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VAN PELT, KIRK AND MACK

PRINCESS THEATRE TONIGHT

Every Night is Good Picture Night at the Princess Theater This is especially so under the regime of the King of Entertainers, the Mutual Program.

Picture Program

A Keystone Comedy and 2 other "Hot" Ones Tonight

This is
PREMIUM NIGHT

Admission 10c

W. T. PADGETT STANDS FOR RE-ELECTION

The Ledger reporter, ever alert for anything that makes news, and feeling that the people of Runnels County are interested considerably in politics and are anxious to know who will be in the running for the various county offices during the 1914 campaign, we called on Tax Collector Padgett this week, and asked him what kind of a political pulse he had. He stated that his pulse was strong, and that he was going to ask the tax payers of Runnels County to let him collect their taxes for another two years. Mr. Padgett says that he has fully determined to make the race for re-election. He said the report had gotten out that he was going to run for clerk. He says he never dreamed of such a thing, and that he has never had any idea of running for any office except tax collector. He says he is just a little too busy collecting taxes to talk politics but that he expects to make his formal announcement about the first of the year.

Mr. Padgett has been a resident of Runnels County for twenty-four years. There are few, if any, men in the county who is better known than "Bud" Padgett. He has been identified more or less with the affairs of the county for the past ten or twelve years. He served as tax assessor for six years. He is an expert accountant and takes a great pride in seeing that his work is done exactly right. His hat is in the ring and he will make his formal announcement about the first of the year.

Colder Weather Predicted.
Tonight and Thursday fair and colder.

GARAGE TAKES PLACE LIVERY STABLE

H. M. Leach has leased the Rock Livery Stable building near the Ballinger Lumber Co., yard and is arranging to open up a garage and machine shop. He has purchased a complete equipment of modern machinery and same will be installed and everything made ready for opening for business about the first of December.

The livery stable business that has been conducted in the rock building by H. A. Rayburn has been discontinued. Mr. Rayburn is disposing of his stock and the horses will give way to the autos.

Mr. Leach has many friends among the auto owners who will be glad to learn that he is engaging in business in Ballinger. He is an experienced machine man, and an expert with complicated machinery. He was connected with the Ballinger Oil Mill, for a number of years. He says he will be prepared in his new shop to repair anything in the machinery line, and will also carry in stock a complete line of auto tires and accessories.

MAY RUN FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

We have it on good authority that R. L. Carlton, of the Crews country, is being urged to make the race for tax assessor, and he has the matter under consideration. Mr. Carlton has been a citizen of this county for a long time. He has taught in the schools of Runnels County, and if he gets in the race, we predict that he will get his share of the votes.

THANKSGIVING COM- MITTEE TO MEET

A meeting of the committee appointed to arrange a program for a Union Thanksgiving service is called to meet at the office of Judge R. S. Griggs Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. The following named gentlemen composed the committee: R. W. Bruce, R. T. Williams, R. S. Griggs, T. D. Mangum, John Thurman, C. R. Crews, and H. W. Lynn. Mr. Lynn is out of town, and some other member of the First Presbyterian church will be asked to serve in his place.

WILL SPEND A YEAR IN IRELAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Massey, of Concho County, left Ballinger Wednesday afternoon for their old home in Ireland, where they will be for a year or more. They expect to sail from Galveston Sunday and will go direct to Liverpool and will go from Liverpool to Kilmuckridge Gorey, County of Wexford, Ireland. They were joined here by Miss Mary Garden daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Garden, of San Angelo, who will accompany them to Ireland and will visit in that country. Mr. and Mrs. Garden came down from San Angelo with their daughter and returned on the noon train.

Mr. Massey has not disposed of his ranch interest in Concho County, and has left it in charge of a good man and says he is only off for a year's visit in the old country. Before leaving Ballinger he arranged for the Banner-Ledger to come to him every week.

Mrs. Artledge left Tuesday afternoon for Buda, Texas, to visit her brother during the winter.

CIRCUS DAY IS FAT GALA DAY

Today is gala day. The small boy is over jubilant; the small girl is anxiously waiting for the next move on the part of the show, and father and mother have left behind their every-day business-like feelings and taken on the more joyous spirit. Every body is full of merriment because Gentry Bros. shows have arrived and are showing in Ballinger today.

