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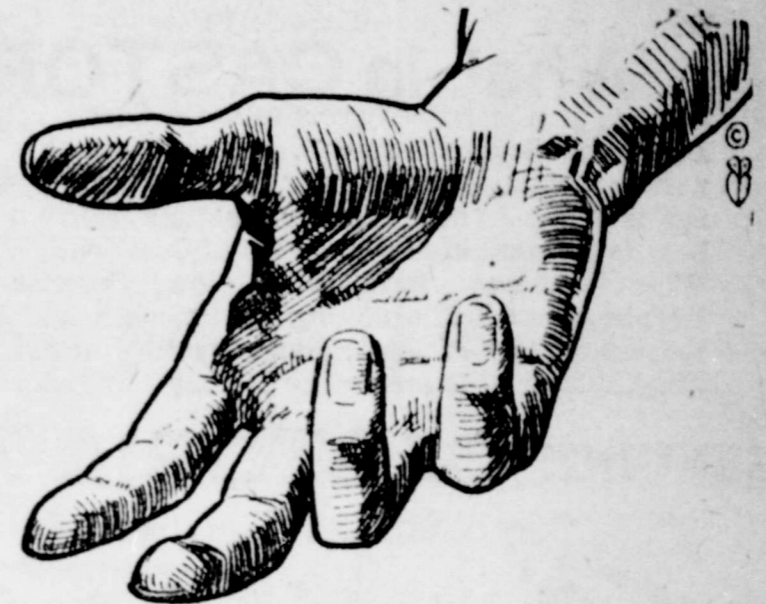
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RUSSIANS TO KNOW WHAT U. S. AIMS ARE IN WAR

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The United States government has planned to make known at an early date its attitude toward the Russian soldiers and workmen's union slogan "no annexation," "no indemnities."

This statement while not yet revealing the attitude of the American government to the Russian soldiers and workmen's contention it will doubtless take the form similar to that of French Premier Ribots' statement recently made in Paris. At least the state department of America let it be known today it sympathizes with Ribots' remarks.

This means, judging from Ribots' remarks, that the United States favors the return of Alsace-Lorraine to France and restoration and indemnities for small nations including Belgium. The pronouncement of this position it is thought will be in accord with the allies. This statement of America's views probably will include a more definite and concrete announcement of America's aims in the war than anything said to date.

CLOSED WILMETH SCHOOL.

Prof. C. A. Cowan and his sister, Miss Cana Cowan passed thru Ballinger Monday afternoon en route home at San Marcos from Wilmeth, where they had just closed a very successful school year. Both patrons and pupils are loud in praise of the faithful and efficient school work done by Prof. Cowan and sister.

W. C. Jones and family moved out Tuesday to their farm south-east of the city, and will spend the summer and will return in the fall in time for school again.

NIVELLE'S SOLDIERS DOMINATING

PARIS, May 23.—Gen. Nivelle's forces resumed an offensive today and won for the French the complete domination of the Ailette valley.

The French general also reports the capture of three German lines of trenches east of Chevreux and other advances by the French on the sector from the plateau of Vaulerue to Califormie.

With French Armies on Champagne Front, May 23.—General Nivelle's new offensive began last Sunday and thunderously continuing for three days, forestalled the gigantic German counter offensive. German prisoners captured and held by the French revealed the enemy's plan for the big counter offensive today. Their explanation threw light on the tremendous power behind the recent German counter attacks as well as the great force which the French were successful in ejecting in their victorious advance.

PARIS, May 23.—Marshal Joffre and former Premier Viviana arrived in Paris this afternoon, returning from the United States and completing their mission. Gen. Joffre brings great news of American hospitality and friendship and the two governments know the aims of each other in the war better as a result of the war conference.

A. & M. WORK COMING NICELY

We are not publishing in detail the proceedings of the mass meeting held Tuesday afternoon. There is a reason. It is not necessary that the world know everything Ballinger is doing at this time. Suffice to say that the meeting was a success, and if the 'slackers' desire to know what steps are being taken to secure the A. & M. college, they should have been present.

As encouragement to those who are interested in the work in hand we will say that every requirement of the bill creating the new college, and every demand made by the locating board has been complied with, and Ballinger's application for the school will be presented in due form at the proper time. This city is taking the law to mean what it says, and will offer no bonus, either directly or indirectly and it is the opinion of many that the offering of a bonus by other cities applying for the college will be looked upon by the committee with no little resentment. The law is plain in saying that the committee shall not consider a bonus, and that the school must be located where the best advantages are offered, and at the same time limits the purchase price of the site to \$50,000.

It is not known when the locating board will begin the work of inspecting the sites offered. All applications must be in by June 1st. The locating board will go over them and will no doubt thin them down, and select a number of the most logical locations and will visit these some time during the month of June. The town that offers the better site, backed by more natural advantages than Ballinger, will have to be a mighty good place, and we do not know where that town can be found.

TICK LAW TRIAL IN CONCHO COUNTY

Judges C. P. Shepherd and A. K. Doss returned from Paint Rock Tuesday afternoon where they had been for a couple of days representing the state in the trial of a case of State of Texas vs. Abe Mulkey, charged with moving cattle from Concho county into Runnels county without having them inspected and freed of ticks as required by the tick law.

This was the first case tried in Concho since the adoption of the tick law in that county more than a year ago, and it was bitterly contested. Judge Louis Wardlaw, of Sonora, defended Mr. Mulkey, while Judges Doss & Shepherd, of this city, prosecuted. The jury only deliberated on the facts in the case a short while and returned a verdict of guilty, fixing the punishment at a fine of \$50 and costs. Mr. Mulkey immediately gave notice of appeal. There are six other cases pending in the Concho county court, the defendants being Concho county parties. These cases will come up later.

WILL HAVE TO PLANT HIS CROP OVER.

R. W. Bruce was in the city from his farm Monday afternoon. Mr. Bruce stated that he and a number of his neighbors would have to plant their cotton over. The hail cleaned up a strip of about three miles wide, extending south from the Bruce farm and striking the Embury farm. While maize was beaten off and badly bruised up by the hail Mr. Bruce stated that it would come out, but it was his opinion that all cotton where the hail fell would have to be replanted. There was a hard wind and a heavy rain in the Bruce neighborhood.

May Season Boosts Crops; Hail Strip South of City

Five rains, totaling 2.80 inches have fallen in Ballinger, and extended over the surrounding country during the last two weeks, dating from May 6 to May 21. The fall as shown by the record kept by the gauge at the First National Bank is as follows: May 6, .30; May 10, .10; May 12, .75; May 20, .85; May 21, .80.

The rains have been so general as to make the seasons average up over this section of the state, and there are few places that have not received all rain necessary for time being, and crops will thrive for a couple of weeks.

The rains have been heavier at some places than others, as will be shown by the report compiled by the West Texas Telephone Co., from the rain of Sunday night. This rain extended as far east as Lampasas, and is reported general over a large scope of country, the Sunday night's rain being much more general than the rain of Saturday night. The telephone company makes the following report: Abilene, good rain; Brady, two inches; Maverick, Wingate and

Crews, two inches; Paint Rock, Rowena, Miles, Talpa, one inch; Winters 1.30; Truitt, Olfen Coleman 1.50; San Angelo only half inch; Eldorado, Stacy, Santa Anna, Norton, Menard, Concho, good rain; Robert Lee and Fort Chahourne did not receive rain Sunday night, but good rains fell at those places Saturday night.

Heavy Hail and Flood.

Telephone reports from the Embury, Bruce and Dr. Fowler farms six miles south of Ballinger say that hail did great damage to crops and heavy rain washed down fences and did damage to fields. Where good stands of cotton and maize were growing there was nothing left and replanting will be necessary. Heavy hail drifts remained on the ground through out the day Monday. Wire fences were washed down in low places, and the flood waters tore their way through plowed ground and damaged fields. This country has been visited by a flood and hail twice this spring, the first hail coming before crops were planted and no damage was done.

BRAZIL CONSIDERS HERSELF AT WAR WITH GERMANY

REDRAFT DRASTIC FOOD BILL

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A redraft of the administration food bill, even more drastic in its terms than the original bill, was to be introduced in the house today by Chairman Lever of the agricultural committee. The appointment of Herbert C. Hoover to be food administrator was one reason for redrafting the bill.

In the new bill President Wilson will be given practically every conceivable power to control food and food products. Chairman Lever expects to formally report out the new bill to house late this week. It will be considered probably next week after the passage of the revenue bill and the passage of the bill to promote census and to provide money for buying garden seed.

CATTLE SHIPMENT.

Dave Hinds and Martin Frick, of the Winters country, John H. Lewis of the Crews country and Street and Middleton of Ballinger shipped out Monday three carloads of fat cattle to the Fort Worth market.

NICARAUGA BREAKS WITH GERMANY.

Washington, May 19.—Official announcement was received by the state department today that the Nicaraguan government had severed relations with Germany.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 23.—The president of Brazil called a special meeting of his cabinet today for the purpose of discussing the sinking of the Brazilian steamship Tijuca.

It is presumed that the Tijuca was destroyed by a German submarine, and if this is proven there will probably be hostile movements by the Brazilian government.

