.

Buy from us and save  
**WEST TEXAS GRAIN CO.**

**28**

Storage batteries for every make of car. Parts for every make of storage battery. Let us have your repairing.

**Ballinger Auto Co.**  
Phone 505.

**29**

**Independent Oil Co.**

Handle kerosene oil, gasoline, and storage tanks. Will appreciate a share of your patronage. When your tank needs filling, just phone "586," and if you are in or within reasonable distance of Ballinger, shall be glad to fill it for you. Prices always right.

L. E. BAIR, Mgr.

**30**

Energy is something that can neither be created nor destroyed. Bring your shoes to the Busy Shoe Shop of

**H. L. Wendorf**

**31**

Anyone wanting Loans on farms and ranches should see us. No red tape. No commissions to pay.

**C. A. Doose & Co.**  
Ballinger, Texas.





EVERY hour throngs of men and young men stop in front of our windows to see those engaging new Stetsons.

Then they come in to buy—scores of them. One of our customers said he had intended wearing his last year's selection in spite of the way hats were going; but one of the Stetson's in our window "got him."

Don't forget the Style Show Tuesday and Wednesday March 6th and 7th.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Successors to Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

AUSTRIA DENIES SINKING STEAMER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Austro-Hungary sent its formal and official denial of the sinking of the schooner Lyman B. Law, Ambassador Penfield cabled the state department from Vienna this morning, officially notifying the United States that Austria denied being responsible for the sinking of the vessel.

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

W. A. Schuhman of Rowena, had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday afternoon.

Card of Thanks

Words fail to express our appreciation of the kindness shown us since our house was burned, and the help given and the many nice things we have received. May the Lord bless each and every one. We thank you all.

T. A. Duke and Family.

C. P. SHEPHERD ATTORNEY-AT-LAW and NOTARY PUBLIC. General Practice. Collections and rent property handled. Office upstairs in C. A. Doose Building, Ballinger, Tex. Phone 60.

RIGHT NOW!

Worry means weakness—"an outside evidence of inside lack of faith in yourself." Indifference and indolence go hand in hand. Why not set aside right now, once and for all the financial worry and moral weakness that will follow as sure as sunrise in the wake of poverty in your old age? Remember the wisdom of the sage who so truly said

"The Knife that Stabs the Honest Heart is Want"

This bank is acutely conscious of its responsibility to assist the depositors who will assist himself by laying up. It invites confidences right now. A future date may be too late. It believes that the most helpful banking service is more a matter of men than system. You can start the account with any amount.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

HOUSTON WOMAN HAS GAINED 18 POUNDS

Looks So Well After Taking Tanlac Her Friends Hardly Recognize Her.

"My wife gained eighteen pounds on two bottles of Tanlac and now she's the very picture of health," said J. A. McGimney, Hamilton street, Houston, for several years engineer for the Industrial Cotton Oil Co.

"I can't find words," continued, "to tell you all Tanlac has done for my wife and how grateful I am over her recovery. Two years ago she began to suffer with stomach trouble and indigestion. She doctored and took medicine but kept getting worse. She lived on such food as milk and toast and fell off until she only weighed ninety-seven pounds, and was hardly more than a living skeleton. She complained of awful pains in her stomach and was very nervous. The pressure of gas on her stomach would collect around her heart and she would wake up at night suffering and gasping for breath. I was awake nearly all night every night with her.

"Tanlac has worked on her more like a miracle than a medicine. Three days after she began taking it she began to feel better. After taking two bottles she now eats hearty and sleeps as soundly as a lark. She now weighs one hundred and fifteen pounds—an actual gain of eighteen pounds. She has improved so much that some of our neighbors who have not seen her for some time didn't know her on first sight. Tanlac has restored her health after everything else had failed."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co., in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford and in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

A. & M. COMMITTEE VERY EASY BODY

The committee appointed to take steps looking to the securing of the West Texas A. & M. College, is meeting with great encouragement. It is an optimistic bunch of men and encouragement from friends of Ballinger in neighboring towns spells S-U-C-C-E-S-S for Ballinger in this move. The committee was in session for more than an hour Monday, and additional committees were appointed and the work is well in hand. Without making a big hurrah campaign, the committee is working along systematic lines, and will see that every advantage offered by the ideal location for a college at this place is presented to the locating board. In order to compile data and carrying on the work of securing the college it is necessary to expend considerable money, and a finance committee has been appointed to solicit funds. This is the biggest thing ever offered to Ballinger in its history, and the citizens cannot afford to leave anything unattended that will stand in the way of presenting Ballinger's claims to the locating board in an intelligent and convincing way. We are going to get this college.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

E. L. Walker, a clever, affable gentleman, who is traveling representative of the Encyclopedia Britannica, was interviewing our citizens and business men in Ballinger Wednesday and will possibly spend a few days in our city in the interest of his work.