The circus arrived at an early hour this morning over the Abilene and Southern Railway from Abilene where it showed yesterday. When the trains came to a stop, hundreds of workmen hopped from their beds under wagons loaded on long colored flat cars and began the preliminary work of setting up the tents. By sun rise most of the tents, poles and other equipment had arrived on the show grounds on the right-of-way along the Santa Fe tracks, and preparations were being hurriedly made for the street parade which took place shortly before noon.

This is not the first time Gentry Bros. have visited Ballinger for they came to the town when it was much smaller than what it is today and when the show traveled in five or six cars. Old friends of the shows have been awaiting its visit this year and looking forward with the greatest expectations towards the day of exhibition.

The street parade was delayed on account of school not dismissing before noon. At a few minutes before 12 o'clock, however, the school kids flocked in bunches to the downtown streets and took their places along the side walks, awaiting the coming of the big pageant.

Many hundreds of country people were in the city to see the show and parade. Some arrived during the early morning hours and shopped while waiting for the parade to move along the streets. The day was an ideal one and caused the crowds to be much larger than would have been otherwise.

The afternoon exhibition was attended by a large crowd, the big tent being packed to its capacity. The show is in progress as we go to press. The evening performance will begin at 8 o'clock. The doors will open at 7.

J. H. Wilke returned home from Temple at noon today.

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FULL TEXT OF IRRIGATION CONTRACT

There is no one question that is attracting more attention through out the Ballinger country at this particular time than the great irrigation project. It is the chief topic of the day among the farmers and the land owners, and especially among those who will be within reach of the big canal and who will be enabled to place their land under irrigation. These will be the ones who will be directly benefited, and the benefit will come to every property owner and to every citizen in Runnels County, and those in adjoining counties who live within a reasonable distance of the district that will be irrigated.


As the question is one of a great importance to the entire people, and in order that every one may get an idea of what Chas. M. Stanley proposes to do, and what he asks the people to do, we are publishing below the full text of the contract which is being signed by quite a number of land owners. We are also publishing the application for water appropriation, which is also being signed by those who are anxious to see the big project go through, and readily realize the great benefit:

Agreement and Contract.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of _____
This agreement and contract made and entered into by and between C. M. Stanley, of the county of Coke, in the State of Texas, party of the first part, and _____ of the County of Coke, in the State of Texas, party of the second part, Witnesseth:

1. That whereas, the said party of the second part has this day made, executed, acknowledged and delivered to the First State Bank of Bronte, Texas (a corporation duly incorporated, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas and having its principal office in the town of Bronte, in the County of Coke, in the State of Texas), this certain deed of conveyance of this date, conveying to the said party of the first part, all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of _____, in the State of Texas, and described as follows, to-wit: (Description of land) which said deed of conveyance so delivered by said party of the second part to the said First State Bank of Bronte, Texas, is to

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from your own
future by
spending
money
that you could put in
the Bank now*



**IF YOU PUT MONEY IN THE BANK
NOW IT WILL GROW INTO A FORTUNE
AND KEEP YOU SOME DAY**

The above statement is absolutely true. You are spending not alone the money but the FUTURE of that money. That money you are now spending would some day make a goodly sum which would insure you COMFORT IN YOUR OLD AGE or protect your FAMILY should you die.

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The First National Bank
Of Ballinger

Attend to It Today.

Now is the acceptable time to open an account with The Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Everything has beginning. Today you should begin to do business with The Farmers & Merchants State Bank. It pays to do business with this Bank.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK
"Fathers and Mothers Bank."

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Select your seed early and get the best, and the harvest will be great.

Will Ballinger be in the cleanest town contest in Texas? The contest is near the close.

Felix Diaz advises Huerta to resign. Good advise, and Huerta can profit by the experience of Diaz, who is now in a Havana hospital, recovering from wounds inflicted at the hands of the enemy.

An exchange says "a Missouri woman's boil and was hit between the eyes." A Texas woman would have turned the other cheek, but it is probable the Missouri woman's boil was not on the cheek.

The farmer that sold a load of turkeys in Ballinger for \$38 this week is helping to feed the world, and at the same time adding to his bank account. The market is great and other farmers could do as well.

According to the report of vital statistics for the month of October, forty mothers in Texas gave birth to eighty children during that month. At that rate the school teachers have a "cinch" on a life time job.

There are people who left Ballinger and are now living in other sections of the state who would be glad to see the old town hold a "Home Coming." Judging from the tone of letters that are being received in Ballinger some of them are coming back.