Public excitement is at the highest pitch since the American break with Germany, and in view of the almost universal belief Brazil will change her break with Germany into a declaration of war.

"Brazil is not declaring war on anybody," declared Foreign Minister Pecanha today. "She is only defending herself; it was Germany who declared war when she announced her purpose to sink all neutral ships which were not violating any international laws, but which were hauling freight and passengers, carrying on commerce in compliance with international law."

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H. W. Lynn was made president and E. A. Shepperd, secretary. H. O. Jones, D. M. Hillyard and D. B. Diggs were elected as a board of directors. To these were added J. F. Paxton, W. E. Newton and Ed P. Eason as a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

The minimum membership fee was placed at 50 cents per month, this amount made to particularly apply to individuals such as salesmen and wage earners. The board of directors were instructed

to make a suggestive list of membership fees for the various business concerns in the city. This will be done at once and the first month and a half dues paid into the secretary, thus paying the dues up to July 1st.—Winters Enterprise.

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Mrs. B. W. Pilcher returned home Monday afternoon from a two weeks visit to Waco, Cisco and Dallas. Mr. Pilcher met her at Cisco and accompanied her home. She was the guest of Mrs. Aug. Glober and family while at Dallas.

Miss Bertha Rasbury left Monday morning for Talpa to visit her friends, Mrs. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Kidd for a few days.

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WEST TEXAS TRAITORS FORM CONSPIRACY AGAINST U. S.

Indictments returned by the Federal grand jury at San Angelo last week against a gang of conspirators operating in this section, and the arrest of the leaders is responsible for considerable excitement in the places where the arrests were made.

Eight of the leaders were carried to Dallas Sunday, and it is reported that at least a dozen others will be carried to that city where they will be held for further developments or released on bond.

One of the men held is T. A. Hickey, editor of "The Rebel," a Socialist paper, and a former candidate for governor of Texas on the Socialist ticket. Hickey was released at Abilene Saturday on a \$1,000 bond.

The first leaking out of the wholesale investigation being made by the Federal authorities occurred at Snyder last week when eight men were arrested there on indictments returned by the Federal grand jury in session at San Angelo. Later a more detailed account of the great conspiracy was given by the San Angelo Standard, following a statement made by a Federal officer.

The plot is said to be the most gigantic conspiracy against the American government ever formed. If the alleged traitors had been successful in putting in operation their plot it would have caused a revolution throughout West Texas that would have cost hundreds of lives.

It is the opinion of the Federal officers that the plot uncovered at Snyder and for which the indictments were returned at San Angelo, is only a part of a plan which takes in the entire nation, and is the result of an anarcho-socialist influence being backed by German money.

The arrest in Stonewall county of T. A. Hickey, by a state ranger last Thursday night is believed to have been the first arrest in connection with rounding up of the plotters. Reports later from Snyder said that eight others had been arrested and later twelve others were arrested at Rotan. Names of those taken to Dallas Sunday are given as Bob Benton, B. E. Beeson, W. Y. Butler, H. R. (Sho-tv) Wren, R. J. Jones, Wili Bradley and D. P. Childers. These men were placed in jail at Dallas, and refused to make a statement when called on by reporters.

The parties arrested are charged by indictments, returned by the Federal grand jury, with conspiracy, and the indictments allege "that on or about March 1, 1917, in Scurry county, unlawfully, wickedly and feloniously, conspire together to oppose by force the authority of the United States of America." The second count is more specific than the first, and is as follows:

"(1) To oppose by force the raising of an army by the United States by conscription or otherwise; (2) to forcibly take from the possession of the duly authorized peace officers or military officers of the United States any of said conspirators, who might by conscription, or otherwise, be enlisted or enrolled, or attempted to be enlisted or enrolled in the army or navy of the United States; (3) to destroy the property of the United States for the purpose of preventing the enrollment or enlistment, by conscription, or otherwise, of any of said conspirators and for the purpose of releasing from the custody of the duly authorized military or peace officers of the United States any of said conspirators charged with and held for violation of the laws of the United States; (4) to assault and kill the duly authorized officers and agents of the United States engaged under the authority of the United States in raising an army for the United States; (5) by obligating themselves, and other persons who might thereafter join in said conspiracy, whose names are to the grand jurors, unknown, to vote to acquit any of said conspirators charged with the violation of the laws of the United States before any jury, upon which any of said conspirators might be serving as jurors, regardless of the guilt or innocence of the member of said order so accused; (6) by threatening to take life of, or to do serious bodily injury to any of the said conspirators who should disclose to the duly authorized officers of the United States the existence of such conspiracy, or the facts con-

stituting same.

A Scurry county farmer is credited with being the man who notified the Federal officers of the conspiracy, according to unconfirmed reports from a source considered reliable. It is stated that the movement was inaugurated by the organization of farmers into a so-called protective union for co-operative purchasing advantages. All members pledged themselves to obey instructions from headquarters, it appearing that only the ring leaders were aware of the organization's intentions and purposes. Shortly came a command which ordered each man to purchase a 30-30 rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition and then the most diabolical part of the plot, as outlined by the second count of the indictment.

At this stage, it is asserted, the Scurry county farmer wired the government agents and a secret service man was soon on the scene. From his informant he learned the password and by means of it entered a secret session of the conspirators at Abilene. There he is understood to have obtained not only verbal confirmation of what he had been told, but orders in writing, which are thought to have led to the returning of the indictments in San Angelo.

Information received is to the effect that a delegation from the plotters on Sunday of last week called on the man who disclosed their plans and threatened his life. The farmer presented a bold front, however, and the would-be assassins departed without harrasing him. The patriot is said to have appeared before the grand jury in Angelo the latter part of last week, together with dozens of other men who had entered the conspiracy without being aware of its nature. It is reported that approximately 5,000 men in towns and communities along the Texas & Pacific railroad and other portions of Texas were enlisted in the movement before it was uncovered.

Other Arrest to Follow.

Some of those arrested have been bound over to await the action of other Federal grand juries, and that other arrests will be made is freely predicted. It is believed that the conspiracy will be sifted to the very bottom by the Federal officers, as secret service men are known to be operating throughout the entire country, and many towns may contribute to the gang that is being rounded up.

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Chas. S. Miller returned Friday from a visit to the big oil gusher at Damon Mound, twenty-five miles from Rosenberg, Texas. Mr. Miller says the well is spouting oil at the rate of seven thousand barrels per day. The oil is flowing into a big earthen tank, and is being conserved in the best way possible. The Ballinger banker owns some oil land near the big well and he visited the field to see what developments were being made.

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KAISER'S PLAN FOR DOMINATING WORLD

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Germany's next peace declaration, expected to suggest a program of territorial renunciation of the east and west, is regarded here as largely answered before hand by information revealing for the first time the full scope of the imperial government's aspirations for conquest in the south. This information discloses as one of the primary aims of the war a plan for concentration of an impregnable military and economic unit stretching from the North sea to the Mediterranean—cutting Europe permanently in half, controlling the Dardanelles, the Aegean and the Baltic and eventually forming the backbone of a Prussian world empire.

In the light of German history the plan shows how implicitly the kaiser has followed out the blood and iron political-economic methods of Bismarck for development of Prussian power. Considered in view of the present war map, it shows that the major portion of the kaiser's war program has been accomplished, regardless of what disposition is made of conquered territory in France, Belgium and Russia. A full realization of this situation adds a new force to the repeated declarations of allied statesmen that the German peace maneuvers are in reality war moves and that a premature truce only would give Germany a resting period in which to further Prussianize. Although officials have refrained from definite public expressions of what the United States might demand as a peace guarantee, these possibilities recall with recurring emphasis President Wilson's declaration that America might fight until "the world is made safe for democracy."

How minutely defined is the German plan and how accurately it is being carried out have become fully apparent only with the opening up during the last few weeks of several new avenues of information. The return of American diplomatic agents from the central empires, the visit of the British and French war missions, detailed confidential reports of the recent frank expressions in the reichstag and in the German press and deduction of alert American agents abroad watching the newest peace moves have supplied the explanation of more than one hitherto obscured feature of the German policy. In her southeastern conquests it now is apparent that Germany has followed the long established plans of the Pan-German league, whose propaganda had been regarded outside of Germany as the harmless activity of extremists too radical to be taken seriously. Coupled with this plan, as an instrument of economic concentration, the German officials have used with only slight modifications the system of customs union expansion which aided Prussia in former years to extend her dominations over the other German states now making up the empire.

As early as 1911, the Pan-German league is said to have circulated a definite propaganda of conquest, with printed appeals containing maps of a greater Germany whose sway from Hamburg to Constantinople and then southeastward through Asiatic Turkey was marked out by boundaries virtually coincident with the military lines held today, under German officers, by the troops of Germany, Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. Adhesion of the German government itself to such a plan was not suspected by the other powers, although the propagandists were permitted to continue their activities unhindered and to spread their appeals in a country of strict press supervision through the Pan German Gazette and other radical publications. How closely the German government did adhere to the plan in reality has demonstrated clearly, it is considered now, by the course of the war. Follow-

ing in the footsteps of Bismarck, Emperor William chose war as the means of establishing the broad pathway to the southeast which was essential for realization of the dream of a great Germany.

