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County Gets \$30,000 for Supplying Planting Seed

The commissioners' court of Runnels county are now distributing planting seed, cotton, maize, fetterita, sorghum, etc., under the provision of the Drouth Relief Act, passed by the Thirty-Sixth Legislature, and farmers desiring to avail themselves of seed furnished under this law should file their applications as soon as possible.

County Judge Parish made the above statement to a Ledger reporter Tuesday afternoon. When asked on what basis these seeds were being distributed to the farmers Judge Parish said they were furnished on a straight loan, farmers being required to execute a note for the amount of the cost of the seed they receive, the note being payable in cash on December 1st, 1919, with five per cent interest from date of execution.

"We received a draft for \$30,000 last week," said Mr. Parish, "having executed the county's notes for this amount to the state of Texas. The county gets the money on four per cent interest, and it is payable one-half on January 1, 1920 and the other half on January 1, 1921."

Judge Parish stated that the county had arranged with the West Texas Grain Co., at Ballinger to handle the seed here and distribute them to farmers on orders issued by the commissioners court, and at Winters the Seigler Grain Co., is distributing the seed for the county. The county pays the distributors two and one half cents per bushel for handling the cotton seed and one cent per pound for handling the feed seed.

Two or three cars of seed have been supplied to the farmers and other seeds are on hand en route. The county is buying the best seed possible to get. Rowden, Mebane, Lone Star and Cash Cotton seeds have been secured, but all the varieties except Mebane have been purchased in limited quantities, it is hard to get the other varieties.

As farmers in most cases will have to finance their crop on a credit basis, the fact that they can get seed on the credit and at a low rate of interest will prove of great help, as they would otherwise have to borrow the cash at a higher rate of interest and buy the seed.

Those wanting seed should make application at once, so the county will know how to place their orders.

NOTICE TO WOOL GROWERS

If you have not mailed in your request for Wool sacks and ties, please do so at once as order will be sent in within a few days.

Sacks 53 cents each delivered.

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Mrs. J. B. Curry and baby went to Santa Ana Saturday afternoon where she will spend a few days with relatives.

REPUBLICAN MAYOR FOR BALLINGER

C. S. Guin was elected mayor of Ballinger by a majority of fifteen votes over the present mayor E. F. Krebs, in the election held Tuesday. C. A. Doose and R. T. Williams were re-elected commissioners by an almost unanimous vote.

A light vote was polled, many voters apparently having no interest in the election, and only two or three enthusiasts getting out and exploiting the peculiar abilities of the two candidates.

The fact that the man elected to serve for the ensuing two years as mayor is a republican, is responsible for considerable good-box comment. Mr. Guin has always been an enthusiastic republican, and never voted the democratic ticket. He is a member of the county republican committee, but this fact was well known to the voters, and those who favored him for the place stated they did not consider they were laying aside their political views or violating any party principals.

Out of the 202 votes polled the count shows the following results:

For Mayor:
C. S. Guin 108
E. F. Krebs 93
For Commissioner:
C. A. Doose 196
R. T. Williams 196

OIL FLOWS DOWN HILLSIDES

Ozona Stockman.
Talking about oil in Crockett county—it is flowing down the hill sides out of the cracks in the rocks just west of the T. W. Patrick homestead in Ozona. Go and see, if you doubt it. Then some twenty years ago, on Judge Davidson's ranch just south of town, which was then the property of "hus. Schauer, father of" the present Chas., a water well was dynamited. A charge of eighty pounds of dynamite was put in this well and exploded for the reason that there was so much oil in the well that the water could not be used for stock purposes. When the dynamite was exploded the oil came forth in a regular gusher, and the well was then abandoned, as we did not think as much of oil in Crockett county then as we do now. Also, when Bob Metcalf was drilling a well about fifteen years ago he ran into a bed of black diamonds, through which the drill would not penetrate. We can prove each and ever one of these assertions. However, if we can get the oil right soon, the diamonds will follow.

Walter Boswell of Paint Rock, C. Kornegay and C. R. Hightower, of Winters, E. H. Voelkel, of Rowena and J. W. Tippet, of the Crews country were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Men's Shoes at Old Time Prices

Beginning Saturday morning, March 29th we will offer for sale our entire line of Hamilton Brown Men's Shoes at prices that are in keeping with the times. These are real bargains.

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| Lot No. 11 | 16 pairs Heavy Work, sizes 6 to 9 1-2, \$4.00 now..... | \$3.43 |
| Lot No. 12 | 15 pairs Heavy Tan and Brown, sizes 6 to 11, \$3.50 now..... | \$3.11 |
| Lot No. 13 | 59 pairs American Gentlemen, sizes 6 to 10, \$6.00 now..... | \$4.95 |
| Lot No. 14 | 4 pairs American Gentlemen Special, sizes 6 to 11 \$8.25 now..... | \$5.89 |

This is all good merchandise and is worth a great deal more than the prices we have named.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

13 Contracts in Runnels Co. All Drilling in Ninety Days

Thirteen oil rigs will be operating in Runnels county before the middle of the summer, and probably a half dozen others will spud in wells, if all contracts closed and pending are carried out.

This was the statement made by a prominent promoter who has been instrumental in closing several contracts and who is handling other contracts which are pending and will no doubt be closed within the next few days.

The Russell well is generally referred to as well No. 1, in this county and while this well has suspended drilling, it is admitted to be a pretty good producer, and with facilities for handling the oil, it will no doubt be worked. This well will be shot within the next few days.

The Runnels County Oil Co., was the second well to be spudded in, and will be tested out for its full value during the summer. This well is located eight miles west of Ballinger.

No. 3 is the Nelson well east of Winters. Material is on the ground and work under way, and the well will be spudded in at an early date.

No. 4, the material is on the ground on the Seal Farm seven miles north east of Winters, and drilling will begin as soon as the derrick can be constructed and the machinery installed.

No. 5, The Sinclair Company is busy carrying out its contract to drill on the McNay ranch in north-west part of the county, and this well will be going down by the first of June.

No. 6, A contract has been closed and drilling will begin within 90

days on the Tad Richards ranch ten miles east of Winters.

No. 7. The material is being placed on the ground for a well on the Johnson ranch five miles north west of Winters, and drilling will soon be started.

No. 8. The Safety First Oil & Gas Co., are making the survey and locating site for drilling on Los Arroyo just west of Ballinger today, and drilling will begin as soon as rig can be shipped here.

No. 9. The acreage has been blocked, title perfected and everything is ready for closing the Nelson contract for a well on Mustang seven miles east of Ballinger. We have been assured that this contract will be closed, as part of the forfeit money is in the bank.

No. 10 and No. 11. Two wells on the Odum ranch in the north-west part of the county. One of these contracts was closed some time ago and the other is pending and will be closed as soon as the details of the contract can be drawn up and executed.

No. 12. The title to acreage on the Karney place two miles west of Winters is being perfected, and as soon as the abstracts, can be passed on and approved this contract will be closed.

No. 13. The Pennsylvania Production Co., is closing a contract for a deep well on the Paramore ranch about ten miles north of Ballinger. This contract will be closed and call for drilling within the usual ninety days.

In addition to the Runnels county deep tests, two wells are to go down just over the line in Coleman county, one just over the line in Tom Green county, one just over the line in Concho county and one just over the line in Taylor county, making in all seventeen deep tests for this territory, and development is under way near the county line in Coke.

Parties are busy trying to block acreage on two other propositions near Ballinger, and prospects are favorable for closing one of the deals within the next few days.

All this is being accomplished in the face of more or less difficulty in eliminating offsets which certain land holders persist in holding on to and decline to assist in the development. With a little more of the get-togetherness and determination to do something on the part of those who are controlling the situation, there is no reason why the oil boom should not strike here in full force before the summer closes.

Every geologist report so far made is favorable and findings already made indicate that Ballinger is in the oil field. With so great a number of tests being made in so varied scope of country, some of

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"NOT GUILTY" IS VERDICT IN ELMS TRIAL--JURY OUT ONLY SHORT TIME

The jury in the Jesse T. Elms case returned a verdict of "not guilty" at eight-thirty Thursday morning. The verdict of acquittal did not come as a surprise as most of those who had heard the evidence in the case and kept up with the progress of the trial by reading The Ledger predicted a speedy freedom for the defendant. No one was heard to say the man would be convicted, while quite a few speculated on a hung jury.

The closing argument was made in the case at ten thirty Wednesday night. The jury retired and took the first ballot after breakfast Thursday morning. It is not known how the jury balloted the first time, but on the second ballot Elms was acquitted, and the jury announced ready to report, after only a short deliberation.

There were about one hundred people in the court room when the jury filed in to make their report. Most of these people were the friends of the defendant many of them from the northern part of the county who had been here since the case was called for trial. They crowded around Mr. Elms and congratulated him. Mr. Elms grasped the hands of each juror and thanked them most heartily, and later accompanied them to the Weeks Drug Store where the men who had been tied up for more than a week enjoyed the drinks and the cigars. Later they returned to the court house and posed for the photographer.

Mr. Elms and his friends returned to their home at Winters and he northern part of the county, most of them leaving in autos, while quite a few went out on the afternoon train.

The friends and relatives of Mr. Elms returned to their home in Bell county, Thursday afternoon. Judge W. W. Hair and wife, Judge Dewitt Bomer returned to Temple and Judge J. H. Everett returned to Belton also Thursday afternoon. District Attorney Early returned to Brownwood Thursday afternoon.

The trial just closed attracted more attention than any ever tried in this county. No man ever had more friends and friends who were truer to him than Jesse T.

Elms. It was the friendship of many of the best people in the northern part of the county who made it possible for Mr. Elms to prove his innocence to jury before whom he was tried.

Most of the state's witnesses were the best friends of the defendant, and the State absed its case on a link of circumstances which crumbled before the case closed, and when the star witness, in the case for the state is alleged to have retracted her testimony to defense witnesses who came on the stand and testified.

Elms was tried on a charge of murdering his wife and burning his home to cover up the crime, the tragedy having occurred on the night of August 24, 1917. The first grand jury failed to indict him when the second grand jury after the tragedy returned an indictment. The particulars in the case are known to the readers of this paper.

