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CICERO SMITH DEAD AT MINERAL WELLS

News reached Ballinger late Tuesday afternoon of the death of Col. Cicero Smith which occurred at his home at Mineral Wells Monday night. At the time this is written the particulars of the death have not reached Ballinger but it is supposed to have been from natural causes as Mr. Smith was growing old and had been in feeble condition for some time. Deceased was well known all over the state and particular over this section of the country, where he has been conducting lumber yards for a number of years, and otherwise connected with the commercial interest of this country. He was one of the heavy property owners of Runnels county, owning part of the Wylie ranch lands and having other interest in the county. He has been making his home at Mineral Wells for many years, and the remains will be buried at that place.

PASTORS CONFERENCE CONVENES TONIGHT

The Pastors Conference and Missionary Institute for the Brownwood District will convene in Ballinger tonight (Wednesday) at seven o'clock. The conference will be held at the Methodist Church and will last until Friday night. Delegates have been arriving in the city since yesterday afternoon and the noon train Wednesday brought a large delegation from Brownwood and other points east of Ballinger. Others will arrive tonight and tomorrow, and the town will be full of Methodist preachers and laymen for a couple of days. A splendid program, one that will interest the general public has been arranged and interesting subject will be discussed through the entire meeting. The public is cordially invited to every session of the conference, and especially is it the desire of the host Rev. W. H. Doss, that all who possible can attend the lectures to be given by the prominent speakers on the program.

TWO LOCAL BANKS ELECTS NEW CASHIERS

The rumor has been current for some time that there would be a change in the official family of two of Ballinger's banking institutions, and the rumor developed into facts Tuesday of this week when the directors of the two banks in question met and elected officers for the ensuing year. The election makes some important changes in both the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

E. D. Walker, who has been cashier of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., since the organization of that institution, resigned. The directors elected W. E. Barbee to succeed Mr. Walker and Mr. Barbee accepted the position and immediately entered upon the duties of his new office. There were no other changes in this bank, Chas. S. Miller being re-elected president and Morgan Jones vice president. Sam Banker who has been with the bank since last summer remains with the institution.

Mr. Barbee the new cashier, has also been with this bank for several years, with the exception of the last six months, he having had a general agency for a prominent insurance company. When the cashier was tendered him he resigned his position with the insurance company and accepted same. Mr. Barbee is a man that is well known among the patrons of the bank which he will serve as cashier, as well as throughout this section of the state. He was practically raised in this county, at Ballinger, and his many friends and friends of the bank will be glad to know that he will make up an important part in the handling of that bank's affairs.

Mr. Miller was the first president of the Ballinger State Bank and he has served the bank in that capacity since its organization. He has built up a credit that any banker can well afford to be proud of. With the changes just made he becomes more actively associated with the bank he organized and will devote practically all his time to the conducting of the bank's affairs. This bank has never failed to make good and with the prosperous future ahead, the bank will continue to grow in popularity among its patrons.

D. Walker Goes With F. & M. Bank.

D. Walker is a new member of the official family of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Mr. Walker was elected cashier of the bank and Wednesday morning of this week found him at his new desk. Other changes made in F. & M. Bank places R. R. Russell at the head of that institution as president, J. F. Currie, who has been president since the organization of the bank retiring from active service, but remains

on the board of directors as well as vice president of the bank. Jo Wilmeth, the only cashier the bank has ever had was elected vice president—active vice president and takes the desk heretofore held by Mr. Currie. Mr. Currie has not stated what he will devote his personal attention to but it is presumed that he will look after his private business affairs.

The complete line up of the F. & M. Bank as made up by the recent meeting of the board of directors is as follows:

Directors: R. R. Russell, G. G. Odom, J. F. Currie, M. D. Chastain, T. S. Lankford, J. L. Chastain. Officers: R. R. Russell, president, J. F. Currie, vice president; M. D. Chastain, vice president; Jo Wilmeth, vice president; E. D. Walker, cashier; J. L. Chastain, assistant cashier; Andy Gustavus, assistant cashier; Miss Franc Baker, stenographer.

The personnel of this bank speaks for itself. The president Mr. Russell has lived in West Texas for more than thirty years having moved to Menard county in 1870, and while residing there he served as sheriff ten years making one of the best peace officers Texas ever had. He now has his home in San Antonio and is president of the State Bank & Trust Company of that city, its deposits being now more than three million dollars. He is also heavily interested in the Bank at Menard, recognized as one of the strongest private banks of the State.

Mr. Russell is conceded to be one of our most active and extensive cattle dealers, having large ranch interests through the southwest, has been exceptionally successful in his undertakings and is worth well beyond the million dollar mark. He is an optimist by birth and practice with great faith in the future of Runnels County and its people, as is evidenced by the fact that he is the largest land owner in our county. He was the prime mover in the organization of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank, is now and has always been its heaviest shareholder. In his absence he will be represented by Active Vice President Jo Wilmeth, who has been actively engaged in the banking business in Runnels county for twenty years.