Herbine cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

J. T. Brown, of Winters, was in the city Tuesday at the bedside of his son, W. L. Brown, who has had a severe case of measles, but we are glad to learn is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guy and Mrs. Dunn, of Talpa, motored over to Ballinger Tuesday on a visit and business trip for a few hours.

HERE'S WHERE TOWN MEN HELP FARMERS

The business men of this city will be made to feel good by reading the following letter. The letter was received by A. C. Homann, first of the week, and came from a farmer living about twenty miles from Ballinger. The letter was not written for publication, and Mr. Homann would only consent that we use the letter without publishing the writer's name.

The business men of Ballinger have long felt that it was a mistake to let the demonstration work in this county cease, and have therefore made a special effort to again inaugurate the work here. This effort, we are glad to announce, will soon be realized and the work of the demonstration agent will cover the entire county, wherever the farmer wants him, just as the work was carried on before. Every farmer in the county, regardless of where he lives, is urged to call on the demonstrator and use him when he gets on the job.

Following is the letter received by Mr. Homann:

Dear Mr. Homann: Noticing in The Banner-Ledger that broad-minded, liberal hearted men of Ballinger are wide awake to the farming interests of our county, permit me to express my appreciation of the move recently made relative to the employment of a Demonstrator for this county. This move is worthy the consideration and support of every interest of the county.

It is indeed gratifying to us farmers to know that the business world, to speak, is fast learning the need of closer co-operation between them and the man who tills the soil.

Strictly speaking there is no occupation that needs business principles more than farming and that is the opening for the demonstrator.

The demonstrator causes us to do things we know is best as well as educating us to things we don't know.

Mr. McClelland was worth a great deal to me while here and I regretted very much to see him leave, have corresponded some with him since his departure.

Again I say I feel profoundly grateful to the liberality you people seem to have. I would like very much to enlist with him should you succeed in landing one and he could get up in this part of the county. Of course I have profited by this work.

Gratefully yours,

For hoarseness, inflamed lungs and irritating coughs, Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm. It does its work quickly and thoroughly. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Mrs. L. K. Parr taken dinner with Mrs. R. B. Ingle Sunday.

Mrs. Flowers and her sons, Collier and Gracie, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her daughter at Fort Stockton, where the young lady is teaching school.

Mr. Payne of Winters, visited his parents at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lola and Lela Allison dined at the home of Mrs. W. D. Hightower Sunday.

Robert Crisswell of Ballinger, spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother and sister, Earnest and Jewell Ayeoek.

Since the hunting season is over Preston Dunn has gone to fishing.

Miss Eva Ingle assisted by Mr. Ted Tipton are waiting on sick folks this week.

Apple Blossom.

Aug. Spill Jr., and W. A. Fort, of the Winters country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and while here Mr. Spill ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman of Winters, who had been visiting their son, Frank Chapman and family, returned home Saturday.

White Wyandotte Eggs. Choice quality, rose comb birds, 15 eggs for \$1.00. 100 eggs for \$3.00. Phone or write me, West Texas Telephone.

MRS. Wm. HAVENHILL, Winters, Texas.

George Onken and son John, of the Winters country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger for another year.



Treat The Body As A Delicate Machine

You would not let a machine built for efficient work, get rusty and full of dust and dirt. Why let the body, the most delicate of all machines, get rusty and run down from inattention? Cleanse the blood; that's the secret; keep it clean. S. S. S., proven for 50 years the best of all blood tonics, will do it. Get a bottle at your druggist's TODAY and take it according to directions.

Ask Grandfather—He'll Tell You—

S.S.S. Keeps It Always Fit

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mr. Adeock of Abilene, spent Tuesday night with his brother-in-law, Prof. James.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown and children, who had been spending a few days with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. E. D. Jackson, returned to their home near Winters Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed Harbour and children of Brownwood, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. T. O. Brown returned home Sunday.