The friends of Elms at the time said he was innocent of the charge and they remained true to the last and saw him through it all. Those who believed that he was guilty were just as aggressive in prosecuting the case as those who believed that he was innocent were in defending him.

The verdict of the jury should be the closing chapter in the case, and no doubt will be and all personal feelings in the tragedy dropped.

Mr. Elms made no statement before leaving for his home, but he will probably resume his business at Winters, where he is engaged in the grocery business.

Mrs. Hall, mother of Mrs. Elms and her sons and fifteen or twenty friends and relatives, who were here from Killeen, eager to see justice done if their daughter and sister had been murdered, made many friends while here who sympathize with them. These all returned to their homes Thursday afternoon.

The jury was composed of farmers, with two exceptions, and they were eager to get home and get busy with their farm work after the splendid rain which fell while they were tied up.

"I feel like a man just out of

jail" said one of the jurors as he came from the court room. It is told on the jurors by the sheriff and deputy who stood guard, that they got the best of two sets of dominoes and wore out an armful of song books.

THREE CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Three names have been handed in for places on the school trustee election, or at least three names have been suggested. These are R. W. Bruce, one of the present trustees, R. A. Nicholson and S. H. Dougherty. J. McGregor and W. A. Francis, two of the retiring trustees decline to stand for re-election.

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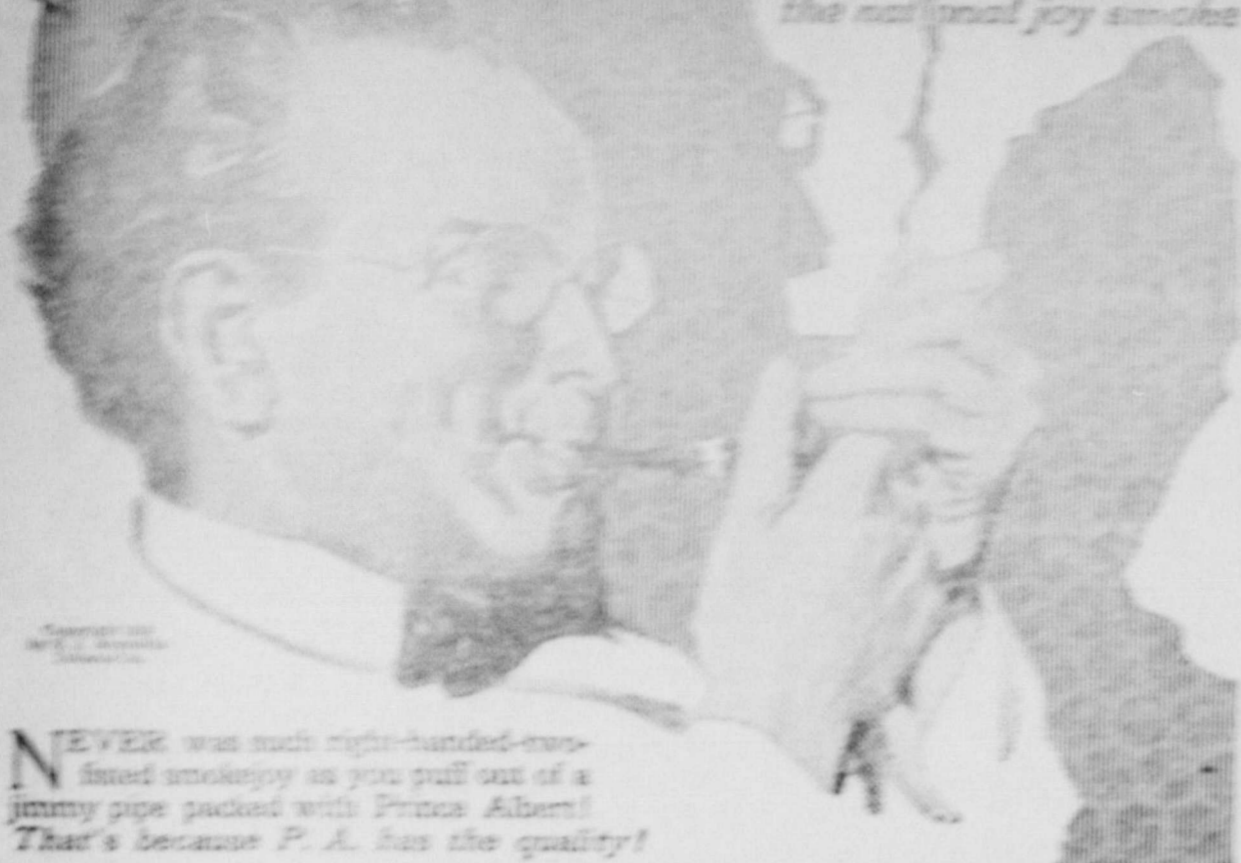
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WILLING TO RISK CITIZEN'S FAITH

The editor of The Ledger is in receipt of a letter from a lady who gives as her address, 417 10th St., N. E. Washington, D. C., and is signing her letter "Princess." She writes with a view, to what she calls "the old-fashioned" and "the new-fashioned" and expresses a desire to know in what the "old-fashioned" is better than the "new-fashioned." The letter says—

"We have seen—
"Having read in the 1918 & 1919 Annual that Ballinger's affairs have remained a company and will still be kept well, I am writing for information.
"Is any of this stock for sale to be sold in the future? How close to other oil fields does it lie?"

"If you know of a trust, either for sale or lease, concerning the structure, especially near where Ballinger's affairs are going to drill, I might also consider that. Have other companies based in or around Ballinger? I would prefer to get into a company in which the citizens have faith than in any other company."
"Thanking you for the information, I am,

That letter is a sweeping of the recent attention of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Norfolk just after the Ledger has said from the beginning, and that is the opinion of this city should long ago have organized a company for the purpose of drilling a well within the city limits. Selling the stock would be a small matter, because people are anxious to gamble a little in this field. Every town should have a few men whose chief stock is promotion development propositions, and there is no field where wild and promoting would receive more encouragement than the Ballinger field.

I am Sincere! Stop Calomel! I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone

Listen to me! Calomel sicken and you may lose a day's work. If bilious, constipated or headachy read my guarantee.

Every druggist is busy—every druggist and everybody's druggist has noticed a great fall-off in the sale of calomel. They all give the same reason. Dodson's Liver Tone is taking its place.
"Calomel is dangerous and people know it. While Dodson's Liver Tone is perfectly safe and gives better results," and a prominent local druggist. Dodson's Liver Tone is generally pronounced by every druggist who sells it. A large bottle costs but a few cents, and if it fails to give you relief in every case of liver sluggishness and constipation, we have only to ask for your money back.
Dodson's Liver Tone is a pleasant-tasting, gentle, vegetable remedy, known to both children and adults. Take a teaspoon at night and you will be feeling free, no biliousness, no headache, and stomach or constipated bowels. It doesn't grip at the bowels like the violent calomel.

EXPLAINS GENESIS OF HORROR STORIES

From Many By Mail—Judging from reports drifting back to Europe America is now getting all the skulls of the old "blood-curdling" stories that have been drifting around France for months—and some of them are more—through returning soldiers. They are the products of one of the greatest rumor factories the world has ever seen—the Allied armies.
The stories of the "horrible" conditions in Brast, and of many men dying there, are probably responsible for this curious feature of army life. Most of the stories which were so glibly spun to New York reporters probably originated on the Rhine en route to America. One man heard another tell someone of what someone else had told him, and by the time the last dicked someone on board was "going like flies" at Brast.
The spread of the Brast camp as described by a United Press correspondent recently after visiting Brast, dispenses some of the stories. But "horror" stories will continue to reach America. The best off-hand explanation is probably found in the lack of communication for individuals in the army.
As an example, imagine what would happen in your town if there were no newspapers; if conditions of tightening death constantly prevailed; if there was a big fire, or an explosion every night; if you had no responsibility other than that of doing some particular job assigned to you, while someone else saw that you were fed and had a place to sleep. There being no newspapers the only way you would have of learning what happened as these fires and explosions would be through what someone told you.
By reason of the conditions under which the private soldier lives and fights he is the most unreliable authority to be found when it comes to learning what happened. Rumors fly so thick and so fast that a majority of the enlisted men apparently soon become confused in what they say and do. Of the hundreds of soldiers I have talked with very few have had any thing to say of what they saw or did. It was always what someone else did.
Another unusual thing in this connection is how quickly a soldier picks up old-time war fiction phrases when he gets in the zone of action, at the front. For the past four years Austria has been fed on the greatest line of bunk and hog-wash in the way of war fiction that the world has ever seen. It may then be assured, that under the strained conditions under which the new soldier found himself living, his mind turned to the fiction phrases he had learned as a civilian. There are thousands of exceptions to this of course, but in talking with soldiers you were likely to hear as the most frequent expression "wiped-out"; "blood flowed like water"; "air was full of lead"; "advanced shoulder to shoulder"; "living hell," and so on. And it isn't only soldiers that fall in to this.

GERMAN HELMETS FOR LIBERTY GIFTS

Dallas, March 29—German helmets to be given away. Thirty-five hundred German helmets have been shipped to Dallas for distribution among prominent workers in the Victory Liberty Loan campaign. Every county chairman will receive his full share to be distributed as personal gifts and mementos of the great war. Some will use them as cupboards and others will place them under a glass case and hand them on as heirlooms in the family.

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Mrs. ERWIN'S MOTHER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

A phone message received from Belton early Friday night announced the death of Mrs. H. G. Vandoren, mother of Mrs. R. G. Erwin. The sad news came as a great shock and surprise to Mrs. Erwin, as Mrs. Van Erwin was apparently in good health.
Deceased was fifty-eight years of age. About a year and a half ago she suffered an attack of acute indigestion, and it is presumed that this superinduced heart trouble and caused sudden death.
The funeral arrangements will not be announced until the family hears from a son who is in the navy and stationed some where on the Florida coast. However, the remains will be laid to rest at Belton. Mrs. Erwin has the sympathy of her friends in this sad hour.