Jo Wilmeth, who becomes active vice president of this bank needs no commendation at our hands. We doubt if there is a man in Runnels County that is better known throughout this section than Jo Wilmeth. He has been associated with the banking interest of Ballinger practically since the town was staked off and called Ballinger. He is known to be

LATER—The Fort-Worth Star-Telegram, published Tuesday afternoon, in giving the particulars of the death of Col. Smith, says: Cicero Smith, 69, lumberman banker and capitalist, died Monday night at 10 o'clock in Mineral Wells at the home of a sister Mrs. M. Lawson. He had been ill about a week with pneumonia.

Monday night Dr. S. A. Woodward of Fort Worth was called to Mineral Wells to administer oxygen to Smith, but before the physician could reach his bedside, he died. Dr. Woodward went to Mineral Wells in an automobile. The funeral will be held at the First Baptist Church of Mineral Wells Wednesday at 2 p. m. and the services at the grave will be under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. He was prominent in fraternal and religious organizations.

NEW TELEPHONE MANAGER ARRIVES.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Day arrived from Dallas Tuesday at noon and will make their home in Ballinger. Mr. Day comes here to succeed A. W. Woods as manager of the West Texas Telephone Co. He formerly lived at Brady, having had charge of the office at that place, but for the past year he has been connected with the Dallas phone system. We welcome these people to our town.

Bruce Creasy left Wednesday for Chillicothe on an extended business trip.

Rev. J. H. Stuart, of Brownwood presiding elder of this district, came in Wednesday at noon to attend the M. E. Conference in our city.

BALLINGER TEACHERS TO DO NORMAL WORK

Prof. W. S. Fleming, superintendent, and Prof. J. M. Skinner, principal of the Ballinger schools, have accepted propositions submitted to them to teach in normals during the coming summer.

Prof. Fleming will go to Baylor College at Waco about the middle of June, and will teach there for seven or eight weeks. He spent last summer at Waco teaching in the normal and it is quite a credit to the Ballinger schools as well as to Prof. Fleming that he has been given the place again, as this is one of the best normals in Texas, or any where in the Southwest.

Prof. Skinner has accepted a place in the normal to be held at Simmons College in Abilene. This is one of the ten recognized best normals in the state. Ballinger is again honored by the selection of Prof. Skinner to teach in that school. The normal will open about June 8th, and will hold for eight or nine weeks.

Judge T. C. Wilkerson, of Brownwood, will lecture tonight on St. Paul and His Times. Following is the program as arranged for tomorrow:

- 9:00 a. m.—Devotional. Peter's Confession of Christ, Matt. 16:13-16.—S. J. Rucker.
- 9:15—The Need of a Great Revival in the Brownwood District.—L. A. Clark.
- 9:30—How to Reach the Children of the Church.—Archey W. Gordon.
- 9:45—The Revival. When to Hold? Winter? Spring? Summer?—A. J. Cosgrove.
- 10—The Revival, Who to Hold? Pastor? Brother Pastor? Evangelist?—J. M. Neal.
- 10:15—Decision Day in the Sunday School.—W. B. Vaughn.
- 10:30—How to Reach the Neglected Places.—J. L. Spear.
- 11 a. m.—Preaching Service.—K. P. Barton.
- Thursday Afternoon. The Pastor
- 3—Devotional. Christ's Confession of Peter, Matt. 16:17-20.—S. J. Rucker.
- 3:15—The Pastor in His Study.—W. H. Doss.
- 3:30—The Pastor in His Closet.—H. C. Bowman.
- 3:45—The Pastor Among His People.—J. G. Thomas.
- 4—The Pastor and His Time.—C. T. Brockett.
- 4:10 p. m.—Rev. John A. Rice D. D.

ORGANIZED A CHORAL CLUB LAST NIGHT.

Mrs. E. L. McAlpine organized a Choral Club at the Carnegie Library Tuesday night. Mrs. J. Y. Pearce was elected president, Miss Sammie Padgett secretary, Miss Louise Doss, treasurer, and Mrs. E. L. McAlpine director. The club starts out with about forty-two members, and Ballinger is promised a real treat in good music. The club will meet for practice every Tuesday night.

Weather Report

Unsettled tonight and Thursday.

Sam Warring, one of the pioneer and successful stock men of Eden, was greeting Ballinger friends and looking after business affairs in the city Wednesday.

BIG FIRE AT MILES THIS MORNING.
Fire at three o'clock this morning destroyed at the store of C. A. Sewell & Co., the largest general merchandise store at Miles. The business occupied two store buildings and the loss will up into the thousands. The fire is supposed to have started from trash pile back of the store.

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OIL INDICATIONS ATTRACTING OIL CO'S ATTENTION

What a little "boost" by the local paper may do for a country was clearly brought out this week when two gentlemen, one an accredited representative of the Standard Oil Co., and the other representing the Pierce-Fordice Co., appeared in Ballinger and after spending some time here made known their mission.