The fruit man is abroad in the land and his work is a great one. Nothing adds to the appearance of home more than a few beautiful shade trees, and a good orchard is a big asset to any farm.

Few towns in Texas have better transportation facilities than Ballinger, and it is a mystery why the knocker persist in making this his home. If things does not suit his home. I things do not suit and move.

The fact that thousands of dollars were lost by the farmers of Washington County simply because they did not have their cotton picked while the weather was favorable. But it is quite impossible to see into the future and so we have to take things as they come.—Brenham Banner-Press.

Yes, as long as you stay in the mire and mud of Washington County you must take things as they come. Come to Runnels County where there is sunshine, health, happiness and plenty and where farmers pick cotton "by the mile."

It's No Mystery To A Man

who has his clothing cleaned and pressed at Roark's why the establishment seems so popular. Superior work and lively satisfaction tells the whole story. Moderate prices and prompt service are also factors that have contributed to make this a Mecca for both men and women at this shop. TELEPHONE 290.

W. H. ROARK, The Tailor.

In commenting on the irrigation project, the Temple Telegram says:

Should this project be carried out successfully it would mean such a development of that portion of the state as even the real estate dealers have not dreamed of in their philosophy. With a gravity feed drifting down into the Ballinger territory a considerable benefit is to be expected to come to the interests of that country, for irrigation puts an entirely different phase on the crop question by insuring a more uniform yield.

The Santa Fe stands ready to convert that strip of land between their track and the Central Hotel into a beautiful park, if the citizens will co-operate with them in the work. At present this spot presents an eye-sore appearance to the public. Nothing would be a better advertisement for Ballinger than a few dollars spent in the upkeep of this park.—Ballinger Ledger.

Who wants a park that a railroad builds? Isn't a railroad an oppressor, a cormorant, a—worse than all—a corporation? Isn't it your duty to hate railroads, to bruise their heads and scourge them? Who would sit in a park that a railroad built; who would let his patriotic eye wander over the green sward of a railroad park, or permit his esthetic sense to loiter amidst the shrubbery of same? Instead of accepting a park from a railroad, wouldn't you be doing a nobler work for your native land to sue the con-founded capitalists who force their iron rails into your beloved country for the purpose of hauling your merchants' freight and your farm produce? Of course railroads are convenient and all that, and some people are eager for them, but primarily a railroad is to be sued. We merely tip you off in this matter. Possibly you are laboring under the impression that a railroad is responsible to kind treatment. Don't you believe it. A railroad is to be sued, not wooed.—State Press, Dallas News.

THROW OUT THE LINE.

Give Them Help and Many Ballinger People Will be Happier.

"Throw Out the Life Line"—Weak kidneys need help. They're often overworked—they don't get the poison filtered out of the blood. Will you help them? Doan's Kidney Pills have brought benefit to thousands of kidney sufferers. Ballinger testimony proves their worth.

J. A. Maxwell, farmer, 100 Twelfth St., Ballinger, Texas, says "My back had been paining me for some time and as Doan's Kidney Pills were endorsed by people I knew, I decided to try them. I was greatly benefited after trying the first box and continued use removed the trouble. I am now in good health."

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

Walter Allen, of Lowaka, came in Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends.

FOR SALE—The Ledger has many thousand old papers that they will sell for 10c a hundred come and get them.

LEAVE YOUR WINDOWS OPEN. Mrs. E. P. Turner.

Fresh air is the first requisite to good circulation.

The season for window closing is approaching, and the question of out-door sleeping should be again brought to mind, as it is no superfluous fad but a hard-shell necessity. While it is true that the people on the farms almost have a "corner" on fresh air, it is well imperative that during the winter months they give due consideration to the ventilation of their sleeping rooms. Leave the windows and doors of your bed rooms open at night in winter as well as in summer and reap the reward of a system strong enough to combat ills that are so prevalent during the winter months.

DELICATE CHILD.

Made Strong and Healthy by Vinol.

Growing children play hard and work hard at school, which with rapid growth uses up an enormous amount of energy and vitality that must be replaced.

When a child is tried all the time, no appetite, weak, delicate and sickly we guarantee Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron tonic, will build them up, create a hearty appetite, sound flesh and muscle tissue, pure healthy blood and make them strong.