REMAINS SHIPPED TO MIDLOTHIAN

The remains of Mrs. Mary Louise Yates were shipped to Midlothian Friday afternoon, where they will be laid to rest in the old family burying ground.
Mrs. Yates died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Dorsett, at Norton Thursday night. She had reached the age of 77 years and had been in feeble health for some time.

Time Brings Joy And Happiness

As the Hours Pass the Coming of Baby Drives Nervous—Are You Prepared?
No woman seeking the joy of coming motherhood should allow the days to pass without using the wonderful protecting appliance, Mother's Friend.

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Mother's Friend not only eases labor in advance, but assures a speedy recovery for the mother. The child is kept soft and smooth and natural and free from disfigurement.

Write to the Dr.-Held Regulator Company, Dept. J, Lamar Building, Atlanta, Georgia, for their Motherhood Book, and procure a bottle of Mother's Friend from the druggist. It is just as standard as anything you can think of.

Angelo Votes Million Dollars For Roads, Water and Lights

The voters of San Angelo, in an election held last Saturday authorized the issuance of \$500,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of buying or building a water plant and a power and light plant. The vote was almost five to one, and comes as a result of an investigation ordered by the city commission about a year ago, and indicates that the people of that city are not satisfied with their present water, light and power plant. The vote was 546 for and 129 against.
At the same time the voters of Tom Green county authorized the issuance of \$500,000 worth of road bonds, the bond issue carrying by a vote of 749 for and 225 against. The county will get additional money from the state and federal government which will give that county \$900,000 for road building.

The same company which supplied Ballinger with light and power is supplying San Angelo, and the proposition to buy or build a municipal plant at San Angelo naturally caused some speculation here.
While on an inspection tour of this branch of the Santa Fe last Saturday General Manager Hanson, accompanied by his wife and a number of other officials of the road, offered an encouragement to those who are anxious to see the train, taken off last fall, restored.
The party on Friday went as far north as Pecos, N.M., on the main line. It was purely an inspection trip. Mr. Hanson stated Saturday afternoon. He added in response to questions, that no changes in the present passenger schedules were probable and that it was unlikely that Trains No. 10 and 11, which were taken off last fall, would be restored until conditions improved.
Prospects for a good year are bright all along the Santa Fe in Texas and Oklahoma, but so far business has shown no appreciable increase, this being the dull season of the year.

MEMORIAL SERVICE LARGELY ATTENDED

The service held at the Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock in honor of two of the men sons of that church, Pat Williams and Walter Slaughter, who died on the battle fields in France, was largely attended and the program rendered was appropriate and made an hour of solemnity for the friends and loved ones of the departed heroes.
The large auditorium was filled with people before the hour announced for the service, and with a silence that was in keeping with the solemnity the large crowd listened to the reading of the obituary by Judge Parnell, and with hymns of praise joined in prayer with W. E. Wood leading. E. D. Finner made a talk, and Rev. W. Ross Adams delivered the memorial address. Music fitting for the occasion was rendered by a large choir made up of singers from different churches, and a quartet by Messrs. Andy Gustafson, W. A. Reynolds, Ed. King and A. D. Landford.

The very first and only members of this church to die on the battle fields, and the money paid to their memory came not only from the church but from a host of friends who knew them for their unselfish, gentlemanly character as Christian soldiers.
Farmers, and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.
Lieut. Roy Sharp left Sunday afternoon for Brownwood, where he has accepted a position with Rogers Dry Goods Co. Lieut. Sharp was offered his old place with the Higginbotham store here, but decided to accept the position at Brownwood.
Mrs. Max Rowell returned home from Menard Monday at noon, where she had been in response to a message telling of the serious illness of her father.
Leon Thomas returned from France Monday at noon. Leon was discharged at Camp Bowie, and comes home a happy boy with an experience which money could not buy. Like most all the other boys coming out of the army Leon looks fine and says he feels fine.

LIFT CORNS OR CALLUSES OFF

Doesn't hurt! Lift any corn or callus off with fingers



Don't suffer! A tiny bottle of Freestone costs but a few cents at any drug store. Apply a few drops on the corn, calluses and "hard skin" on bottom of feet, then lift them off.
When Freestone removes corns from the toes or calluses from the bottom of feet, the skin beneath is pink and healthy and never sore, tender or irritated.

NO ANNETTE KELLERMANS AMONG THE MONKEYS

New Orleans, March 27—A monkey detests water. There are no Annette Kellermans among the Simians. A monkey refuses to cross a stream.
These characteristics have been birth to a new idea in the minds of members of the Audubon Park commission here, with the result that a monkey island will be established in the center of the lake at Audubon Park.
The island will be provided with trees and a jungle deer to the monkey heart, and the tribe of monkeys, imported from the Central and South American forests, will be able to swing from limb to limb and desert themselves with as much freedom as they did in the days when they were "home" in their native jungles.

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STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Harry, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headaches. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were so good at all for my trouble. I heard

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recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

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I Ever Saw

Miss Gray's letter breathes hope to the ailing. It is an inspiration to the sick and infirm.

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GREAT REJOICING AT SOLDIERS' RETURN

It is possible for a mother to cry and laugh at the same time. We know it is because we witnessed just such an experience Saturday at noon when the Santa Fe unloaded about one dozen soldier boys at this place.

The news came several days ago that there would be a home coming by the end of this week, and later news stated that the boys would arrive Saturday at noon. The train was twenty minutes late Saturday, but this only served to give a little time for the crowd to increase and a large crowd was present to greet the boys from France.

Several boys came in Friday at noon, having received their discharges ahead of those who came

Saturday. Those arriving Friday were Clarence Hamilton, Earl Webb, Oscar Golden and John R. McDonald. Saturday's train brought Henry Vandervanter, Delbert Vancil, Archie O'Kelley, Early Jones, J. W. Barnett, Linden Tidwell, J. H. Gannaway, Forest Davis, Jack Beard, and Sam McAuley. The boys were given a hearty welcome and so many friends crowded around that the Ledger reporter could not get all their names. The above named soldiers came from Camp Bowie, and were discharged from the 36th division and 55th Ammunition train. Herbert Stall worth, who was wounded, and who was at home on a furlough a few months ago, returned from Camp Travis, having received his discharge.

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SOLDIER SEEING SIGHTS IN ALPS

March 7, 1919. Chamonix.

Dear Friend Sledge:

Have been trying to get a letter written to you for several days, but there is always something to do or I am too tired.

For the past ten days I have been traveling a little and seeing some of the good and beautiful side of this country and I have about decided it is not all bad and if a fellow had his people and friends with him it would be an easy matter to pass off five or six months. Every since the war finished I have wanted to see the city of Luxembourg. I had been on all sides of it but American soldiers are not allowed there, so I was unable to go until last Thursday and I sure spent two days of "seeing the sights." It rained all the time I was there but I waded right through and if I missed anything, it was because I didn't have enough time. I started in at the Palace of the Grand Duchess, and while she was out I called. I learned all I wanted to know of the Royalty from a servant. From there I visited the ancient part of the city and went through a lot of the famous underground passages, saw the ruins of the old fortifications and says—they are many and I don't see how the city could be taken had they the same fortifications with modern wartime machinery in them. The ruins and historic part of the city was simply wonderful but it required too much walking to see it so I went up where you could ride a street car and see the modern side and it was all beautiful but in the big dance auditorium called the Arc Angel I saw the prettiest thing. From the street and front landing to the fourth floor and main dance hall was an immense stairway about 40 feet wide of white marble. Say, it was some sight and I sure wanted to go up it but I had on my hob-nail shoes so had to take the elevator to see the dance hall. When I got up there I couldn't get on the floor unless I took my shoes off so I just stood in the door and looked. Guess I would have broke my neck out there anyway. Every kind of wood known is used in that floor and no one piece is more than ten feet long but they are put together in such a way that it makes the colors beautiful. They keep some boys polishing it all the time so I judge they are fond of dancing. The hall is lighted by one chandelier about the size of the front office where you work, has over a million pieces of glass, in it and a thousand lights in it. I went to watch them dance some that night and when they had drank plenty of champagne, via and got the whirl started good it was sure some affair.

On Saturday I spent five hours in the largest still smelter in the world, (so they told me) and while I only saw a small part it was enough. Some other time, if you are interested, I will tell you about it but guess you know more about such things than I do. Sunday I left there to spend my vacation in the Alps at a resort called Chamonix which is about one-half mile from mont, Blanc, 15,000 feet high. The trip all the way there was fine. I had some time in Metz and ever since about Sept. 12, when we started the drive at St. Mihiel I have had a very great interest in that city. I knew I would be there someday but did not think it would be on a first class train. I also had nice stops in Nancy and Toul and spent a day and night in Is-Sur-Till, where one of the largest salvage depots of German war material, in France is located. I had to get off there and have my washing done, to be sure that I was rid of that famous A. E. F. pet—the Cootie. Our next long stop was in the first leave area opened to American soldiers, Aix-les-Baiers and from there we started winding our way up into the Alps. We traveled for one day by train, adding an extra engine every few miles until we had almost as many as we had ears, and when they could get no further we took a special electric mountain climber and went for another half day on that. It was nice, warm and dry when we started but when we unloaded at Chamonix we found four feet of snow and ice. I thought we were on top but the next morning when I looked out from the hotel I could see mountains going on up into the clouds but I was satisfied with the height as you could see plenty of clouds

below you as well as above. Have been here four days and have visited the "Mer-de-Glace" "Glecer de Bassom" "Garey le de Diazaz, and today I started to the top of Mont, Blanc, but turned back when the air played out. It looked to be about a thirty minute walk but I spent eleven hours and got about one-fourth of the way. Snow was any where from ankle to hip deep and take it from me if I leave the hotel again it will be on the train. Last night we all went out to try our luck at skiing and say—the war was a safe proposition compared to that: I rolled down a hill about a mile long and if I was every on my feet it was too short a time to realize it. Sunday I am going to a place that takes four hours to climb too, and five minutes to slide back, if I live through that I will be ready to go back to my dutch friends in Luxembourg. It has been wonderful trip and I have seen many things I will never forget.

