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For Every Member of the Family
SHOES

With Snap And Style

White Kid Boots
Canvas Boots

White Kid Pumps
Colored Kid Pumps

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Tell the Truth Advertisers

KAISER WILHELM TARGET FOR ASSASSIN'S BULLETS

ROME, May 8.—An attempt was made this morning to assassinate Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany.

Three shots were fired at the Kaiser's auto, according to dispatches from Zurich, Switzerland, to the Corriere D' Italia.

The Kaiser was motoring to Berlin when an unidentified man fired three shots at the car. Two of the bullets struck the tonneau of the car, while the third shot went wild. The man was arrested, but the report received here said that the police were silent on the incident and refused to give out anything.

Miss Rosa Chervenka of Rowena, visited friends in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

HOSPITAL CONTINGENT TO EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 8.—An American hospital contingent consisting of 26 surgeons, 65 women nurses and 153 enlisted men, sailed for Europe from an American port today. The sailing port was not made public. This is the first corps to go abroad with United States army surgeons in person. Regular army surgeon is in command of the party.

REPORTS FROM GERMANY INDICATE INTERNAL CRISIS

LONDON, May 9.—Dispatches received here via Holland emphasize the existence of the most serious internal political crisis in Germany.

The Bavarian Premier, Count Hertling, is in Berlin, and his presence has revived the rumors that he is to succeed von Bethmann-Hollweg as imperial chancellor. Reports from Zurich say that Hollweg has already tendered his resignation, but this has not been confirmed.

Count Hertling is ostensibly in Berlin to preside at a meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the federal council, but rumors persist that he will take Hollweg's place, and that Hollweg has been forced to resign.

AMSTERDAM, May 8.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger received here, reports that the German Imperial Chancellor, Hollweg has postponed his advertised peace address in anticipation of events, which are expected soon and which will facilitate the task explained. The newspaper reports bring rumors of agreeable political events are being imminent and which Germany is hoping will not miscarry. The nature of the political events anticipated have not been made public.

German U-Boats Doomed

NEW YORK, May 7.—William Saunders, chairman of the naval consulting board, left here today for Washington where he will meet in a conference with Secretary Daniels of the navy department and lay before the department plans he has perfected for ending the submarine menace.

Washington, May 7.—Advices from the navy consulting board concerning progress towards finding a solution for the submarine menace, referred to in New York yesterday by Chairman W. L. Saunders of the board, to reach the navy department were expected today. Secretary Daniels said while no information would be made public as to the nature of experiments which have been in progress, he was satisfied that American ingenuity eventually would check the undersea boats.

Mr. Daniels spoke, however, without knowledge of the specific devices with which the members of the consulting board have been experimenting and his confidence was based wholly upon the record for mechanical inventiveness which American engineers and scientists have maintained for years.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—That actual solution of the submarine menace is close at hand was the view expressed officially by competent department authorities today. The opinion of the authorities was given while W. L. Saunders and other members of the naval consulting board were at the department conferring with Secretary Daniels.

ALLIES ALSO BUSY.

Paris, May 7.—The allies greatest concerted effort to stamp out the German submarine menace is being planned with Admiral W. S. Sims, American naval officer, attending the conferences. The plan has not been made public, but effective means of combating the submarines are being rapidly worked out by naval authorities.

GERMAN MADNESS CAUSE STAGGERING DEATH LOSS

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, May 7.—Germany's retirement from France must come soon, unless Field Marshal von Hindenburg checks the great French drive.

Today's fighting brought proof to the complete realization of the necessity of such a retreat on the part of the Germans. The Germans are failing in their superhuman efforts to save their positions at Rheims.

The Kaiser's picked troops are being hurled into the breach, and the flower of the German army which General Hindenburg hoped to reserve for the final offensive is now being sacrificed, and it will soon be a complete withdrawal from French soil.

PARIS, May 9.—Official reports declare that Germany's losses caused in attempting to retake the positions held by the French is staggering. The deaths inflicted by the French on the repeated assaulting waves of Hindenburg's men in their desperate counter attacks run high into the thousands, and modern guns have mowed down the Germans who have pushed into the line in their madness.

Before giving up the remaining French territory Germany is sacrificing her men by the thousands, seemingly having no regard for the loss of the flower of her manhood.

WITH BRITISH ARMY IN THE FIELD, May 8.—Seven British airplanes made an offensive attack on German balloons today. The British air fighters shot down seven German balloons and resumed the aerial offensive in a vigorous way. With clear weather, especially favorable for fighting the British flyers made the attack by slipping up to the

German hangers and dropping shells struck down three balloons. Two others were set on fire by incendiary shells while the British planes dropped explosives on balloons not yet loosed and destroyed them.

PARIS, May 7.—29,000 German soldiers have been captured and are being held as prisoners since General Nivelle's drive started on April 16th, according to an official report made by the war office today.

The French have met with tremendous success, says the report, and the offensive continues with the French everywhere victoriously repulsing counter attacks made by the Germans.

In the Champagne region the German counter offensive moves have been held completely in check by the allies, and at no point have the Germans been able to regain a foot of trench.

WITH THE BRITISH IN THE FIELD, May 7.—Australian troops have forged a mile ahead into the German lines, and at the moment this message is being placed on the cable the British have cut a great hole in the German line and successfully maintaining it against bitter counter attacks. The penetration has been achieved around Reincourt. The drive began at dawn this morning, and the whole salient pushed forward yard after yard in the face of the most violent resistance. Reincourt is now surrounded east, south and west.

John B. Towns, of Luling, who had been looking after his farming and ranch interests in the Northern part of our county, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route home.

AUTOCRATIC SECRECY IS OUTLAWED

AMSTERDAM, May 9.—A copy of the Vossische Zeitung, a German paper, received here bitterly assails the lack of complete frankness by the German governmental autocracy. Speculation as to what the Imperial Chancellor Hollweg may have to say about Germany's war aims in the forth coming speech is resulting in wide



IF A BOTTLE HAD A JAMMED CORK

—it could be filled but slowly. And so with a sulphated battery; it requires more energy to charge it.

It is this choking action of chemical sulphation, which is *ruinous sulphation*, that impedes the charging action of your generator when it is called on to replace battery energy that has been used up in starting, lighting and ignition. Part of the generator's current is consumed in decomposing this sulphate formed by battery discharge; consequently only a portion of the current is retained by the battery.

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That's what we print on the guarantee certificate which promises you this *Definite Guarantee*: *Lighting and Ignition Type—3 years. Starting Type—1 1/2 years—with the aid of a little distilled water.*

Eveready Batteries are made in sizes and styles for every make of car, every size and style of battery box.

BATTERIES TESTED FREE

Drive in—any time—and have our expert test your battery. There is no charge for this service no matter what make of battery you use.

Ballinger Auto Company

Only Guaranteed Non-Sulphating Battery

Report of the Condition of

The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

at the close of business May 1st, 1917, in response to call made by Commissioner of Banking, State of Texas.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$249,961.54
Overdrafts	NONE
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	20,000.00
Other real estate	9,500.00
Interest and assessment D. Guaranty fund	3,582.90
Cash and exchange	129,347.88
Total	\$412,385.32
Liabilities	
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and profits, net	40,426.43
Bills payable	NONE
Other borrowed money	NONE
Deposits	321,958.89
Total	\$412,385.32

The above statement is correct, Jno. Q. McAdams, cashier

Patriotic Economy Demands

"Business as Usual"

IT is the consensus of opinion of business and professional men of America who have made a close study of economics, that business must be kept going for the sake of our country.

There is no need for any hysteria of economy because of our entrance into the War. The effect has been discounted many months ago. We did not plunge in. We gradually drifted into the present situation and this nation is well prepared for any contingency. This is the market place of the world, and we must not disorganize it by sudden change in our mode of life.

The idea that we must alter our business policy because of the war is erroneous, and this fact is illustrated by conditions that prevail in Canada. Because conditions there are better than ever before in its history, because Canada, too, is a market place.

President Wilson sounds the keynote in this sentence: "It is evident to every thinking man that our industries on the farm, in the ship yards, in the mines in the factories must be made more prolific and more efficient. Our industries will grow only if the people buy and use the products of these industries. Manufacturing slackens if business slackens. Manufacturing grows if business grows."

Patriotic economy merely means the elimination of wastes and extravagances. It means the conservation of our food products, our natural wealth, our health, our energies, our labor, our very lives—but it does not mean that we should stop buying the things the manufacturers make, the railroads carry and the merchants sell. Labor must be employed; homes must be kept up; merchandise must be produced, distributed and used.

Speaking for ourselves, we have not curtailed a single item of expense. Our advertising will be carried on the same extensive scale. Every employee will be retained in every position. Our department chiefs have been instructed to keep the stocks thoroughly complete—our advance purchases are larger than ever before and we are preparing for our usual customers, increased business. We expect this community to supply its needs as heretofore, and this will mean that the manufacturers will be kept busy, and they in turn will not be compelled to discharge any of their employees for lack of business.

In our opinion, no more serious evil could befall this country than for the public to anticipate any depression and to make any great change in their methods of life.

"Business as usual" is a pretty good slogan for every one of us to follow.

Higginbotham Bros. & Company

Ballinger's Greatest Store

MAY WHEAT SELLS FOR \$3.13

Chicago, May 9.—May wheat made the sensational advance today when it sold for \$3.13, advancing 17 cents per bushel. The bullish report given out by the government yesterday is credited with the rapid advance.

came home to spend a few days with his parents. He received instructions Tuesday to report at headquarters at San Antonio, and

Charter No. 3533 Reserve District No. 11 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on May 1st, 1917.

RESOURCES table with 21 items including Loans and discounts, U. S. Bonds, Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, and various deposits.

LIABILITIES table with 10 items including Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, and various deposits.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss: I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RECAPITULATION table with two columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, totaling \$618,577.04.

\$1,000,000 FOR BORDER PROTECTION

AUSTIN, Tex., May 5.—The special session has before it consideration of an appropriation to provide additional protection for 900 miles of land border and 700 miles of gulf border of the state.

AUSTIN, May 7.—Representative Terrell introduced a resolution in the house today requesting Gov. Ferguson to submit to the legislature all the correspondence he has received from the federal authorities relating to the necessity of the state taking action in the matter of military protection.

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.

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR FARMERS MEET

Monday, May 14th, Ballinger, at Court House.

9:45 to 10. Call to Order and appointment of committees—By Chairman.

10 to 10:30. Rural and Urban Co-operation—C. A. Doose.

10:30 to 11. How to Meet Food and Feed Problem—J. L. Quick-sall.

11 to 11:30. Poultry for Profit—Paul Gerhardt.

11:30 to 12. Farming for Profit—D. F. Eaton.

Noon

1 to 1:30. Breeding and Care of Dairy Cows—W. R. Hunton.

1:30 to 2:30. Address on Agriculture—N. D. Zuber.

2:30 to 3. Cultivation of the Grain Sorghums in West Texas—L. G. Sumrall.

3 to 3:30. Round Table Discussion—J. H. Taylor, F. Blumentritt et al. Progressive Farmers and Stock Growers.

3:30 to 4. Business Session.

The committee in charge extend an invitation to all citizens of the county to attend this meeting as every effort has been made to arrange an interesting and instructive program, we feel that you will not be disappointed in spending the day with us.

The war crisis will be extensively discussed during the program and it will be shown that the agricultural masses have upon their shoulders the burden and responsibility of the success of this terrible world war.

Outside speakers of note have been secured for this program.

PATRONS— Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth.

Compare our prices with others. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

EIGHTEEN AUTOS BURN AT BROWNWOOD.

Fire destroyed Petty Bros. Motor Co., at Brownwood Friday morning causing a loss of more than \$25,000, other property adjoining the motor company being damaged.

Eighteen ears and a Ford were burned in the Petty Bros. building. All were brand new except the Ford.

The inventory of the ears and their value follows: Two Paiges, valued at \$1250 each; three Studebakers valued at \$1065 each; one Overland valued at \$895; one Maxwell Sedan valued at \$1040, and ten Maxwells valued at \$720 each. Total value \$15,725.

Each car, except the Ford, was insured at the factory price, so that the net loss will be the freight and cost of handling the machines.

Savage Casings at Central Garage, guaranteed 4500 miles and all adjustments made here. 21-6d 4tw

WINTERS FIRST NATIONAL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

D. M. Hillyard, for some time active vice president of the First National Bank of Winters, has been promoted to the presidency of the bank and W. B. Franklin succeeds Mr. Hillyard as vice president.

Best Remedy for Whooping Cough

"Last winter when my little boy had the whooping cough I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. J. B. Roberts, East St. Louis, Ill. "It kept his cough loose and relieved him of those dreadful coughing spells. It is the only cough medicine I keep in the house because I have the most confidence in it."

A. C. Homann of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, returned home Monday from a visit to relatives and friends at New Braunfels.

You Need Not Suffer From Catarrh

You have probably been in the habit of using external treatments to relieve your catarrh. You have applied sprays, washes and lotions to the mucous surfaces of the nose and throat, have been temporarily relieved, and then wondered a short time after, why you were troubled with another attack of catarrh.

You should realize that catarrh is an infection of the blood. This fact has been agreed upon by specialists in catarrh troubles, and has been proven in the laboratories of the Swift Specific Co. S. S. S., which was discovered over fifty years ago, will cleanse your blood of the catarrhal poisons and will thereby relieve you of the dripping in your throat, the sores in your nostrils, spitting, hawking and bad breath.

COUNTY COURT CONVENES

The May term of the County Court convened today with a jury for the week and at ten-thirty this morning County Judge Parish "sounded" the docket for orders and there appeared to be in the neighborhood of thirty misdemeanor criminal cases pending for trial and quite a large civil docket.

At one-thirty this afternoon the criminal docket was called for trial and work is progressing thereon as we go to press.

Most all of the civil cases, both jury and non-jury, were passed to the third week thus leaving nothing to be disposed of this week save and except the criminal docket.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System

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

Rev. J. B. Currie left Monday for Ft. Worth to attend a missionary convention of his church, which convenes in that city Tuesday.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1917, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 8th day of May, 1917.

RESOURCES and LIABILITIES table for Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. with 21 items.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Merchants State Bank

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1917, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 7th day of May, 1917.

RESOURCES and LIABILITIES table for Farmers and Merchants State Bank with 21 items.

RECAPITULATION

Summary table with two columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, totaling \$428,220.09.

\$3,500,000 LEAVES TEXAS FOR BLACK-EYES

AUSTIN, May 7.—That Texas sends out of Texas annually the sum of \$3,500,000 as a purchase pie for black-eyed peas to be eaten by Texas people, is the information contained in a statement made today by Prof. T. S. Minter, of the State Department of Agriculture, in discussing the food situation.

Unfortunately, in a considerable portion of Texas the recent drought blighted a large acreage of grain, which is being plowed up. Instead of planting this land to cotton, Mr. Minter urges the planting of food crops, and suggests the availability of various varieties of peas and beans. The prices of these commodities are very high and money can be made

at growing them, according to Mr. Minter. Mr. Minter said in part: "The black lands of Texas will raise any kind of peas and beans. Of peas, there are several well known varieties and of beans two varieties are now quite popular—the soy and the velvet. Both are prolific producers and marvelous in their capacity of producing pasturage for hogs, cattle, horses, etc. The soy bean is also a good table bean. Beans and peas may be canned when green and threshed when fully ripened. On account of the present high prices their growing would prove profitable."

Proper Food for Weak Stomachs.

The proper food for one man may be all wrong for another. Every one should adopt a diet suited to his age and occupation. Those who have weak stomachs need to be especially careful and should eat slowly and masticate their food thoroughly. It is also important that they keep their bowels regular. When they become constipated or when they feel dull and stupid after eating, they should take Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen the stomach and move the bowels. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

NOTICE FORD OWNERS

Operate your Ford on Se coal-oil instead of 23c gasoline. Generate gas from coal oil by means of our new Coppock Coal-oil System, which we attach to your Ford at the low cost of \$85.

T. H. NORMAN & CO.

Thos. C. Hall, of Bell county, is here this week looking after farming interest in this county. Mr. Hall owns considerable land near Ballinger. He says that the farmers in Bell county are late with their crops this year, every little crop being up, and that as a whole he believes that Runnels county is in better shape than Bell county.

Use "Geis-It," Lift Corn Right Off

Shrivels, Loosens—and It's Gone! "Just like taking the lid off—that's how easy you can lift a corn from its shoe after it has been treated with the wonderful discovery, "Geis-It." Hunt the wide world over and you'll find nothing so magic, simple and easy as "Geis-It." You folks who



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

FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION WILL MEET SATURDAY.