Miss Maydell Rushing is spending a few days visiting near Winters. Mrs. Jim Kelly of New Mexico, who had been spending some time with her mother, returned home Wednesday.

The Singing at Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cockrell's Sunday night was well attended and all report a pleasant time.

ELBERTA.

Hats! Hats! at the Hub Call and see my Spring line popular styles and prices. 23-241w Mrs. L. Breedlove.

R. T. Williams returned home Wednesday from a short business trip to Comanche.

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

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

STEPHENSON-SNELL.

Rev. T. C. Jester spoke the beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony! Sunday morning that united in marriage Mr. Robert Stephenson and Miss Abbie Snell at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Snell.

Mr. Stephenson is a popular young cotton man with W. L. Ellis & Co., of Brownwood and has a host of friends in Ballinger who rejoice in his good fortune in securing so rare a jewel for his life's partner. Miss Snell is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Snell, and is one of Ballinger's favorite daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson left Sunday morning for Brownwood, where they will make their future home.

The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

GLASS ADAMS

At the home Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKay Friday afternoon Rev. T. C. Jester spoke the impressive and solemn vows that united in marriage Mr. Tull Adams and Miss Norma Glass in the presence of a few intimate friends.

Mr. Adams is one of Ballinger's favorite sons, reared from infancy in our city, but had recently moved with his parents to Tohoka, where he is connected with his father J. N. Adams in the hardware business. Miss Glass has been visiting in our city for several months past and had endeared herself to a large circle of friends in this city all of whom join the Ledger in best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

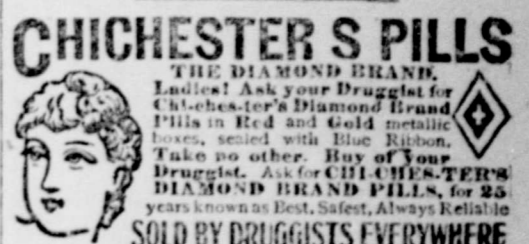
Dependancy Due to Constipation Women often become nervous and despondent. When this is due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN NAME OF BIG STORE

R. T. Williams returned from Comanche at noon Wednesday. Mr. Williams went to Comanche Monday, when he attended a meeting of the directors of the ten stores in which he and his associates are interested. Upon his return to Ballinger he announced that a slight change had been made in the name of the local store, and it will be known hereafter as Higginbotham Brothers & Co., instead of Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

The directors of the stores met at Comanche for the purpose of consolidating the ten stores under one charter. With that end in view a charter has been called for which combines all the stores under a capitalization of one and one-half million dollars, and each store will be known as Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

This forms perhaps the largest string of retail stores in Texas, and they are located in the following towns: Ballinger, Comanche, Cross Plains, Dublin, DeLeon, Gorman, Rotan, Rising Star, Stephenville, and Snyder. Mr. Williams stated that as far as the change effected the public, they would never know the difference, unless it should be in the better service they expect to give their customers by combining for buying and selling in large quantities.



CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand. This is Red and Gold medicine. It acts on the bowels. It cures Constipation. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, 25c per box. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

C. G. Cape, who had been with Conn's Jitney Co., is now sporting a new five passenger Ford just bought from the Harwell Motor Co., and is now in business on his own account.

A good treatment for a cold settled in the lungs is a Herriek's Red Pepper Plaster applied to the chest to draw out inflammation, and Ballard's Horehound Syrup to relax the tightness. You get the two remedies for the price of one by buying the dollar size Horehound Syrup; there is a porous plaster free with each bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

CHEAP MONEY FOR FARMERS FROM FEDERAL LOAN BANKS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Farmers will be able to borrow money from the Federal Loan banks at the rate of not more than five per cent. This is three and two-thirds less than the present average rate paid for loans.



DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS AND COLDS. Children pull at the heart strings and their slightest illness means anxiety. For nearly a half century mothers have had Dr. King's New Discovery at hand for croup, congestion, coughs, colds and grippe. The mildly laxative ingredients expel the cold germs, the choking phlegm is raised, the congested chest is relieved, the cough loosened and a serious illness is averted. Get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery at your druggist to-day.