I am getting worried about when I am going to come home. We have seen the sailing list up to July and we are left off till then and as a consistent rumor goes, we will not leave over here before next Oct. That would not get us home before Christmas and that is anything in the world but pleasant to think about. The opinion seems to be that the regular army will be the last to leave, but I am sure hoping something will happen and we will return soon. I sure do enjoy your letters but some how do not get but very few papers and I sure do enjoy them when you wake, go down to a great many more than I. I must close now and hope that soon I will have another long letter from you for I sure enjoy every one you write. Am enclosing a few cards views of this place so you can tell better what I am writing about.

By the way Sledge, the hotels here are great and in this high cold air you can sure sleep, and then when you walk, go down to a big dinner hall, with solid glass sides, sit down to a good meal, look out on the mountain, with the prettiest girls in France waiting on you and an orchestra playing American ragtime. Well this life ain't all bad after all.

Your sincere friend,
Mrs. Troy Simpson.
21st F. A. Band

Hood's

Sarsaparilla The Spring Medicine Purifies the Blood Creates an Appetite and Makes the Weak Strong

W. D. Rogers, of the Wingate country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

NEW PERFECTION OIL COOK STOVES

"MORE than 3,000,000 housewives use New Perfection Oil Cook Stoves—no smoke or odor—abundant heat for all cooking purposes."

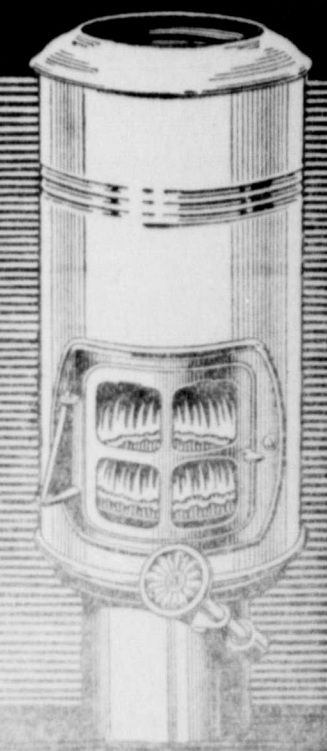
From New Perfection advertising—Christian Herald—Feb. 23, 1919.

The Long Blue Chimney Burner turns every drop of kerosene oil into clean intense heat, and drives it full force against the utensil. Delicious cooking! No smoke or odor—comfortable kitchen. Burners are brass and last for years.

Sold by all good dealers—ask your dealer to demonstrate this Long Blue Chimney Burner.

THE CLEVELAND METAL PRODUCTS CO.
7125 Flax Avenue Cleveland, Ohio

DEALERS NOTE—The Magnolia Petroleum Company is the distributor of these products in your locality. Complete stocks are carried by those of conveniently located points.



MORE WORK from Horses that Digest

Many horse owners do not pay enough attention to choosing a horse's feed so as to get the greatest horse power from the least outlay. It's not what the horse eats—it's what he digests.

Purina O-Molene Feed is a balanced ration, containing all the elements needed to make a horse strong throughout, and give him energy. It is economical, because there is no waste of 15 to 18 per cent as in feeding whole oats, due to swallowing many of the grains whole.

Purina O-Molene Feed is highly digestible.
Purina Mills, St. Louis, Mo.

Full Line of PURINA Poultry Feeds for sale by E. A. JEANES & COMPANY

Spring Insurance

If you were sure that your neighbors house was going to burn and you knew that he didn't have it insured, would you not try and get him to take out some? The same conditions exist if his house is standing unpainted. Time and the elements are just as surely consuming his home as if it were on fire. Not so quickly but much more surely. You may miss a fire, but you cannot escape the ravages of the sun and the elements. Safety is not the only feature of the insurance that we sell. The pleasure of looking at your neatly painted home is worth the money it cost.

Call and talk to us about your Spring Painting. Lets dress Ballinger and Vicinity up in a new Spring suit, in preparation for the big boom.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

NOTICE

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

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

DERRICK COLLAPSES AT WARING WELL

Monday morning while pulling the eight inch casing out of the Waring well one of the upright posts of the derrick buckled causing the whole structure to crash to the ground. The men were all on the opposite side of the derrick from the way in which it fell so, luckily, no one was hurt. M. B. Howard, fortunately, had just moved away from the spot where it fell. On account of its taking so long to get new steel from the mills to rebuild the derrick it has been decided to construct a wooden one so as not to delay drilling operations any longer than possible, and work has already begun to clear away the wreckage and to prepare for the construction of a new one. This is a 90 foot derrick.—Elen Echo.

How Diphtheria is Contracted

One often hears the expression: "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. If your child has a cold when diphtheria is prevalent you should take him out of school and keep him off the street until fully recovered, as there is a hundred times more danger of his taking diphtheria when he has a cold. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted.

Miss Lucile Spann is here visiting her grandfather, A. J. Spann, and other relatives, while en route to San Angelo where she goes to take up the extension work for the A. & M. College, that is she will be Tom Green County's home demonstration agent. Miss Spann formerly taught school in our county for four years, but for the last two years she has been attending school in Austin. San Angelo is to be congratulated in securing Miss Spann and we regret Ruessels county hasn't one just like her.

Mrs. Bettis and sister, Miss Hazle Williams, of Fort Worth, came in Saturday at noon to visit their sister, Mrs. Jim McWhirter and family a few weeks.

J. H. Jones of the Crews country had business in Ballinger a few hours Friday and it was his first trip in a month as he had been seriously ill with the flu.

ERRONEOUS IDEAS CONCERNING T. B.

That it is hereditary. This is absolutely untrue.

That grown people are susceptible to it. Grown people break down with tuberculosis, but rarely "take it." The germ is implanted in childhood.

That a person who has tuberculosis should be shunned or avoided. Tuberculosis is different from some other contagious diseases in that one who has it, is careful, need not be a danger to others.

That it cannot be cured. Thousands on thousands of people are living and working today because of having taken the "cure" who otherwise would have been hopeless or dead.

That medicines will cure it. Fresh air, good food, rest and optimism are the only medicines that should be used except on a physician's prescription: "Patient" medicines are dangerous.

That one with tuberculosis should "Go West and Rough It." Following this advice has killed thousands.

That no one will help or advise the tuberculosis. Call on your County or City Health Officer, Local Anti-Tuberculosis Society, or write to the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Carlisbad, Texas, and you will be given authoritative advice.

Miss Georgia Singletary returned to Abilene Monday afternoon, where she is taking a business course in a college in that city.

YOUTH-TIME

The important time to lay a strong foundation for robust manhood is while life is young and the body developing. A growing child needs every possible help to conserve energy and confirm the body in vigorous health. To a developing child

SCOTT'S EMULSION

comes with particular help. Thousands of the strong men and women of today were in youth-time nourished and strengthened to withstand the inroads of disease by the consistent use of Scott's.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

THE BANNER-LEDGER PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

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W. Stodde, Editor

It seems that the map is turned around on this April Fool's day, and West Texas is enjoying Louisiana weather.

Joe Bailey is mad at the democratic party because the nation has gone dry. He should not forget that some of the republicans voted for the dry bill.

The Kaiser has come to life and makes a statement that he is responsible only to God for the part he played in the war.

A woman should grow more beautiful as she grows older and she will with due regard to baths diet and exercise.

RUNNING WITH THE SPARK ADVANCED

The past week Brownwood organized an Oil Men's Association as an adjunct to the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce.

have organized Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of boosting the oil game and interests of their respective counties.

To have a fine healthy complexion, the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure.

WANTS EVERYTHING MADE BONE-DRY

Editor Cowan, of the San Saba Star, was opposed to anything dry in the early stage of prohibition legislation and reformatory laws.

"The pool halls have been outlawed except in clubs, where none but the select can go. This is the same route booze took.

No Worms in a Healthy Child 43 children troubled with worms have no unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood.

Daily Health Talks

A WORD ABOUT THE KIDNEYS

BY DOCTOR WATSON.

People are easily frightened when they think something is the matter with their kidneys or heart, and well they may be; but few people understand the dangers of diseased kidneys.

Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., in recent years, discovered that a certain combination of remedies would dissolve urea acid (urate salts) in the system.

Mrs. T. L. Grace returned to her home at Dallas, Thursday, after a visit to her father, D. C. Underwood and other relatives.

Steve Francis of Midland, one of the pioneer and highly esteemed former citizens of our county, came in Thursday to visit his son, W. A. Francis and family.

MAMMA! DON'T YOU SEE YOUR CHILD IS SICK, CONSTIPATED

Look at tongue! Move poisons from liver and bowels at once.

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated, this is a sure sign the little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

Nothing equals California Fig Syrup for children's ailments. It is a natural, safe and in a few days cleanses the bowels, purifies the blood and restores the child to its normal health.

Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist to see that it is made by the California Fig Syrup Co.

LOUIS MASSEY TO BE BURIED HERE

A message to relatives in Ballinger Wednesday morning announced the death of Louis Massey at San Antonio. Mr. Massey died in a sanitarium at San Antonio at 6:15 Tuesday evening.

At the time of the death, Mrs. Massey and children were in Dallas. They left immediately for San Antonio and will accompany the remains to Ballinger.

Besides his mother, Mr. Massey is survived by three sisters, Miss May Massey, and Mrs. Will Dunlap of this city, and Mrs. Arthurn of El Paso, and two brothers, Tom Massey, of California, and E. G. Massey of San Antonio.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood.

TELLS EXPERIENCE IN ARMY HOSPITAL

Miss Castle January, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce for several days, visited the Red Cross sewing room Thursday afternoon.

Miss January saw eighteen months service in the American hospitals in France. She was aid to surgeons operating in the American hospitals where wounded soldiers were brought from the battle front.

The trained nurse stated that she did not work in the civilian hospitals in France but knew some thing of their great need, and stated that the work now being done by the Red Cross Chapters in America would save much suffering among women and children in the war stricken country.

The sewing room being done by the local Red Cross Chapter is to supply garments for children in France, who have been robbed of parents, and support by the war.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleless, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for WHITE CREAM VERMIFUGE.

ANOTHER HOME SICK BALLINGER BOY

Letters coming from France all bring symptoms of home sickness of the most serious stage. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlaw, are in receipt of a letter from their son, Corp. Newt Wardlaw. He says: "This leaves me in good health, but I sure am home sick."