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

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WILL LEAVE TOMORROW FOR NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass will leave Tuesday afternoon for New York, and other points in the East and North. Dr. Douglass goes to New York for a six weeks post graduate course, and he and Mrs. Douglass will visit in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and other places while on the trip. Their little son Sidney, will visit with his grandfather at Cleburne while Dr. and Mrs. Douglass are in New York.

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MOTHER'S FRIEND

BROWNWOOD GRAND JURY FINDS 19 BILLS.

The Brown county grand jury quit work last Saturday after holding six day session, and reported to the court the finding of nine felony indictments and ten misdemeanors. This is a pretty good showing for the moral condition of Brown county, and the showing would have been a better one had not the report of the grand jury said: "In some localities of Brown county boys and young men are forming a very bad habit of using 'bitters' as a beverage, which all know to be detrimental to health and morals. We suggest that the druggists of the county use much care as to whom they sell this stuff, and that it be impressed upon them that it is a violation of the law to sell these 'bitters' as a beverage."

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NORTON SCHOOL NOTES.

Last Friday the Old Norton school closed. The school seems to have been successful the past year in every respect. Patrons came to the closing ex-

ercises with well filled baskets and spread dinner in the house for all present. There was plenty of dinner for twice the crowd and every one showed his appreciation for the dinner by taking part.

After dinner the pupils rendered a short program which they had prepared for the occasion. The program closed with a short to the point talk by Rev. J. N. Key.

After this the people met on the ground to witness some contests. The first was a pie eating contest. The boys who took part had their hands tied behind them and to the first one who would eat his piece of pie was awarded a box of candy given by A. P. Cleveland. Marcus Turner was winner.

Next was a sack race and to the one who would get in a sack and run across the ground was awarded a pocket knife by A. P. Cleveland. Alton Bryan was winner.

In the potato race two prizes were given, one to the boys and one to the girls. T. J. McCaughan of Norton gave a pocket knife to the boy winner and Miss Ruth Greer gave a box of candy to the girl winner. Laurence Bryan was winner in the boy contest, making the round about six seconds quicker than any one else. In the girl contest only two took part and the result would have been almost a tie had it not been for one of the players failing to go around the last ring, which according to the rules of the game disqualified her. The judges decided in favor of Edna Caswell.

After this the school boys and girls played a basket ball game, which resulted in 7 to 5 in favor of the girls. Another game was played by the boys which was real interesting from the fact that most of the players did not know the rules of the game.

The prospects are that we will have a good school for next year. The trustees have employed A. P. Cleveland and his wife to teach next year. They leave June 9th for Austin, where they will be in the summer school of the State University. Last winter they built a teacher's home on the ground valued at \$500, and with our share of the appropriation for next year we are expecting the best yet.

"SCHOOL KID."

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

ANOTHER CHILD BITTEN BY SKUNK

The Ledger gave an account of a child in McCulloch county being bitten by a skunk last week. The skunk's head was carried to Austin for examination and later the child was carried to the Pasteur Institute, it being learned that the skunk was mad. The Brownwood Bulletin of Monday gives the account of another child being bitten by a skunk in that county, the report of the attack being made on the child as given by the Bulletin in as follows:

Soe Martin of Indian Creek was in Brownwood early this morning, bringing with him the head of a small skunk which Sunday afternoon was killed after having bitten Mr. Martin's three-year-old daughter. The head of the animal will be sent to the Pasteur Institute at Austin tonight, for examination as to hydrophobia germs. If found advisable the child will be taken to Austin for treatment.

Mr. Martin says his little girl was playing near a turkey pen Sunday afternoon, and saw what she thought was a kitten inside the pen. The pen was built of wire, for the purpose of protecting little turkeys. Entering the pen the child chased and caught the "kitten," and the skunk immediately bit her, first on the leg and then on the thumb. The child ran fifty or a hundred yards with the skunk gripping her thumb, and then another child with a stick struck the varmint and caused it to loose its hold. Mr. Martin then killed the skunk and cut off its head for examination.

The child is being treated by Indian Creek physicians and is doing nicely today. If hydrophobia germs are found in the brain of the skunk that bit her she will be taken to the Pasteur Institute and given all the treatment that can be accorded in such cases.

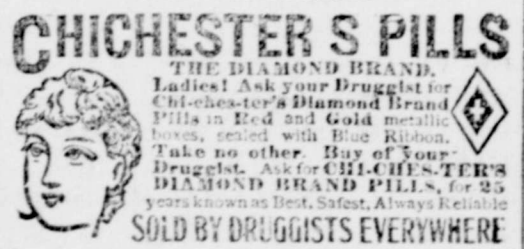
GIRLS! LEMON JUICE IS SKIN WHITENER

How to make a creamy beauty lotion for a few cents.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quarter pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness, and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face neck and hands.

Mrs. A. W. Cherry, of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to Zephyr to visit her parents a few weeks. She was accompanied by her brother, Johnnie Horton, who was returning home for the summer, having attended school at Winters the past term.



CHICHESTER'S PILLS
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. They are made with Purely Natural Ingredients. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS. For 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

Jack Pearce left Wednesday Morning for Talpa to look after cattle dipping during the day.

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.

THIS MAN SAYS HE FLIRTED WITH GRAVE

Fell Off Until He Only Weighed Seventy Pounds—Takes Tanlac and Gains Twenty-One Pounds.

"I'll tell you the truth; if I knew this Tanlac was not going to be sold any more I would buy every bottle on that counter over there before I left here tonight," said W. A. Spitzer, at Patton-Pope's Drug Store, Birmingham, Ala., recently. Mr. Pitzer is a well known painter employed by the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway Company, and resides at 910 South Sixty-eighth street, Birmingham.

"Before I began taking it I only weighed 135 pounds. Today I got on the scales and tipped them at 156—a gain of 21 pounds—and more than I ever weighed in my life. That's exactly what four bottles of Tanlac did for me. Just look at this belt. I had to let it out four inches and it is still tight on me.

"About seven years ago I commenced having stomach trouble, and it kept getting worse until I began having attacks of acute indigestion. When these attacks came on me I would just swell up like a mule with the colic, and got as limp as a rag. My breath would get short, and my pulse so weak, I was afraid my heart would stop beating. The stomach pump had to be used every time, as this was the only thing that would relieve me. Finally my kidneys went back on me and I don't believe I was out of pain night or day for four long years, and I actually got so weak I could hardly stand on my feet—much less work. I was fading away fast, and got down to where I only weighed seventy pounds. I was almost a walking skeleton, and I tell you I was flirting with my grave, and guess I would have been in it if it hadn't been for Tanlac. For four years I couldn't hit a lick of work. I guess I was as near dead as any man you ever saw to be alive. But, look at me now: I am strong and as well now as I ever was in my life, and can do as big a day's work as any man.

"Yes, sir, if ever mortal man has been through the rub I am the man. I have paid out, I guess, not less than \$2,500 in the past six or seven years for doctor bills and medicines, and have bought enough medicine from drug stores in Birmingham to own an interest in one of them, and I was lucky not to have had an undertaker's bill to wind it all up.

"I have been a painter all my life, and have had painter's colic several times, so guess that had a lot to do with my condition. Anyway, there seemed to be nothing that would straighten me out. Everytime I heard of a new medicine I would get it. I read of Tanlac one day, and that's one time I hit it right. That's what saved me. Why, Tanlac just raised me right out of my grave. I can now eat anything, and actually I eat so much I get ashamed of myself. My landlady said the other day she would have to raise my board. I told her, though, she must remember that for four years she made money off of me, and that I was making up for lost time. Why, seven or eight biscuits at a meal don't satisfy me now, but I just quit at that for fear I will overdo matters, but everything tastes so good to me now! And sleep! Why, I never would wake up if they didn't come in and shake me. I haven't a pain a-bout me now."

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."

Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons, of the Pony creek country, are rejoicing over the arrival of a 12 pound baby born, born to them Tuesday, May 18th.

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

Harold Walker came in from Llano first of the week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker.

Gus Noyes motored over from his Concho county ranch Wednesday to look after business interests in Ballinger.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED IN MISSISSIPPI

NE WORLEANS, May 22.—Eli Parsons, negro, and another negro, deaf and dumb, implicated by Parsons in his confession, were burned to death at stake near Potts Camp, Mississippi, early this morning by a mob of determined men who had taken the negroes from the officers by overpowering them. Parsons had confessed to killing Antoniette Bappel, a white girl, by cutting off her head after he had assaulted her near Potts Camp, about three weeks ago. Parsons also implicated another negro and the mob is seeking him, and another lynching is expected.

Memphis, May 21.—What has been deemed inevitable almost from the start occurred today when Eli Parsons, negro, slayer of Antoniette Rappal, the little Memphis school girl who he beheaded with an axe, was taken tonight by a mob from the hands of officers who had him in charge. Parsons is in the hands of this mob tonight and officials say that they have no hope of recapturing him.

He was captured by the posse of angry citizens at Potts Dam, Miss., 70 miles from Memphis. He was taken from deputies who had him in charge, on a Frisco train and who was taking him to Memphis for trial. At midnight word was received from the mob that the prisoner would be brought to the scene of the crime. Rain prevented this act tonight but they declare they will bring him there

NERVOUS SPELLS

And Combination of Troubles Relieved by a Combination of Medicines.