## Hope Almost Abandoned When She Found Remedy

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin Relieves Chronic Case of Long Standing.

After a long period of suffering with liver and bowel trouble that that brought on piles, in which she had tried many remedies with out obtaining relief, Mrs. Mary J. Jewell, of Berrien Springs, Mich., heard of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and obtained a bottle from her druggist. This simple, inexpensive laxative compound brought almost immediate relief and Mrs. Jewell wrote to Dr. Caldwell about her case.



or narcotic drugs, and is mild and gentle in its action, bringing relief in an easy, natural way, without griping, or other pain or discomfort.

In her letter Mrs. Jewell says, "I had tried so many things for the piles, without being helped at all, I had about given up hope of ever being any better. I knew it was the condition of my bowels that caused them, and after I had taken a bottle of your Syrup Pepsin I knew it was just the medicine I needed. I am very grateful to you for sending me the little book—the advice and instructions it gives would teach anyone how to get well and how to keep well."

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, free from opiate

Druggists everywhere sell Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for fifty cents a bottle. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure you 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 St., Monticello, Illinois.

### TOWN OF 50 PEOPLE WANT A. & M. COLLEGE

A new candidate for the West Texas Agricultural & Mechanical college is in the field, according to advices brought back from Austin. A Brownwood man who has just returned from the capital to-day stated that Tuscola, Taylor county, a small town of about fifty people, is seeking the new state institution.

Representative H. P. Taylor of

the Brownwood district is reported to have said recently in Austin that the Taylor county village would be an ideal site for the institution and that the people of that section were taking steps for the location.

Tuscola is on two railroads, the Santa Fe and the Abilene & Southern. It is in the heart of the agricultural section of Central West Texas, and, it is said, would make an ideal site for the new college.

## NOTICE

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

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### BUILD WARM HOUSES

It's cheaper than buying coal to heat cold ones. Good walls keep the cold out and the heat in. Let us furnish you with the cement, plaster, lime, stucco, etc., that you may be assured of the best. Our prices are lowest—our guarantee goes with your every purchase.

Wm. Cameron Co., Inc.

## DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

## THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue

Ballinger Texas.

PHONE 66

## THE WORLD FACES A COTTON FAMINE

One of the largest cotton firms in the United States has just issued a letter to its customers urging them to hold their cotton, and predicting the most bullish future for the cotton growers. This firm claims to have given the question thorough study, and have compiled data from which they make up their letter, and while they predict high price cotton they also urge the farmer to diversify and avoid having to buy \$2 wheat, \$1 corn and 15 cent meat with 16 cent cotton. The letter gives a number of logical reasons why the future market appears bullish, and we are reproducing it, as follows:

Not only should the price of cotton be high—much higher than it is, but should stay that way—certainly for a long time to come. The bankers, newspapers, cotton factors, merchants, manufacturers and farmers of the South should realize this and "help to bring it about."

The present holders of spot cotton should not sacrifice their cotton at current prices. The world faces a cotton famine. You who have the cotton will be among the favored few—your cotton is almost invaluable. But you must see beyond the temporary market panic induced by political developments and the imminence of war. Things are not as bad as they seem. Naturally, speculators are taking advantage of the psychology of the situation to depress the market and buyers hold off to help the process along. But the fact remains that the mills must have cotton and cotton is fast becoming scarce. When users realize this and find out that the Southern holder of cotton is not to be stampeded into letting his cotton go at any old price, there will be a mad scramble for the precious fibre, and the spot holder will come into his own.

In the first place cotton ought to be high, aside from the supply and demand of this particular commodity. On a long list of commodities, some of which have risen over 300 percent in value, an appreciation of 50 percent above normal exists. This is due to the vast production of gold, and huge paper war credits, which of course reduce the purchasing power of the dollar. When money is cheap, other things are high. On this basis alone cotton ought to be worth not less than 18c basis middling, this being 50 percent increase on the average price for the last six years of 12c.