About three years ago the Banner-Leader made mention of the finding of oil indications on the Houghton & Robinson ranch west of Ballinger. We didn't know when the article was written that it would ever find its way to the head office of the giant oil companies of the United States, and even if we had known that it would come under the personal attention of these men we would not have supposed that it would have been given credit for anything, and passed up as information of no value. But such it not true Messrs. Nesmith & Richards, the representatives of the companies above referred to and who were here this week, had in their possession the article published in this paper three years ago just as clipped from the columns of the paper. It was this little article that brought them to Ballinger. We only call the attention of our readers to these facts just to show that it pays to boost. When a paper is printed and placed in the mails no one can tell where the influence of the matter published in that paper will spread. Every organized line of business today maintains a clipping bureau and by this method they keep in touch with developments being made in their respective lines throughout the country.

These gentlemen were sent here to investigate the oil and gas possibilities of this country. While they gave out no statement as to what they had found, they began at once to arrange to procure oil leases on the lands where there is indications of oil and gas. In this work they have solicited the aid of C. A. Doose and they

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Dr. M. M. Carrick, who is in Chicago, scores that city for its filth in an interview published in Chicago Herald. Dr. Carrick is the man who has spent most of the time during the last two years traveling over Texas preaching sanitation and working for cleaner towns under the direction of Holland's Magazine. Dr. Carrick tells the Chicago people what a clean state Texas is.

While there is only a little ripple in the atmosphere around Ballinger that something along county fair lines will develop during the coming year, other towns are active and building for successful fairs this fall. San Saba, the town that has placed itself on the map with its splendid fair, has selected the dates for their 1914 fair, and same will be held on Aug. 4 to 7. They are busy advertising the coming event and getting things in shape for a great time.

The Brownwood Bulletin says that the prospects for a large crop of grass hoppers are very promising for this year, owing to the mild winter, and advises the farmers to provide themselves with the weapons of warfare to be used in combating the hoppers planting a large turkey crop. It's good advice. Plant the turkeys and if the grasshoppers fail to come up, you are still ahead because turkeys will help to keep down the bugs and worms and at the same time grow dollars for you.

A Lampasas young lady within ten months sold \$121.95 worth of milk and butter from one cow and in addition to this sold \$39.85 worth of eggs from 30 hens. What we want to know is how does she manage to remain a young lady?

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

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Seems to us she would be in demand as a wife.—Comanche Chief She may not marry as quick as the giddy flirt who spends about fourteen-teenths of her time on the street running around town while her mother is at home wearing her life away trying to keep her precious daughter in clothes. And when she does marry she will get a man for a husband, one that will make for her a happy home, and there will be no divorce proceedings before the ink on the marriage certificate gets dry.

\$100 REWARD, \$100 The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

E. A. Jeames, the produce man, left Wednesday at noon to look after business interests at Miles between trains.

MAKES ONE FEEL BETTER

A purely vegetable liver medicine is Simmons Liver Purifier. It is the one liver medicine which energizes the liver and brings back its natural function strong and young again. Its action is different from other medicines. It cleanses the organ of all impurities without injury, harmless, but with all speed. Nothing like it. Sold in Yellow Tin Boxes only. All druggists sell it for 25c per box, or sent by mail. A. C. Simmons, Jr. Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Mrs. D. E. Sims of Paint Rock who had been visiting in our city the past few days, left Wednesday afternoon for her home.

Mrs. Bacon's place for rent, sale or trade. Apply 400 Broadway or phone 394. Intend to close deal at once. 15-4fr

T. D. Ellis of Teague, Texas, came in Wednesday at noon to visit his cousin, Mrs. Ed Glover and family for a few weeks.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metal cases, sealed with the Ribbon. Take one after every meal. Druggists Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25c. Beware of cheap imitations.

NOTICE

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

My Registered Jersey Bull Fox's Blossoms Noble No. 112356 will be delivered to any pen in town after January 5, 1914. Terms \$3.00 cash in advance. Free return service. Phone 384. Robt. H. Corum, Ballinger, Texas.

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MRS. EDWIN DAY

FARMERS HOLD MEETING

Legislation Needed by Farmers Discussed to be the Paramount Issue.

National Aid in Marketing Requested to Co-operate with State University.

The called session of the Farmers' Union, held at Fort Worth, January 14th and 15th, was attended by over 600 delegates from local Unions all over the state. The convention was called to consider marketing problems and special attention was given warehouse legislation adapted to handling the cotton crop.

Farmers Want Warehouses. Some of the features of the warehouse bill approved by the convention are these: It provides for voting bonds for building warehouses, a state warehouse commission to supervise the operation of the warehouse system; the sampling of cotton at gins and guaranteeing the quality as represented by sample; warehouse receipts on cotton will be guaranteed by the state, and many other provisions which facilitate the handling of this commodity. The proposed measure, when enacted into law, will enable the farmers to secure cheap money on cotton placed in warehouses and provides for economic and systematic marketing of cotton.

The subject of legislation needed by the farmers absorbed most of the attention of the convention, and the trend of discussion was that the next legislature should devote itself diligently to the solution of farm problems. The convention, by unanimous vote, adopted the views of Peter Radford, which have been given wide publicity in the press, on the legislative needs of the state.

Radford's Legislative Views Endorsed.