A quotation from one recent letter: "I have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Peptiron Pills as a course of medicine and find this combination has worked like a charm. They told me I had neuralgia, and certainly I was in a very low and discouraging state of health. I suffered extremely with nervousness and had neuralgia pains so I was extremely restless and could not sleep nights."

"Those nervous spells were awful! "I heard about taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Peptiron Pills—one before meals, the other after—the suggestion struck me favorably so that I have taken the medicines faithfully with pleasing results."

"It is a long time now since I have had one of those severe nervous spells. I can do a good day's housework, can work in my garden and walk a mile." Mrs. Fred J. Weekley, Bagdad, Fla.

Your druggist will be pleased to supply you with these good medicines.

in the morning, and will there hang and burn him.

NOTICE FORD OWNERS

Operate your Ford on 8c 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 \$35.

There is a Coal Oil System being sold at and around Ballinger, costing \$30. Our system is the same with an improvement which entirely removes all starting troubles. See our demonstration before buying. Then if you want one of the old systems we can procure one for you for \$15.

We are exclusive agents for Runnels and Taylor Counties. See us before buying.

T. H. NORMAN & CO.
Winters, Texas. 27-tf

We are in the Market for Your

Poultry and Eggs all the time.

Poultry and eggs sold to us will bring you the highest price the market offers when you are ready to sell.

Potter Produce Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Near the Santa Fe Depot.

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. Erwin.

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.

A Household Checking Account

As a fuller understanding spreads among women of thrift of the conveniences and economies of a checking account in a strong bank, this bank adds "Household accounts" on its books steadily. And almost daily some pleased woman remarks "If I had only known before."

We rise by making the failures of the past stepping stones to our future success. You can start on the better road to home happiness by opening an account here today. No sum is too small for the first deposit you want to make.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

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

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

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DIPLOMAS DELIVERED DESPITE DOWNPOUR

Despite the down pouring of a refreshing rain just at the time when their friends had been invited to assemble at the Carnegie Library Saturday evening and witness the graduating exercises of twenty-six graduates of the local high school. The rain did not interfere with the carrying out of the program, but prevented many from attending, and the crowd who witnessed the happiest moments in the lives of those who received diplomas was perhaps the smallest ever to attend a graduating exercise in this city. A number of the graduates who live in the country were not able to be present, but those present received their diplomas and the others were delivered later. Dr. Tolman delivered the address to the class, and the program as previously announced in this paper was carried out.

On Sunday night following, at the Methodist church, Rev. J. B. Curry delivered the Baccalaureate address to as large a crowd as it was possible for the Methodist church to seat. Special music was rendered by a large choir, and preceding the sermon Dr. B. E. Wallace invoked God's blessings upon the educational institutions of our land, the men and women who are devoting their lives to teaching the children, and the graduating class of twenty-six who occupied seats directly in front of the platform.

Six rows of seats had been roped off with class colors in front of the platform. Three of the rows of seats were intended for the parents of the graduates and the first three rows were reserved for the graduates. The seats reserved for the parents were not half enough and they had to be seated throughout the audience wherever seats could be found for them.

Rev. Curry used as his text in addressing the class of young men and women that familiar passage of scripture which says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed to the renewing of your minds," and the speaker in a strong appeal urged the young graduates not to drift with the tide of the world and be slaves to their environments, but to strive to be master of their environments. He told how easy it was to be made by environments instead of making the environments. The full text of the able message delivered to the graduating class and the large crowd of friends will be given in full in the Tuesday's issue of this paper.

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.

SHEEP AND GOAT MEN TURN DOWN RECORD PRICES.

Sheep and goat men in various sections of West Texas are refusing 45 cents per pound for their twelve months' wool and 68 1-2 cents for their mohair, according to information received here. Buyers in the Sonora and Ozona country are reported to have lately offered these prices, only to be turned down.

Max Marshall, who ranches north of San Angelo, recently sold his wool from the backs of 5,500 sheep at 40 cents per pound. The animals sheared around seven and eight pounds each, it is understood.—San Angelo Standard.

Get Rid of Your Rheumatism

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You will find Chamberlain's Liniment a great help. The relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost.



Don't Carry Water

Don't be a slave to your dishes. Save the time and drudgery of carrying and heating every bit of water you use. Install running water rig in your kitchen.

Turn the convenient faucet and have hot or cold water immediately. The satisfaction you will experience will repay you many times the cost of such a system. Let us figure on your plumbing at once.

Our repair department is equipped with the idea of prompt service in any emergency at the least expense possible.

E. G. Allison & Son
Phone 136

TELLS OF LIFE AT CAMP FUNSTON

Representative Wallace E. Hawkins, who is at present being trained for an officer's position at Camp Funston, Leon Springs, Texas, writes The Ledger the following interesting letter:

Camp Funston, Co. 3,
Officer's Reserve.

Gentlemen:—We fellows have been with Uncle Sam for practically two weeks of work. This is no play camp nor picnic—we work like Trojans for 10 hours daily, no time for anything except keep in good physical condition in order to meet every demand that the officers make of us. It is the busiest bunch you ever saw. I can only wish that America could be working as hard as these boys here to prepare to perform our pressing duty to the world.

Bethmann-Hollweg would be coolly disappointed if he could see the blistered feet, scalded bodies, the attentive ears, the tramp of the boys as they set a heretofore selfish step to the cadence of the guide. If he could see the 3,000 fellows, who by the way, are the real flower of the land, at night from 7:30 to 9:30 after a day of strenuous 'squads,' 'right,' 'port arms,' 'attention,' etc, I say if he could see these boys and men with tired bodies but with eager minds poring over the book trying to gain every bit of knowledge. All we ask is be patient for awhile, and the officers end of America's gift to the world will be in a position to begin the training of our nation for war.

Our boys say if it is France for us—"Hurrah!" If the trenches for us—"Hurrah!" All we ask is a chance.

Sincerely,
WALLACE HAWKINS.

WHAT IS LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA
A DIGESTIVE LAXATIVE
CATHARTIC AND LIVER TONIC

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

CASCARA BARK
BLUE FLAG ROOT
RHUBARB ROOT
BLACK ROOT
MAY APPLE ROOT
SENNA LEAVES
AND PEPSIN

In LAX-FOS the CASCARA is improved by the addition of these digestive ingredients making it better than ordinary CASCARA, and thus the combination acts not only as a stimulating laxative and cathartic but also as a digestive and liver tonic. Syrup laxatives are weak, but LAX-FOS combines strength with palatable, aromatic taste and does not gripe or disturb the stomach. One bottle will prove LAX-FOS is invaluable for Constipation, Indigestion or Torpid Liver. Price 50c.

Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Waters.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that W. A. Glenn, E. A. Brookshire and V. B. Bailey, the post office address of each of whom is Maverick Texas, did on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1917, file their joint application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which they apply for a permit to impound and appropriate a sufficient quantity of water to irrigate 185 acres of land described in said application, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be impounded and diverted from the storm and flood waters of the Colorado river. Said water to be impounded by the construction of a dam in and across said stream, the same to be about 150 feet long and six feet high, thus creating an impounding reservoir, having a capacity of 2,376,000 cubic feet; said dam to be located 35 yrs. above the southeast corner of the E. W. Bull survey No. 333 and on the Colorado river, 13 miles in a westerly direction from the town of Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas.

You are hereby notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated consist of 125 acres out of the Plessman Survey, now owned by E. A. Brookshire, and 60 acres out of the E. W. Bull Survey No. 333, now owned by W. A. Glenn, aggregating 185 acres, and situated in Runnels County, Texas.

A Hearing on the said joint application of the said W. A. Glenn et al, will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the city of Austin, County of Travis, said State on Monday, the 28th day of May, A. D., 1917, beginning at

Cool and Wet

Ice cold, with a snappy tang, Pablo gives immediate thirst relief. Being pure and wholesome, Pablo is the ideal hot weather beverage. Pablo is

The Happy
"HOPPY"
DRINK

It refreshes and satisfies all the way down. Just try Pablo and see. You'll agree with us that Pablo cools and invigorates. And it is healthful too!

Made by Pabst at Milwaukee

J. M. Radford Grocery Co.
Distributors



PABLO

NON-ALCOHOLIC

Airship Maneuvering Near Ballinger Excites People

Reports brought to Ballinger, Thursday afternoon by fishermen and campers on the Concho river that an airship passed over the country, was confirmed later by the citizens of Paint Rock. According to the report brought here the aircraft sailed from the east and was going west at a high rate of speed. For considerable distance the airship traversed along the line with the Concho river. It was sailing high but the buzz of the machine could be heard very plain and this attracted the attention of the people. It was about six o'clock Thursday morning, when the airship passed over the country, and many people who were out saw the machine.

G. G. Carlisle and W. A. Bridwell, who were in Paint Rock on business Thursday, say that the citizens of that town were considerably excited over the appearance of aviators in that section and there is considerable speculation as to the purpose of the maneuvering. San Antonio is the nearest aviation base, and it is possible that scouting is being done by Uncle Sam from that point, while some suggest that the aviators are sailing under foreign colors and are operating from some point south of the Mexican border.