Mrs. L. L. Bertrand, New Iberia La., says: "My little one was weak and run-down in health, and was continually taking cold. Different medicines failed to help, but when Vinol was recommended I found it a wonderful help to my child. It broke up the cold, and quickly restored health and strength. Vinol is a most excellent tonic for children."

If Vinol fails to do just what we say, we will give back your money. The Walker Drug Co. Ballinger, Texas.

P. S. For any skin trouble try our Saxo Salve. We guarantee it.

Barber Shops To Close at 6 p. m.

We, the undersigned barbers of Ballinger, Texas, hereby agree to close our shops at 6 p. m. each afternoon except Saturdays and at 10 p. m. on Saturdays. Dated at Ballinger, this the tenth day of November, 1913.

J. L. McWhirter, Bank Barber Shop.

J. M. Joiner, Thee Ideal Barber Shop.

H. O. Rhodes, City Shop. 11-5td

W. T. Padgett is making his rounds collecting taxes in the county. He went to Norton Wednesday morning and will be out all the week and next week. Mike Boyd is looking after the office work during Mr. Padgett's absence.

We kept you cool all summer, now we want to keep you warm all winter ARCTIC ICE & FUEL CO. Phone 312. 25-dtf

Joe Spoons has accepted a position with the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., and will sell hardware, implements, engines, etc. and will be on the road part of the time.

Trespass Notice.

My land on Valley creep in Runnels county, is posted and all persons are warned not to hunt, gather pecans, haul wood, or to commit any other kind of trespassing. J. W. RABY, 9-dwtf Route 3, Ballinger, Tex.

W. W. McKissick, the Oxen merchant, was marketing cotton in Ballinger Tuesday.

SHOE FOUND—Child's shoe New, never been worn, found on Ballinger and Paint Rock road, near Dr. Fowler farm. Pay for notice and get shoe at Ledger office. dwtf

WANTED—Reliable woman for housework. Apply 802 10th St., Mrs. D. A. Swett. 11tf

No-Tsu-Oh Carnival Houston NOV. 10-15

Very Low Fares VIA



Table with 3 columns: From, Class A Fares, Class B Fares. Rows: Talpa, Ballinger, Rowena.

For Information Regarding Dates of Sale and Limits Call on

A. H. WIGLE, Agent

R. L. Woodward and son Lee, of Corpus Christi, who had been looking after business interests in our section, were in Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Woodward left for his home in the afternoon.

Rub a sore throat with Ballard's Snow Liniment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

R. A. David and family, of Winters, were among those who visited Ballinger on show day, coming to see the show and to attend to business.

Pain, Pain, Pain.

To those who suffer PAIN, let us say Hunt's Lightning Oil is truly wonderful in the way it destroys pain. So many praise it that you cannot doubt. You simply rub it on, and the pain goes away.

Mrs. C. O. Harris is here from San Angelo visiting her son, L. B. Harris and family.

Inside of two years corn meal will be labeled the date it is manufactured and any offered for sale over twenty-one days will be a violation of the law, so says the pure food man. 14-tfd

Edwin Crosson is here from Houston visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. T. T. Crosson.

FOR SALE—Seven passenger Haines car, 60 h. p. engine, in good shape, goes at \$500. Apply to Charlie Hanz, Rowena. 28-dwtf

Mrs. H. C. Wylie and daughter, of San Angelo, who had been visiting Ballinger friends, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

400 tons of the very choicest and best coal at Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. No slack, no slate, no clinkers. Phone 312. 25-dtf

WILL BE IN OFFICE TWO DAYS IN WEEK.

Prof. E. L. Hagan, superintendent of public instruction, requests us to state that he will only be in his office on Saturday and Monday of each week during school terms, as his time for the other four days in the week is devoted to visiting the schools. Those desiring to confer with him on school matters will please remember this, and call at his office on above dates.

Plain Sewing Wanted. by Mrs. I. D. Elliott 901 Tenth St., phone 410. Will appreciate any work. 11tf

Mrs. W. B. Halley left Tuesday afternoon for Temple to visit relatives. She was accompanied by Miss Liddie Zeschang.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches, and pains prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

HORSE FRIGHTENED AT CALIOPE

What was nearly a serious accident occurred at noon Wednesday when a horse ran into the steam caliope of Gentry Bros. with a buggy loaded with children. The accident occurred at the intersection of Park Avenue and Eighth Street when the street parade was on its way to the show grounds after passing through the downtown streets. The young driver, the son of Marshall Witt, a farmer living near this city, was thrown out of the buggy and narrowly escaped being run over by the caliope. With the exception of a few bruises, the youngster escaped injury. No one else was hurt.