In another paragraph in the letter Newt says, "Mamma, I got acquainted with a good looking French girl some weeks ago and now I see her most every day. She sure is a nice little girl but I don't know how I am going to bring her home with me."

"I am rooming at the home of a good old French lady, and she sure is good to me. I have a good bed. This old French lady calls me her big baby. I told her that I was the baby boy at home. When it is very cold the old lady gets a hot iron and places it to my feet."

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head.

GETTING READY TO SHOOT RUSSELL WELL

The fillers will begin pulling the casing from the Russell well Wednesday, and as soon as the casing is out of the way a charge of explosives will be used to open up the avenues to the big oil pool which might be near.

It will take five or six days to pull the casing, if the work is not delayed from accidents, and then the hole will be ready to plant a charge of nitro or dynamite in, and touch it off.

It is the duty of the men now on the job to get the hole ready for the expert who does the shooting. The Gulf Company will send a man here for that particular task.

Drilling was suspended in this well at a depth of 3505 feet. The contract called for 3500 and the extra five feet perhaps went in for good measure.

This is the well which cut capers that attracted the attention of oil men from all over the state when the drill was at a depth of about 2300 feet. The oil went over the top of the derrick for several days and when the explosion takes place there may be some more gushing. A close watch will be kept on the hole anyway.

PAVING FOR THE EXTRA RIDIE

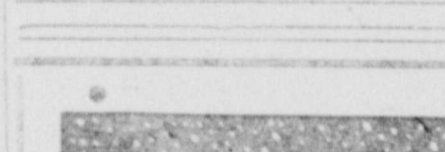
Passengers on the Santa Fe going east or coming west, now pay about thirty cents for the extra ride from Coleman Junction to Coleman and back to the main line. Up until recently the passengers going beyond Coleman were not charged for this extra haul, and a ticket from Ballinger to Santa Anna could be purchased cheaper than a ticket from Ballinger to Coleman, notwithstanding that you have to go through Coleman to get to Santa Anna.

Passengers on the Santa Fe going east or coming west, now pay about thirty cents for the extra ride from Coleman Junction to Coleman and back to the main line.



The Ford Needs no Advertising and this is only to remind you that you can get yours now.

Harwell Motor Co.



CONFIDENCE

Letters coming from France all bring symptoms of home sickness of the most serious stage. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlaw, are in receipt of a letter from their son, Corp. Newt Wardlaw.

The Highest Compliment the World can pay is Confidence

The proper ordering of your own affairs inspires Confidence

Look about you! How many people without banking connections have your confidence,

The Moral is Obvious

RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co. STRENGTH SERVICE

Backman-Tinsch Trained Wild Animal Circus WILL EXHIBIT Balinger Saturday 5 RAIN OR ...April... SHINE

We Want to Live and Let Live

We are Buying Groceries in big lots and paying cash and selling at cheap cash prices

- 2 cans Salmon for .35e Good grade bucket coffee \$1.00 3 pkg. Soda for .25e 20 bars C. E. Soap . \$1.00 3 pkgs. Starch .25e 20 bars Swifts Premium soap \$1.00 2 cans Hominy .25e 17 bars Crystal White soap \$1.00 2 cans Kraut .25e 17 bars Bob White soap . \$1.00 2 cans Blueing .20e 3 bars Lava Soap .25e 25e size bottle Blueing .20e 3 bars Fairy Soap .25e 50c wash bowls for .40e \$1.25 bleek handle Broom .95e Good heavy Broom .75e California Evaporated apples 20c Fairly good Broom .45e California Evaporated peaches 20c Mary Jane Syrup per gal. .75e California evaporated Prunes 20c Blue Karo syrup per gal. .75e California evaporated apricots 20c Fancy Choice Spuds per bus. \$1.65 Lasses per gallon .75e 3 pkgs. Macaroni .25e White Karo Syrup per gal. .85e 4 lb. bucket Crisco . \$1.75 Koo Syrup, same as Velve .85e 4 lb. bucket lard . \$1.20 Raven syrup per gallon .85e 3 lb. bucket lard .95c Aunt Dinah Syrup per gal. .70e 8 lb. bucket Lard . \$2.25 Benford syrup cane and corn products .80e Gallon White Cooking Oil \$1.75 Apricots per gallon .65e Gallon Peanut Oil . \$1.85 1 gal. bucket Apples .60e Brown Mule Tobacco .75e 8 lb. bucket jelly . \$1.25 Star Tobacco .75e No. 3 white feed oats, 5 bushels per bushel .90e Peachy Plug Tobacco .75e

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**'T'WAS A LUCKY DAY
SAYS MRS. O'CONNOR
GEOLOGIST TO BE
HERE WEDNESDAY**

Her Improvement, After Taking
Tanlac, Was Simply Wonderful

"It was certainly a luck day for me when I got my first bottle of Tanlac," said Mrs. John O'Connor, of 318 East Oldham St., Knoxville, Tenn.

"For five or six years," she continued, "I had been in a dreadfully rundown and nervous condition was awfully weak and suffered with spells of dizziness. I had terrible nervous headaches and my stomach was so weak I couldn't digest, even the lightest kind of food. I could sleep very little and became so despondent that I was afraid nothing could help me regain my health.

"I wouldn't have believed it if anybody had told me any medicine would cause me to gain eight pounds in ten days, but that is exactly what Tanlac has done for me. Soon after I started taking it I began to eat better, sleep like a baby and feel just fine and my steady improvement has simply been wonderful. I have thrown away all my other medicines and will stick to Tanlac, for I think it is the finest medicine on earth."

Tanlac is sold by all leading druggists.

**WILL ASSIST IN
DEFENDING BAKER**

I. W. Culp went to Ballinger yesterday afternoon where he will assist in defending W. H. Baker, whose trial comes up Monday. Mr. Baker is to be tried for shooting to death Jim Rodgers at Winters last year. Mr. Baker was for many years a citizen of Killeen and has many interested friends here who will be glad to see him clear of this the first serious charge they have ever known against him.—Killeen Herald.

Judge A. K. Doss, of this city is leading counsel for the defense in the Baker case. The Baker case has been set for October 13th.

Mrs. M. C. Boyd went to Brownwood Thursday to be with relatives who are ill.

**"DANDERINE" FOR
FALLING HAIR.**

Stop dandruff and double beauty of your hair for few cents.



Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a small bottle of "Danderine" at any drug store for a few cents, pour a little in your hand and rub it into the scalp. After several applications the hair stops coming out and you can't find any dandruff. Your hair appears soft, glossy and twice as thick and abundant. Try it!

**Spring is
Coming**

Repair the damages of winter's storms before the Spring rains set in. A small leak in the roof of your home or barn will grow larger if neglected at this time, and may cause you a big loss in money.

Get building material of all kinds at this yard and save money. Every order, large or small given our most prompt attention.

Ballinger Lumber Comp'y
T. L. Acree, Local Manager

A message from V. B. Waite, State Geologist from Austin, to F. W. Hunter, president of the Safety First Oil & Gas Co., stated that he missed connections at Temple and would not arrive in Ballinger until Wednesday at noon. Geologist Waite is coming here to make the location for the Los Arroyo well.

Mr. Hunter carried a party of Arizona friends out to look over the territory where this well is to be drilled, and they were well pleased with it from a "Bird's eye view" standpoint, and experienced oil men in the party stated that it looked as favorable as any structure which he had seen anywhere in the oil belt of Texas and Oklahoma. Those in the party were: C. A. and George Lamb, and Messrs. Meade and Carlisle, of Douglas, Arizona. Four auto loads of people passed through Ballinger Monday from Arizona, the other three cars being from Globe, Arizona.

Contractors will be here tomorrow to figure on constructing the derrick for the Los Arroyo well, and work will be under way as soon as the contract can be let and the material secured. Mr. Hunter is busy perfecting the plans for drilling and in the mean time is writing a few receipts for stock in the Safety First Company. He says he has been authorized to sell a few shares of stock in the company to Ballinger people.

J. S. Gamble, of the Bethel neighbohood, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

SALARIES INCREASED

Is your school out? You ought to double your present salary before school opens in the fall. You can earn that increased salary not only while school is open, but during the entire spring, summer, fall and winter. Therefore, you will draw twenty-five to fifty percent more salary during a year than you would at the same rate teaching only during the school term and spending your savings after school is out.

The door to the world of business is open. Every where help is needed and excellent pay is offered. Business is going forward at a rapid rate. There is an unlimited demand for properly trained commercial help. Teachers can qualify for a more agreeable position with a better salary. The same qualities that make a successful teacher will help you to succeed in business where the opportunities are greater. The fact that you are well grounded in English and Mathematics will make it easy to fit yourself for the higher salaried positions. Take advantage of this opportunity by getting our Commercial Training. In three months you will be ready to accept one of the many good positions that await you.

What you can do in business, you can do as well in Civil Service. Your ambition to travel to see our Capital, Washington, D. C. is easily achieved. Uncle Sam offers good salaries to beginners who are properly trained. Our graduates are successful in this work. Many enter school with Civil Service in view, many decide upon it after they are in school, and large numbers of our former students have changed their business positions for Government positions.

Your education and experience will both be helpful in preparing for the Civil Service examination that you must pass to be appointed to a position as Bookkeeper, Stenographer, Typist or Clerk. These examinations are not difficult for one who has completed our Civil Service course. Both men and women are appointed and beginning salaries are now \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year, with permanent employment at Washington or in one of the government offices throughout the country.

There is also an increasing demand for Commercial teachers in high schools and business schools. The position of Commercial teacher is more pleasant than work in the grades. The work is also easier because the students are older have fixed purposes in their studies, and the matter of discipline becomes a minor one. You can earn more than your present salary without entering an entirely new field.

Our large catalogue is free for the asking. Fill in and mail the following blank.

Tyler Commercial Colleg, Tyler, Texas.
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Address

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You can if you will

Make Two Bales of Cotton Instead of One

It is an easy matter when you know how.


Get one of our

2 Row Planters and 2 Row Cultivators

and cultivate just twice as much land and make just twice as much Maize and Cotton as you can with your 1 Row Planter and 1 Row Cultivator.