From time to time for several months similar reports to this, have been made from different points in this section of the state, but the airship reported to have passed this way was seen at night and little credence have been placed in the report. This is the first ship reported to have been seen in the day time, and the best people of Paint Rock are firm in the statement that they saw the ship.

ten o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable, and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 23rd day of April, A. D., 1917.

J. C. NAGLE,
E. B. GORE,
Board.
Attest: (Seal)
W. T. POTTER,
16-4tw. Secretary.

U. S. Government Short On Seed

WASHINGTON, May 19.—No seed for free distribution nor for sale is at the disposal of the United States Department of Agriculture. The department, however, through its committee on seed stocks, is receiving daily telegraphic and other reports as to available supplies of seeds of crops for late planting, and will assist in locating seed stocks for localities where shortages exist. The committee is cooperating with State, local, and commercial agencies in an effort to secure better distribution of seed and to encourage plantings of all important crops.

Information regarding shortages and surplus stocks should be addressed to R. A. Oakley, Chairman, Committee on Seed Stocks, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. W. E. Brooks and little son, visited friends at Winters between Jimmy trips Saturday afternoon.

Mother's Troubles

Mother's unending work and devotion drains and strains her physical strength and leaves its mark in dimmed eyes and careworn expressions—she ages before her time.

Any mother who is weary and languid should start taking

SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL

as a strengthening food and bracing tonic to add richness to her blood and build up her nerves before it is too late. Start SCOTT'S today—its fame is world-wide.
No Alcohol.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 16-4

HEAVY PLANTING IN SORGHUN URGED

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The acreage of grain sorghums, including kafir, milo, and feterita, should be greatly increased this year the U. S. Department of Agriculture advises. There is need for abundant production of all crops used for stock feed or human food or both. In the central corn belt corn will be used largely to replace winterkilled wheat. In the western half or two-thirds of Kansas, of Oklahoma, and of Texas, where winterkilling of wheat was most serious, the grain sorghums are safer crops than corn. They are now staple crops in this southern part of the Great Plains area, the grain-sorghum belt. In this section their acreage should be expanded to the limits of available land. This is no time to experiment. Grow the crop that is sure. Grain sorghums can be grown with less moisture than corn and will withstand longer and severer droughts.

These sorghums can be sown throughout May and milo and dwarf milo are fairly safe when sown as late as June 15 or 20, except on the high plains in the western states. Sorghums do not germinate well in cold, wet soils and should not be sown until ten days or more after corn-planting time. Ground should be free from weeds before sowing the sorghums, as early growth is slow and they may be smothered by vigorous weeds.

WILL BUILD NEW COUNTRY HOME.

Plans have been adopted and

Corns Peel Right Off With "Gets-It"

2 Drops, and the Corn is a "Goner"

When you've got to walk on the sides of your shoe to get away from those awful corn-pains, there's only one common-sense thing to do.



Use "Gets-It" Your Corns Won't Swell in Water. Besides, They'll Shrive, Loosen and Peel Off!

Put 2 or 3 drops of "Gets-It" on the corn right away. Pain and inflammation will disappear, the corn will begin to shrivel from that instant—then it loosens and falls right off. There's no other corn-remover in the world that acts like "Gets-It." No new discovery has been made in corn-removers since "Gets-It" was born. Don't forget that fact. "Gets-It" does away forever with the use of salves that irritate, bandages that make a bundle of your toe, plasters that half do the work, knives and scissors that draw blood. Use "Gets-It"—no more digging or cutting. "Gets-It" is sold everywhere, in 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 26TH THE COMMENCE A GRE

A BIG SPRING DRIVE FOR MORE BUSINESS. In order to greatly extend our trade territory, we are making our wonderful one day specials by visiting our sale daily.



Men's Clothing

Woolens have advanced 150 per cent. Our prices are as cheap as they ever were. We have a beautiful line of tropical worsteds, Palm Beaches and Kool Kloths.

\$25.00 suits for	\$19.75
\$20.00 suits for	\$15.75
\$18.00 suits for	\$13.75
\$15.00 suits for	\$11.95
\$12.50 suits for	\$9.75
\$10.00 suits for	\$8.85
\$8.50 suits for	\$7.35
\$7.50 suits for	\$6.75

Men's Pants

Crown Pants are made right.

\$8.50 values now	\$6.90
\$6.00 values now	\$4.85
\$5.50 values now	\$4.65
\$5.00 values now	\$4.25
\$4.00 values now	\$3.45
\$3.50 values now	\$2.95
\$2.50 values now	\$2.15

Boy's Pants

\$3.00 values now	\$2.35
\$2.50 values now	\$2.15
\$2.00 values now	\$1.69
\$1.75 values now	\$1.45
\$1.50 values now	\$1.23
\$1.25 values now	\$1.05
\$1.00 values now	79c
75c values now	63c

War and Business

With wheat selling for \$3.00 per bushel and cotton at 20c per pound, with labor getting best wages known, and prosperity reigning over our country in spite of the war, we cannot see anything but much higher prices for all kinds of merchandise ahead.

The submarine is also one cause for higher prices. In March and April it is estimated 3,000,000,000 pounds of tonnage was sunk.

30,000,000 men are now in the different armies. Probably about 30,000,000 are now making war munitions. It is easy to understand why goods should be higher with so many less producers.

Guard against Civil War prices by buying a liberal supply of dry goods and shoes now.

America will continue to be the best dressed nation of people in the world.

Men's light and gray Palm Beach pants, \$3.50 values, \$2.95

Men's wash ties at 15c and 20c
Arrow collars in discontinued numbers, 3 for 25c

Men's \$1.50 gauntlet gloves \$1.20

Trunks at a substantial saving.

Men's Hats

\$8.00 values now	\$7.20
\$7.50 values now	\$6.75
\$6.50 values now	\$5.85
\$6.00 values now	\$4.95
\$5.00 values now	\$4.25
\$4.50 values now	\$3.75
\$4.00 values now	\$3.45
\$3.50 values now	\$2.90

Men's and Boys' Shirts

One lot men's shirts, values up to \$1.50, to close out at	69c
One lot men's shirts, values up to \$1.50, at	98c
Boys' K. & E. shirts and blouses, guaranteed fast colors, best workmanship.	
65c grade for	50c
\$1.00 grade for	85c

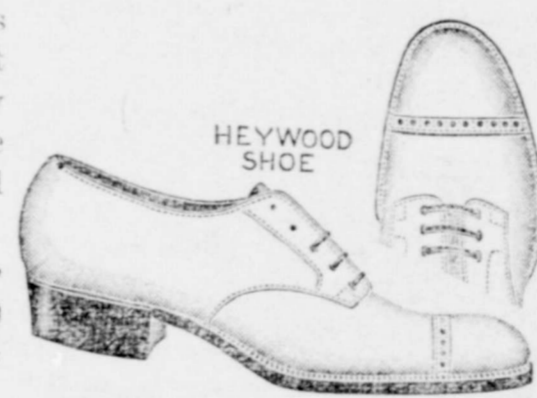
Corduroy Suits for Fall Delivery

Corduroy suits will be scarce and higher. We will take your order now and get your exact size. Delivery to be made in September or October. Very best grade corduroy, per suit \$12.50 and \$15.00

Shoes At Reasonable Prices

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One lot ladies' low shoes at \$2.69 Formerly \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 values.



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A	2	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	5	5 1/2	6	6 1/2	7	7 1/2	8	8 1/2
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C	1	3	3	4	2	5	3	3	1		1	1		1
D		1	7	8	2	2	3	7	3	2			2	1
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Strong and Garfield shoes, sale price \$9.75 This line will retail at \$10.00 this fall.

Heywood shoes, sale price \$5.50 This line will retail at \$8.00 and \$8.50 this fall.

Emerson & Mullins shoes, \$4.50 and \$5.00 values, sale price \$3.95

Men's work shoes, \$4.00 value \$3.15

Men's work shoes, \$2.50 value \$1.90

8 inch white Ostend cloth boots, with white heels, a special \$3.50 value, during this sale \$2.95

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SATURDAY, MAY 26th—We will sell 25 yards to customer. The mill

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TUESDAY, MAY 29th—We will sell 20 yards to

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30th—We will sell children's 25c hose at (limit 8 pairs)

THURSDAY, MAY 31st—We will sell cotton, a splendid 10c thread at

FRIDAY, JUNE 1st—We will sell Limit 6

SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd—We will sell Limit 14 sp

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TUESDAY, JUNE 5th—We will sell

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th—We will sell teed Work Shirts, a \$1.00 value at

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th—We will sell \$4.00 value at - - - - -

FRIDAY, JUNE 8th—We will sell 75c, and 85c values at - - - - -

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One day specials are placed in order to enable our out of town sold out. No 'Phone orders or mail Store Closed Friday, May 25 to A

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to a customer
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 - Will sell 50 dozen Star Silkine crochet
balls (limit 6 balls to a customer) - - 6c
 - Will sell 30 dozen fancy 35c towels at 19c
to a customer
 - Will sell 7 spools O N T thread for 25c
to a customer
 - Will sell 2000 yards staple check Gingham
(yards to a customer) - - - 9c
 - Will sell Williams 25c Talcum Powder 10c
 - Will sell 20 dozen Carleton Guarant
- - - - - 59c
 - Will sell 200 pairs Elk Work shoes, a
pair - - - - - \$2.95
 - Will sell 20 dozen boy's Overalls and Pants
- - - - - 50c
 - Will sell 1000 yards 15c domestic at 9c
to a customer
- on sale each morning at 10 o'clock
in customers to come in before we are
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Arrange Stock and Mark Down Prices