The platform given out by Mr. Radford declares marketing and helping the tenant farmers to be the paramount issues in the present campaign. A strong appeal is made for a system of co-operative laws that will give the business of farming the same legal facilities that are now accorded commerce and industry; the anti-trust laws are commended and amendments strengthening them are requested; the improvement of railroads and increase of mileage is asked for; woman's suffrage is opposed. The most interesting declaration, from a political viewpoint, is the liquor plank, which emphatically declares that no liquor legislation of any character be enacted by the next Legislature. Compulsory education, good roads, care for our wards, consideration of our convicts, and a business government are demanded. The action of the convention is doubly significant in that it is the authoritative voice of agriculture, and it has spoken at the opening of the campaign. The session was a most harmonious and satisfactory one, and the organization will now take up the work of putting its legislative views into law.

Aid to Be Asked of Congress.

Recognizing the great need of immediate relief in the marketing of perishable truck, the convention voted in favor of requesting the United States Department of Agriculture to endeavor to secure such legislation from Congress as will enable it to establish and maintain inspectors of carlot shipments of perishables in every city in the United States, who shall examine and report by wire, upon arrival, the conditions, grade and market price of the same to every efficient co-operative distributing agency.

President Lewis was heartily commended by the convention for his wise and conservative handling of the many problems which have come before the Union and for his success in his recent attempts to have the funds appropriated by the Thirty-third Legislature for increasing marketing facilities used for that purpose.

Texas University to Co-operate.

Mr. F. M. Bradley, in charge of the Extension Department of the University of Texas, addressed the gathering and gave his views on rural life problems, including land ownership, rural population, country homes, rural schools and kindred subjects.

He stated that the University of Texas expects to co-operate with the Farmers' Union of Texas in the matter of gathering statistics on farm products and its study of rural co-operation and farm finance. He laid stress upon the land ownership problem and quoted statistics to show that the tenant farmer is on the increase in Texas. He pointed out the need for better homes and better schools in the country and stated that this could only be brought about by a better system of farm finance and marketing of agricultural products, so that the producer would get what belongs to him in the way of proper remuneration for his efforts.

TEXAS GINNERS COTTON REPORT

Following is the corrected total and amount of cotton ginned in the different counties of Texas for the season 1912-1913, up to Jan 16th:

Table with columns for County, Crop 1913, and Crop 1912. Lists counties from Anderson to Nolan with corresponding cotton ginning statistics.

Table with columns for Name, 1913, and 1912. Lists names like Nueces, Palo Pinto, Panola, etc., with corresponding values.

Best Cough Medicine for Children

I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.

R. L. Harwell, the Ford Auto man, returned home Wednesday at noon from a short business trip to Coleman.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew, of and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me. writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

Misses Jack and Mae Guistad of Shawnee, Okla., came in Wednesday at noon to visit their aunt Mrs. Wm. Drennan and family for some time.

SALESMAN WANTED

to look after our interest in Runnels and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission, address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

The Hub Store that was damaged by the recent fire at the Green Front Restaurant, has just had some bracing placed through the center of their building which add greatly to the strength of the walls and puts the building in good shape.

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If your head aches just rub a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on. This wonderful liniment has a peculiar effect on pain. It drives it away at once. Rheumatic pain quickly yields to the touch of this liniment. Neuralgia is quickly gone after Hunt's Lightning Oil is applied. For cuts, burns, bruises, abrasions of the skin and sprains, it acts as a healing oil, soothing and quieting the pain, and preventing soreness and irritation. Sold by all reputable druggists in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Wm. Storm, who for the past year has been with the Bank Barber Shop, left Tuesday for Wichita Falls where he will make his home for the present.

A. S. Taylor of the Bradshaw country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and was the guest of his uncle B. S. Taylor and family of South Ballinger while here.

Oil Indications Attracting Oil Co's Attention

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will probably call on others for assistance. They stated that if a sufficient number of acres could be leased that the companies which they represented would sink wells and test out the field. The two companies above referred to have been developing other fields in Texas and the gentlemen sent here have just made a survey extending from the Electrica oil fields in the Northern part of the state down through the country between Wichita Falls and Ballinger. They are making contour maps and will report their finding to their companies, and it is probable that in the near future there will be something doing along oil development lines in this section of the country.

It is a long and well established fact that every sign in many places near Ballinger indicate oil, and many of our most conservative citizens have often made the statement that it was only a question of time until oil would be found in paying quantities within ten miles of Ballinger. It will be remembered that a few years ago a gas well was brought in south of town a few miles and supplied gas in quantity sufficient to burn a man when a match was struck near the mouth of the hole from which the gas was escaping. To make a thorough test and determine whether we are living over an ocean of oil it will be necessary for some company to spend the money, and the two companies now investigating can spend the money and never miss it. These matters perhaps would be better worked out by home people, but home people will not put up the money, and the longer the matter is delayed the longer are we being deprived of the wonderful resources afforded by paying oil and gas wells.

GREAT MASS OF PROOF

Reports of 30,000 Cases of Kidney Trouble, Some of Them Ballinger Cases.

Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the United States is publishing from week to week, names of people in its particular neighborhood, who have used and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder troubles and urinary disorders. This mass of proof includes over 30,000 recommendations. Ballinger is no exception. Here is one of the cases.