Irregular bowel movement leads to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system with impurities. Herbine is a great bowel regulator. It purifies the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

FIRE INSURANCE The Best Companies PROMPT SERVICE Your business solicited. Miss Maggie Sharp. Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co.s Office. Phone 215. See Me.

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We carry a full line building material at all times. Oak for Coupling Poles, Tongues and Etc. Let us save you some money on your bill.

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Reserved Seats Now on Sale At WALKER DRUG CO.

FULL TEXT OF IRRIGATION CONTRACT

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be delivered by the First State Bank of Bronte, Texas, to the said party of the first part upon the following conditions:

1. The said party of the first part has incurred and paid out considerable sums of money for preliminary surveys and purchase of land for the purpose of erecting a dam across the Colorado River and other valuable considerations, at a point on said river about four miles southwest of the town of Bronte, Texas, said dam when completed to be used for the storage of water for irrigation of the land hereinbefore mentioned and described, and other lands in its vicinity, a portion of which other lands are owned by the said party of the second part.

2. Now, if the said party of the first part shall obtain a permit from the State of Texas to erect said dam and shall well and truly, within twelve months from the date of said permit, begin active operations toward building said dam and digging and preparing the necessary ditches and canals for irrigating the lands in the vicinity of said dam and shall prosecute the work diligently and complete the said dam, ditches or canals, and have the water from the said reservoir or lake, formed by said dam, available for irrigation purposes for the said party of the second part or his lands in the vicinity of the tract of land hereinbefore mentioned and described, then and in that event the said First State Bank of Bronte, Texas, is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the said party of the first part, his heirs, assigns or legal representatives, the deed of conveyance hereinbefore mentioned, and the same shall have the force and effect to vest the title to the property therein mentioned and described in the said party of the first part to the same effect as if the said deed of conveyance had this day been delivered by the said party of the second part to the said party of the first part, but, in the event the said party of the first part shall fail to obtain the said permit from the State of Texas to build said dam, or shall fail to begin active operations within twelve months from the date of the said permit or having begun active operations fail to complete the work within four years from the date of said permit, then the said deed of conveyance is to be returned by the said First State Bank of Bronte, Texas, to the said party

of the second part, to be cancelled and the title to the tract of land therein mentioned and described shall remain in the said party of the second part to the same effect as if the said deed of conveyance had never been executed.

3. It is further understood and agreed that this contract shall not be ended on account of delays in the prosecution of said work, if such delays result from causes beyond the control of the said party of the first part.

4. It is further understood that upon the completion of the said dam, and the said water is available to the said party of the second part for the purposes of irrigation, that the said party of the first part, his successors or assigns, will furnish to the said party of the second part, all necessary water for irrigation purposes upon such terms as may be prescribed by the said party of the first part, his successors or assigns, for the owners of other lands of the same character as the lands of the said party of the second part.

5. It is further understood and agreed that there is in the vicinity and neighborhood of the proposed dam lands aggregating about one hundred thousand acres owned by various and sundry parties, and it is the intention of the said party of the first part to obtain contracts similar to this contract with the other owners of the lands in this vicinity, and in the event the said party of the first part is successful in obtaining contracts from the owners of as much as fifty thousand acres of said land, then and in that event this contract shall be ended within three years from the date that the said contracts are finally obtained by the said party of the first part, unless within said three years the said dam has been completed as hereinbefore provided.

6. It is further understood and agreed that this contract is executed in duplicate, and that the said party of the first part shall have the right to file for record with the County Clerk of _____ County, Texas, the original copy of this agreement, to be recorded in the Deed Records of said County, which shall have the force and effect to impart to all subsequent purchasers and creditors of the said party of the second part to the same effect as if the said deed had been delivered and recorded, and that the duplicate copy shall be delivered with the said deed of conveyance to the said First State Bank of Bronte, Texas, and shall remain with said deed until the said failure, to be

returned to the said party of the second part and cancelled.

7. It is further understood and agreed that the contract hereinafore set out is the whole contract between the parties hereto, and no one is authorized on behalf of either the said party of the first part or the said party of the second part to change the terms and conditions hereof, by any kind or character of parol agreement.

Witness our hands in duplicate this the _____ day of _____ A. D., 1913.

Application for Appropriation of Water.