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Guaranteed to
give perfect satis-
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- \$2.00 values \$1.69
- \$1.75 values \$1.45
- \$1.50 values \$1.23
- \$1.25 values \$1.05
- \$1.00 values 89c

Misses' corsets,
65c grade - - 48c



- Boys' K. & E. union suits; 65c grade 50c,
75c grade 60c
- \$1.50 suit cases 1.20
- \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 telescopes 69c

*Thousands of yards of dress goods
in all latest materials on sale at
prices less than you expect to pay*

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- 35c boys' belts 25c
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- Rubber diapers 22c
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- Ladies' 35c supporters 25c
- 15c fancy sock elastic, a yard 10c
- 3 balls star silkine crochet cotton 25c
- 35c Shinola sets 25c
- 25c braid only 15c
- 10c machine oil 7c
- 25c Williams' Talcum 17c
- 25c tooth brushes 17c
- 16 inch feather dusters 50c
- \$1.25 hair brushes \$1.05
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- 50c cuff buttons 35c
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- \$1.00 cuff buttons 70c
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- \$1.50 values 1.20

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- \$1.00 dresses 85c
- \$1.50 dresses 1.20
- \$2.25 dresses 1.70

Children's Dresses

- 65c values 48c
- \$1.00 values 89c
- \$1.25 values 98c
- \$1.50 values 1.23
- \$1.75 values 1.45
- \$2.50 values 1.93

Hosiery

- \$1.10 Phoenix silk hose 98c
- 80c Phoenix silk hose 70c
- \$1.00 silk hose 85c
- 65c silk hose 53c
- 60c silk hose 48c
- 50c silk hose 44c
- 35c hose 29c
- 25c hose 21c



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Liven up your sluggish liver. Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.

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

Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmful Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my per-

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

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working; headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of Calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

Something Doing Every Minute

The boys from Ballinger who are in training at Leon Springs and working hard to qualify in Uncle Sam's army, have perhaps not found time to write to friends at home and tell how the training is carried on, but parties returning from the reserve officers' camp say that the camp is a busy scene from early morn until soldier's bed time. There are nearly 3,000 men in training at the camp to say nothing of the 1,000 regulars who are on duty there, and the several hundred National guardsmen and officers who have charge of the training. The training camp is 23 miles west of San Antonio and 150 motor trucks are operating between San Antonio and the camp, hauling supplies, etc.

At the camp the men are quartered in frame barracks, about seventy-five men to the building, or two barracks for every company. Cots and blankets are furnished, but if the boys want mattresses they just fill them with hay which they can pull from a stack on the grounds. Other equipment issued includes a uniform, four pairs of pants, Khaki trousers, regulation army shoes, two wool shirts and a fatigue blouse which must be worn in the evening.

The camp is kept in a perfect sanitary condition. There is a gymnasium, a hospital, a bank, a post office, a quartermaster's depot, on the grounds. The bank and commissary are operated by the government on the profit-sharing basis and all profits are used in procuring better food.

The physical examination is rigid and many applicants have been rejected for minor defects. All recruits are inoculated against typhus as soon as they arrive at the camp.

There is something doing at the camp all the time, and the three month's training promises to work some real vitality into the young men, and equip them for hard service. The first call comes at 5:54 in the morning and the last at 9:54, and the last call is for bed-time. Each company has a mess hall, in which paid cooks and waiters prepare and serve the

meals and the men are not required to do camp duty. The menu varies each week, and is about as follows for one week:

Breakfast—coffee, light bread, oat meal, fried potatoes occasionally and a light hash; Lunch—canned corn, bread, coffee and more hash; Dinner—canned fish, potatoes and hash again. This menu is varied each week and proves appetizing as all food is well prepared. There is no butter for one's bread or cream for coffee, however, nor ice tea, while such a thing as a cold bottle of beer is absolutely tabooed, as is all idleness, including cards, etc. Visitors are allowed to visit the camp, but not remain.

Following were the list of calls, duties, etc., observed last week:

1st call for reveille	5:54 a. m.
Reveille	5:55
Assembly	6:00
(Calisthenics without arms to)	6:10
Mess call	6:30
Sick call	7:00
Inspection of quarters	7:05
1st call for drill	7:15
Assembly	7:20
Recall	12:00 m.
Mess call	12:15 p. m.
1st call for drill	1:40
Assembly	1:45
Recall	4:25
N. C. O. school	4:35-5:00
Sick call	4:40
1st Sergeant call	4:50
1st call for retreat	5:25
Assembly	5:30
Retreat	5:35

(Parade, review or company drill for twenty minutes after retreat, also company inspection of arms.)

Recall	5:55
Mess call	6:15
Lectures, etc.	7:00-7:20
Call to quarters	7:30
Tattoo	9:30
Taps	9:45

(Sundays and Holidays)
1st call for reveille 6:15 a. m.
Reveille 6:25
Assembly 6:30
Mess call 7:00
Sick call 7:30

The above is life at the camp, as told by E. E. Murphy, in the San Angelo Standard. Mr. Murphy and four others have just returned to San Angelo, having been rejected for various reasons.

Mrs. Aubry Dunn left Saturday afternoon for Bangs to visit relatives and friends a few days.

Ballinger Girl Loyal to Texas Accused of Flying German Flag

Reports received in Ballinger from Sedgwick, Kansas, says that Miss Leona Miller was severely criticized for flying a Texas flag from her car recently. Miss Miller is the daughter of W. J. Miller, a brother of Chas. S. Miller, of this city and one of the men who helped to make Ballinger. Miss Leona was born in Ballinger, the family leaving here a few years ago, moving to Kansas and her experience will be interesting to her friends here. From the report it seems that the people of Kansas, or some of them at least, never heard of Texas, and mistook the Texas flag for a German flag, or the flag of some nation hostile to this country, and they said some hard things about the young lady.

The Sedgwick Pantagraph, called the people to time for criticizing the young lady for flying the flag which was as dear to her as Old Glory, and in reality which comes next to Old Glory with many millions of people. In an editorial following the incident the Pantagraph said:

"Hark ye, good citizens! Do not chastise unknowingly. Acquaint thyself with the historic events that came to pass in the great struggle that has taken

place during the establishment of our grand and glorious United States of America. Know ye, that each and every state now represented in the corner of our national emblem with a little white star backed by the blue and a life's struggle to enjoy the representation of that little indication of unionism? Have you not heard of Dave Crockett? Remember the Alamo? Have you heard of Sam Houston, Samuel B. F. Austin? Where is the Lone Star State? The flag that Miss Leona Miller displayed on her car recently is the Texas Independence Flag. It isn't a bit German and it never waved over the bodies of dead women and children. It is an emblem that means nearly as much to Texans as does our red, white and blue, for it was on the 21st day of April, 1836, that Sam Houston fighting to the last drop conquered Santa Anna, the dashing and brutal Mexican general."

Miss Miller has many friends in Ballinger who will be glad to know that she remembered the Alamo and that she remembered Sam Houston and observed Texas Independence Day even at the risk of being branded as a traitor through the ignorance of some of the Kansansites.

WONDERFUL PASSAGE FOUND IN THE BIBLE

Where in sacred or profane literature is there such a parable of human frailty, such a confession of the weakness of man's nature, as in the Third Chapter of Genesis. True at the very dawn of creation, its truth is eternal, and grapples our heartstrings today just as irresistibly, and we bow ourselves in humility, prayer and confession.

This chapter ought to be read frequently in these days of exaltation of the ego, and would doubtless restore a normal equilibrium to many a poor soul that is now floundering about in the darkness of self-conceit. The Big Print Red Letter Edition of the Bible now on distribution to the readers of this paper affords such easy reading, with its large, clear type, convenient size and flexibility, that it does not surprise us to see the crowds that bring their coupons daily apparently eager to obtain a long sought-for prize. A comparison of this beautiful book with others in the same class will show its unrivaled merits. It is so superior in all respects that there would seem to be no choice. Our coupon offer that appears daily in these columns is made to our readers in the best of faith. Examine today's coupon and you will be sure to cut it out.

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FIRST WAR BOND IS SOLD IN BALLINGER

The F. & M. Bank advertised in Thursday's Daily Ledger that this bank had been authorized to accept applications for "Liberty Loan" bonds. The opening of an agency in Ballinger and the announcement brought quick response and George Holman has the honor of being the first Ballinger man to buy a war bond. It is expected that others will follow, and the capitalists of this city will have a hand in helping to make up the big war fund. Mr. Holman's application has gone in, and he will soon be dawing interest on his patriotism.

The liberty bonds bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent from June 15th, 1917. They are issued in denominations as low as \$50, are exempt from taxes, except as applies to inheritance tax and are exchangeable for bonds of later issues if the rate of interest is increased.

Carroll Mullins left Saturday afternoon for Victoria to spend some time on a business trip.