Don't Wait--- Get It Today,

and help Runnels County to make the Bumper Crop of its History.



We want to sell you your Deering Grain Binder, light draft and long life makes it a pleasure to run it.

HIGGINBOTHAM BROTHERS & CO.

Ballinger's Greatest Store

P. S. Special Bargain in Shoes every day next week.

**SAFETY FIRST OIL CO.
FITS UP OFFICE**

F. W. Hunter, president of the Safety First Oil & Gas Co., has rented two offices in the building next door to the Ballinger State Bank, and is fitting up the offices

and getting ready for business. This will be the local headquarters for the Arizona company which has contracted to drill the Los Arroyo well. Mr. Hunter will go to Fort Worth in a few days to purchase machinery and arrange for drilling. He has been waiting

here several days for the geologist to come and survey the field and locate the drilling site. John Walden and son, of the Benoit country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Mrs. J. S. Jones, of the Pony Creek country, returned home Tuesday at noon from McGregor, where she had been for a couple of weeks on account of the illness of her parents. We are glad to note that her father and mother both are recovering.

**Money to Loan
on Farm Lands**

I represent a strong and liberal loan company

See me about new or renewal loans.

Estes Lynn
Hall Hardware Co., Building

**"Efficiency isn't a Birthright
but an education"**

Even a diamond can't flash its fire until it has been cut and polished. Its brilliance must be ground out of it and so must your merit be rubbed out of you" —Herbert Kaufman

Saving a little each week is a grind at first, but as the fire of the diamond flashes after it has been ground, so will a BANK ACCOUNT brighten your aspect of life.

START
SAVING
TODAY

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

START
SAVING
TODAY

"A teaspoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin each night at bedtime has done me a world of good, as I am 62 years old and was getting badly constipated. I had previously taken a lot of salts and pills without real relief." (From a letter to Dr. Caldwell written by Mr. A. Forester, Princess Anne, Md.)

Constipation is one of the penalties of age that should never be neglected—Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that relieves constipation in an easy, natural manner, without gripping or strain, and is as positive in its effect as it is mild and gentle in its action.

DR. CALDWELL'S Syrup Pepsin

The Perfect Laxative

Sold by Druggists Everywhere
50 cts. (per bottle) \$1.00

A TRIAL BOTTLE CAN BE OBTAINED, FREE OF CHARGE, BY WRITING TO DR. W. B. CALDWELL, 459 WASHINGTON STREET, MONTICELLO, ILLINOIS

CLOSING HOURS FIXED AT SEVEN

A petition circulated Friday carries the names of practically all the business houses in the city in which the hour for closing business under the new time will be seven o'clock, instead of six o'clock.

The business men declared that the moving up of an hour with the clocks on the first of April, was a war measure, and while the time will be changed on the first of April, the unusually early closing which would occur if the six o'clock hour was observed under the new time, can be regulated by closing at seven o'clock.

Nothing is said in the petition about opening hour, and it is presumed that each individual business house will regulate this to suit themselves. The new time will go into effect next Tuesday and the seven o'clock hour will

rule in closing, as will be seen from the following petition:

From the fact that all time pieces are to be run back one hour on March 31, we think it best to close our place of business at 7 o'clock new time and agree to do this beginning April 1st.

Higginbotham Bros & Co.; Melton Dry Goods Co.; Ballinger Dry Goods Co.; D. Reeder; Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack; R. P. Conn; E. A. Trail; E. J. Cathey; Gustavus Grocery Co.; Walker-Smith; The Hub; Hall Hardware Co.; Ideal Barber Shop; H. & H. Metz Co.; Dundee Woolen Mills; L. B. Stubbs; E. A. Jenness & Co.; W. B. Wood & Son; T. E. Hartman; Ludwig Bros; J. McWhirter; T. F. Reidwell; Asa Cordill; Jas. E. Brewer.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It stimulates and regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 40c per bottle.

THREE TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED

Saturday April 5th will be election day for the Ballinger Independent School District. Three trustees are to be elected on that date, and those wishing to get in the race for this position are requested to turn their names in to Scott H. Mack.

The retiring members of the board are J. McGregor, W. A. Francis and R. W. Bruce. The names of Bruce and Francis will go on the ticket, but Mr. McGregor has requested that he be left out stating that "some younger fellow" should draw the salary for awhile.

LIGHT FROST SHOWS UP

The white spots on the roof and high dry places Thursday morning was real Jack Frost, but not of the biting kind. It was what is some times called a "wet" frost. Fruit and vegetables did not suffer, and the weather is all the most exacting could wish for. The grouch caused by a little dust storm or two a short time ago should now be forever be knocked out.

Are You Happy?

To be happy you must be well. If you are frequently troubled with constipation and indigestion you cannot be altogether happy. Take Chamberlain's Tablets to correct these disorders. They are prompt and effectual, easy and pleasant to take.

Ben Jenkins, of the Crews country, and Stuart Shultz, of Concho county, were transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

Mrs. J. B. Currie returned home Monday afternoon from a visit to relatives at Santa Anna.

Elsie Baumer, one of the Miles merchants was greeting friends in Ballinger Thursday.

Judge J. B. Wade is here from Fort Worth, looking after business and property interest.

NEVER WANTS TO SEE SIGHTS AGAIN

Mrs. C. C. Grey, of Route B, Ballinger is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Vernon A. Mullins, in which the young soldier writes interestingly of doings in France and Germany. The letter was dated at Luxemburg, Feb. 4th. Dear Sister:

Will answer your letter I received yesterday, was glad to hear from you, as that was the first letter I have had from home in three months.

Must admit I had begun to feel anxious as the flu was playing havoc there and I heard that it has broken out again, but don't know how true it is. However, your letter has put my mind at ease. As to myself, I am in the best of health and am enjoying myself as much as possible under the circumstances, but I had much rather be at home.

Guess I will have more time to write now as we will probably be here all winter. We are now in the little country of Luxemburg, the population is mostly square heads or Luxemburgers as they call themselves, but they are just plain Dutch is the way I dope it out.

They have treated us very decent, we are billeted in the small village of Roeser, near the city of Luxemburg, most of us have rooms with nice beds. The only thing that gets my goat is they have their houses and barns all in the same building. Well in plain words we sleep next door to the cows, pigs, etc. which makes it warmer but leaves an unpleasant odor. If I stay all winter you will have to move my bunk out close to the animals or else bring a couple of pigs in my room when I get home. Well as the censor has eased up on me I can tell you a few things now that was not printed before. We were in the drive of Sept. 12, on the St. Michel sector the artillery opened up at 1 a. m. on the morning of the 12th, of Sept. heavy. Fired steady then the light artillery opened up at 5 a. m. (that was us) we were just behind the doughboys the doughboys went over the top about 5:45 p. m. just at day break. The tanks were supposed to go with them, but couldn't stay up. The 5th division doughboys are too fast for a mere tank, but listen, here's the best part of it. F. 19th F. A. was the first artillery to cross no man's land. We started over that same morning at 11 a. m.

Well the sights I saw for the next two or three days, I hope never to see again. Will tell you more when I get home, will probably be out within the next six or eight months will close hoping to hear from you more often, as ever

Your brother,
Vernon A. Mullins.
Capt. F. 19th F. A. A. E. F.

Ed. Gentry, is here from Abilene, watching the weeds grow, and keeping an eye on the outlook for prosperity.

G. R. West who has been ill with sleeping sickness for three or four weeks, is reported to be recovering. Mr. West is now considered out of danger, and will soon be by himself again. This was declared to be a well developed case of the new malady, and is the first to show up in this part of the state.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. HERBINE is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

You Can't Rub It Away; Rheumatism is in the Blood

Liniments Will Never Cure.

If you are afflicted with Rheumatism, why waste time with liniments, lotions and other local applications that never did cure Rheumatism, and never will?

Do not try to rub the pain away, for you will never succeed. Try the sensible plan of finding the cause of the pain, and go after that. Remove the cause, and there can be no pain. You will never be rid of Rheuma-

tism until you cleanse your blood of the germs that cause the disease. S. S. S. has never had an equal as a blood purifier and scores of sufferers say that it has cleansed their blood of Rheumatism, and removed all trace of the disease from their system.

Get a bottle of S. S. S. at your drug store, and get on the right treatment to-day. If you want special medical advice, you can obtain it free by addressing Medical Director, 23 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

FINISHING TOUCH IN DRILLING CONTRACT

The five thousand dollar deposit was made today by the Safety First Oil & Gas Co., and the "finishing touch" put to the drilling contract in which the above oil company contracts to begin drilling an oil well on Los Arroyo, or in that territory just west of the city within ninety days, or by July the first.

F. W. Hunter, president of the company who is here, received a telegram from the directors of his company Thursday, directing him to have geological survey made at once, drilling site selected and to proceed with the work just as fast as it could be done.

Mr. Hunter stated Thursday morning that he would leave for Fort Worth in a day or two where he goes to make a contract with driller and arrange for a speedy operation.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggist.

County Superintendent Bugg left Thursday afternoon for Waco where he goes to attend the State meeting of county superintendents. Mr. Bugg stated that he regretted to leave and not be here to attend the county interscholastic meet, but that he felt that it was his duty to attend the state meeting as Miss Blanton State Superintendent would address the county superintendents and explain the workings of the new school laws.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Relief. Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills to treat and cure promptly. Take no other. Buy of Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS. 25c per box. Sold by DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

BIG LAKE SODLIER BACK FROM FRANCE WITH SCARS

Sergeant James S. Schooler arrived from France on the Sunday afternoon train on his way to his home in Big Lake and was met here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schooler, and by his brother Sam Schooler. The party left for Big Lake Monday. Sergeant Schooler, who has received his discharge from the army, was severely wounded while with the Ninetieth division on September 16 but has almost entirely recovered. —San Angelo Standard.

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For Infants and Children

In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of

W. D. Hooper

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DISTRICT COURT ADJOURNS FOR TERM

The spring term of district court adjourned with the verdict of the Elms case Thursday morning. Judge Woodward closed his docket and returned home Thursday afternoon, accompanied by the district attorney and court stenographer Hahn.