There will be an important meeting of the Farm Loan Association of this county at the office of Farm Demonstrator Eaton next Monday afternoon at two o'clock. All members desiring to make application for loans are requested to bring their deeds with them, and be in position to furnish perfect title.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Your druggist will refund money if PZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and Rest. 50c.

MOTHER'S DAY WILL BE GO-TO-CHURCH DAY

Next Sunday, May 13th, is Mother's Day throughout this nation. It seems that the present year, above all other years since the second Sunday in May was set aside for paying special tribute to mother, should call for a more general observance of the day. Many mothers are giving up their sons for the sake of their country, and it is probably that before another Mother's Day rolls around many of these noble sons will have crossed over the waters, some to Europe and even some over the dark waters of death caused by war.

In keeping with the observance of mother's Day this day has also been designated as Go-to-Church-Day, and every mother's son should make an effort to attend church on this day. There are many men in this land who never attend church. Why? What excuse can they offer for not attending the institution that stands for all in this world? Every church in the land will arrange a special program of service for this day and will extend a warm hand of welcome to every mother's son to attend church. This day has been set aside as a special occasion for showing your reverence to a Christ who died for you, and your love and respect for a mother who passed within the shadow of the cross that you might live.

And they would call this "Mother's Day?"

A startling idea, indeed. Then during all the other days What shall we do to meet her need? This is but one of all the year. What shall we do in all the rest? Why, mother is the soul of home; Of all our friends, she is the best!

We need her when the morning dawns To call us forth to meet the sun, We need her while the day is young To guard us in our childish fun; We need her when the noon is high, And dust and heat make hard the way We need her when the sunset falls, We need her, need her all the day.

She soothes the hurts of infant hearts, She kisses childish pain away, She dries the tears of young distress, And brings it laughter day by day; She is the angel of the home, When sickness comes with burning frown, Of country life she is the light, The torch of morals in the town.

She rocks the cradle, rules the home, And in her fear that we may fall She strives to hold our hands aloft; That through her strength we may prevail. No matter what the sin may be, She will condone it with delight; The truth, a mother as she is, The things we do to her seem right.

She is the world's domestic sun, A day without her is unknown; The arbiter of human life, It is in truth her very own; The mistress of the universe, The angel of domestic life; And still a woman—full of love, And all in all a splendid wife!

Without her we could not exist; The home would die were she to fail, The world become a wilderness, And life soon sound its parting wail, For none could bear its travailing In such a loving, patient way— Why? Time himself belongs to her— EACH DAY THAT DAWNS IS MOTHER'S DAY.

—Jake H. Harrison.

PURITY GIVES POWER.

There are still many persons in the world that need to be impressed with the fact that the purer the blood is the greater is the power of the system to remove disease and the less the liability to contract it. Persons whose blood is in good condition are much less likely to take cold or to be long troubled with it, or to catch any contagious or infectious disease, than are those whose blood is impure and therefore impoverished and lacking in vitality. The best medicine for purifying the blood is Hood's Sarsaparilla, and persons suffering from any blood disease or any want of tone in the system are urged to give this medicine a trial. It is especially useful at this time of year.

Mrs. W. M. Zander and Otto Henkhaus Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Henkhaus Jr., and children, of Shiner, came in Monday en route to San Angelo and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Zander and other relatives in his county for a week or ten days before returning home.

Ray L. P. Jennings, who had been conducting a meeting in his county, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to his home at Santa Anna.

WAR COST ENGLAND \$34,560,000 DAILY.

London, May 9.—England's expense in the war totals \$34,560,000 daily, announced Chancellor Bon-Law today.

PUSHING SHIP BILL IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, May 9.—President Wilson today summoned the democratic and republican members of the senate appropriation committee to the White House for the purpose of urging the immediate consideration of the billion dollar appropriation for ship construction. The president desires to have shipping appropriation placed in the urgent deficiency bill. A call for the non-partisan conference has been interpreted as showing that president Wilson has heeded the vigorous criticism of his policy in not conferring with members of congress on war measures.

A VISIT TO ROWENA

Attorney C. P. Shepherd was looking after legal business at Rowena a few hours Tuesday and was accompanied by a Ledger reporter and solicitor, and quite a nice list of new readers was added to The Daily Ledger. The business men of that prosperous little city were loud in praise of the county daily for its news service and "today's news today," which reaches them several hours ahead of any of the state dailies.

We were surprised to note the evidences of thrift and the amount of business being done, though as a rule Tuesday is an off day in the smaller towns. Quite a number of improvements in residence property are going on, and Mr. Wilde has under course of construction a beautiful and well arranged home at a cost of about \$3,500 or \$5,000 near the business section of the town.

While the crops are small and backward on account of the cold weather, they are looking thrifty and are being worked out all along the route.

Miss Minnie Blackburn of Wax-Branch school the past year, pass-ahachie, who taught the Eagle ed thru Ballinger Monday en route home. The patrons of that school were so well pleased with Miss Blackburn's work that they employed her to teach their school another term.

THE YOUNG MAN'S OPPORTUNITY

Largest and Most Successful Cotton Classing School in America

There is a greater demand today than ever before for the young man who thoroughly understands the cotton business. Such as: classing, stapling, averaging, buying, selling, shipping, exporting, keeping of gin records, merchant's cotton records, warehouse records, cotton office stock books and other blanks necessary to the business. The representatives of the largest cotton concerns, as well as the merchants and warehouse managers, have highly indorsed out course of instructions. They say we are meeting a long felt want. Bonded warehouses alone require hundreds of young men. We have expert instructors with practical experience in every detail of the business and have installed in this department a cotton exchange board with telegraph instruments attached. Here our students are taught to read price quotations as they come in from Liverpool, New Orleans and New York markets. They are also given the ginners' and Government reports on production and the probable effect on prices. Nothing is left undone to make our students efficient in the work. The cost of the above course complete is \$23.00 for tuition, and \$200 for books and material. Time for completing is from four to six weeks owing to the ability of the student. Students may enroll at any time. There is such a great demand for work of this kind, that we have large and enthusiastic classes of men and boys throughout the year. Enter at once. You may take bookkeeping and business training, shorthand, steno, type-writing, or telegraphy along with cotton classing if you like. Fill in blank, and mail today. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

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THE BIBLE

A nation-wide newspaper revival of Bible reading is now going on all over this country, regardless of sect, creed or faith. A universal reading of the Bible is bound to make for better citizenship, is bound to make for a plainer, stronger, simpler, honester speech in daily life, and a higher standard of ethics in the dealings of men. A return to the Bible reading in these stressful times of world disturbance is needed as never before in our history and is bound to add to the moral and mental equipoise of this entire nation.

A Marvelous Campaign Planned By The Banner-Ledger

Big Printed Red Letter Bible
All the words and sayings of Christ printed in red

This Book of Books

This Bible---this miraculous Bible---this book of all books---luminous with the light that dwelleth not on land or sea---this noblest and most beautiful thing in all the world---what is it---whence cometh it---what means it?

It has made and unmade Nations. It has uprooted Kingdoms and Empires. It has diverted the mighty tides of History. It has crumpled ancient Faiths and Superstitions. Because of it fell Pagan Rome. The antique System of India and the Far West have bowed their heads to its enlightened sway. China and the Orient now first awoke from their sleep of thrice a thousand years, and follow their sister nations of the Occident---whose feet are guided by one sole lamp---the sacred flame of which was kindled by the inspired Hebrew Prophets, and fed for all time by the Lord and Master of the Golden Rule.

Only ignorance scoffs at the Bible! The greatest rulers---the greatest statesmen---the greatest scholars---writers---orators---scientists---soldiers---and the untold millions of the Common People, whose collective genius outweighs them all---have thrilled to its Divine Wisdom.

Its lyrics of unfathomable tenderness---its orations of compelling potency---its contemplative prose of preternatural grandeur---have never been equalled. Its emotional depths and its intellectual heights make it the one and only Book of Books, vouchsafed for the guidance of mankind through the ages.

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All the Words and Sayings of Christ distinguished from the context by being printed in red.

All passages in the Old Testament prophetic of the coming of Christ, marked with a Star.

All the difficult words in both Testaments made self-pronouncing by diacritical marks; made so simple a child can pronounce them.

Hundreds of Helps & References. Family Register of Births, Marriages and Death.

Exhaustive Marginal Annotations. Index to Parables and Miracles. Explanatory Heading top of each page.

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Sunday School Teachers' Use of Bible, by Bishop Vincent.

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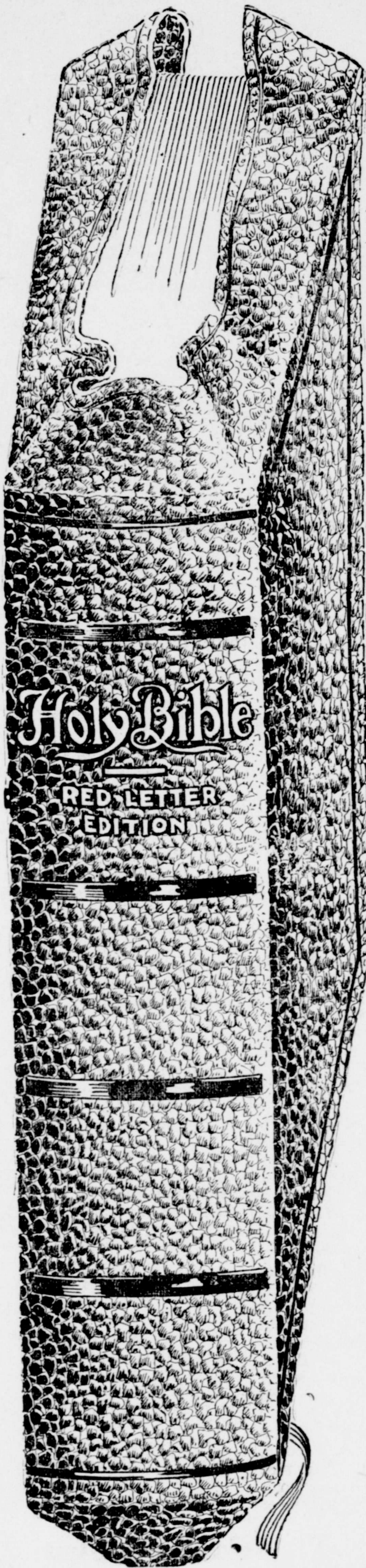
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MORTUARY.

Birdie Mae Tidwell

After an illness of several months Miss Birdie Mae Tidwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tidwell, died at her home, 708 Ninth Street, Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock. The fact that this young lady had been very low for several days and death was expected, does not lighten the sorrow of this home, and many friends today are in sorrow and sympathizing with the family.

Miss Birdie Mae was nurt by an aunt several months ago while visiting in the New Home community, a car striking her and another lady who were walking along the road as the car was passing. Since that time she has not been in good health and her condition gradually grew worse until death relieved her of the suffering of this world and carried her sweet spirit to a world where there is no sorrow or no death.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Milton, pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist church

REMEMBERS GOLD YEARS IN THE PAST

R. M. Davis was here from the Crews country Tuesday. He stated that a little rain would help things in his section and a big rain would make the crops come in a hurry. There is very little feed stuff up in the Crews country, and what is up shows the sign of the drought. Mr. Davis says he can remember when a freeze struck this country on June 29th, and great damage resulted. He thinks the people have nothing to complain about at present, and recalls the good rains received here as late as May 27th in past years when pretty good crops were made, and there is plenty time to make good crops in this country yet.

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Any adult suffering from cough, cold or bronchitis, is invited to call at the J. Y. Pearee drug store and get absolutely free, a sample bottle of **Boschee's German Syrup**, a soothing and healing remedy for all lung troubles, which has a successful record of fifty years. Gives the patient a good night's rest free from coughing, with free expectoration in the morning. Regular sizes, 25 and 75 cents. For sale in all civilized countries.

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SUCCEEDS IN LOCATING HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW.

M. L. Sliger, of the Wingate country, was here Tuesday, coming down to bring his brother-in-law, W. R. Hall, of McCulloch county. Mr. Hall had spent several days here visiting Mr. Sliger and looking over the country and finally decided to locate, buying the J. D. Smith farm near Wingate.

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Joe Vineyard of the Crews country, and W. H. Rogers of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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Coleman county is to have a mill for making flour out of milo maize. Good for Coleman county. Central and West Texas would receive a lasting benefit should it be found that flour can be made from maize. It would put us on the map double.—Abilene Reporter.

Maize and Kaffir corn will find a place on the table of people at home and abroad before the end of the present year. With flour selling at \$8 per hundred and meal selling for four dollars per hundred at the beginning of the war, what can we expect after the war has been in progress a year or two?

In carrying out the selective conscription plan of raising an army it is to be hoped that the war department will not make a mistake in enforcing that part of the rule which says men with families dependent upon them will not be drafted. We know some men who depended on their families to support them instead of supporting the families. The conscription officer should call these to the front first. Every married man is not supporting a family.

The extension department of the A. & M. has offered the free service of expert canners during the coming fruit and vegetable season. This service should be accepted by the authorities of this county and the people encouraged to lay by in store something to help keep down the high cost of living. Why permit anything good to decay when it can be preserved?

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT.

It is a well established fact in all human affairs that every large enterprise requires a leader. If the interests of a county are worth safeguarding they are worth organizing and placing in charge a competent agricultural leader.

When your county employs such a man he should not be expected to plow your land or to milk your cows, although he should be well able to do both. The county agent is the correlating, harmonizing brains of the county's agricultural interests. He is the farmer's field secretary upon whom devolves the responsibility of increasing production, standardizing quality and helping in the improvement of marketing conditions.

County development is best accomplished through the organization of local clubs affiliated thru a central farm bureau which keeps in constant touch with and directs the community activities in all such matters as protection against fraudulent agents, encouragement of livestock industry, maintenance of soil fertility, development and distribution of improved seeds, the building of good roads, getting a fair price for produce, etc.

Real, practical county development demands the employment of a competent leader who is both a leader by nature and by training, and when any county is fortunate enough to secure the services of such a man, its citizens should wholeheartedly get behind him and unitedly work together for the county's general welfare.

HOARDING FOOD SUPPLIES

A Ballinger merchant is weakening the panic for heavy buying among his customers by telling them that flour bought in large lots, will not keep. He advises them to continue to buy flour a sack at a time, as the freshness of new flour will be more than worth the advance that flour may take. This is good advice. Flour is a bad keeper, and there is the question of contamination from bugs and mice in flour that is stored.—Brownwood News.

What the merchant has said about flour should apply to many other lines of food. Every man should lay by in the store a supply of food sufficient for himself and family, but there is a hoarding of food in this country at this time, and for some time in the past that is responsible to a great degree for the boosting of prices. The practice of hoarding food for speculative purposes should be condemned and prevented. "Getting a corner" on that which the world must have should not be al-

week's supply at a time, and the speculator takes over the bread crop at harvest time, and then makes the average man pay his price.

MORE FATHERS

AND MOTHERS.

There are 10,000,000 unmarried men in the United States between the age of 18 and 44. This is 45 per cent, or nearly half of the total of 22,000,000 men in this age period. There are about 9,000,000 unmarried women. According to a bulletin issued by an old line life insurance company, of the 10,000,000 unmarried men a vast number are of sound health and financially able to marry. The editor of the bulletin says for the safety of the state and of the race, America needs not only more soldiers but more fathers and mothers. He finds that the development of expensive tastes by the young women of America and the high cost of living, or rather the cost of high living, furnish excuses for young men to remain single. As a result of men remaining single a vast number of young women are forced to toil in factories and business houses to earn their daily bread. There are 10,000,000 between the ages of 18 and 44. There is a selective draft coming. Those who are without family ties or dependents should be willing to do something for their country. Gather them in.—Fort Worth Record.

No married man should even be permitted to go to the front so long as there is an able bodied man forty-four years of age loafing on the job. If this country must sacrifice its men for the perpetuation and democratizing of the world, the single man will no doubt be called on to do the heavy fighting first.

TEACHING THE AMERICANS A LESSON.

The present high cost of living is due the American people. It will teach a lesson that is necessary at this time. For years the American people have been living a life of extravagance and wastefulness that borders on sin itself. The time is here when the average American family must hedge—economize, and make one pound of sugar sweeten where two pounds has been doing the work.

Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the food committee of the national council of defense, and the man who handled the Belgian food proposition, says that the Germans are consuming food on a strictly scientific basis, while the Americans are trying to eat themselves to death. Mr. Hoover says the idea that the Germans are going to starve to death is false, and that nothing short of a crop failure in Germany can keep the Germans from supplying themselves with all the food they need, and that they can live on a much more liberal scale than at present and have enough food for two years. The food expert says that America has as well prepare for a war that will continue until 1919 or 1920. We must learn a lesson in economy and the sooner we learn it the better it will be.