ANOTHER BALLINGER BOY GETS IN CAMP

A letter from Ewing Taylor to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, received Friday morning, stated that he had at last passed the final examination and had been assigned to duty in Company three. The letter also brought the good news that this young man has been given the place of corporal, and does not have to go in as a private in the training camp.

Mr. Taylor states that he had quite a wait before getting in his turn for examination, but got by without any trouble after he was called for examination. He spent one year at West Point, and is in perfect physical condition, and with the educational advantages he has, he will no doubt receive a commission when the work of organizing the half million army begins. R. F. Sharp, another Ballinger boy and Ewing are in the same company. Judge Baugh is in Company Fourteen.

ALL FIVE BALLINGER BOYS ACCEPTED

J. H. Baugh, Ewing Taylor, R. F. Sharp, Sid Hale and Leroy Nicholson have been assigned to duty in the Officers' Reserve Training Camp at Leon Springs. This information reached Ballinger Saturday morning in a letter stating that Leroy Nicholson, the last of the five to be examined, had passed his examination and had been accepted for service. The letter also stated that five young men from San Angelo had been rejected.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

LEAVES FOR NEW HOME

R. W. Gilliam completed the work of loading his goods for shipping to Hereford, where he will go with his family to make their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam will spend a few days visiting with their children here until their goods have time to reach the destination and then they will follow. They leave many friends here who will wish them well in their new home. Mr. Gilliam recently sold his place here to Hugh Campbell, of Winkler county, and Mr. Campbell moved in the first of this week and took charge of all the work on the Gilliam farm.

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.

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TEACHERS RETURN HOME.

Among the number of the teachers of the Ballinger Public Schools, who left for their respective homes Saturday afternoon we noted: Miss Barnett to Georgetown; Miss Stafford to Eagle Lak; Miss Whitlow to Smithville, also Miss Elenor Hamilton left for Cameron to visit her sister a few weeks.

LOOK AT A CHILD'S TONGUE WHEN CROSS, FEVERISH AND SICK


Take no chances! Move poisons from liver and bowels at once.

Mothers can rest easy after giving "California Syrup of Figs," because in a few hours all the clogged-up waste, sour bile and fermenting food gently moves out of the bowels, and you have a well playful child again. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, and they become tightly packed, liver gets sluggish and stomach disordered.

When cross, feverish, restless, see if tongue is coated, then give this delicious "fruit laxative." Children love it, and it can not cause injury. No difference what ails your little one—if full of cold or a sore throat, diarrhoea, stomach-ache, bad breath, remember a gentle "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." We make no smaller size. Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

R. P. Taylor of the Norton country, was looking after business matters in Ballinger Tuesday and reports good rains Saturday and Sunday nights and no damage from hail at his place, but says lots of the cotton was killed out in his neighborhood by the heavy wind Monday.



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GRADUATION CLASS HAS THIS MESSAGE

Following is the substance of the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. J. B. Curry to the graduating class of the local high school at the Methodist church Sunday night:

Subject: "Master of Environment." Text: Romans 12:2.

My young friends this is your day. This day has meaning because it bears on the future. You strain your eyes towards the coming days longing for soothsayer and fortune-teller who will pull aside the veil. We who look on you now are saying: "What does the decades hold for these friends and students of ours?" There is a certain cheap curiosity that cannot be satisfied. We worry not over the career of those who will hear the voice of God. He knows what the "decades hold for you." The righteous life, the experienced life, under His leadership, grows steeper in the conviction that all prophecy is in us, that all life is one that the essential thing of earth will be the essential thing in heaven, and that he who follows the leadership of the divine one is co-laborer of "things to come." And you are to receive strength and inspiration from Him who "joins beginning with ending" and "in the search of infinite plan inspires the sower in the spring time of the world with the same word that cheers the reaper in the final harvest-time."

As we behold you today turning towards the future, we bid you hear the voice that says: "Be not conformed to this world. But be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds."

The word environment is one of the greatest words in the vocabulary today. It is demanding the most serious thought of the school room, the home, the church, and the commercial world. It is a common-place remark to say that a man's character is influenced by his environment. This is so true as to be a truism. It is a matter of daily observation that our character and opinions and conduct are, to a great extent, molded and fashioned by our surroundings.

Therefore the biographies of great men generally contain an account of the surroundings in which they were born and bred, and in which their character was molded. And because the external aspects of nature amid which the great man grew have stamped their impress on his mind and character, his biographer first gives you a description of the natural scenery which surrounded him in his youth. And then, following you will find a description of the intellectual and moral atmosphere of the home, of the school and schoolmasters that molded the plastic mind, and of the religious and social influences of his early life. Why should all these details be given? Because environment is one of the master forces that rule the life of man. Look back to your own history.

Therefore, it is very necessary for us to put forth constant effort to improve the physical and moral surroundings in which we live. It is the duty of the state to provide for its citizens and environment that shall be favorable to their physical and moral well-being. It is the duty of citizens to provide for their schools an environment that shall be favorable to the physical and mental and moral development of the pupils; of the parents to make the atmosphere of the home life helpful to the development of the child in body, mind, and spirit; of the church to create an atmosphere conducive to the development of christian graces and virtues. "For our life is largely shaped by the external influences with which we are surrounded."

Now, all this is true, but not the whole truth. "It is an important half-truth, but half-truths, when taken as whole truths, is the greatest of falsehoods."

There is a tendency to turn environment into a God, and fall down and worship it as if it were omnipotent. We exaggerate the importance of environment that molds man, at the expense of man that molds environment. How often do we hear remarks that imply that man is merely a creature of circumstances, a tool and a toy of his surroundings. By the way many of us talk one might imagine that character is altogether a question of climate; that religion is merely a matter of geography; that the moods of

the mind are determined solely by the state of the weather! Has the soul of man no power of initiation no creative faculty or function? Is it simply a piece of dead, inanimate clay molded or shaped by external circumstances over which it has no control? Such a view would paralyze moral effort and minimize moral responsibility.

If my character is simply the product of surroundings, am I responsible for my conduct? (Amplify).

There is something wrong in that view. We are responsible beings. "There is a voice within us that tells us so—the voice of conscience. There is another and a more authoritative one above us that tells us so—the voice of God."

God has given us power to mold our own characters, and to fashion our own destiny. "We should not drift, but steer." We should not float, but swim." True God has placed us on stormy seas, and we often feel ourselves at the mercy of the waves. But He has placed in our vessel a rudder whereby we can guide our own course. And if we go adrift, it will be thru our own fault. We cannot blame circumstances. Man is a creature of circumstances to some extent, yes. But he is still more a creator of circumstances, and he has his destiny in his own hands. We are influenced by environment, true, but we have it in our own power to rise above our environment and to triumph over it. That is what Paul exhorts the Roman christians to do. (Text).

If you will bear in mind to whom these words were written, it will help you get the thought of the discourse. They were written to Christians at Rome—corrupt, pagan, skeptical Rome. A city whose whole environment was not only "unchristian, but anti-christian. Where all the external influences were hostile to the spiritual life, and where foul and pestilential germs that poisoned the soul had charged the atmosphere. And, yet, Paul believed it possible to live a christian even in Rome; to dwell in the midst of its corruption "without lowering the flag of purity," to breathe its pestilential air without catching the fever of worldliness; to walk thru the muddy streets without "soiling the white garments of sainthood." But in order for this grand achievement to be possible, it was necessary that they should not conform to their surroundings, but be transformed above it by the renewing of their minds. And so Paul did not preach that easy-going, comfortable but destructive doctrine which you have heard, and, perhaps, repeated to others, "Do in Rome as Rome does." Paul boldly wrote: "Be not conformed to the manner of life that prevails around you in Rome, but transcend it by the power of God's spirit."

Stated, then, in modern terms, the general principle of my text is this: "Man is not to be a slave, but the Master of environment." Text. The mind is not the slave, but the master of the world. "The soul is greater than circumstances."

The favorite doctrine of a modern school of thought is that the condition of life every where is conformity with environment. We are told that the condition of the maintenance and growth of life is that it be in harmony with its surroundings, whether it be in the vegetable world, or in the animal world, or in man." As soon as any living organism falls out of correspondence with its environment, it dies."

There is a certain amount of truth in this view. Why does the tree grow and flourish? Because it is on friendly terms with its surroundings. The climate agrees with it. The soil is in harmony with it. The temperature of the air and the quality of the earth are in correspondence with the nature of the tree. There is lives and grows. Remove it to another climate, and it dies. The palm tree flourishes in the warm climate of the south countries; but transplant it as far north as our country and it becomes dwarf, because its nature cannot perfectly conform to its new environment.

But there is another and a more important truth. Life has the power of raising above its environment, of transcending it and of transforming it into something better." Indeed, the "essential and distinguishing feature of life

is its capacity to do that very thing."

Look at the flower. "Have you not wondered how the flower transformed its surroundings into a new beauty?" It does not conform—it transforms. Look at the rose, planted in the common soil, yet transforming that soil into rich hues and fragrance that are the wonder and delight of all. It is not conformed to the soil in which it grows, but it is transformed into a higher beauty. It is not a slave of the dust but its master.

And is not life in the animal but power to overcome external influences by virtue of its own vitality?

"See the skylark mounting upward and heavenward by the mysterious power of its wings, and singing triumphantly as it mounts in profused strains of unmediated art."