Mr. Chas. M. Stanley,
Bronte, Texas.

Having investigated the plans submitted by you for the construction of a dam across the Colorado River, I desire to apply for the perpetual appropriation of water for the irrigation of _____ land, and I hereby offer as a consideration for the construction of said dam, and canals, a deed to _____ acres of land, said deed to be placed in escrow pending the completion of the contract. I hereby agree to the Company's terms for the use of water, conditioned upon these being the same as other patrons receive.

It is further agreed and understood that I shall have the use and benefits of the land conveyed until the escrow contract is complied with and that the crop, if any, on conveyed lands at that date, shall be my property. And said lands shall be surrendered upon the first day of January, following, with taxes paid in full.

It is agreed that the capital stock of the corporation shall not exceed the actual total cost of construction thereof. It is also agreed and understood that if the Grantor is compelled to irrigate the lands of the Grantee and said lands require permanent improvements, such as leveling or fluming that said improvements shall be by or at the expense of the Grantee.

Accepted, this the _____ day of _____ A. D., 1913.

PATHFINDER MAKING RETURN TRIP.

E. L. Ferguson, the pathfinder for the "All Southern All Year Round Auto Highway," is making the return trip from the Pacific Coast, and is due in Ballinger Thursday or Friday. It will be remembered that Mr. Ferguson passed through Ballinger en route to California some time ago, and was tendered a banquet by the Ballinger business men. He made the trip from Abilene to Ballinger on the train, and had his car shipped, on account of heavy rains that fell at that time. There were other sections of the route which he could not travel over before on account of the rain, and he is making the return trip to complete his work of logging out what is known as the All Southern All Year Round Highway.

Miss Mary Louise Stokes returned Wednesday morning from Pecos county, where she has been visiting her brother for the past six weeks.

J. A. Guy, Talpa's hardware man, was here on business Wednesday afternoon.

Why buy old corn meal when you can get it fresh every day from Missouri Milling Co. 14-tf

Hall Hardware Co.

Everything in Hardware

Competent Plumbers Always
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Mrs. Edwin Day

BOOSTING BALLINGER PARK PROPOSITION

It has very aptly been said that nothing attracts like civic attractiveness. The towns in Texas that occupy the most prominent places in the list of familiar named towns are those that take an interest in civic matters and take a pride in beautifying.

For some time we have been trying to interest the citizens of Ballinger in the work of building another park north of the Santa Fe near the passenger station. Several have expressed a desire to help in the move, and we believe that the scheme could be carried out at a small cost. The great benefits to be derived from this civic improvement would be great and worth many times the cost. It could no doubt be arranged with the Santa Fe so that one man could have charge of the work of maintaining the two parks, the citizens, or the city paying the additional cost of keeping up the new park. Of course one man could not do all the work by himself, but a good landscape gardener could have charge of the work at a fixed salary, and his salary could be sufficient to allow him to employ extra help just as needed. This kind of a combination would enable the gardener to keep the two parks up much cheaper than two men could be employed for.

We know of no better man for this work than E. D. Haden, who formerly had charge of the Santa Fe park at this place, and who is now at Bonham, where he went to improve a park for that city. Mr. Haden writes that he will return to Ballinger as soon as his contract expires which will be about the first of January. He and his family are not satisfied at Bonham. Noticing the agitation for civic improvement in the Ledger, Mr. Haden becomes interested in the proposition and this week he addressed the following letter to J. J. Erwin:

"Dear Sir: I saw in the last weeks Banner-Ledger that they were trying to get the people interested in parking the north side of the Santa Fe right-of-way at the passenger station which I think would be a grand thing and the cost would be a small thing to the good it would be to Ballinger. I have thought a great deal about it and have drawn several plats of it and I send you my last plat on the back of this letter. It is the prettiest one I can think of to cost the least money. My plan is to do very little filling in, just enough to level up the ground and raise the low places so that water would not stand on it. I am sure you will agree with me that it will

be better not to fill up level it will be on the order of a sunken garden which is the prettiest flower garden there is. You will see that the west plot is to be devoted to flowers and trees and the north plot for grass and trees.

"I expect to come back to Ballinger the first of the year and if you succeed in getting the park worked up I would like to do the work, as there is nothing that gives me more pleasure than to do landscape gardening. I have made a grand success here and will have a hard time getting away from here.

Respectfully yours,
"E. D. HADEN."

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