TALKING PLAIN ABOUT PUBLIC NEEDS.

At least one good road should be built in the city limits of Ballinger, and the line of travel connected up. Some of the roughest roads between Abilene and San Angelo are found on Hutchings Avenue, between the two bridges, and we might say the roughest places in the road between the two above points. The bridges across Elm creek and the Colorado river at Ballinger—the gateway to our city, are death traps and are such as to reflect discredit upon our citizenship. Some may say this is knocking, but we challenge any one to say that the knocks are not facts.—Ballinger Ledger.

It is always best to discuss the public needs frankly and sympathetically. If Ballinger needs some road or street work done, it is right and proper that the matter should be called to the attention of the public and official notice by Ballinger's newspaper. Here in Taylor county we are to vote on \$115,000 road bonds May 19 to build 2 cardinal roads. The issue has every prospect of passing, but the proponents of the plan do not seem to be doing much about it.—Abilene Reporter.

There was another eruption in "Niggertown" one night last week. A white man was seriously shot by an unknown party, and a near riot resulted. The Times predicted some months ago that unless conditions were remedied in that district Abilene would be shamed by them in time. We re-

is so inexcusable that it is pure folly to permit their continuation. Some night some supposedly decent white man is going to meet death in that district, his family will be humiliated, and the white population will make monkeys of themselves by running all the negroes, good, bad and indifferent, out of town. Which is the same as locking the stable after the horse is stolen, in principle. Abilene does not need a negro reservation, or the class of white citizenship who frequent it.—Abilene Times.

Let us suggest that you get rid of the class of white men who frequent the negro reservation and keep the negroes, for the negroes are better citizens than the white man who keeps company with them. No community has a right to complain about the negro's clamor for social equality so long as the good citizens of that community permit intermingling and amalgamation of the low class white and negroes. If some man's pure daughter is outraged by a negro, it should be charged up to the white reprobate who has lowered himself by visiting the negro dives.

TO WORK OLD RUNNELS CEMETERY MAY 17TH

J. A. Davis of the Hatchel country, was in Ballinger Wednesday and requested us to announce that the citizens of Old Runnels and Hatchel country, would meet at the cemetery Thursday morning, May 17th to work the graye yard and everybody expected to bring a hoe, spade, or other implement and also bring dinner and spend the day cleaning up the city of the dead.

Training Camp Fixed for Comfort

LEON SPRINGS, Tex., May 9.—Leon Springs Camp, the war-capital of the state, was the stage today upon which was being enacted a war drama whose action is being watched and whose success is hoped for by every patriot in Texas. With several hundred embryo officers already on hand, each train pulling into Leon Springs brought additional young men who will put in three months at intensive training to qualify for the officers' reserve corp—sorely needed to officer the half-million army to be put into the field by Uncle Sam.

The training camp today was a live with activity. Barracks were being occupied as fast as officers could assign the incoming swarms to their proper places. Companies were being forced, examined, drilled and given initial instructions, of which kept the recruits "on their toes."

Men arriving today were agreeably surprised at their quarters. Instead of being placed in tents as had been expected they were quartered in cantonment barracks, already erected. Conveniences such as electric lights, running water, and good bunks were the delightful surprise. Men who had expected to "rough it" for three months found conditions here much as they are at home. Men from every walk of life were on hand, ready to put in the hardest three months' work they ever experienced.

A. & M. BUDGET WHITTLED DOWN

AUSTIN, May 9.—The house adopted the amendment to the appropriation bill this morning cutting out the appropriation of \$270,000 for new buildings at the A. & M. College.

WOULD SEND ROOSEVELT TO Austin, May 9.—The senate referred to committee of military affairs, Senator Clark's resolution recommending to congress that some provision be made for sending to France the Roosevelt division of volunteers.

L. T. Allen of the Midland country, passed thru Ballinger en route to Norton to visit his mother, Mrs. M. E. Allen, and friends, a week or two. While here Tuesday Mr. Allen ordered The Banner-Ledger to his address at Midland and also to his mother at Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Guin left in their auto Wednesday for Wingate to attend the funeral of her uncle, Wiley Cathey. Mr. Cathey died near Tahoka and the remains were brought to Wingate

Official Report British Takings

LONDON, May 9.—Since April first the British have captured more than twenty thousand Germans, 257 guns, 227 trench motors and 470 machine guns, it was officially announced by the House of commons today. Bonar Law moved to vote a credit of approximately two billion and four hundred million dollars.

COPENHAGEN, May 7.—"Any German peace proposals at this time simply indicates the determination of a tremendously organized and still powerful nation to gain its own ends," said American Minister Maurice Egan today in a warning issued to the people of America. Minister Egan appealed to his countrymen not to be deceived by German duplicity and not to slacken in war preparations.

In his warning to America, Minister Egan said, "German peace suggestions are merely for the purpose of eliminating Russia as a military force and obtain Russian supplies. The Germans regard American military preparations as a bluff and believe there is no danger of the dethronement of the Hohenzollerns in Germany. Peace talk in America at this time will only prolong the war, and the American people must convince the Teutons that this is a war for democracy before there will be any real sincere overtures for peace. The German press has imbued the populace with the belief that German victory is simply a question of time, and that Germany is sure to win."

WASHINGTON, May 7.—President Wilson has completed his proclamation calling for selective draft of a half million of America's young men. The issuance of the proclamation waits congressional action for the final completion of the conscription bill. The urgent demand for raising the army caused the conferees to draft the measure and speed up on the final work. Senator Chamberlain announced today that it was hoped that an agreement on the bill would be reached before tonight and the bill reported out tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A loan of one hundred million dollars was made to France today. This represents France's share of the five billion dollar war credit granted by this country.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Liberty loan subscription applications are maintaining the five million dollar per hour gain, and far outdistanced the weary treasury clerks who are attempting to list and tabulate the application pouring in from bankers of the country.

LONDON, May 7.—Hostile airplanes dropped four bombs on the Northwestern outskirts of London early this morning. One person was instantly killed and two injured.

Lord French announced that damage to buildings was slight, but great confusion was caused by the raid.

Food Problem Up to Retailers

FORT WORTH, May 9.—State-wide problems affecting the national food situation were under discussion by delegates attending the meeting of retail merchants of Texas, in session here for three days. Conservation of food supplies, and support of the numerous movements for the increase of food production are given hearty support by the business men in session here.

Action looking forward to more careful distribution of food-stuffs will be taken by the association before adjournment.

Mrs. H. Giesecke and little daughter, returned home Wednesday from Mineral Wells, where Mrs. Giesecke had been for several weeks for the benefit of health.

Otto Straach, of the Olin country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Fayette county to visit relatives and look after business affairs.

R. H. Bryant of the Valley Creek country, passed thru Ballinger Wednesday en route to Hills-

GOVERNOR URGES FLOURLESS DAY

JACKSON, Miss., May 9.—Governor Bilbo issued a proclamation today calling for a meatless and flourless day once each week, urging the people not to eat meat or flour bread for one day each week. The proclamation also urges the people of Mississippi to plant more food crops and conserve their supplies, keep food at home and eliminate waste. Mr. Bilbo calls upon the women and children to be prepared to show patriotic demonstration upon the day set by the president for registration when conscription is put into effect.

ADVERTISING GO-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY

Large cards have been printed and placed in the windows in the down town district just to keep the busy man reminded that Sunday is Mothers Day and Go-To-Church Day. The churches of this city are making an effort to bring out the largest attendance next Sunday in the history of the city. An effort will be made to report the number of attendants at each church and the grand total will be published in the paper. The churches will extend a hearty welcome to all strangers and those who are not regular church goers.

HONORS AWARDED GRADUATING CLASS

With twenty-six seniors in the local high school struggling on the home stretch to complete their high school course, the first and second honors were announced Wednesday. David Gregory made the general average for four years of 92.79 and has been selected as valedictorian for his class. Miss Irma Dickinson was awarded the second honor with a four year average of 92.33 and has been chosen to deliver the salutatory.

The exact number of graduates cannot be announced until the final examinations are held and the grades will then tell who is who. There are twenty-six in the class, and all are trying to pull through and be able to call for their diplomas.

Dr. J. A. Tolman, president of Howard Payne College, of Brownwood, will deliver the commencement address at the library on Saturday night, May 19th. Rev. J. B. Curry, pastor of the local Methodist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Methodist church Sunday evening, May 20th.

Mrs. J. P. Cogsdill and little son and her sister, Miss Proctor, of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Wednesday en route to Belton, to visit relatives a few weeks.

Thos. C. Hall of Temple, client of H. Giesecke of our city, who had been looking after property interests in this section the past day or two, left for home Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. F. M. Hale left Wednesday afternoon for Dallas to attend the meeting of the County Health Officers' Association. Mrs. Hale accompanied him as far as Temple, where she will visit their daughter a few days.

H. Clements of Austin, who had been looking after large business interests in our city and county the past week, returned to his home Wednesday afternoon.

WILEY CATHEY BURIED AT WINGATE

The remains of Wiley Cathey were laid to rest in the cemetery at Wingate Wednesday afternoon. The relatives in Ballinger and a number of friends went out to attend the funeral. Mr. Cathey was buried by the side of two of his children who died several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford, who left here immediately upon receipt of the message that Mr. Cathey was dead, returned from Tahoka Wednesday morning. They made the trip to Tahoka in an auto, and after the remains were shipped to Sweetwater, they returned to that place and accompanied the remains to Wingate, the remains being brought from Sweetwater to Wingate in an

MRS. MAMIE HALL GAINS 19 POUNDS

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Still another comes forward and adds her voice to the hundreds who have already endorsed the wonderful medicine, Tanlac. Mrs. Mamie Hall, who lives at 805 Fourth Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn., says she suffered for years and had fallen off until she weighed only ninety-six pounds, but that she now weighs one hundred and fifteen, a gain of nineteen pounds.

I had a bad form of stomach trouble," said Mrs. Hall, "and had suffered from it for years. I lost so much flesh and was so weak that I was confined to my room and bed for eleven months and my head ached so bad I could hardly stand it at times.

"Yes, they actually had to prop me up in bed to take a drink of water, as I just couldn't help myself at all. I lived on malted milk and graham crackers. The pains in my chest made me afraid I had lung trouble and my head ached so bad it seemed like it would burst.

"About a year ago I was taken to the hospital, the doctors saying I had cancer of the stomach. I was so nervous all this time that the slightest noise would almost drive me mad and teh pains in my back hurt me so I hardly ever got a night's rest.

"My husband was terribly out of heart about me, as the doctor said nothing would save me, but an operation. We had spent a lot of money for medicines, and it seemed like nothing would do any good.

"Well, sir, I happened to see a piece in the paper about Tanlac, and it told about a woman in Louisville that was suffering just exactly the same way I was. I begged my husband to let me try it, and he said he had no faith in it, but he would get it if I wanted it. So he got a bottle and we kept it a secret from the doctor.

"That was the best thing I ever did in my life, for I began to feel better and gain weight with the very first dose. I had gone down so I didn't weigh but ninety pounds, but now, after taking four bottles, I weigh one hundred fifteen—five pounds more than I ever weighed in my life.

"I now feel strong and well and can do all my housework. I can eat anything—why, I actually ate a tomato after I had been taking Tanlac a week, and that's something that never would agree with me before. I have no more of those terrible pains and I am doing fine in every way.

"I got a letter yesterday from my husband at Chattanooga, and he said he had taken two bottles of Tanlac and was doing fine. I am going to Chattanooga Sunday, and I will sure take a bottle of Tanlac in my grip. This medicine just about saved my life and kept me from having to have an operation."

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

EAGLE BRANCH ENTERTAINMENT

The Eagle Branch basket ball teams with a number of others who were requested to be present, were entertained at the home of Mrs. W. W. Wooten, on last Friday night. The entertainment was a grand success in every respect and everybody was well pleased with it. There was no time lost, no moments of uneasiness for all were kept as busy as a bee until we disbanded at 12 o'clock. Of course, we are glad to say the entertainment was under the supervision of Miss Minnie Bladman, of Valley Mills, and was the Eagle Branch teacher for the past term.

Also we do not hesitate to say that the Eagle Branch basket ball teams were easily victorious in majority of the games they made this season. If you want get beaten, go to Eagle Branch Hurrah for Eagle Branch!

Jim Reed of Oakwoods, sheriff of Leon county, who been looking after land in Runnels county the past day two, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

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COMMISSIONER SMITH SELLS FARM.

A deal was closed this week between Commissioner J. D. Smith of the Wingate precinct, and W. R. Hall, of McCulloch county, in which Mr. Smith sells one of his farms, the place known as the Claud Gooch farm, to Mr. Hall for a little better than \$92 per acre. The place consists of 187 acres and Mr. Smith has owned it about one year. Mr. Hall will move here about the first of next year.

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WILEY CATHEY DROPS DEAD AT TAHOKA

T. S. Lankford received a phone message shortly after twelve o'clock Monday night bringing the sad news that Wiley Cathey was dead. Mr. Cathey was a brother of Mrs. Lankford. He died suddenly with heart trouble about twelve o'clock Monday night. If he had been ill the relatives here had heard nothing of it, and it is supposed that he was sick only a few hours, if sick at all and death was sudden.

Mr. and Mrs. Lankford left in an auto for Tahoka within an hour after the news of the death had been received, and it is expected that the remains will be brought to Wingate for burial, Mr. Cathey having two children buried at that place.

Mr. Cathey was a pioneer citizen of Rummels county. He came here with his father, W. G. Cathey, in the early day of Ballinger. His father died about one year ago. About six weeks ago Mr. Cathey moved his family to Tahoka, and was improving a farm he had purchased near that city. He had the lumber on the ground for building a home when he died. Lee Metcalf, and L. C. Guin, two other Wingate citizens, also moved to Tahoka, and the three families were improving land and preparing to make that their home.

Mr. Cathey served as justice of the peace at Wingate for two or three terms, and was justice of the peace until he decided to move to Tahoka. He is well known in this county and has a host of friends who will be grieved to learn of his death.

Deceased is survived by a wife and four children, ages 16, 14, 12 and 4 respectively. He also leaves an aged mother and other relatives including his brother Ebb Cathey and sister, Mrs. T. S. Lankford in Ballinger to mourn his loss.

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SAYS THIS COUNTY IS AHEAD OF OTHERS.

A. C. Homann, cashier of the Farmers & Merchant State Bank, returned from New Braunfels Tuesday where he went to visit with relatives and meet his brother who was at home on a few days visit before accepting a place with Uncle Sam. Mr. Homann's brother recently graduated in a Wisconsin college, and was immediately given a place with Uncle Sam. While a good rain fell in the New Braunfels country Sunday, the fall amounting to about two inches, Mr. Homann stated that crops were backward, and that the farmers in that country were not a head of Rummels county farmers.

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PATRIOTISM ON ANXIOUS SEAT

Several young men in Ballinger are anxiously awaiting a call from army headquarters instructing them to report to the Leon Springs officers reserve camp. There is some doubt to just who will be called, or whether any from here will be called or not. J. H. Baugh, R. E. Sharp and Ewing Taylor, all of this city, have been certified to the training camp, having made application for a place, but there are many more applicants than room and it is not known here what method of eliminating will be adopted. The Brownwood Bulletin in making mention of the notices sent to volunteers from that city says:

"Telegrams were received Sunday by three or four Brownwood boys who had enrolled for training in the Leon Springs officers reserve camp ordering that for the present the volunteers would not be required to attend the training camp because of lack of room to accommodate all who had enrolled.

The capacity of the Leon Spring camp is 2,500 men, and it was necessary to notify 464 volunteers that they could not be accepted at the camp just now. The army orders, however, do not release those who are so notified, it being stipulated that as rapidly as men are released from the camp others will be called into the training. The period of training will vary for individual men, according to their knowledge of military tactics and their adaptability to the training that is to be given."

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While he is not dealing exclusively in pet bears, and in the work of supplying zoos, W. G. Dunlap closed a bear deal last Saturday just as a matter of accommodation to a friend, when a big fat lazy black bear was shipped from this point to a party at Farmersville.

Some two or three years ago one of the Coffey boys captured a pretty little black cub out in the Fort Davis mountains. He sent the bear to his sister at the Coffey ranch located in the Colorado-Concho country east of Ballinger. On account of the high cost of living for bears, as well as other reasons not necessary to mention, Miss Coffey decided that she wanted to give up her bear, and Mr. Dunlap was called on to locate a buyer.