It is generally conceded that the 1916-17 crop is short. There is hardly any need to emphasize this point. Further, this is the second year that there has been a shortage. The situation is briefly shown as follows: The crop this year including linters is estimated to be twelve and a half million bales. There was carried over from the old crop including mill stores, in warehouses and interior towns and on plantations, three and one-quarter million bales. This gives a total visible supply of fifteen and three-quarter million bales. Of this number about ten million bales have already been marketed. This will leave about five and three-quarter million bales still to be used. At the rate that the American mills and exports have been taking American cotton, it should require about seven million bales between now and the time the next crop comes in. As it never happens that all cotton is available for use, one can see the enormous shortage that will exist late in the summer of this year before the new crop comes in.

Now suppose we do have war and exports are affected. This will be off-set by the increased demand for cotton goods in the shape of uniforms, the manufacture of shells, and other war uses. As a matter of fact, it is unthinkable that the German submarine policy will stop the exportation of cotton entirely. It may limit such as it has done in the first few days since this submarine policy was put into effect, but it will not stop it because Great Britain as a last resort will give armed convoys to steamers carrying necessities, which includes cotton. If the United States goes into the war, this would help the exportation of cotton by the conveying and arming of merchant ships. It is plainly evident that there is a terrible shortage of cotton and no matter what happens there will be enough to go around next summer, if the mills are to run full time and are not willing to permit their stocks to run down to practical exhaustion; some authorities con-

tend that a two month's supply is necessary in the mills of America and that the stock in the mills will be kept at about what they were on August 1st last (1,632,000 bales).

Not only are prices for cotton goods and other commodities very high now, but there is general prosperity abroad, and even should the United States enter the war, business will be quickened and the demand for cotton goods especially will be increased. From reliable information, we understand, that a week or so ago, a Dry Goods Commission Firm in New York sold a million dollars worth of cotton goods at the highest price of the season for similar goods. There has been very little change in the price of cotton goods or any of the fabric goods such as silks, linens, etc. There is no reason to expect a lessening of the demand.

With the certainty that the present crop is much less than the world will require; and that the visible supply will be much less than last year; and with the certainty that the demand for cotton is great or greater than it has been; it is absolute certainty that spot cotton is very valuable and that the holders can get their own price. Middling cotton today should be selling for not less than 18c to 20c a pound.

As far as the 1917 cotton crop is concerned, although there has been a great talk of immense crops and a very big crop next fall, nevertheless, this is not going to be easy of realization as it might seem. In the first place, the boll weevil has been very active and its territorial gain last year has been immense. The weevil is now over the entire State of Alabama and four-fifths of Georgia. It is expected in South Carolina for the next crop.

The Southern farmer ought to realize this. The thing for him to do is to diversify; not increase his cotton acreage; and by next fall he will have enough feed and food stuffs to supply himself, market his surplus if any, and sell his cotton at a price that will yield him immense returns. There is not very much in it for the farmer if he only gets 16c a pound for his cotton and pays the Western farmer \$2 a bushel for wheat in the form of flour, \$1 a bushel for corn and 15c a bushel for meat. Cur tail your cotton crop; plant more corn, peas, peanuts, velvet beans, hay crops; raise live stock; and at the end of the year you will own your own \$1 a bushel corn, or 10c hogs and 8c cattle, and sell your cotton for 25c or 30c a pound.

### CLIP THIS AND PIN ON WIFE'S DRESSER

Cincinnati man tells how to shrivel up corns or calluses so they lift off with fingers.

Ouch ! ! ! ! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn or hardened callus stops soreness at once, and soon the corn or callus dries up and lifts right off without pain.

He says freezone dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding skin. A small bottle of freezone will cost very little at any drug store, but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels. If your druggist doesn't have freezone tell him to order a small bottle for you.

### PARTY TO ATTEND SECOND INAUGURATION OF WILSON.

Mrs. D. B. Cusenberry and daughter, Miss Hattie B., of Sonora, who were the guests of Mrs. Cusenberry's brother, Dr. R. A. Dickinson, and family, left Saturday afternoon for Dallas. Miss Cusenberry will join friends en route to Washington, D. C., to attend the President's inauguration.

### How to Check That Cold

When it is painful to breathe and fever sends shills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quickly relieved. At all druggists, 25c.

### Children Cry for Fletcher's

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

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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### 8TH STREET CHURCH

### GET NEW PASTOR

"Accept your call. Will write you Monday."

The above is a brief telegram received from Rev. J. H. King, of Ozark, Ark., in response to a call extended him to become pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church at Ballinger. It will not be known when Rev. King will arrive here to take up the work of the local church to which he has accepted a call, until his letter arrives, but it is expected that he will at least be here by the first of April.