A civil case had been docketed for trial this week and Judge Dubois, of San Angelo, has been appointed to preside as Judge Woodward was disqualified in the case, but the case was continued.

Due to the grand jury investigation of the bank robbery and the trial of the Elms case, more people were brought here than has attended court here for many years and local hotels and boarding houses did a good business.

The docket of the district court at this place is a clean one, and unless there is an epidemic of crime between now and the next court, there will be little for the fall term of court to do.

COTTON SEED

Good planting seed is scarce and hard to get. We have secured one car of McKean & McNeals high grade re-cleaned Mebane Triumph seed. This is the very best seed to be had and it will be to your interest to see us at once and secure your seed before they are all gone.

E. A. EAMES & CO.
Ballinger, Texas. wtf.

Mrs. Laura Currie of Concho, brought her baby here to be treated by local physicians. She is a sister of Mrs. C. G. Capes.

Hayes' Healing Honey

Stops The Tickle

Heals The Throat
Cures The Cough
Price 35c.

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The ground is ready with a season—We are ready with the

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lines of better farming tools.

Don't wait until you need implements, but come in now and carefully examine our complete stock of Single and Double Row Planters and Cultivators also Sled Cultivators.

If you are interested in saving cotton seed we can equip your Standard or Rock Island Planters with a ONE SEED DROP.

The Celebrated OSBORNE Binder is at our store for your inspection, there is none better and few equal to the OSBORNE. Look it over. Our goods are right—our prices are right, and our TERMS ARE LIBERAL. Buy from us and you get the line of implements that have been thoroughly tried and tested and found satisfactory.

Hall Hardware Co.

Cascarets Work While You Sleep

No headache, biliousness, upset stomach or constipation tomorrow

Spent 10 cents—feel grand! Tonight take Cascarets to liven your liver and clean your bowels. Stop the headaches, bilious spells, sourness, gasses, coated tongue, bad breath, sallowness and constipation—Take Cascarets and enjoy the nicest, gentlest "inside cleansing" you ever experienced. Wake up feeling fine. Cascarets is best cathartic for children. Taste like candy. No disappointments! Thirty million boxes of this harmless, famous cathartic are sold each year now.

TO MAKE CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Kirk is trying to interest the Cemetery Association in making some road improvements at the Evergreen Cemetery while the highway road is being built by the cemetery. Mr. Kirk states that the new highway will go by the gate of the cemetery but that a deep strip of sand will be left between the highway and the gravel drive way in the cemetery, the gate being filled with sand which will make it hard for autos to get through. It is probable that the drive way in the cemetery and the new highway will be connected up by filling in the strip with gravel or concrete.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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

What is CASTORIA

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

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EVERYTHING MAN

USES IS LUXURY

This paper is just in receipt of a communication from Judge A. S. Walger, Collector of Internal Revenue, at Austin, Texas, outlining the provisions of that portion of the new revenue bill imposing taxes on miscellaneous luxuries and semi-luxuries. This portion of the bill affects almost every class of business from the street vendor manufacturer of automobiles and of candy and soft drinks to the motor trucks.

One section of the law places a tax on all persons selling real and imitation jewelry, precious stones, watches, clocks, opera glasses, etc. Sculpture, paintings, statuary, art proclains and bronzes.

Another section of the law imposes a tax on all manufacturers of the following articles:

Cereal beverages and soft drinks
Mineral waters and table waters when sold in bottles or other closed containers. It also applies to all soft drinks, ice cream sodas, etc. prepared and sold at fountains. It applies also to manufacturers of automobiles, automobile trucks, inner tubes, and accessories therefor.

Pianos, organs, graphophones, music boxes and records.
Tennis rackets, skates, fishing rods, games and all similar articles commonly known as sporting goods.

Chewing gum, candy, photographic films and plates.
Firearms, shells and cartridges.

"See 'Gets-It' Peel Off This Corn."

Leaves The Toe as Smooth as the Palm of Your Hand.

The corn never grew that "Gets-It" will not get. It never irritates the flesh, never makes your toe sore. Just two drops of "Gets-It" and presto! the corn-pain vanishes. Shortly you can peel the corn right off.



It's Wonderful to See "Gets-It" Peel Off Corns off with your finger and there you are—pain-free and happy with the toe as smooth and corn-free as your palm. "Gets-It" is the only safe way in the world to treat a corn or callus. It's the sure way—the way that never fails. It is tried and true—used by millions every year. It always works. "Gets-It" makes cutting and digging at a corn and fussing with bandages, salves or anything else, entirely unnecessary. "Gets-It" is the guaranteed, money-back corn-remover, the only sure way, costs but a trifle at any drug store. Sold by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the worlds best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

RESULTS OF GRAY MATTER IN CONTEST

The Interscholastic County meet was held here last Friday afternoon and Saturday. A large crowd from the rural schools came here to participate in the various events and to witness the sport. Following are the results as far as have been reported to The Ledger:

Winners in essay contest, Rural school division: Ruby Bailey, Mazeland school.

Class B, High school: Jessie Lee Curry, Miles.

Declamation contest: Rural boys: First, Jim Lacy, Mazeland; second, Leonard Forbus Pamphery third, Albert Baker, Drasco.

Rural Girls: First, Marcine Gooch, Mazeland; second, Eura Bibbs, Drasco; third, Nina B. Hudson, Pamphery.

Junior boys declamation, First, Gussie Clark, Miles; second Burton Reese Ballinger.

Junior Girls: First Mamie Jean Hale, Ballinger, second, Wanda Atwell, Miles, third, Lion Cambell, Winters.

Senior boys: First, Captain Coleman, Miles; second, Edwin Setzler, Ballinger, third, Elton White, Winters.

Senior Girls First Bernice Grif-fith, Winters, second Helen Prizling, Miles, third, Ruth Coekrell, Ballinger.

Winners in debate: Kate Coekrell and Elzie Brown, Ballinger.

Athletics: Ballinger won championship of the county in both boys and girls basket ball. As Ballinger is the only Class A high school in the county she had no competition in the track events.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, we have been unable to secure information in regard to the results of the various field events. We hope some one who has this information will send it in for publication.

Surgons agree that in cases of Cuts, Burns, Bruises and wounds, the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, BOROZONE is the ideal antiseptic and healing agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR ROADS IN TRAVIHS

Travis county, which already has long stretches of sarviated highways, is planning to issue from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000 in additional road bonds to put its road system into perfect condition, according to Joe A. Barbisch of Austin, who has for years traveled here as representative of type-writer companies. Mr. Barbisch says that Travis county is more than pleased with its highways investments and is clamorous for more of the same sort.

TRAIN TO RUN ON NEW TIME

Local agent Carringer announced Saturday that all trains would be operated on the new time beginning Sunday. The west bound train will arrive at 11:55 as usual but the fellow who does not either run his watch up before he retires tonight, or run it up when he gets on in the morning, will get left. The train schedule will be maintained under new time, but on the same old hours.

Sam J. Nelson was among the soldiers arriving home Saturday and was one of those who we failed to get in the list of names. Sam says he sure is glad to get back to Ballinger and it is no more France for him. He thinks more of the American people, and especially Texans than he does the whole French population.

D. W. Yeager, of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

J. W. Compton and little son, and H. A. Mitchell, of the Winters country, and J. S. Flanagan, of the Valley Creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

GOOD STAPLE COTTON SEED

Will receive in a few days a car of Improved Mebane Cotton Seed, ginned from cotton at Terrell averaging 36.8 lint with 1 1-8 inch staple. See seed and get full particulars as to quality. \$1.90 per bushel.

W. B. Wood and Son. dw-1f

For safety sake ask for "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin."

TALCUM SOLD AS ASPIRIN TABLETS

Millions of tablets sold to dealers by a Brooklyn manufacturer who was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for selling talcum powder tablets as Aspirin Tablets—Howard

When you seek relief from Headache, Neuralgia, Earache, Toothache, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Colds, Grippe or Influenza Colds always insist upon the genuine



Proved safe by millions

Adults—Take one or two tablets, anytime, with water. If necessary, repeat dose three times a day after meals.

20-cent package—Larger sizes also. Buy only original Bayer packages.

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MORE RAIN FOR MAKING GRAIN

Nearly three quarters of an inch of rain fell at Ballinger Saturday night, making nearly three inches for the week, and coming after the good rain of last Monday.

Reports received here indicate that the rain was general over this section of the country, and much heavier in some localities than at Ballinger.

During the last week both the Colorado river and Elm creek have been on rises and water sufficient to irrigate the whole county has gone to waste.

The rains are proving a great benefit to the small grain crop, and farmers say another such rain in a few weeks will produce a bumper grain crop in this county. There is activity already underway for harvesting the crop. Binders, threshers and harvest hands will be greatly in demand.

LEMONS MAKE SKIN WHITS, SOFT, CLEAR

Make this beauty lotion for a few cents and see for yourself.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to whiten the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quarter pint of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When applied daily to the face, neck, arms and hands it should help to bleach clear and smoothen, and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at a very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

H. Clements, of New Braunfels, arrived Saturday at noon, and is here to look after his farming interest. Mr. Clements says things are looking fine all the way up the line from his home to Ballinger, and he is delighted to see the country coming back to better days so fast.



WOMAN RESCUED FROM CONCHO RIVER

(San Angelo Standard)
Mrs. R. S. DeArment of San Antonio, a daughter of Sunny France and until a year ago a resident of Quebec, Canada, was rescued from drowning in the North Concho river Monday afternoon by John Parker, chief of the San Angelo fire department.

Standing in water that oaded about his ankles, Chief Parker skillfully threw a larlat about Mrs. DeArment's shoulders and pulled her ashore from a rack in midstream, on which she had taken refuge when a sudden rise in the river caught her unawares. She was almost drowned in the swift current but soon revived under the care of City Physician A. C. DeLong.

Mrs. DeArment is a graduate nurse, and a few days ago she came home with Miss Laura Bell Davidson, who was ill. Miss Davidson is an army nurse in the base hospital at Fort Sam Houston and was granted sick leave.