A letter addressed to a zoo in a Texas city paved the way for the deal and a mention of the bear in a newspaper brought another offer from a man at Farmersville. The Farmersville man gets the bear because he offered the most money.

The bear's new master weighs 610 pounds, and it is presumed that the two together will make a whole show. Mr. Dunlap received a picture of the man, perhaps just to show that he was sincere when he wrote that he wanted to buy a real live bear.

Savage Casings.
Just received a new line of Savage Casings and puncture proof tubes. Casings guaranteed for 4500 miles, adjustments made here. Central Garage. 21-6d4tw

Everybody Likes PABLO Non-Alcoholic

Pablo is pure and good and healthful. The snappy, invigorating flavor—the refreshment this thirst quencher gives—makes Pablo the choice of everybody who knows it.

Sparkling amber with a delightful "hop" tang—that's Pablo.

A soft drink that really satisfies.

Pablo is an invigorating thirst-quencher. You'll say so too. Try Pablo today. At any stand that sells good drinks.

Made by PABST at Milwaukee

J. M. Radford Grocery Co. Distributors

The Happy "HOPPY" DRINK

BLANTON'S BILL FOR BALLINGER OFFICE

When Congressman Blanton was making the race for congress he stated that he was opposed to building \$100,000 post office building in Ballinger and other towns of this size. He said that he was in favor of appropriating money for buildings large enough to answer all purposes, and if elected he would work to that end. In keeping with his promise he recently introduced a bill calling for the appropriation of \$40,000 for a government building at Ballinger, and the bill as drafted is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to acquire for the United States in the city of Ballinger, the county seat of Rummels County, in the State of Texas, in such manner as to him shall seem best, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise a suitable site, and cause to be erected thereon, according to plans and specifications to be approved by him, a substantial building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, with good modern conveniences and improvements, for the United States post office, Weather Bureau, agricultural extension service, scientific research service, and other Government uses, at a total cost of not more than \$40,000, said site to cost not more than \$7,500.

Sec. 2. That for said purpose the sum of \$40,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

In his campaign Judge Blanton stated that it would be much easier to get a reasonable appropriation for such a building than it would to get through a bill calling for an extravagant waste of money, and introduces his bill for political purposes, but with the expectation of giving Ballinger the building.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

NEW A. & S. AGENT MOVING.
Shirley Shields has rented the Castor new concrete house on Eighth Street, and will occupy same as soon as Mr. James who has been occupying the home moves. Mr. Shields comes here to succeed his brother Buck Shields, as agent of the A. & S. Railway Co.

PIONEER FARMER GOES FURTHER WEST

Within a few days this country will lose another good citizen. R. W. Gilliam is packing up and getting ready to move to Castro county where he owns 1100 acres of land. Mr. Gilliam is moving to give possession of his place here to Hugh Campbell. Mr. Campbell was here Friday and Saturday, and left Sunday for his old home in Winkler county, where he will pack up and move to Rummels county just as soon as the move can be made. Hence Rummels loses one good family, but gets another.

A deal was closed Saturday between Mr. Gilliam and Mr. Campbell, in which Mr. Gilliam sold to Mr. Campbell 827 acres of land five miles northwest of Ballinger for a total consideration of \$22,000. This deal relieves Mr. Gilliam of all his holdings in this county except 104 acre farm near Old Rummels. Some of his friends say that he is holding this so he will have a place to move to when he gets ready to come back to Rummels.

Mr. Gilliam is one of the pioneer citizens of this county. He moved here from Cooke county and bought land. His purchases has

proved a good investment, and in addition he has made money farming since he came here. His many friends in this county will wish him success in his new home, and if he wants to come back he will find a hearty welcome.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

R. L. Hamilton of Gatesville, was the guest of relatives and Ballinger friends Monday while en route to San Angelo to attend the State Fireman's Convention.

Swat the Fly and Beautify

We can help you keep the fly out of your home with our screen doors and windows. We can help you beautify your home with our big line of De Voe paints. Little bills and big bills given the same attention.

Ballinger Lumber Company

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with an express 300 feet away! Will your starter work or is it a case of jump and lose the car? In such an emergency you want to be sure of your storage battery. Stop here once a month and let us inspect your battery, whatever its make. Then it will always be ready for any emergency. This

Free Battery Inspection
(Any battery on any car)
will save you many a dollar and may save your life.
Expert battery repairing and recharging. Starting motors, lighting generators and ignition systems repaired.

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Summer Colds Weaken

They are even more dangerous than winter colds, for they hang on so long that they become chronic catarrh. Heat and dust aggravate them, cause the infected surface to spread, and fill the body with systemic catarrh. Neglect costs health and energy.

PERUNA EXPELS CATARRH

It does more—it builds up the weakened system, regulates the digestion, removes the inflammation, overcomes the poisons of catarrh, and invigorates all over. Forty-four years of success proves its great value, of which thousands gladly testify.

Accept the verdict of two generations yourself. Don't be swayed by prejudice, when your health is at stake. Take Peruna and get well. Liquid or tablet form, whichever is the more convenient.

The Peruna Company, Columbus, Ohio

COUNTY COURT DOCKET IS A RECORD BREAKER

With County Judge Parish on the bench county court has been grinding this week, and quite a number of cases have been disposed of while others are still pending. When court convened there were seventy-four cases on the civil docket. This is a record breaker and by far the largest docket for county court in the history of the county. Following are the cases as docketed and the orders passed disposing of the various cases:

State vs. Lem Lee, charged with petty theft, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

Wm. Whitlow, charged with allowing a minor to enter pool hall and play pool, continued on application of defendant to Aug. 1917 term.

Dick Bradnegue (Mexican) charged with petty theft continued on application of state to Aug. term.

Henry Tony charged with petty theft, continued on application of state to August term.

E. P. Sandell, charged with swindling. No arrest made.

W. H. Calloway, convicted of speeding in city court, appealed to county court, motion to quash complaint sustained.

Agnes Goodwin (Negro) charged with adultery, continued on application of state.

Walter Fisher charged with adultery, continued on application of state.

Frank Burch charged with "destroying personal property." No arrest of defendant.

Lewis Harris charged with assault. Motion to quash sustained.

Jim Price charged with swindling, tried before jury and a verdict of acquittal.

F. E. Seamans charged with assault, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

Homer Brown charged with petty theft, plea of guilty and a fine of \$1.00 entered.

Louis Joe charged with petty theft. No arrest.

J. A. Simpkins charged with petty theft, plea of guilty and fine of \$1.00.

Clarence Cruelfield charged with petty theft, plea of guilty and fine of \$1.00.

Ollie Cryer, charged with "aiding prisoner to escape" plea of guilty and fine of \$1.00.

Herbert McAden charged with aiding prisoner to escape, continued by agreement.

Willie Chapman charged with aiding prisoner to escape, continued by agreement.

Albert Gee, charged with aiding prisoner to escape, continued by agreement.

Arome Antonio, burglary, no order.

B. F. Adams charged with simple assault, continued on application of state.

C. R. Williams charged with simple assault, passed to May 9.

Haskell Whattery charged with simple assault, passed to May 9th.

Jim Lancaster charged with simple assault, passed to May 9th.

Earl Stewart charged with simple assault, passed to May 9th.

Earl Gongs charged with simple assault, passed to May 9th.

Arthur Wallace charged with carrying a pistol. Dismissed on motion of county attorney.

Frank Brown charged with affray, plea of guilty and fined \$1.

Elmer Seamans charged with aggravated assault and battery, plea of guilty and fined \$25.

Roy Scoggins charged with disturbing the peace, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

O. S. Tatum carrying concealed weapons, continued on motion of state.

Forest Davis charged with carrying a pistol, continued to August term on application of defendant.

H. O. Horton charged with giving liquor to a minor, passed to May 25th.

Tom Mitchel, charged with carrying a pistol, plea of guilty and a fine of \$100 imposed.

Tim Royster charged with carrying a pistol. No arrest.

Roy Scoggins charged with gaming, plea of guilty and a fine of \$10 imposed.

Tim Royster charged with gaming. No arrest.

Zeke Reese charged with gaming, plea of guilty and a fine of \$10 imposed.

Will Kerby charged with gaming, plea of guilty and a fine of \$10 imposed.

Tim Royster, charged with simple assault. No arrest.

Roy Scoggins charged with drunkenness in a public place, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

Tim Royster charged with drunkenness in a public place. No arrest.

Zeke Reese drunkenness in a public place. Dismissed on motion of county attorney.

Emmett Carpenter drunkenness dismissed by state.

Elis Judkins affray, plea of guilty and fined \$1.00.

Roy Sargent affray, plea of guilty and fined \$1.00.

C. Fortson disturbing the peace plea of guilty and fined \$1.00.

Roy Scoggins affray. Dismissed on motion of state.

Cal Sutton affray, plea of guilty and fined \$1.00.

Will Kerby drunkenness. Dismissed by state.

Mat McKinney charged with unlawfully moving cattle, passed to May 21st.

Mat McKinney charged with moving cattle across quarantine line, passed to May 21st.

Lem Thane charged with moving cattle across quarantine line, passed to May 21st.

Dr. B. Henry charged with keeping cock pit and fighting cocks, plea of guilty and fine \$10.

Al O'Bar charged with betting at cock fight. No order.

Ed Muckelroy charged with betting at cock fight, plea of guilty and fine of \$10 imposed.

Bob Muckelroy charged with betting at cock fight, plea of guilty and fine of \$1 imposed.

Carroll Bates betting at cock fight, plea of guilty and fine of \$10 imposed.

Guss Willacy betting at cock fight, plea of guilty and a fine of \$10 imposed.

Macy Griffin using abusive language. Dismissed by state.

Lois Cook using abusive language, plea of guilty and a fine of \$5 imposed.

Lovely Brookshire using abusive language. Dismissed by state.

Lucy Stephenson using abusive language. Dismissed.

Thelma Brookshire abusive language, dismissed.

Meguel Velasquez (Mexican) swindling, plea of guilty and a fine of \$5.

Mat McKinney moving cattle across quarantine line, passed to May 21.

O. S. Tatum aggravated assault, plea of guilty and a fine of \$25 imposed.

Arthur Alexander, petty theft, plea of guilty and a fine of \$1.00 imposed.

Jim Hadley permitting stock to run at large, motion to quash sustained.

Mat McKinney moving cattle across quarantine line, passed to May 21.

Will Edwards injuring private property. No order.

Lottie Harris simple assault. No order.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mrs. Adecock and baby of Abilene, who had been spending the week with her sister, Mrs. James, has returned home.

W. H. Brown and family, of near Winters, spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives here.

F. T. Rushing, accompanied by T. P. Brown, carried his Sunday school class, which consists of about 15 young boys, on an outing on the Colorado river last Friday. All report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Booth of near Crews, were visiting in South Ballinger Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch were visiting in Paint Rock Tuesday.

We are sorry to report Miss Ruby Brown quite ill.

ELBERTA PEACH.

Miss Rosalee Wilson, who had been visiting relatives in our city left for her home at San Antonio Monday afternoon.

DENIED NEW TRIAL; SPANELL OUT ON BOND

Brownwood Bulletin

District Attorney Walter U. Early returned this morning from Coleman, where he spent yesterday and today before Judge J. O. Woodward during the final stage of the trial of Harry J. Spanell for the murder of Lieut. Col. M. C. Butler. The defense following an announcement of the jury verdict last Saturday night announced that it would present a motion for a new trial, and this motion was overruled this morning by Judge Woodward. Notice of appeal to the court of criminal appeals was given, and Spanell has been released under \$5000 bond. He passed through Brownwood last night, enroute to Waco.

Five propositions were set out in the motion for a new trial. The first was that the court erred in refusing to require the state's attorneys to disclose names of all the attorneys engaged in the prosecution, and to give the names of parties employing them. The second proposition was the plea of former jeopardy, claiming that Col. Butler was killed in the same transaction as was Mrs. Spanell, for whose death Spanell had been acquitted.

The third proposition was that the court erred in excluding the testimony of witness Porier of Mission, Texas, regarding a remark he said he had heard Col. Butler make at a dance.

Fourth, the motion complained that the court erred in permitting Mrs. Butler to testify as to when she and Mrs. Spanell and Col. Butler had returned from an automobile ride before the killing, and as to when she and Mrs. Spanell were in the former's room in the Alpine hotel.

The final proposition was that the court erred in admitting testimony as to the wounds on Mrs. Spanell's body.

District Attorney Early, discussing the case this afternoon, said that Mrs. Butler is highly gratified with the kindly reception tendered her by the people of Coleman, all of whom treated her with the utmost consideration and courtesy.

Mr. Early is confident that the trial court will be sustained when the case is passed on appeal by the higher courts. He also has some well defined opinions as to what he terms the "yellow press" of the country, as a result of the tendency of some newspapers to "play up" that story of the trial.

French Special Train Wrecked

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8.—Government officials abroad the special train carrying the French commission from Chicago to Indianapolis have definitely decided that the wrecking of the train last night was due to a broken rail, and not to an enemy plot, as was first reported. The train was bearing Gen. Joffre and his party and was wrecked fifty miles east of Terre Haute last night. No one was injured in the wreck.



HELP IS OFFERED, and is freely given to every nervous, delicate woman, by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Remember ingredients on label—Tablet or Liquid form.

In every "female complaint," irregularity, or weakness, and in every exhausted condition of the female system, the "Prescription" never fails to benefit or cure. Bearing-down pains, internal inflammation and ulceration, weak back, and all kindred ailments are completely cured by it. It's a marvelous remedy for nervous and general debility, insomnia, or inability to sleep, spasms, convulsions or fits.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser (1000 pages) will be sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay cost of wrapping and mailing only. Address Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative; two or three are cathartic.

FORD SEDAN AUTO.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Young of the Crews country, were in the city shopping Tuesday and while here Mr. Young bought from the Harwell Motor Co., a five passenger Sedan auto, which was admired by quite a number of Mr. Youngs friends as he returned home in the afternoon. It's a beauty, with closed doors and windows and can be made very comfortable in summer or winter, but Mr. Young says "it's only a Ford," and that some.

WILL REBUILD GARAGE BUILDING HERE

We learned today that Gus Noyes will rebuild the garage building which recently burned, provided he can secure a renter for same. The City Auto Works, composed of Howard & Halstead, have announced that they will not engage in business again, and will seek other employment. It is probable that A. C. Howard, the senior member of the firm, will accept a position with the county and have charge of the big tractor recently purchased by Commissioner Kirk for this precinct. The tractor is en route and will be put on the road work as soon as it arrives here and an experienced man will be needed to operate it. R. G. Erwin, representing Mr. Noyes stated that while the insurance loss on the building destroyed had not been adjusted he felt sure that Mr. Noyes would rebuild at once if a renter could be found for the building. The insurance adjuster is expected here within a few days.

Spring Has Opened

up and now is the time to get your saddles and harness. Also auto top repairing, at the Busy Shop, H. L. Wendorf, Prop. 16-tfdw



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 225 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. *

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STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
May 1st, 1917

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$398,839.91
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	41,607.93
Cash and Exchange	122,729.80
	\$618,577.64

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	56,117.13
Unearned Interest	9,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	428,460.51
	\$618,577.64

The above statement is correct. R. G. Frwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

For Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing---Phone 97 Auto Delivery

We are determined to make the month of May the biggest in point of sales in our history. Low prices will do the work.

Melton Dry Goods Co

INCORPORATED
EVERYBODY'S STORE

The items mentioned below are merchandise that is wanted now—all priced at large and generous savings. A time to profit

SAVING opportunities that should appeal to every man, woman and child in Runnels and adjoining counties. The prices mentioned below are truly worthy of your earnest consideration and should make the month of May event the biggest and best May month we have ever experienced. Your share of the bargains are here. Come

Entire Stock of Ready-to-Wear at great reductions

This includes all ladies' Suits, Dresses, Coats and Skirts. Buying in May means saving to you.

Women's Suits

All womens suits, this season's styles, values \$18.50, \$20.00 and \$22.50 to close out lot at **\$14.95**

Suits that formerly sold at \$27.50, \$30.00 and \$35.00 choice entire lot at only **\$18.50**

Coats

All coats at great reductions, during the month of May.

Owing to the extreme low prices a slight altering fee will be charged.

Dresses

All silk dresses that formerly sold at \$8.50 to \$11.50 choice **\$6.95**

All silk dresses that formerly sold at \$18.50 to \$22.50 choice **\$12.95**

All silk dresses that formerly sold at \$25.00, \$27.50 and up to \$35 choice **\$19.50**

Skirts

Every wool and silk skirt in the house, included in this sale. A saving to you. Investigate.