Mrs. T. W. Morris, Eleventh St., Ballinger, Texas, says: "For years I was subject to attacks of kidney trouble and my back became very weak. The kidney secretions were unnatural and I felt all out of sorts. Doan's Kidney Pills were so highly recommended that I decided to try them. I got relief after the first few doses. Others of my family have taken Doan's Kidney Pills with benefit."

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

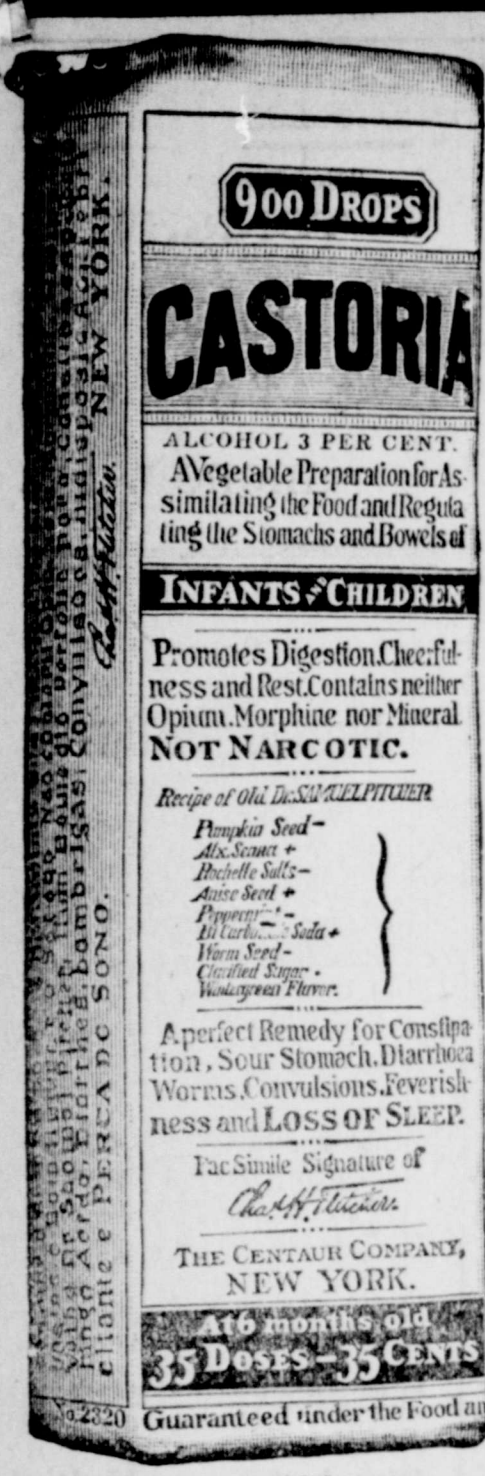
Louie Stroble is back in the restaurant business again at the stand next to the City Meat Market and will be there until he can secure larger quarters.

His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

Mrs. Maxey Wilson of Rich County, came in Wednesday morning and will at relatives and Ballinger friends a few days.

F. C. Moore of Brownwood was in the city Wednesday looking after business interests and returned home in the afternoon.



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CANDIDATES

This paper is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July:

- For Sheriff: JOHN D. PERKINS, JO HARDIN, J. A. DEMOVILLE
- For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, WILL L. STUART, C. C. SCHUCHARD, SAM H. McPHERSON.
- For County Judge: M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk: O. L. PARISH, C. C. COCKRELL.
- For District Clerk: JOHN THOMASON, GEO. M. STOKES.
- For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD, M. D. CHASTAIN.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: C. R. STEPHENS.

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Broadway Jones

From the Play of George M. Cohan
By EDWARD MARSHALL
With Photographs from Scenes in the Play
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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Jackson Jones, nicknamed "Broadway," because of his continual glorification of New York's great thoroughfare, is anxious to get away from his home town of Jonesville. Abner Jones, his uncle, is very angry because Broadway refuses to settle down and take a place in the gum factory in which he succeeded to his father's interest.

CHAPTER II—Judge Spotswood informs Broadway that \$25,000 left him by his father is at his disposal. Broadway makes record time in heading for his favorite street in New York.

CHAPTER III—With his New York friend, Robert Wallace, Broadway creates a sensation by his extravagance on the White Way. Four years pass and Broadway suddenly discovers that he is not only broke, but heavily in debt. He applies to his uncle for a loan and receives a package of chewing gum with the advice to chew it and forget his troubles. He quickly smokes away without success.

CHAPTER IV—Broadway gives what is needed to be a farewell supper to his New York friends, and before it is over becomes engaged to Mrs. Gerard, an ancient widow, wealthy and very glib.

CHAPTER V—Wallace expostulates with the aged but not her youthful fiance, but fails to better the situation. He learns that Broadway is broke and offers him a position with his father's advertising firm, but it is declined. Wallace takes charge of Broadway's affairs.

CHAPTER VI—Broadway receives a telegram announcing the death of his Uncle Abner in Europe. Broadway is his sole heir. Peter Pembroke of the Consolidated Chewing Gum company offers Broadway \$125,000 for his gum plant and Broadway agrees to sell. Wallace takes the affair in hand and insists that Broadway hold off for a bigger price and rushes him to Jonesville to consult Judge Spotswood, who was Uncle Abner's attorney.