A man named Green fishing below the Orient railroad bridge and just above the forks of the North and South Concho rivers heard the woman's screams Monday afternoon when she was trapped by the rising flood, and rushed to the home of J. N. Farquhar, county commissioner, only a few hundred yards away. Mrs. Farquhar immediately telephoned the city hall and City Manager Wells notified three officials, Fire Chief Parker, Chief of Police George W. Cunningham and Dr. A. C. DeLong, city physician. All sped to the scene by automobiles.

Mrs. DeArment alone went fishing on the river Monday afternoon. To get to the water, she clambered down a rocky cliff and east her line in a deep pool. A few minutes later her hook in some manner was caught, and garbed in overalls she waded over kneedeep into the stream to dislodge it. It was while she was thus engaged a three foot rise swept down the Concho as a result of heavy rains in the valley around Water Valley and Sterling City the first of the week.

The water had risen almost to Mrs. DeArment's waist when fire chief Parker and Police Chief Cunningham arrived. The current each minute was becoming swifter as Mrs. DeArment became weaker. The first throw missed her but on the next attempt, the fire chief's air was true and the forty-foot one inch rope settled over her shoulders. Quickly she hatched it under her arms and the battle with the current began.

The first pull sent the woman under the water and it required all the rescuer's strength to keep the line from being pulled from his hands or from jerking him into the water. Finally Mrs. DeArment was brought ashore and was hurriedly carried to the Farquhar residence by Chief Parker, Chief Cunningham and Tom Jackson, who had been attracted to the scene.

Resuscitation required but a short time, and Tuesday morning the woman who narrowly escaped death suffered little but from the shock and exposure. She will likely return to San Antonio in a few days. Her husband lives in that city.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. E. J. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellis, of Memphis, Texas, came in Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ellis, and Ballinger friends for a few days.

J. B. Estes was in off of Route B Saturday and dropped a little silver in The Ledger's till.



Chase The Ghost From your car

Many a motoring party touring through the country, is haunted by an unseen passenger—FEAR—DREAD that a blow will blow out, like a blast—

And land the motor car at the road side, a helpless thing.

But if you have faith in the tires on your car, Contented Security is the invisible passenger riding with you.

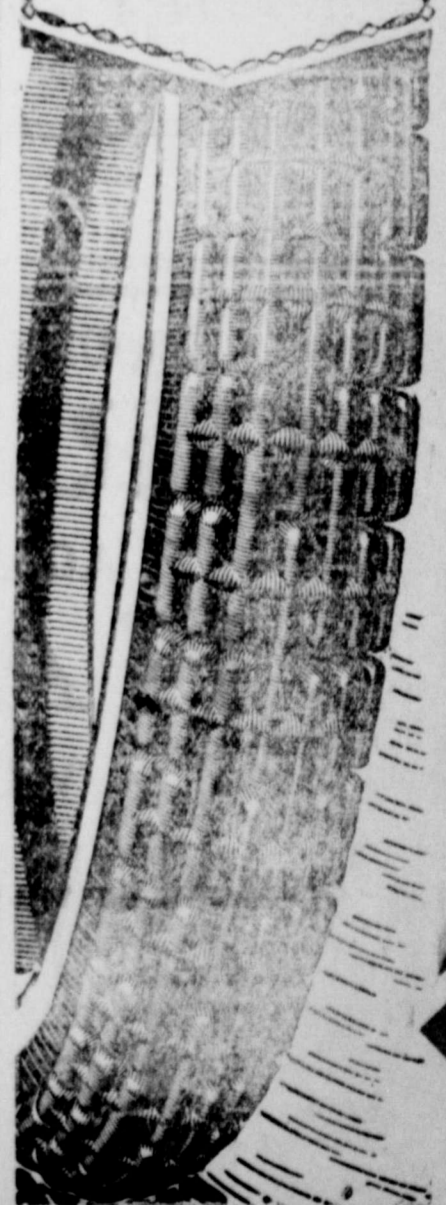
And if you have ridden on Goodrich Tires, you have faith in their big husky bodies, and thick BLACK SAFETY TREADS, extra wide, fortifying the sidewall against rut grinding.

You have faith in their dependability everywhere, and the durability which rounds out the Service Value of all Goodrich Tires.

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FEEL & TOUCH



Something New Under the Sun

And a Great Saving to You--Cut Price on All Millinery and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Before Easter

These Prices for FRIDAY and SATURDAY and All Next Week Don't Wait--Come Early and Get Your Choice Three Special Lots of Ladies Hats



- No. 1 Quite a few to select from at **\$1.95**
- No. 2 Special values, your choice for **\$2.95**
- No. 3 Consists of Pattern Hats and the creations from our work room, a splendid assortment of newest styles, values up to \$8.50, your choice **\$5.00**

Now is the time to buy that Easter Bonnet



Our Ladies Ready-to-Wear Dept. is Brim Full of New Styles and Splendid Values. One-Fourth Off On All Dolman Capes and Coats A Good Time to Get Busy

Silk Dresses, Georgette Dresses and All Kinds of Dresses at Prices that Will Interest You. Here Are a Few Specials We Want You to See.

- Navy Georgette, beautifully beaded in black and cut steel beads, a splendid dress for \$45.00, special price **\$37.75**
- Grey Crepe de Chine, with printed Georgette trimming, cheap at \$32.50 special price **\$26.75**
- Chiffon Taffeta and Georgette Combination in Home Guard colors \$42.50 value, very special at **\$36.75**

Special Values in Skirts and Waists

If you are not a customer of this store we are both losing money--Get the Habit--Shop Here

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PURE TONIC VALUE Banner-Ledger Want Ads

In Popticon, to the Last Particle of the Medicine.

The new and real iron tonic, Popticon, is prepared in the convenient form of chocolate-coated pills, easy to take, easy to carry about, with you, no water, no alcohol, no opiate.

Popticon is the essence of economy, the action of efficiency. It is readily assimilated, acts promptly and powerfully upon the blood and nervous centers, all run-down conditions, creates an appetite, gives stomach comfort and healthful digestion, wards off impending illness, battles over the danger zone, and increases power of resisting disease.

Do not put off treatment to these times so perilous to health, but get Popticon and begin to take it today, two after each meal.

You'll not regret being particular to get Popticon, and no other. Like many others, you will be surprised at its promptness in building you up.

13 Contracts in Runnels Co All Drilling in Ninety Days

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the wells should make the strike.

The real speculation in leases and royalties can not take place until at least one good well is brought in, and the inclination on the part of some to hold out their acreage to speculate on later has been retarding development. Give a little and get more for what you have left is the quickest way to realize on your oil possibilities.

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak

You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza.

When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

Mrs. Ed. Spill left Saturday afternoon for San Antonio. She had been here for several months visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sim Cottelle. Mr. Spill will return from France about June first, and will be mustered out at Camp Travis.

HERE AT HOME

Ballinger Citizens Gladly Testify and Confidently Recommend Doan's Kidney Pills

It is testimony like the following that has placed Doan's Kidney Pills so far above competitors. When people right here at home raise their voice in praise there is no room left for doubt. Read the public statement of a Ballinger citizen:

W. F. Street, stock dealer, 1001 Tenth St., says: "About a year ago I had an attack of kidney complaint. I had dull pains in the small of my back and the kidney secretions passed irregular. I bought Doan's Kidney Pills from the Weeks Drug Store and they relieved all signs of the trouble.

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy--get Doan's Kidney Pills--the same that Mr. Street had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

C. C. Britton, manager of The West Texas Telephone Co., has moved into the Jones place on 8th Street, recently vacated by Frank Chapman.

Million Nancy Hall Potato Slips, at \$3.50 per 1000. Pate Bros. Stephenville, Texas. References: R. T. Williams, your city, 28 3wpd

Improved Pecan Trees from 50c to \$5.00 you choice.

S. B. Howard, 107 North 12th St., Ballinger, Tex

FOR SALE--Single comb white Leghorns, descendants of the winners at Chicago, St. Louis, Garden Square, N. Y. and Missouri National Egg laying contest. On account of present conditions will sell at 75c per setting \$3.00 per hundred at Runnels. G. E. Kemp, 13rd Stw. pd.

MONEY TO LOAN--on improved farms. F. Blumentritt, Miles Texas. wtf.

FOR SALE--One Hart Parr 60 horse power gas engine, run two seasons; One Hart Parr separator, run one season; one six disc engine plow, all for \$2,000. Also one old separator for \$100. Can be seen at Hugh Campbell's place 4 1-2 miles northwest of Ballinger. R. W. Gilliam. 14 4w

S. C. White Leghorn Eggs from 250 to 270 egg laying strain. \$2.00 per setting, \$8.00 per 100 carefully selected. Mrs. D. F. Eaton. d&w tf.

Single Comb Rhode Island Red Eggs \$1.00 per sitting, postage extra 25c. Phone 3411 W. S. Caudle, 21 4w pd.

EGGS--Barred Rock eggs from choice farm raised fowls, \$1.25 for 15 by mail. \$1 if call and get them. W. J. Smith, Wingate, Texas. 21 3tw pd.

WANTED--You to get our price on cotton seed for planting. C. J. Lynn & Son, 26 2nd Stw. 10th St. and Railroad A

SUDAN--re-cleaned \$12.00 per hundred, also Maize, Kaifir and Cane \$5.00 per hundred. These prices f. o. b. Lubbock.

THE DIXIE FARM, Lubbock, Texas. d&w lt.

WANTED MAN TO SELL GROCERIES--Selling experience not necessary. One of world's largest grocers (capital over \$1,000,000.00) wants ambitious man in this locality to sell direct to consumer nationally known brand of groceries, teas, coffee, spices, paints, oils, stock foods, etc. Big line, easy sales. Values beat any competition. Earn big money. No experience or capital required. Complete sample outfit and free selling instructions start you. Long established reliable house. Write today. John Sexton & Co., 352 W. Illinois St., Chicago, Ill. 28 1tdpd.

W. E. Barbee came in from Austin, Wednesday at noon, where he has been at work for some time.

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Spasmodic croup is usually relieved with one application of--
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If you must sell you are advised before doing so, to consult with the management of this bank, who will either recommend you to some reputable broker or purchaser who will buy your bonds or this bank will purchase bonds in moderate amounts, fully or partially paid, on the following basis:

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