Our Entire Stock of New Millinery on Sale

Including every milan, Panama, trimmed and untrimmed hat in the house—a thousand or more to choose from. A golden opportunity to save.

Your unrestricted choice

Hats worth up to \$3.00 your unrestricted choice **\$1.95**

Hats worth up to \$4.00 your unrestricted choice **\$2.45**

Hats worth up to \$5.00 your unrestricted choice **\$3.95**

Children's Hats

Values up to \$1.50 choice **95c**

Values up to \$2.00 choice **\$1.45**



Hats worth up to \$7.50 your unrestricted choice **\$4.95**

Hats worth up to \$8.50 your unrestricted choice **\$6.95**

Hats worth up to \$10 and \$12.50 your choice **\$7.95**

Children's Hats

Values up to \$2.50 choice **\$1.95**

Values up to \$3.50 choice **\$2.95**

Specials throughout the entire store that should appeal to every economical housewife

25 dozen sheer lawn waists, real \$1.50 values, May price **\$1.19**

1 lot men's straw sailors and Milan straws, worth up to \$3.00, special **95c**

1 lot men's negligee shirts, broken sizes, values to \$1.50, choice **89c**

1 lot men's Panama hats, worth up to \$4.00, broken lots, priced, special **\$1.95**

1 lot boys' Palm Beach and linen suits, light colors, worth to \$4.00, choice **\$2.95**

1 lot boys' wash pants, all sizes from 8 to 16, special **69c**

1 lot men's khaki pants, a real bargain at \$1.50, special, a pair, only **\$1.29**

Extra full blue work shirt, a regular 65c and 75c value, all sizes, 50 dozen to sell, each **59c**

25 dozen bleached bath towels, sizes 24x45 inches, price 75c, May price, a pair **59c**

18 inch organdie embroidery, a real value at 50c, special during May **39c**

90 inch linene sheeting, a regular 65c value, special **49c**

Women's knit union suits, scalloped finish, closed, all sizes, special at this sale **39c**

36 inch Hope bleached domestic, May price, yard **12 1/2c**

2 gross dish mops, the very thing for the home, priced each only **5c**

Boys' wash suits and rompers, fast colors, ages 2 to 8 years special **42c**

50 dozen women's white and black fisle hose, special, a pair **22c**

50 pieces hair bow ribbon, 5 to 8 inches wide, values up to 35c, special, a yard **25c**

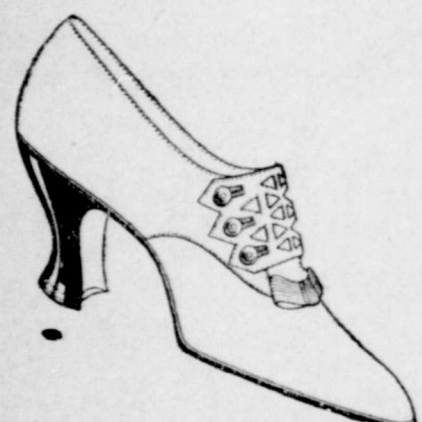
25 dozen organdie and voile combination waists, \$2.50 values, special each **\$1.98**

10 pieces sport skirting, the new stripe effects, 35c values, special, the yard **25c**

25 dozen organdie and voile combinations, neatly trimmed in lace and embroidery, \$2.50 value **\$1.98**

Never In the History Have We Shown Such a Complete Line of Shoes for Men, Women and Children

\$15,000 Stock of Men's Women's and Children's Shoes to Select From. Every style that's worthy, every price that's in season, every last from AA to E. We can fit your feet. We will save you money on your purchases.



Women's Shoes
Wickert & Gardner and Val Dutterhofer & Sons. Prices \$2.50 to \$10.



MRS. KING'S Childrens Shoes. Styles for first step to the misses' kind. Prices \$1 to \$3.50.



Groves Shoes
For Tender Feet
One or two straps, also pump styles, sizes 2 1-2 to 7, widths A to E, prices \$3.50 and \$4.00

Lot No. 8764 Baby Doll patent and kid leathers, low heel, ankle straps, sizes 2 1-2 to 7, price **\$2.50**

Lot No. 1512 Ladies patent 2 strap slipper, Cuban heel, worth \$3.50, all sizes from 2 1-2 to 7, price **\$3.00**

Lot No. 71867 Ladies black kid pump, leather Louis heel, a wonderful slipper, sizes 2 1-2 to 7; C, D, and E widths, priced at **\$3.50**

Lot No. 71863 Ladies black kid pump, leather Louis heel or low heel, sizes 2 1-2 to 7; B, C and D. widths, priced at **\$4.00**

Lot No. 71852 Ladies black kid, long vamp pump, covered Louis heel, turned sole, sizes 2 to 7, widths A to D, price **\$5.00**

SPECIAL—100 pairs ladies' slippers, in vici and patent leathers, sizes 2 1-2 to 6, all styles, values \$2.50 to \$4.00, choice **\$1.95**

Lot No. 6308 Misses white pumps low covered heel, turn sole, sizes 2 1-2 to 6, price **\$2.50**

Lot No. 6306 Ladies white strap pump, covered Louis heel, turn sole, sizes 2 1-2 to 7, price **\$3.00**

Lot No. 26033 Ladies white rein-skin pump, Ivory sole, correct Louis heel, A, B and C widths, sizes 2 1-2 to 7, price **\$5.00**

Lot No. 2788 Men's gun metal oxfords, English welt sole, button or lace, sizes 6 to 10, priced at **\$3.50**

Coupon Cut it out and bring it with you. Good during the month of May. Good for 25c on any child's or lady's shoes or slippers from \$1.50 to \$3.50. Good for \$1.00 on any man's or young man's suit from \$10.00 to \$18.50. Good for 50c on any pair lady's or man's shoes or slippers from \$4.00 to \$10.00

SPECIAL—150 pairs white canvas slippers and oxfords, all styles and sizes, values \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50, choice entire lot, a pair **\$1.95**

Lot No. 131 Misses white Baby Doll, white heel and sole, ankle straps, sizes 2 1-2 to 6, price **\$2.00**

Lot A 3 1-2 Men's gun metal oxfords, Goodyear welt soles, button or lace; also vici, sizes 6 to 10, price **\$4.00**

Lot F 5 Men's gun metal English last, white kid lined, blacks or tans, sizes 5 1-2 to 10, price **\$5.00**

Lot C6 Men's black kid Blucher. Howard & Foster make, Friday last; also in gunmetal, sizes 5 1-2 to 11, price **\$6.00**

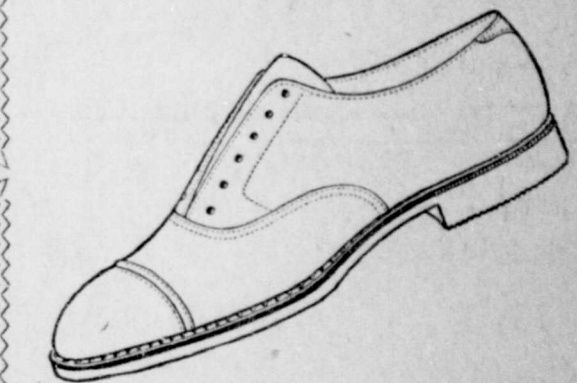
Lot A7 Men's dark Russia calf Howard & Foster make, extreme English; also in kangaroo, sizes 5 1-2 to 10, priced at **\$7.00**



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The famous Howard & Foster, all the best styles are here. Prices \$6, \$6.50, and \$7.00.



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All leathers and styles. Big values at \$3, \$3.50, \$4, and \$5.



Ladies' White Kid Slippers

A very complete line of kid pumps, in all widths from AA to D, prices \$6.50 and \$7.50

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NEIGHBORS HOLD POULTRY MEETINGS

Neighborhood poultry meetings are being held in this county, and the poultry industry discussed from every angle. As a result this county will no doubt become the banner county of the state. These meetings are held each week at some home in the neighborhood, and are attended by all those in the community who are interested in poultry.

Capt. H. L. Bentley, of the State Department of Agriculture, is here this week, and in company with Farm Demonstrator Eaton, he attended one of the neighborhood poultry meetings at the home of D. E. Caudle, in the Hatchel community Monday night. Mr. Bentley says great good will result from these meetings, and the co-operative spirit being manifested in the poultry industry. He is enthusiastic over the interest the people of this county are taking in poultry and sees a great future for the county.

At a recent meeting of poultry growers at Houston a prominent speaker from the A. & M. College predicted that eggs would be selling for seventy-five cents per dozen by the first of November. The speaker told the Houston association that many poultry growers were selling off their stock because of the high price of feed, and this would reduce the egg supply, and he said eggs would be real money this fall, and urged the poultry growers to prepare to

profit by the high price. Capt. Bentley and Mr. Eaton went to Rowena Tuesday where they met with the farmers of that section.

FAIR EXCHANGE

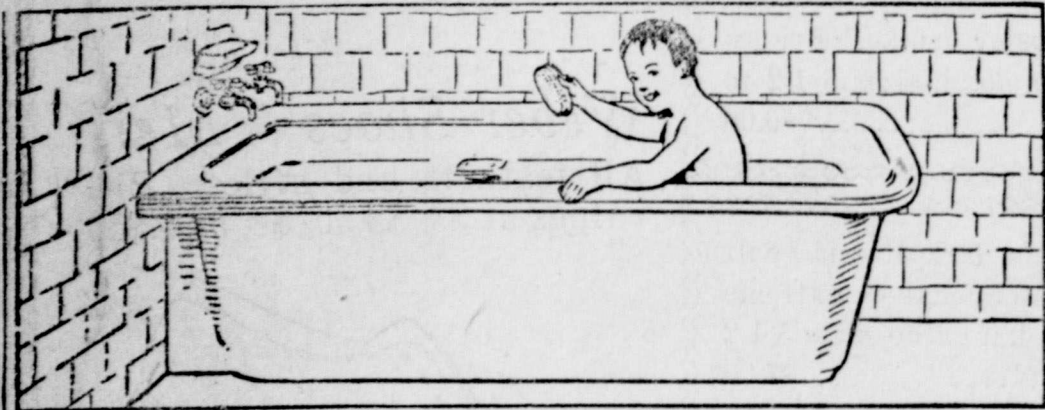
A New Back for an Old One—How a Ballinger Resident made a Bad Back Strong.

The back aches at times with a dull indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the loins are so lame that to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back if the kidneys are weak. You cannot reach the cause. Follow the example of this Ballinger citizen.

Mrs. E. E. Street, 704-11th St., Ballinger, says: "I suffered a lot from my back and had dull pains through my loins. I had severe headaches and dizzy spells and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and scanty. I used Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and they soon put my kidneys in good order." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Street had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Rev. A. E. Bedichek, who spent a few days with home folks, left Tuesday for the Panhandle country in the interest of his oil proposition.

Ben Parker of the Tokeken country was among the business visitors in the city Tuesday.



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BUSY WEEK FOR FARM DEMONSTRATOR

The United States Agricultural Department, under which department all farm demonstration work is carried on, requires all farm agents to make weekly reports. Blanks are furnished each agent for this purpose, and many people would be surprised to know what a close tab the department keeps on the work being done by the respective agents.

The agent's weekly report must show how he spends his time each day in the week. He must show the name of the community visited, for what purpose, and the result. He must report the names of farmers called on, and for what purpose, as well as reporting what particular line of farm work the farmer visited is engaged in. His report must show the number of miles traveled, the number of callers received at his office, the number of letters written, number of crop bulletins mailed out, and quite a lot of other information. The blanks furnished to all agents for making reports call for all this information as well as providing a blank for general remarks, or summary of the work.

Through the kindness of Demonstrator Eaton, we had the pleasure of seeing a copy of his report made to the department this week, and to note the rapid headway gained since coming here only a few weeks ago in getting the week revived in this county. After filling out the hundred and one answers to questions asked on the weekly report blank, Mr. Eaton makes a summary of his work, as follows:

Monday, in company with Capt. Sayers we spent the day in laying out and supervising the structure of a model terrace and the lines on 34 acre farm.

Tuesday, we spent in visiting the farmers and orchardist of S. Ballinger. We find the fruit trees in a very bad state resulting from a general attack of root knot. This has spread to practically all trees making the industry very unpromising.

Wednesday in company with the local editor of the Miles Messenger we visited the model dairy and stock farm of Hunton & Son, where we found one of the best dairy herds in this section. Also a home butter plant where he makes ninety pounds of butter per week which is sold under annual contract to Carlsbad Sanatorium, near San Angelo. He also has thoroughbred poultry and sheep. His farm is named Cleddale Stock Farm.

On this trip we visited also Paul Gerhardt who is Leghorn poultry breeder, where we found 175 faying hens, record layers, and 800 baby chicks. His egg account last year was better than \$200 and this year to date has sold poultry and eggs to the amount of \$400.

Thursday was spent largely in field work among farmers visiting the secretaries of two local farmer's organizations with the view of putting through some marketing propositions along the lines of poultry and hogs. Also prepared program for local farmers' meeting for May 14, Ballinger.

Friday, in company with County Supt. Hagan we visited a farmers meeting for school betterment purpose, planning a new school building and other community work. On our trip we made three addresses two to schools and one to farmers. At night we met with the citizens of Poe school community effecting a local farmer's club. Mr. Benton was with us at night.

Sturday we have been busy during day in conference and clerical work. The hog growers association met with us in the afternoon. 25 present. Business session.

It is very dry in this section with some crops growing but poor stands in many communities. Small grain a total failure. Large acreage to feed crops all farmers universally have increased feed and food acreage. Many have planted beans, peas, etc., more than ever before.

In the whole field of medicine there is no healing remedy that more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprain, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

J. E. Witt left Tuesday at noon to attend the Firemen's convention at San Angelo.

C. G. Scoggins of the Valley creek country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

SWEET POTATOES MONEY MAKERS

AUSTIN, May 7.—More money can be made by raising sweet potatoes at the prices prevailing of late years, than at raising almost any other crop, acreage and labor considered together, according to a statement issued today by the State Department of Agriculture; and considered as a food crop for the table only, there is none other of so much productivity per acre, the statement adds.

The statement in part is as follows: "Sweet potatoes afford a food that is highly nutritious and palatable. Rated at per acre of land and per day of labor, there are few crops that can compare with this crop in point of food production.

"Potatoes are adapted to the sandy soils of Texas and every farmer would do well to cultivate a plot sufficient to feed his own family with an equal amount, or more, to spare. This is in line with providing against food contingencies of the world. For home use they can be put up in tins and glasses or banked in the fields. For commercial uses the modern dry-curing plants are advisable."

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers) sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

WHAT IS BEING TOLD ON SAM SPARKS

Five years ago Malcolm R. Patterson was the idol of the wet Democrats of Tennessee. Five years ago Sam Sparks was one of the most zealous and astute leaders of the wet Democrats of Texas. Yet, on last Thursday night Malcolm R. Patterson delivered one of the most eloquent prohibition arguments in the presence of a great Austin audience ever heard in Texas. The man who introduced him to the cheering multitude was Sam Sparks. It is the first prohibition speech that Sam Sparks ever made and it is said to have been a stunner. Who knows but that five years from today may witness Bagby and McDonald and Hudspeth et al on the hustings making prohibition speeches, if the nation has not gone bone dry before that time? Come on over, boys. "As long as the lamp holds out to burn," etc.—Roscoe Times.

The Times might have said that "a smart man changes his mind," etc.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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Card of Thanks.

We take this method of extending our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kind attention and many courtesies shown us and beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our husband and father, and may the good Lord shower his richest blessings and protection over you and your loved ones is our sincere prayer.

Mrs. Wm. Dooze, Sr.,
C. A. Dooze and Family,
Mrs. J. H. Osborne,
Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wright,
Arthur Dooze and Family,
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dooze, Jr.,
Miss Anna Lee Dooze,
R. P. Smith and Children.

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McKINLEY-SIDES.

County Judge O. L. Parish spoke the beautiful and solemn words Thursday evening that united in marriage Mr. Homer McKinley and Miss Edna Sides at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. McKinley is one of the successful young business men of Ballinger and Miss Edna is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sides and Mr. McKinley is fortunate in securing for life's partner such a lovely and amiable character as Miss Sides.

The Ledger joins a host of friends, all over the county, in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

Get Rid of Your Rheumatism

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FEEL BILIOUS? CALOMEL SICKENS! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

I guarantee "Dodson's Liver Tone" will give you the best Liver and Bowel cleansing you ever had.

Stop using calomel! It makes you sick. Don't lose a day's work if you feel lazy, sluggish, bilious or constipated, listen to me!