CHAPTER VII—Broadway finds his school playmate, Josie Richards, in charge of the plant and falls in love with her. Wallace is smitten with Judge Spotswood's daughter, Clara.

Continued from Yesterday.

"Well, they sent in such a demand on us that we added to the size of the plant and spent the money for machinery. We thought it was the public. We never realized that it was anything but a legitimate increase till the smash came. They quit all their fake orders. We went back to our normal business, laid off our extra force and found ourselves with a lot of useless machinery and half a dozen superfluous packing houses on our hands—and no advertising done at all that year. Shrewd game, eh?"

"Can you beat that?" asked Jackson of his friend.

"Just shows you," Wallace answered, "what chance a little fellow's got."

"None at all, unless he's got big capital. That would have ruined a small manufacturer."

"What did uncle do then?" Jackson asked, and he lingered for a second on that word "uncle." He was beginning to have new ideas about both gum and uncles.

"Turned everything he personally had in all the world into hard cash and put it bang into the business."

"That was somewhat startling. You mean that, aside from the actual chewing-gum business, he left very little?"

"Nothing at all. Well, I won't say that, for I believe the plant did actually show a profit last year. When Miss Richards comes she'll tell you. She's got it at her finger tips."

"Josie? Does she know as much as that? What's her position in the factory?"

"She's chief accountant, practically manager now. You remember her? Of course you do. She'll tell you all there is to tell," the judge explained, as Dave came with the cigars.

Their mere arrival made both visitors nervous, and when the judge presented them to Broadway he was glad to find it reasonable to disclaim cigar-smoking entirely and light a cigarette.

Wallace had no such excuse. He had been smoking steadily since his arrival until within ten minutes. He never felt like thinking save when he was smoking and there would be much hard thinking to be done this evening. But to smoke one Jonesville perfect would be doubted not, and all thinking for all time, so he declared with fervor that he had, already, smoked as much that day as he was allowed to smoke by his physician.

The judge chuckled as he delved into the bundle of legal papers Sam had brought. Then: "Here it is. It's a long will. Take you quite a little while to read it. Better put it in your pocket and look it over when you go to the hotel." And this other stuff we'll go through later.

"There's some one at the door. I'll see who it is. Mom's making lemonade and Sam's practicing his banjo. Hear him?"

Broadway looked at Wallace with a shaking head while the judge was from the room. "You see? Nothing but the plant. I've got to sell all right."

Wallace nodded in slow affirmation. "Yes, but not at their price. Didn't you hear? The plant showed a profit last year without any advertising! Heavens, man! Think of that! In these days!"

Broadway recalled his very pressing

needs. "I can't afford to take a chance. This is Thursday. Pembroke said they'd have to know by Saturday noon."

"That's a bluff."

Broadway looked at him reprovingly. "You don't seem to realize the enormity of the offense—I mean of the amount. It's twelve-hundred-thousand—dollars."

"I tell you to hold out."

"But I tell you I can't afford to hold out. I—"

"Piano!" Wallace warned. "Mrs. S. is coming."

And indeed she entered with a tray on which there were a pitcher and two glasses. "Here's some nice, cold lemonade," she explained hospitably. Then: "Did the judge go to the door?"

Broadway nodded.

She dropped her voice to a loud whisper. "I put a drop of whisky in the lemonade. The judge would have a fit if he should find it out. He's such a temperance crank! But he'll not know. He never will drink lemonade."

Jackson smiled at her with full appreciation of this tribute to him. "I'll keep your guilty secret," he said solemnly.

"With me it's sacred," Wallace promised her.

She beamed on them and raised her voice. "Well, if you want more just shout out."

"I'm liable to shout most any minute," Broadway promised, though the thought of sweetened lemonade—he was intensely certain it was very high,ly sweetened—was distasteful in the last degree to him, even though there was a little whisky in it.

Mrs. Spotswood was distinctly nervous as the judge came back, which cheered the friends a little, for the judge had been distinctly nervous when he himself had produced whisky. But an instant later they were diverted from this train of thought by the judge's answer to his wife's inquiry as to who was at the door.

"Someone to see you, Broadway."

He was amazed. "Someone to see me?"

"I thought nobody knew you were in town," said Mrs. Spotswood, equally astonished.

"Someone must have recognized you on the street," said Wallace.

"Lord!" cried Mrs. Spotswood. "That does settle it! Now the whole town will turn out!"

But the judge shook his head. "This man's a stranger. I told him you weren't here, but he said he knew better. He knows the time you left New York and all about it."

Broadway instantly considered Pembroke. "Was he a tall man with gray hair?"

"If you're thinking of Pembroke, it wasn't him," the judge replied. "I know him."

Wallace knit his brows. He was not pleased. "Who the deuce was it?"

"Mrs. Gerard's lawyer!" Broadway whispered to Wallace, worried.

"No, no," he laughed.

"He said," the judge continued, "that he'd wait for you down at the Grand. He said that it was most important; that he must see you tonight."