A stone thrown up in mid-air after him is speedily drawn back to earth, just because it is dead, it needs a living bird to transcend the power of gravitation. A fish in the stream can swim against the current, while the dead piece of wood or leaf is at its mercy.

Men might say of the members of this class: "You are graduates now. What need you more to bring you success?" They might look into your expectant faces and quote the words: "In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail." But the stern fact is that many of you do fear failure. You know well that your equipment is lacking. These years in school under wise teachers have made immense deposits in your minds and hearts. You have finished your course, and soon your proud hands will be grasping your diplomas; but you each must confess as you gaze out on the failure."

I have spent the years in building a vessel. Now, how can I make it move to a goal? Shall you wait for environment to move it for you? Small men are content to be at the mercy of the flowing tide, or fain would follow the line of least resistance; but giants—strong men and women—can stem the tide of environment.

Anybody—the weakling, the ignorant, can conform; the manly, the heroic thing is to transform. Be like the lily in the mud, which transmutes the smell of the stagnant pool into fragrance, and the sordidness of the mud into beauty.

What if the conditions above you be like the weight of gravitation which would drag your aspiring soul to earth! Be like the soaring lark, and mount upon the wings of faith and work and hope and prayer to the very gates of heaven, singing songs of triumph and praise as you mount.

What if the current of wickedness and opposition be as the rushing stream that seeks to carry everything before it; is not your own will power, backed by God's grace stronger? Ah! the mind that has been renewed by God's spirit is strong enough to resist the stream of corruption, and swim against the current. It was He "Rowing hard against the stream" who "saw distant gates of Eden gleam." Text.

We who live in christian America have need of Paul's stirring exhortation, to lift us out of servile conformity to the spirit of the age, and to remind us that we are not of this world, tho we live in it. We, too, are called to be christians in a "crooked and perverse generation."

It may be said that the atmosphere of the world in our day has been largely suffused by christian ideas and purified by christian influence, hence it is not as difficult for us to live as we should, as it was for those early christians, who lived "in an atmosphere of gross paganism and rampant unbelief. But, we must not forget that as those early christians were surrounded by the atheism and corruption of Rome, so we are surrounded by the "subtle and all-pervasive spirit of worldliness," which is "poisonous to the higher life, and which makes prayer and holy living and communion with God so difficult." The spirit of the world is ever seeking to "clip the wings of the soul that dares attempt to scale the heights of the higher life, and so to drag it down to the dust."

"The world is too much with us late and soon, Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."

And how prone are we to lower our flag to accommodate our ideals to worldly-minded men, whose ambition in life is of "the earth earthly;" and to make unworthy compromises, and to conform to worldly practices. We are ashamed to stand out as an exception among men, for fear of being laugh-

ed at, accused of eccentricity, or charged of being out of fashion. And so we bow before fashion and conform to worldly ideals.

Oh! the timidity and base servility of such a life! In the words of Dr. McAfee: "If a man accepts a low estimate of his own value, he will adopt a cheap course in life. If he feels that being comfortable is good enough, he will be content with the minor changes in his character. But if he feels that he is meant to be a son of God, he knows that something radical is needed."

In one of Scott's novels, a swine herd learns that he is son of a prince. Instantly there began to grow in him a sense of shame. Not of his position—a prince can be princely anywhere; not of his trade—a prince can dignify any trade. No, there grew in him a sense of shame of himself and his own defects, his quiet exception of filth; his ignorance, his low companionship. Rating himself as a swineherd was one thing. These defects seemed natural enough on that rating. But being a son of a prince—that is another thing, and the defects glared at him.

And so one of the surest signs that you have set your face towards the future, determined to win in an honorable way, as a young man or a young woman ought in a christian land; is that you find certain courses of conduct are hardly worth following, and that you do not conform to the low ideals and groveling ambitions that have alured many noble lives to shame and ruin.

Oh! may you have a new vision of life today, and as you gaze upon it may you cry, "My soul, rise from the dust, go forth and conquer; thou art not the world's slave, but its master."

Now, "Am sure you believe it possible for one to live above the level of their surroundings, for it has been proven and actualized in all the world's history. Do you remember the story of Abijah in the O. T. How like a lily in the mud is this young man's life! Abijah was the son of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Isreal to sin. "A man whose influence was like a contagious disease in the community of Isreal." Yet in his household grew that pure lily, Abijah. Listen to two messages of God to that house. The first is concerning the doom of a wicked mispent life: "Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away refuse, till it be gone." The very atmosphere was filled with the stench of the corrupt life. But out of the same home there sprang up a rose that filled the air with fragrance. Here is the second message that referred to the death of Abijah. "And all Isreal shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave; because, in him there is found some good thing towards the Lord God of Isreal, in the house of Jeroboam."

Or take the case of Shadrack, Meshach, and Abednego, the three non-conformist of Babylon, who prefer to face a fiery furnace rather than conform to the idolatry of Babylon, and trespass the law of conscience and of God. Lis-

ten to their answer to King Nebuchadnezzar—its worth remembering:

"Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the image which thou hast set up."

Oh! do not these early heroes make us blush with shame when we remember how reluctant we are to say NO to the powers of this world, and how ready to bow thee to the image of gold. What, then, shall we say of the heroes of the N. T. and of christian ages of Peter and Paul, of Luther and Cromwell, of Knox and Wesley, and of the great and noble army of christian martyrs and saints in all times and climes? Ah! they were not mere creatures of their own age; they were creatures of a new age. They did not conform to this world; rather being first inwardly transformed, they became transformers of the world and its history, and so proved what is "that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

And what was possible for them is possible for us.

There is a variation among you which we call "natural abilities." But there is another variation quite as distinct and fuller of meaning; and that is the quality to use your abilities.

Had you sought and gained this ability, your high school record would in some cases be more worthy, in other cases nothing short of remarkable. Now you are entering other schools. "Soon you will be matriculating—in professional departments, in teaching, in business, in house-keeping."

"What you need is not so much new power as it is the power to use your old power."

Much there may be in the order of the universe which still remains baffling and mysterious, much postponement of knowledge in God's education of the human race, "but what a step is taken towards sanity and self control and peace of mind" when one looks upon the world as the scene of spiritual intention and desire, which gives to its perplexing incidents their unity and worth.

It is as tho the "high stone wall which bounds the physical world opened into a gateway and one looks thru to a path of sunlight and flowers."

Oh! do not lower the standard of educated men and women, even for a moment. "Swim against the current; conquer the world of gravitation; be a saint in Rome; be a lily in the mud; be a daisy in the gutter."

Who knows but that in time your evil surroundings may be transformed into a paradise of God; your hard tasks into rounds of a ladder over which you will climb to prosperity; your disappointments into a white scroll upon which shall be written your declaration of success; your heart aches into heart throbs of peace that shall sweep over your soul in billows of gold; and the cloud of mystery which veils the future from your longing gaze into the gleaming gates of the Heavenly city, through which you may pass with those who were "transformed by the renewing of their minds" and proved "what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God."



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GRIGGS AND FAMILY LEAVING BALLINGER

Judge R. S. Griggs is busy arranging his business affairs preparatory to leaving for Fort Worth where he will spend the summer in the Baptist Seminary, preparing himself for the ministry.

Judge Griggs recently sold his home to Leslie Baker. Mr. Griggs and family are planning to leave Ballinger the last of this week. Mrs. Griggs and the children will spend a while with Mrs. Griggs' sister at Wichita Falls and will probably visit at other places before joining Mr. Griggs at Fort Worth. After his term in school Mr. Griggs will locate and take up the work for which he is preparing himself whenever the way opens for him.

Judge Griggs came to Ballinger nearly fifteen years ago, and engaged in the practice of law. He was elected county attorney and served four years in that office. He stepped from the county attorney's office to the county judge's office where he served for four years, and from the county judge's office he was elected representative from this district and served the district in the Texas legislature for four years after which he entered private practice of law, opening an office here.

From time to time he has been prompted to enter the ministry, and about one year ago announced that he had settled the question and would make of himself a Baptist preacher, and during the past year he has been shaping his business and preparing himself for that work. He will return to Ballinger at the next term of court and will be here from time to time until he finally disposes of some matters he has in hand.

Judge and Mrs. Griggs have a host of friends in this city and throughout the county who will wish them well, although it is with regret that Ballinger gives them up.

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J. F. Compton, who lives on the Willingham farm near Ballinger was transacting business in the city Monday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address. He gave us a specimen of Algeretta berries on his place that is now about ripe for use and this bush is full though he says about an average of half a crop is all they will produce this season.

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G. Goetz of Rowena, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

SAYS RABBITS DESTROYING CROPS.

L. B. Barker who farms on the Routh place about four miles from town on the Colorado river, says the rabbits are thicker than he ever saw them before and are already working on the crops. On account of the high cost of ammunition, or for some other cause, the rabbit drives were not held this spring as usual.

COW KILLED BY LIGHTNING

F. L. Harper had the misfortune to get his fine \$100 Jersey cow killed by lightning Saturday night. The cow was in fine shape and ate her feed heartily at the usual hour and in a few hours he found her dead after the electrical storm that night.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley and Robert Bailey left Sunday afternoon to visit at Temple and Dallas.

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