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

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

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

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

JACK WARDLOW IMPROVING

Although his speech is yet imperfect, Jack Wardlow, son of Judge L. J. Wardlow of Sonora, who was seriously injured here on April 2, is gradually recovering at St. John's sanitarium. Young Wardlow fell from the

Orient railway bridge upon the approach of a train and sustained a fractured wrist as well as concussion of the brain. For some time it was feared that his injuries would prove fatal. It is expected that he will be able to return home within two weeks.—San Angelo Standard.

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FOR SALE—My property in Ballinger consisting of one 5-room house, barn and large underground cistern. One 4 room dwelling, one warehouse 34x50 feet, heavy frame building, good floor. Also several thousand young pecan trees in Nursery. About 500 roots grafted this Spring, balance can be budded this Summer, ready for Fall delivery. Reason for selling my entire time is needed on my pecan orchard and nurseries on Valley Creek. S. B. HOWARD, 107 N. 12th St., Ballinger, Texas. 19-1td-1tw.

MEBANE COTTON SEED—I have genuine Mebane cottonseed for sale at \$2.00 per bushel. G. K. Redding, Rt. 2, Coleman, Texas. 20-4tw

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Buff Orpington Eggs \$1.00 per setting. See or phone 5303. Mrs. Mae Norman. 23-8twpd

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FOR TRADE
 TO TRADE—Good 6-cylinder Overland automobile to trade for god notes. R. P. Conn. 8-3td

LOST
 LOST—Note book between Toler and W. L. McMillian's farm. Please notify Ledger and get reward. 26-3td-2tw

RAISE GOOD MULES AND HORSES—If you want to patronize a good heavy bone Jack, or Percheon horse see George Sewell stock at the old Farr place, south of Talpa. 4-3twpd

TRESPASS NOTICES
 NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS—Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the land owned or controlled by the undersigned in Rummels 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

STRICT CENSORSHIP ON AT GALVESTON

GALVESTON, May 9.—The navy department has established a rigid censorship in the Mexican cable office here. Lieut. Lindsay, formerly government censor man, is in charge, with ten decoders, typist and stenographers completing the force at the cable office.

SPANIARD'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO KILL HIMSELF

Just before pulling into Abilene last Friday evening, a Spaniard passenger on the Sunshine Special made an unsuccessful attempt to end his life, using a razor. A gash requiring ten stitches to close, was made across his throat, quite street. His railroad pass was bought in Kansas City and was for Miami, Florida. He had \$20 in his purse and a New York draft for \$500.00. Through an interpreter it was learned that he was laboring under the impression that Mexicans were going to kill him; another was that his wife and mother were dead, and still another was that he was afraid he did not have enough money to live on.—Abilene Times.

OLD GLORY FLUTTERING ON FRENCH BATTLE FRONT

PARIS, May 10.—Five hundred "Old Glories" are fluttering on the French battle front today. The enemy across the great divide of "No Man's Land" do not have to strain their eyes to see the Stars and Stripes flapping in the breeze on the most conspicuous parts of five hundred ambulances. The American ambulance corps

hold service with the French armies. The first section to carry the American flag to the front was commanded by A. L. Henderson, of New York city, a volunteer from Harvard university. The personnel of one ambulance corps carrying the American flag includes Clitus Jones, of a university in Waco, Texas.

JAPAN PULLS FOR SOUTHERN TRADE

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Additional competition for our new merchant marine has already established itself. Consular reports just received from Buenos Aires tell of the inauguration of a regular line of Japanese cargo steamers between Japan and Brazil and Argentina. The Osaka Mercantile Steamship Co., of Tokio projected the line, and one vessel, the Kasato Maru (6,209 tons) already is in service. The line will touch at Vladivostok, Chinese ports, Singapore, Durban and Cape Town, in addition to South American ports. Brazilian ports are reported to have contracted for large numbers of Japanese colonists to help harvest the coffee crop.

CITY COMMISSION IN BUSY MEETING

The city commission is gradually working out plans for putting the city on a more substantial basis financially and at the same time adopting plans for carrying on the work and conducting the city's affairs in a way that will meet with the approval of the citizens and bring success in every department of the city.

A busy session of the commission was held Tuesday, and important work put under way. In order to hedge against unnecessary expense at this time the commission sold the street team and wagon, and let out the street man, thereby saving the city about one hundred dollars per month. The street work will be carried on under contract, and when there is no work going on there will be no team to feed or salary to pay. The team and wagon was sold to Claud Little, of Mayerick for \$518. Mr. Little will use the team on road work and for his farm work.

FATHER AND SON DIE TOGETHER IN BATTLE

PARIS, May 10.—Under-lieutenant Edouard Rey, Sr., 50, and Poilu Edouard Rey, Jr., 18, father and son, died together in the same battle.

Official records have just told the story. The two Reys left wife and mother in a cottage in the village of Gaillard, France, and marched away together to fight the Germans.

The elder Rey, more brilliant, won medals and promotions. His son, however, was content to fight quietly by his father's side.

One day the task fell to the elder Rey's section to bomb out a German machine gun which had held up the progress of the section. Father and son advanced side by side as usual. Two bullets struck the father, but did not stop him. A third struck him in the head and he fell dead just as another bullet mortally wounded his son. They died almost at the same moment.

WOMEN PREPARING FOR CANNING FEED

DALLAS, May 10.—This is "Mobilization Week" in Texas. Mass meetings for women are being held throughout the state for the purpose of taking stock of the fruit and vegetable resources of the districts and of preparing for canning and food preparation demonstrations in neighborhoods and towns. County judges issued calls for mass meetings.

The week's work is the result of a decision reached at a meeting of representatives of the leading state-wide women's organizations. Mrs. Percy Pennybacker of Austin, heads the movement.

ATTENDED FIREMAN'S CONVENTION

Among the number from Ballinger who attended the State Fireman's Convention at San Angelo Wednesday we note: Charlie Hietrick, Arthur Willingham, U. P. Melton, H. H. Thomson, R. H. Her-ring, R. O. Walton, L. B. Stubbs, John Rhuman, J. F. McMillan and T. P. Calloway.

Mrs. L. J. Garten left Wednesday afternoon to visit relatives and friends at Goldthwaite a week or two.

C. A. Orbeck, cashier of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., left Tuesday afternoon for Clifton to visit relatives and friends a few days.

J. L. Miller, of Winters, came in to meet Mrs. Miller, who came in Wednesday at noon en route home from a visit to Brownwood.

FARMER INVENTS COTTON PICKER

Gus Prusser was in Ballinger Wednesday and a few of his friends had the pleasure of looking over an invention that promises to revolutionize the cotton picking question and at the same time make Mr. Prusser a man of great wealth. Mr. Prusser has recently invented and secured a patent on a cotton picker that is said to be a success. The new machine has been tried out and works wonders in gathering the fleecy locks, doing the work faster than many hands can do it, and not in any way damaging the unopened bolls, or taking in matter that will damage the cotton in ginning.

Mr. Prusser is slow to comment on his success with the new machine and declined to give out what his plans were for manufacturing the machine and putting it on the market. He stated that he had a few improvements in mind that he was going to make before offering the machine for sale. Mr. Prusser is quite a genius and has made many devices for his own use around his farm, including an auto which he made out of other parts, and a windmill which he manufactured himself. His friends are watching the cotton picking machine just invented and predict a success for the inventor with the cotton picker.

U. S. TURNS DOWN BALLINGER BOYS

When the big battles are fought in Europe and the news comes back that certain Americans crowned themselves with honor by carrying the stars and stripes in the face of the Krupp death dealers, it will not be the fault of Ballinger that the names of her young men fail to appear in the hero list. This city has sent more than dozen young men to the recruiting stations within as many days, and with perhaps two exceptions they have all been returned home.

Apparently Ballinger boys are as healthy as anybody's boys, but for some reason they fail to get by, and are returned home. Out of the number passing the preliminary examination recently at San Angelo and sent to Fort Bliss at El Paso for the final examination, only one was accepted. Arch Holloway has enlisted and assigned duty as a truck driver at Fort Bliss. Arch has been on the Brooks' jitney line from Ballinger to Winters for more than a year, making from one to a half dozen trips each day, Sunday included, and he has driven upwards of a half hundred thousand miles and he will be on the job when it comes to driving a truck even into the face of the enemy.

Roy Reeder returned from El Paso Wednesday night. Mr. Reeder went to the fort with full confidence that he would be given a place in the quartermaster's department, but failed to come up to the physical test and was told that Uncle Sam could not use him. Luke Mangum, who also went to El Paso for the final examination, failed to get by. Roe Stocks returned from El Paso first of the week, being rejected on account of his somnambulism.

At the rate of rejection for the past week or ten days the boys have become somewhat discouraged an dit will take conscription to bring some of them to the front.

WINTERS PLAYS PROFESSIONAL BALL

The professional baseball played by the Winters team Saturday afternoon was just a little too much for the local team, and the score of 10 for Winters and 0 for Ballinger was the result. With Seroginus doing the heavy work for the visiting team the local players did not have a chance to make the game interesting, and they realized this in the first time up, and it was almost a three up and three down game for the local players, while the visitors chased around the diamond to the tune of ten scores.

The game was played on the high school diamond and quite a bunch of fans witnessed the de-

Master Minds Will Tell

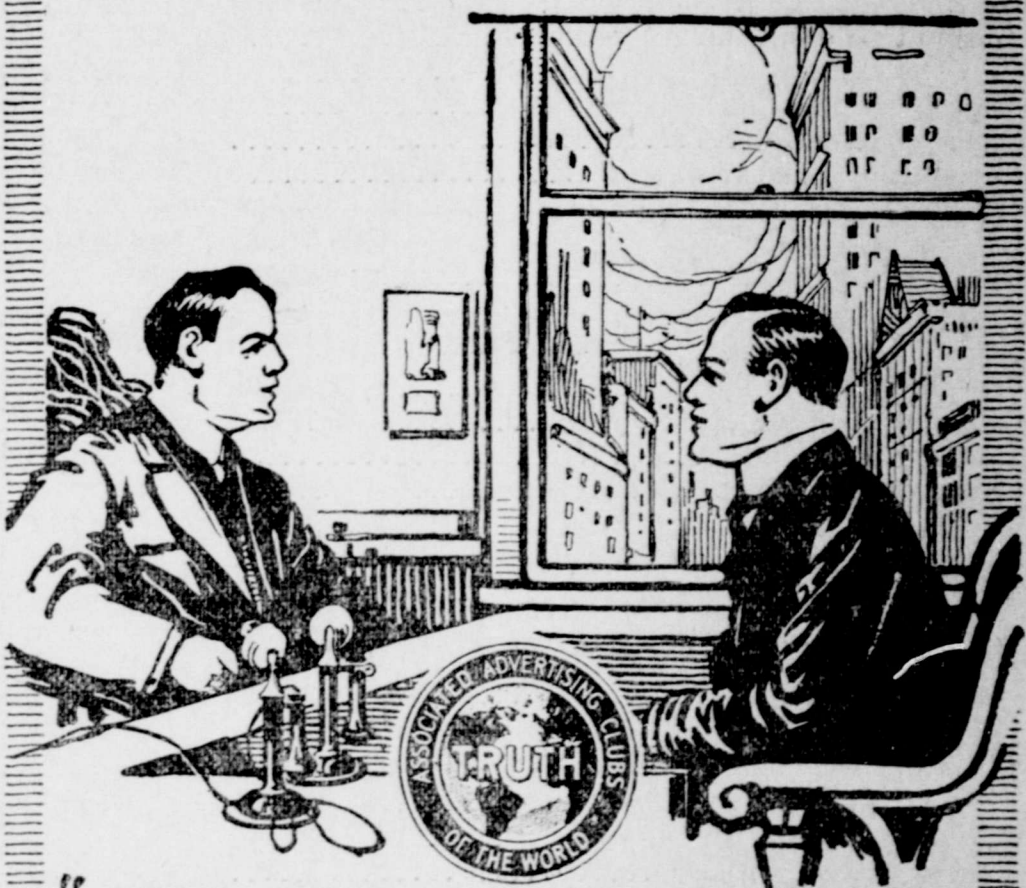
THE greatest problem of today is the problem of markets—of getting goods from the maker to the final user in the cheapest, best way. The central thought of the great

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LOSS OF BIG STEAMER AND 70 LIVES CENSORED

feat of the local players. The visitors showed that they had been practising and with the line-up brought here they can make it interesting for most of the amateur teams in this section of the baseball world.

The line-up for the Winters aggregation was as follows: F. Johnson, s. s.; D. Chapman, 1st b.; C. Davis, 3rd base; S. Seroginus, p.; L. Johnson, C. R. Seroginus, 2nd base; H. Mullins, c. f.; J. Mullins, l. f.; Rogers, r. f.; while the local team for the Saturday's game was made up of Henderson, Lynn, James, Thurman, Mangum, Kirk, O'Kelly, James and Gregory.

RUSSIAN TO REMAIN LOYAL TO THE ALLIES

PETROGRAD, May 5.—After two days of continuous cheering, muttering and postling by mobs surging back and forth in a demonstration approaching perilously near organized riots, the provisional democratic government has apparently succeeded in re-establishing itself. In an all night meeting of the Duma last night the new government apparently succeeded in smoothing out all the differences between the Duma and the soldiers and workmen's delegates. In the mean time the temper of the surging crowds has perceptibly changed, the yelled imprecations against the ministers quieted by cheers for a democratic Russia. Twenty-five thousand people jammed the streets around Marinsky palace throughout the night, but when informed of the agreement reached between the provisional heads and the soldiers and workmen's committee they greeted the announcement with wild applause and dispersed.

Foreign Minister Milukoff stated again that under no conditions would Russia make separate peace with Germany, but would stand by all obligations and pledges made to the allies.

LONDON, May 10.—The loss of a big passenger steamer with seventy persons, including several of the most prominent people in Europe, was announced today in an editorial attack made on the British admiralty and House of Commons by the London Chronicle.

The Chronicle voiced the insistent demand that the House of Commons explain why the Admiralty pursues its inconsistent policy of concealing facts and keeping the public in the dark. "About two weeks ago," the editorial in the Chronicle declares, "a large steamer was sunk and several lives lost. Some people of note were killed and so far no news of the disaster has been published."

Edward Spill, of Brownwood came in Wednesday at noon a will spend a few days with his folks before going to Houston where he has accepted a posit with the Houston Post.