"So he went to the Grand hotel?"

"Yes."

"Did you tell him that I wouldn't see anybody?"

"I didn't even admit that you were here."

"Perhaps I'd better go back to the hotel and see who it is," suggested Wallace.

"Yes," Broadway accepted. "Will you do that, Bob? And hurry back won't you?"

"I won't be any longer than I can help."

CHAPTER VIII.

As Mrs. Spotswood turned she saw Josie for the first time, for the girl had instantly begun a low-voiced, somewhat giggling confab with her old friend, Broadway, and was sitting at the far side of the center table, where, to his disgust, the shaded lamp cast but an imperfect light upon her face.

The judge looked at them, grinning, and then did a thing which made Broadway take a silent oath to see to it that all the high-fine law practice which he might find within his gift thenceforward and forevermore, as long as he should live, should go to no one but Judge Spotswood.

"Come, mom, please; they've got important things to talk about," the judge petitioned.

"Yes, I know," said she, but was not to be diverted from her hospitality. "Broadway, will you have another glass of lemonade?"

"No, thanks; not now."

"Josie, have a cup of tea?"

"I don't think so, Mrs. Spotswood."

"Now, mom, please!" the judge expostulated.

"Yes; I'm going," said his wife, but added, as she cast at him an angry glance: "You have to be polite to people, don't you?"

With that she founced out of the room, and to the distress of Broadway, went alone. Then and only then he realized that the judge intended to remain. He was actually intent on talking business. Broadway wondered if he might not have to give his legal work to some more intelligent attorney. Could not the gum business wait? But no. The judge was purely business. There was no hope. The young man reconciled himself as best he could.

"I've explained to Mr. Jones, Josie," said the judge, "that the affairs of the plant are entirely in your hands. You can give him a pretty good idea of how things stand without the books and figures in front of you, can't you?" To Broadway's grief he sat down comfortably.

"Well, hardly, judge," said Josie, smiling at him in a way which pained Broadway, for it seemed certain to cement the jurist's firm intention of re-

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"Sammy" Spotswood.

maining with them for the balance of the evening. It seemed to him that this was inconsiderate.

"The old gentleman told me," the judge explained, "that the works showed a profit of about forty thousand dollars last year. Is that right?"

"Oh, it was more than that."

"This distracted Jackson Jones" attended to hold out. "is business good, right now?"

"Why, yes. We did over a hundred and twenty thousand dollars last month."

"This was exciting news, and it excited him. 'A hundred and twenty thousand dollars' worth of business last month! Can I go down to the bank and get that money now?"

"She laughed at his commercial ignorance. 'Why, certainly not!'

"For an instant his heart sank as he contemplated saying what he felt that he must say, sank doubly deep because he felt that the confession he must make might possibly disturb the good opinion of him which he hoped he had renewed in her peculiarly lucid mind. But there was something in her eyes that gave him confidence. And there was nothing for it but confession.

"You don't understand," he ventured stumbingly. "This is—er—between us. The fact is—I'm broke! I am in debt! I must get some quick money—and I want to know how much you have in bank, right now."

"Our cash balance?"

"Yes."

She thought deeply for a moment. Then she looked up with a smile of triumph. "Over eighteen thousand dollars, I should say."

He was dismayed. "Only eighteen thousand dollars! And you did a business of a hundred and twenty thousand dollars last month!"

His manner worried her. "I hope you're not thinking seriously of going over."

"Going over where?"

"To the trust."

"Why? Don't you think the price they offer is big enough?"

"It isn't a question of price, Mr. Jones," she said, with flashing eyes. "It's the principle of the thing."

"You'll have to explain that to me."

"Why, think of what you're selling!" she exclaimed. "It is the thing your grandfather worked for and handed down to your father; the thing that he worked for and handed down to you; the thing that you should work for and hand down to your children, then to their children, and so on and on. Why, think of what you're selling!"

He was a little dazed, but, still, he surely needed money. "I don't see where there's any sentiment connected with the thing."

"You don't!" She gazed at him, astonished, and rose and stood beside the table, looking down at him. "Would you ruin the town in which you were born? Why, your grandfather was the founder of this town, Mr. Jones! Would you see seven hundred men and boys turned out of their employment? Would you see the very bread and butter taken from the mouths of families?"

He felt he must defend himself, explain himself. "Well, that's not my fault. I'm awfully sorry, but I can't help it. I don't see how I can help it."

Her voice was deep and sorrowful, reproachful, warning, pleading, stirring. "I'd give it very serious thought if I were you, Mr. Jones." Then the timbre of enthusiasm crept into her tones and stirred him deeply. "Oh, it would be perfectly great of you to stand by and protect the people of this little town! You've a chance to do something very, very big—a really wonderful thing! I hope you'll do it."

He shook his head, but not emphatically.

"And I believe you will," she added, and then her smile returned.

"Well!" said he, and laughed. "You talk it over, now, with Josie. I'm—I guess I am a poor hand where figures are concerned." He moved slowly toward the door, and smiled at every step. "I want to ask mom about something, anyway."