Rev. King is not a stranger altogether in Ballinger. He is a Texan and has spent most of his life in the ministry in Texas. He was a class mate of Rev. Geo. W. Fender, a former pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, and was also in school with Rev. Davidson, who is well known in Ballinger. Perhaps the first pastorate held by Rev. King was at Blanket, in Brown county, going from school to that place, and later returning to school. He has been pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ozark, Arkansas, for seven years, and it was with

reluctance that the congregation of that church accepted his resignation.

Rev. King has a wife and two boys, and they will be at home in the manse of the Eighth Street church when they move to this city.

In the meantime the congregation of the Eighth Street church has put on foot a move to make some valuable improvements in the church building. The building will be repapered, painted and otherwise made new for the coming of the new pastor.

### Do You Want Winter Layers?

My Barred Plymouth Rocks are bred to lay. They are the result of careful breeding and selecting for meat, eggs, and beauty. My male birds are from the best breeders in the State, and are carefully selected and mated. First grade egg, \$1.50 per 15; Second, \$1.00. Incubator lots, \$4.00 per 100.

R. P. CROUCH,  
Ballinger, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Walker, of the Hatchell country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives at Brownwood and other points in that section.

## Telephone Service

Is daily becoming a household necessity on the farm and ranch as well as in town. In fact, our record of the number of messages handled to and from rural lines indicates that the average station on the farm and ranch uses the telephone to do its errands as much as the average city residence station.

Why be without this convenience?

With it your friends and neighbors are no further away than your telephone.

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## West Texas Telephone Co

H. W. Day, Local Manager



Tuesday  
March 6th

# Grand Spring Opening

Wednesday  
March 7th

—and—

## Authoritative "STYLE SHOW"

Please consider this a personal invitation to visit the greatest Style event of the season. Bischof and Princess Suits and Dresses in all the new Spring styles displayed on LIVING MODELS. Complete showing authentic creations for Spring at the home of style and good values. Souvenirs. Music. Refreshments. Gowns Displayed on Living Models Tuesday and Wednesday Afternoons 3 to 5:30



HELENE  
GAGE

### Picturesque Beauty in this New Millinery

The artistic style touch of the master designer is clearly defined in this showing of new Spring millinery. So broad and representative is this magnificent collection, that it embraces hats which are becoming to every style and type of beauty. We announce for our Spring Opening and Style Show hundreds of clever and charming hats of superlative value.

### Barrel Type Sport Skirts

This is indeed a clever and attractive style that is decidedly this Spring's creation. The beautiful materials we are showing in this inspiration are pongee, Tursah, Rajah, Khaki-kool, pussy willow and wash taffeta; complete color range and stripe effects.

### Appealing Spring Footwear

It is indeed an exception to find a stock of shoes like we are showing in a town of this size. We are featuring a beautiful 9 inch white washable kid boot in lace at .....\$10

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"Her Favorites"

### The Style Book for Spring



DO you know what the popular styles for men are going to be this Spring?

Do you know how you can be absolutely sure of all-wool fabrics and other high quality? Do you know how you can get the greatest clothes value?

These are just a few of the things you want to know—they're just a few of the many questions the Hart Schaffner & Marx Style Book answers

You want a copy by all means. If you don't receive one in an early mail, tell us; we'll see that you get one.



### Individual Styles In Spring Waists

The new waists are indeed a pleasant surprise. Every conceivable style and color combination to match the colors of the new Spring suits and skirts. The most comprehensive showing we have ever made, awaits your inspection. We would direct your attention especially to the beautiful line of Georgette crepe-de-chines and tub silks now on display.

### Silks and Dress Goods

To hear the many complaints that are going out from a great many sources, one would expect to see a scarcity of new silks this season. We are indeed pleased to state that our line of silks is complete and we are now showing many styles that will surely be hard to secure later one. The weaves are indeed wonderful and colorings beautiful.

### Announcing Change In Our Firm's Name

In order to better serve our customers and to exert the full buying power of a Million and a Half capital, ten of the Higginbotham stores have combined under one charter; this will enable us to buy goods even cheaper than heretofore and place us in position to take absolute care of our every customer; The name will be changed that's all.

# Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

Successors to Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.