E. M. Setser and daughter Miss Myrtle, and his son, R. and W. K. Lilly, of the No. 1 country, were among the visitors shopping and looking after a business in Ballinger Tuesday

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Annual Financial Statement Runnels County

Annual Financial report of W. C. McCarver, County Clerk of Runnels County, for the year ending January 31st, 1917:

W. L. Brown, County Treasurer

Jury Fund	
To balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1915	\$ 252.11
To amount received during year	1,178.41
To amount transferred from other funds	2,000.00
By amount paid out	\$ 2,259.00
By commission on amount received	17.67
By commissions on amount paid out	33.88
By amount on hand to balance	1,119.97
To balance on hand	\$ 3,430.52

Road and Bridge Fund

To balance on hand Feb. 1915	\$ 2,190.66
To amount received during year	23,713.73
By amount paid out	\$ 20,903.04
By commissions on amount received	355.71
By commissions on amount paid out	313.54
By amount on hand to balance	4,332.10
To balance on hand	\$ 25,904.39

General County Fund

To balance on hand Feb. 1916	\$ 1,459.83
To amount received during year	21,806.19
To amount script received	45.00
To amount transferred from other funds	3,000.00
By amount paid out during year	\$ 23,848.46
By commissions on amount received	327.76
By commissions on amount paid out	357.72
By amount of script	45.00
By amount on hand to balance	1,732.08
To balance on hand	\$ 26,311.02

Special Fund

To balance on hand Feb. 1916	\$ 2,360.98
To amount received during year	5,761.68
By amount paid out	\$ 1,593.93
By amount transferred to other funds	5,000.00
By commissions on amount received	86.42
By commissions on amount paid out	23.90
By amount on hand to balance	1,418.41
To balance on hand	\$ 8,122.66

Advertising Fund

To balance on hand Feb. 1916	\$ 168.75
To amount received during year	196.85
By amount paid out	\$ 81.50
By commissions on amount received	2.95
By commissions on amount paid out	1.22
By amount on hand to balance	279.93
To balance on hand	\$ 365.60

Court House Bond Sinking Fund No. 1

To balance on hand Feb. 1916	\$ 1,660.02
To amount received during year	1,859.70
By amount paid out	\$ 835.36
By commissions on amount received	27.89
By commissions on amount paid out	12.52
By amount on hand to balance	2,643.95
To balance on hand	\$ 3,519.72

Bridge Bond Sinking Fund No. 1

To balance on hand Feb. 1916	\$ 1,808.53
To amount received during year	1,820.64
By amount paid out	\$ 2,524.44
By commission on amount received	27.31
By commissions on amount paid out	37.87
By amount on hand to balance	1,039.55
To balance on hand	\$ 3,629.17

Bridge Bond Sinking Fund No. 2

To balance on hand Feb. 1916	\$ 1,735.67
To amount received during year	1,860.13
By amount paid out	\$ 1,011.24
By commissions on amount received	27.91
By amount on commissions paid out	15.17
By amount on hand to balance	2,541.48
To balance on hand	\$ 3,595.80

Jail Warrant Fund No. 1

To amount received during year	\$ 741.73
Amount paid out	\$ 1.85
Commissions on amount received	11.12
Commissions on amount paid out	.03
Amount on hand to balance	728.73
To balance on hand	\$ 741.73

W. T. Padgett Tax Collector

(From February 1916 to final settlement 1915 rolls)	
To balance on 1915 rolls Feb. 1st, 1916	\$ 25,271.33
Amount supplemental roll	222.56
Amount redemptions	789.09
Amount penalties collected	76.95
Amount advertising fees collected	67.75
Amount due collector final settlement	53.83
Amount paid county treasurer	\$ 24,567.76
Commissions to tax collector	354.35
Amount insolvent lists	227.73
Amount delinquent former years (list)	678.34
Amount errors in assessments (list)	176.57
Amount delinquent 1915 (list)	451.29
Amount due county final settlement	25.47
To balance on hand	\$ 26,481.51

W. T. Padgett Tax Collector

(From May 1st to end of term)	
Amount county tax roll 1916	\$ 59,482.76
Amount county poll tax roll 1916	827.50

To amount redemptions collected	2,482.42
To amount insolvents collected	10.37
To amount advertising fees	136.95
To amount supplemental roll	70.60
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 21,969.76
By commissions paid to tax collector	768.19
By balance tax rolls to M. D. Chastain collector	40,272.65
To balance due on 1916 tax roll Feb. 1st, 1916	\$ 63,010.60

M. D. Chastain Tax Collector

(From November 27th to February 1st, 1917)	
To amount 1916 tax rolls from W. T. Padgett	\$ 40,272.65
To amount redempt collected	197.06
To amount advertising fees	10.75
To amount supplementary roll	42.03
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 8,507.96
By commissions to Collector	118.22
By balance due on tax roll	31,896.31
To balance due on 1916 tax roll Feb. 1st, 1916	\$ 40,522.49
To balance due on 1916 tax roll Feb. 1st, 1916	\$ 31,896.31

W. T. Padgett Tax Collector

(From February 1st, 1916 to final settlement)	
To balance on hand Feb. 1, 1916	\$ 1,039.75
To amount extra receipts	5.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 185.98
By commissions to tax collector	9.77
By error in reporting Co. only	55.00
By amount receipts returned unused	794.00
To balance on hand	\$ 1,044.75

W. T. Padgett Tax Collector

(From May 1st to end of term.)	
To amount received from compt.	\$ 417.00
To amount county only	6.00
To amount extra receipts	165.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 252.95
By amount commissions to collector	13.30
By amount receipts to M. D. Chastain, collector	321.75
To balance on hand	\$ 588.00

M. D. Chastain, Tax Collector

(From November 27th, 1916 to February 1st, 1917)	
To amount receipts received from W. T. Padgett	\$ 321.75

O. L. Parish County Clerk

(From February 1st, 1916 to end of term)	
To amount jury fees collected	\$ 24.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 24.00
To balance on hand	\$ 24.00

W. C. McCarver County Clerk

(From November 1916 to February 1st, 1917)	
To amount jury fees collected	\$ 9.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 9.00
To balance on hand	\$ 9.00

Miss Mary Phillips District Clerk

To amount jury fees collected	\$ 5.00
To amount stenographer fees	42.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 47.00
To balance on hand	\$ 47.00

M. Kleberg County Judge

(From February 1st, 1916 to end of term)	
To balance bonds uncollected	\$ 41.05
To amount convict bonds approved	229.76
To amount of other collections	123.68
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 311.32
By amount credits allowed by court	83.17
To balance on hand	\$ 394.49

J. P. Flynt Ex-Sheriff

To balance fines uncollected, Feb. 1917	\$ 36.30
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J. D. Perkins Sheriff

To balance fines uncollected	\$ 32.00
To amount fines assessed during year	764.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 410.50
By commissions to officers	69.50
By credits allowed	51.00
By balance fines uncollected	265.00
To balance on hand	\$ 796.00

Paul Trimmier Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1

To amount fines assessed during year	\$ 505.00
By amount paid county Treasurer	\$ 359.50
By commissions to officers	64.50
By credits allowed	81.00
To balance on hand	\$ 505.00

A. D. Tally Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2

To balance fines uncollected	\$ 1.00
To amount fines assessed during year	35.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 29.75
By commissions to officers	5.25
By balance fines uncollected	1.00
To balance on hand	\$ 36.00

J. W. Cathey Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 3

To amount fines assessed during year	\$ 6.00
By amount paid county treasurer	5.10
By commissions to officers	.90
To balance on hand	\$ 6.00

M. G. Caperton Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 4

To balance fines uncollected	\$ 3.00
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D. F. Springfield ex-Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5

To balance fines uncollected	\$ 11.00
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J. T. Brown Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5

To amount fines assessed during year	\$ 187.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 99.45
By amount paid county treasurer	17.55
By credits appealed to county court	50.00

By amount balance fines uncollected	20.00
To balance fines due	\$ 187.00
To balance fines due	\$ 20.00
To balance fines due	\$ 187.00

Geo. S. Graves Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6

To amount fines assessed during year	\$ 18.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 15.30
By commissions to officers	2.70
To balance on hand	\$ 18.00

W. A. Halamiczek Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 7

To amount fines assessed during year	\$ 66.00
By amount paid county treasurer	\$ 56.60
By commissions to officers	9.40
To balance on hand	\$ 66.00

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct statement of the accounts as shown by the Financial Ledger.
W. C. McCARVER, County Clerk.

CONGRESS CONDEMNS LANSINGGAG

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The autocratic news gag proposed by Secretary Lansing shutting off all discussion and criticism of the country's war policy, met with a violent denunciation in all government quarters, and congress has about reached the breaking point on the censorship question. The subject is being treated like firebrand in both the house and senate chambers.

While the representatives aired their views privately the senators took the floor and ripped into the so-called invisible government efforts to throttle the freedom of the press and attempt to bottle up the news of government's activities to keep the people in the dark as to developments.

A QUITE HOME WEDDING.

On Sunday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Truly was the scene of a pretty, though quiet wedding, it being that of their daughter, Otelia and Mr. Roy C. Griffin.

The Rev. King spoke the impressive ceremony which united these happy young lives, there being present only the relatives and a few intimate friends. The bridal couple entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March played by Miss Anne Truly, the bride's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin left on the Santa Fe for Coleman, where a neat little home awaited their coming.

The bride needs no introduction to Ballinger people having been reared in this place. She is known and loved for her pleasing personality and amiable disposition which make friends for her wherever she casts her lot. She recently closed her second very successful term of school at Hatchell, where she won a host of friends.

Mr. Griffin, a native of our little neighbor city, Coleman, possesses the attributes of a true gentleman, and through his intelligent application to business gives promise of a successful career in his chosen work.

We are glad to join the friends of both parties in wishing them many joyful wedded years.

MOB MAKES QUICK WORK IN ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 7.—Star Daley, who, by his confession, killed Ray Gibson of Tucson last Thursday night and then assaulted Mrs. Gibson, was hanged to death late yesterday by a mob of Phoenix and Florence citizens. A coroner's jury, holding an inquest over the body of the hanged man, declared Daley was "a victim of justifiable homicide committed by persons unknown to the jury." Daley was taken from a sheriff's party which was attempting to flee with him from the threatening wrath of the crowd which was forming here. More than 100 automobiles were used by the pursuing citizens and when the sheriff's car was caught the deputies did not resist the mob.

After his capture by the mob Daley told how he had found the Gibsons camping near Mesa, where they had stopped while touring Arizona and the southwest in an automobile. He told how he stayed and chatted with Gibson and his wife for an hour or more and then how he shot Gibson to death and of his actions subsequently. He also confessed, said his captors, to other crimes. And after he had completed his story he showed the mob leaders how he wanted the noose to be adjusted and urged that he be hanged so his neck would break, rather than to be strangled to death. His executioners recited the Lord's Prayer in chorus, then placed Daley on top of the automobile, which was driven out from under him, and he swung to instant death.

Daley was arrested Friday on complaint of Mrs. Gibson.

MARINE CORPS WANTS EXPERIENCED MECHANICS

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Marine Corps is especially in need of technical men—men experienced in electrical, mechanical, civil, and automobile engineering, and aviation, and is offering special inducements to men of this kind who want to be "first to fight," according to an announcement made from their headquarters today.

To insure a completely uniform and trained body all Marine Corps recruits must first undergo preliminary military and naval training, but upon its completion those so desiring are available for positions in which they are best fitted.

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"Mother's Friend," which is applied by the mother-to-be herself, relieves the strain always experienced when the abdomen expands. "Mother's Friend" has a softening, penetrating effect. The breasts are kept in good condition.

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A valuable book for expectant mothers will be sent free. Send name and address to Bradfield Regulator Company, Dept. J, 413 Atlanta, Ga.

MAY CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY

Some one has made the motion, and it is awaiting a second, to stage a big celebration for June 29th, and to observe Ballinger's thirty-fifth birthday with a glorious jubilee and patriotic program. June 29th comes on Friday this year, and it is agreed that a two day's program would not be too much.

No one will deny that great good could result from a grand get-together rally for all the people of Runnels county and the surrounding country. The high cost of living may bob up and be one objection to pulling off such an affair at this time, and a barbecue is out of the question. This city could hardly afford to give a free barbecue unless we could get in on the big war loan and borrow a few thousand from Uncle Sam.

In case an entertainment is arranged for this date, or for any other date this summer, the feeding problem will no doubt have to be left up to the respective families, individuals and their friends. The suggestion that an old-fashioned basket picnic would bring together dinner ample for all, especially when the announcement is made that those who come must come with a lunch.

There is a demand for some kind of an entertainment this summer, and the business men are discussing it among themselves, and it is probable some announcement will be made soon.

YOUNG FOLKS SHOULD HAVE THIS BIBLE

The Daily Ledger is running the third bible coupon today. When clipped from the paper and presented at the office of the Ledger, with \$1.59, three of these coupons will entitle you to one of the famous red letter editions of the bible we are distributing.

The wonderful edition of the Bible now being distributed by this paper should appeal to every reader with a family. There is no book that could better be given to boys and girls—since not to know the Bible is to confess an ignorance that in after life will be acknowledged with shame and sorrow. The Bible makes a good foundation for a library—in fact, should be its cornerstone. Start that library today for your boys and girls. You will never regret it. The coupon printed elsewhere in today's paper, explains the generous terms by which the volume may be obtained almost free. Since our supply is limited, we can only urge our readers to be on the safe side and secure their copy as early as possible. We now have only what the publishers have allowed us as our proportion of the general distribution and hope none of the coupon holders will be disappointed.

YES! LIFT A CORN WITHOUT PAIN!

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

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

A small bottle of freezone cost very little at any drug store, but will positively take off every hard or soft corn or callus. This should be tried, as it is inexpensive and is said not to irritate the surrounding skin.

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

WINTERS REPLACING BURNED LUMBER YARD

DEATH CALL COMES TO PIONEER CITIZEN

As The Ledger goes to press this Friday, afternoon the many sorrowing friends of the family are gathered at the home of Wm. Doose, Sr., on Eventh street, where the last sad rites are being performed preparatory to carrying the remains to the City Cemetery and laying them to rest in one of the first lots surveyed out in this city of the dead.

Mr. Doose died at twenty minutes after ten o'clock Thursday night, May 3, 1917. He was sixty-nine years old, thirty odd years of which time was lived in Runnels county. Mr. Doose came to this county when there was no Ballinger, and he leaves a family of six children, all natives of Runnels county and his second wife, the first wife and mother of the children having died several years ago. One daughter, the oldest child in the family, Mrs. Park Smith, died several years ago. Mr. Smith and two children, Miss Bernice and David, reside at San Angelo, and are here to attend the funeral.

Mrs. George Wright, formerly Miss Alma Doose, is at Mineral Wells, and was not able to attend her father's funeral. Mrs. Matilda Osburn, another daughter, arrived from her home at Taylor at noon Friday. The three sons, C. A. Wm. Jr., and Arthur and the youngest daughter, Miss Anna Lee reside in Ballinger, and were present when their father died.

Deceased had been in feeble health for several years, suffering an attack of heart trouble from time to time, but most of the time was able to be up and about his business. He had been complaining for the past few days, but his condition was not such as to cause alarm until late up in the day of his death.

Mr. Doose was the pioneer boot and shoe maker of this city. He made a specialty of hand-made boots, and during the pioneer days he supplied cowboys with hand-made boots and built up a trade that extended over a large territory and into New Mexico and other cattle growing states. While the father did not take an active interest in public matters he leaves behind son who have ever been found in the forefront of progress, always doing their part, and often taking the lead in those things that tend to the upbuilding of the city, county and state.

As a token of esteem in which this pioneer citizen and his family are held, a large crowd gathered at the home of the deceased where Rev. J. W. Atwood, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and Rev. J. H. King, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church conducted the funeral services, and a long procession followed the remains to their last resting place, and did all that human hands can do to lift the burden of sorrow caused by death.

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RUNNELS SHEEP TOP THE MARKET

Max Russell has just received report on a shipment of sheep made to the Fort Worth market early in the week. Mr. Russell shipped one thousand head of sheep to Fort Worth. About ten per cent of the sheep were cut backs and brought only 8 cents, while the remainder averaged out eighty-seven pounds and brought the high price of twelve cents. The sheep clipped off heavy yield of wool and this brought forty cents. This sets a new price for mutton on the Fort Worth market.

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LAX-FOS is not a Secret or Patent Medicine but is composed of the following old-fashioned roots and herbs:

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WINTERS BAND MAKING MUSIC.

The Winters band has already "come out of winter" and will hereafter make music at the bandstand on each Tuesday night.

They gave the town the first concert for the season Tuesday night and it was good. Naturally they will improve as they go forward and add some new selections of the popular airs of the day—Winters Enterprise.

THIEVES ROB GINS OF BRASS FITTINGS

(Coleman Democrat)

The high price paid for brass and junk these days is causing numerous thefts throughout the country. At the town of Voss last week, Loggins Bros. gin was robbed of all its lubricators and brass fittings, valued at approximately \$100.00.

It is said the junk was battered beyond recognition and sold to a junk dealer at Brownwood. In this connection the Brownwood News says:

"Constable R. D. Shumate returned Saturday from Santa Anna, where he arrested J. W. Kelley, W. H. Kelley and A. H. Wannin, on a complaint charging them with the theft of junk, valued at more than \$50.00. They were lodged in the Brown county jail."

"Within the past several days gin owners of Brown county have reported to County Attorney A. E. Wilson and Sheriff Hugh Davis that brass fittings have been found missing from their gins. Two ginners from Bangs have reported losses of brass fittings, and one from McCullough county, each of whom says that the metal has been taken away and disposed of probably with junk dealers. It is supposed that campers, who make it a habit to stay overnight in the vicinity of gins have stolen the brass fittings."

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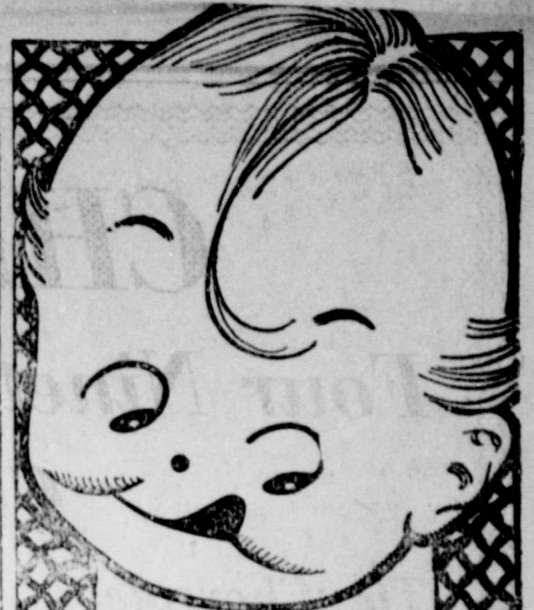
MAILING CLERK MAKES PERFECT RECORD.

W. M. Swift, chief clerk of the railway mail service, was here Saturday from Fort Worth to conduct a little exam. at the local post office. Under the present rule and way of doing things, the mail clerks, Alex Saunders handled must undergo an occasional examination the same as railway mail clerks. Alex Saunder handled eleven hundred cards, throwing each one in the proper place, doing the work within the required time, without a miss, making the perfect record of one hundred. This is the best record the mailing clerk at the Ballinger office has ever made, although he has maintained a good record at all previous examinations.

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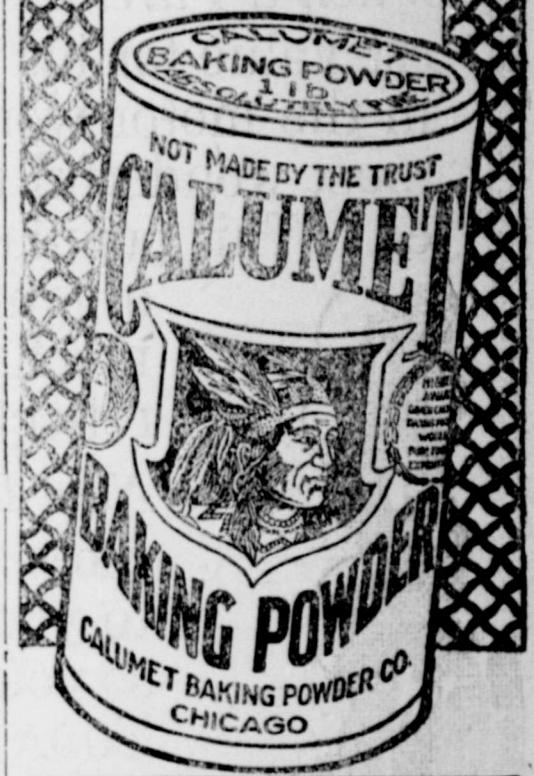
W. T. Brown of the Crews country, and his brother-in-law Ham Thompson, of Dallas, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.



"Goodies!"

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MOVING DAY IN BALLINGER.

T. J. Gardner has moved into a house owned by Mrs. D. C. Simpson on Sixth Street, just north of Dr. Walker's. T. P. Calloway has moved into the place vacated by Mr. Gardner on Eighth Street. Harry Lynn recently purchased the Boyd Stoeks place just vacated by Mr. Calloway. F. C. Miller is moving into the Alfred Luckett place south of the school building where he and family will reside until their new home is completed.

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who we understand were not applicants. It is probable that some of those elected will not accept and the places made vacant by such failure to accept, will of course be filled later. The faculty as elected at Friday's meeting, is as follows:

High School: Prof. J. M. Skinner, Miss Barnett, Miss Smith, Miss Schawe, Miss Bostie, of Santa Anna, Miss Tolson, of Miles.

Central School: Prof. L. S. Bird, Misses Mae and Myrtle Bridwell, Miss Hamilton, Miss Stafford, Miss Tennie Ludwig, Miss Peavy, and Miss Goldman, of Brownwood.

West Ward: Miss Caperton, Miss Whitlow, Miss Gregory, Miss Mackie James.

South Ward: Prof. and Mrs. James.

It will be remembered that Prof. W. S. Fleming was re-elected superintendent at a meeting of the board held a month ago, and Mrs. Parker was re-elected teacher of the colored school.

All the teachers were elected at the same salaries paid for the term just closing, with the exception of the salary of the principal of the Central school, Prof. Bird being elected at a salary of \$85, while this place has only been paying \$75.

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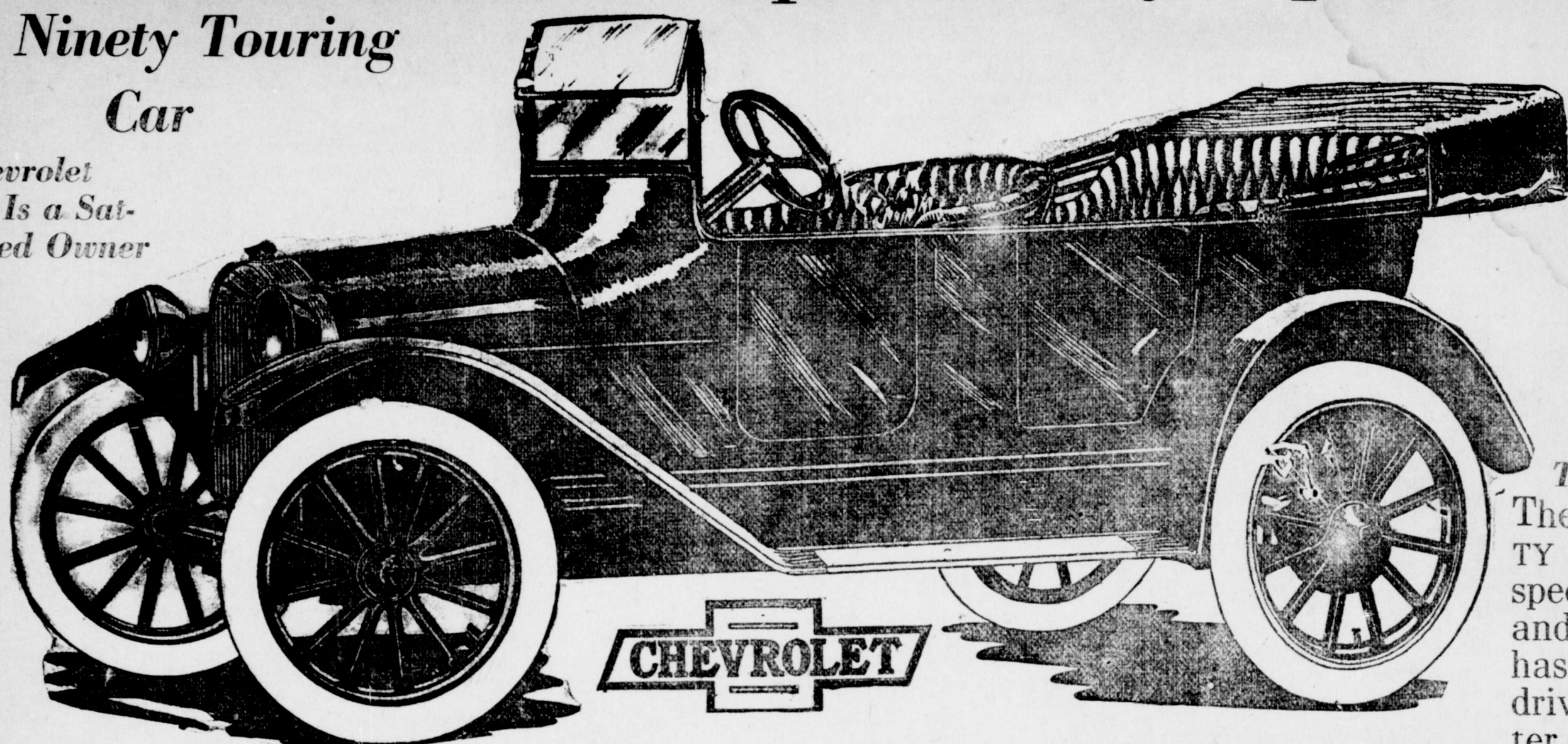
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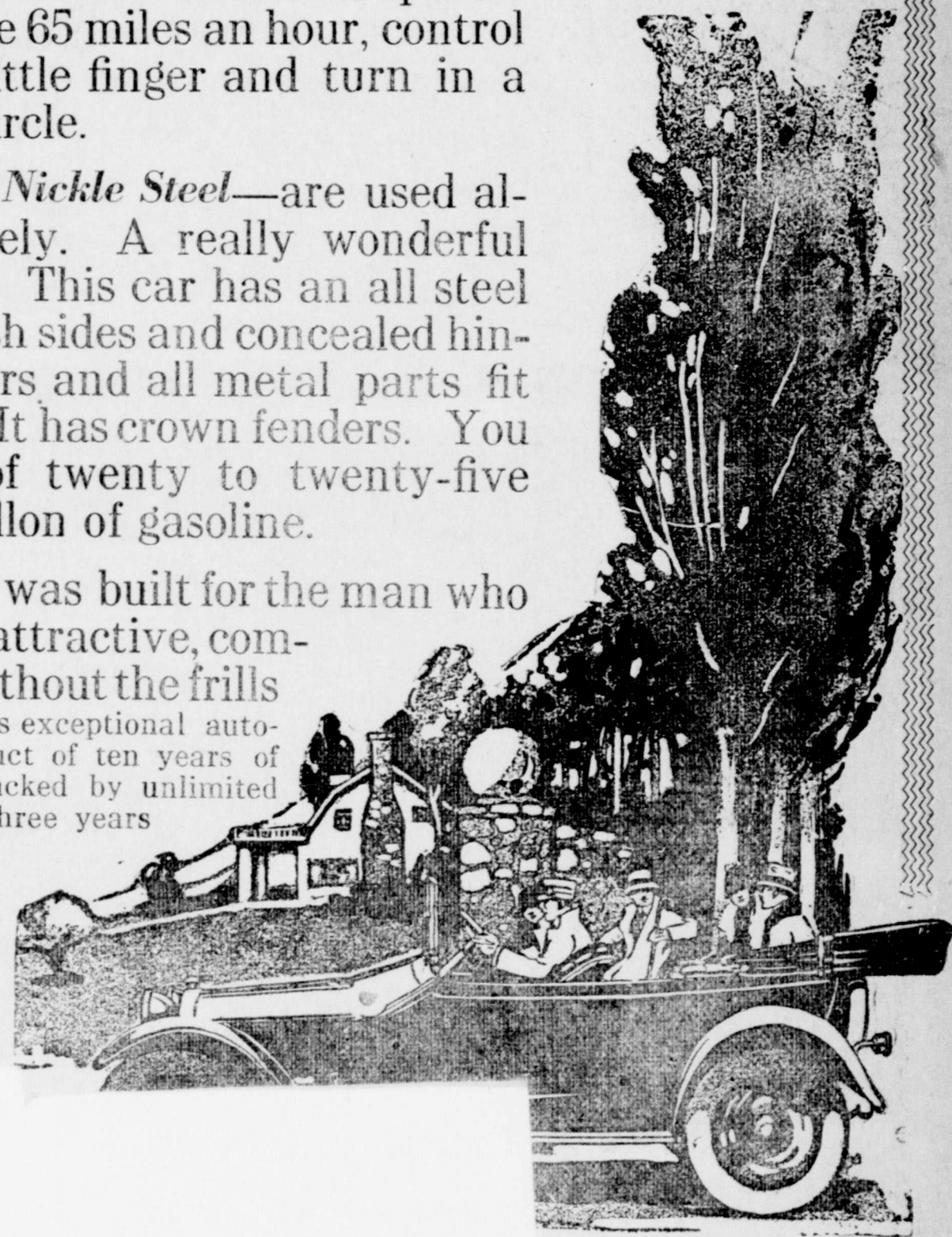
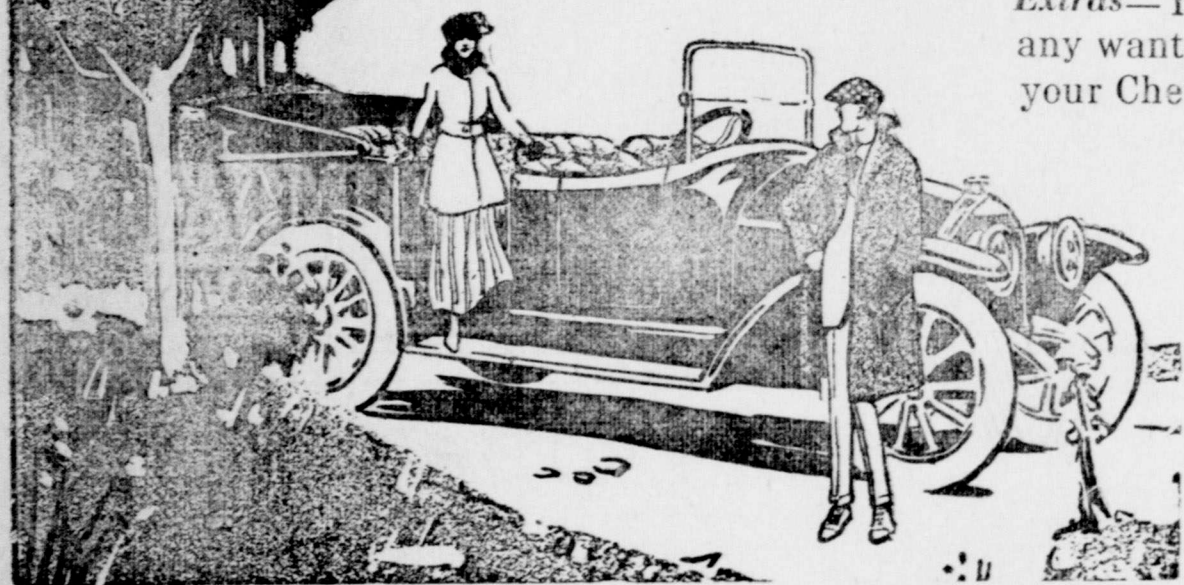
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ANGELO BUTCHER KILLS GROCERMAN

SAN ANGELO, May 9.—James A. Pasley, age 42, head of the Pasley Grocery Co., was shot and instantly killed at twenty minutes after seven o'clock Tuesday evening. Ed Dugan, a meat cutter in the Cash Meat Market, surrendered to the officers following the killing, and was placed in jail to await examining trial.

The market and grocery store are in the same building, and the killing was the result of a quarrel over an order for a dozen eggs. It seems from information gained by statements made preceding the killing, that Dugan took an order from a customer over the phone for a dozen eggs and is alleged to have turned the order over to the proprietor of the grocery store. For some reason the eggs were not delivered, and in fixing the responsibility for the failure to deliver the eggs, Pasley and Dugan had some words. This occurred earlier in the day. The trouble was renewed a few minutes before the killing when one of the parties demanded an apology from the

other. There are several minor knife wounds on the body of Dugan, who used a .32 calibre pistol, shooting Pasley twice, the bullets lodging in the neck, one of which broke the man's neck and caused instant death.

Pasley leaves a wife, but no children. Dugan is a single man.

Pure Mebane Triumph cotton seed for sale by Jeanes Produce Co. 6-d&w-tf

Resolution of Respect, Ballinger Grove No. 613, Ballinger, Tex.

Again the reaper, death, has entered our grove and claimed our esteemed Sovereign, O B. Corbett, who departed this life at his home in Ballinger, Texas, on the 16th day of April A. D. 1917. As it was our Father's will, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst Sovereign Corbett, be it therefore resolved:

First, That we bow in humble submission to our Father's will and await that happy reunion where parting will be no more.

Second, That we cherish his memory, and commend his family and friends to Him who alone can comfort in this hour of sadness.

Third, That we tender our sympathy to the bereaved family, as-

suring them that in their sorrows we mingle ours, and pray the blessings of Heaven to guide and comfort them.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record book of our grove; that a copy be given the family, and that a copy be given the papers for publication.

All of which we respectfully submit.

J. A. OSTERTAG,
KATIE GRESSETT,
MATTIE WILKE,
Committee.

TO HOLD FARMERS' INSTITUTE HERE.

Hon. Ed R. Kone, assistant organizer of Farmers' Institutes for the state department of agriculture, will be here on May 14th, and will hold a farmers' institute at the court house at 4:30 o'clock.

Capt. H. L. Bently, in charge of the work in this district, will assist Judge Kone while he is in this district, and he will be present at the Ballinger meeting. All farmers, business men and the public in general are urged to attend this meeting. Judge Kone will lecture upon the necessity of increasing food and feed acreage, and his subject will be "Foods and Feeds."

he will be assigned a place at the training camp near San Antonio, where he will put through a three month's training. Other recruits for the training camp here are awaiting orders and will probably go to the training camp before the week is gone.

Henry J. Miller, the Blacksmith. has opened up a blacksmith shop next door to H. H. Hardin Lumber Co. All tools are new and ready for use. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction by me. Your patronage will be very highly appreciated.

HENRY J. MILLER,
13-d-4tw The Poor Man's Friends

Mrs. R. H. Clem, of Dallas, came in Tuesday night, to visit relatives and Ballinger friends and was accompanied by Miss Nell Alexander, who was returning home from an extended visit to Dallas.

Ballinger Barber Shop. You will find Hugh Griffin in first chair; Billie Storm, second chair and Perse Griffin and Mike Boyd in third and fourth chairs. We appreciate your business.

MIKE C. BOYD,
HUGH GRIFFIN,
9-12td 2tw Proprietors.