Jackson Jones was really embarrassed for a moment when he found himself alone with this old friend of his youth, this simple little country girl. But he knew it wouldn't do; he was certain that it was absurd. To kill time he referred back to what the judge had said about the gum.

"Can you beat that?" he inquired. "The best chewing gum in the world!"

She looked at him with the serious light of real reproach in her incomparable eyes. "I don't think there's any doubt about it, Mr. Jones. The trust people realize it. If they don't, they certainly wouldn't be willing to pay a million dollars for it."

"They're willing to pay more than that for it," he told her, feeling for the first time a real interest in the conversation. Before that he had been absorbed only by the conversationalist. "Twelve hundred thousand they've offered."

She was not pleased. "I didn't think you knew that," she confessed. "They made that offer to your uncle several months ago."

"But what I've got to find out is this: Am I in a position to hold out against the trust for a bigger price? You see, a friend of mine advises me

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Two Local Banks

Elects New Cashiers

(Continued from First Page.)

one of the most broad minded and most liberal hearted men that ever lived in central west Texas. We feel that the F. & M. Bank has used splendid judgement in placing him in the place he now holds. It was rumored that Mr. Wilmeth would sever his connection with that bank about the first of the present year and leave Ballinger, and his many friends in this county will be glad to know that the rumor did not come true and that he is to remain a citizen of this town.

We do not believe that the bank could have selected a better man to relieve Mr. Wilmeth as cashier than E. D. Walker. Mr. Walker, like both Mr. Russell and Mr. Wilmeth, is an old settler of this county, having engaged in the drug business in Runnels County in 1885, which business he most successfully conducted until 1905 when he sold out and entered the banking business. He assisted in the organization of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., becoming its cashier, which position he has held ever since with credit to himself and honor to the bank, it being recognized as one of our most solid institutions. Mr. Walker is thor-

oughly familiar with the duties as well as the needs of the people and the country, and we believe that he will continue to provide for the interest of his friends and patrons.

As an optimist, we view almost everything from a standpoint of for the best, and we believe that the line up in the splendid institutions of Ballinger is for the best interest of those who desire banking accommodations. Ballinger is better prepared than ever before to care for the needs of the people of the Ballinger trade territory. With the wave of prosperity that is sweeping over the country, and the elimination of the money stringency which has held the undeveloped countries in its grasp for several years, we feel that we are entering upon a new era, and that the next two years will bring about changes for the good that even the optimistic little dreams of.

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F. W. Greber, general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., was in Ballinger Tuesday, looking after the extensive improvements the company is making at Ballinger. The company has about completed the work of putting in new poles and new cables are being strung. The new central office will soon be ready for occupancy, and as soon as the work in hand is completed new phones will be installed and Ballinger will be given an entire new telephone system at an expense of something like \$20,000.

LEAVING BALLINGER

Before taking our departure for Abilene where we are to continue our millinery business, we wish to thank our friends for their past patronage and we also want to say that the Tailoring, Cleaning and Pressing business is now under the management of Mr. T. D. Clement, who will be glad to serve all of our old customers and all of us wishing anything done in line. Again thanking you for your past favors we remain,

Yours sincerely,

4-1dlw GILLIAM & POOR.

INSURANCE ADJUSTOR HERE

An insurance adjustor for the companies represented by M. D. Chastain & Co., was here Tuesday and settled the losses for his company on the recent fire in which the Green Front Restaurant was destroyed. The losses were adjusted satisfactory to all parties interested. Other companies will settle their loss just as soon as the adjustor can get here, and as soon as those matters are attended to the work of removing the old building and cleaning off the lot preparatory to rebuilding will be started.

AN INTERESTING LETTER

A physician received a personal letter from a prominent mail order house. It was a well written appeal to the doctor for his business, and closed by saying: "If there is any reason why you do not buy of us, please give us your reason in the enclosed stamped envelope, and we will strive to remove the cause." The physician read the letter and replied as follows:

"Your letter of recent date asking why I had not traded with you for a long time, received, and as you ask me to tell you frankly why, I will give you a few reasons.

First—I am in business in this community and am looking to this community with its varied industries for my support. I cannot ask the merchants of this town for their support if I do not give them mine.

Second—In looking over my books I fail to find either Mr. Sears, Mr. Roebuck or other of the company's names which reminds me that neither of these gentlemen have ever given me a penny's patronage. Why is this? Am I too far away, or have neither of them needed a physician, or are they afraid of the mail order plan when it comes to the practice of medicine? I can certainly give as good satisfaction by mail as your house can, and will appreciate a call from either of them when in need of medical service.

Third—In looking over the subscription lists for improving our streets and public highways, I have failed to find the name of either member of your firm down for one penny to assist in the work. Also I have failed to find your name on any of the charity lists where help has been rendered to our poor; in other words you are not down as contributor to our Helping Hand Society. In fact, in all the movements for the betterment of our conditions, where our community has needed the united efforts of her public spirited citizens, I have failed to find your name among the list of our contributing merchants. Your name is not on our city tax books nor do I find where you have paid a city license to do a mercantile business in competition with our home merchants.

These are a few answers to your questions, and I trust you will see the justice of them."

F. W. Greber, of Brownwood General Manager of the West Texas Phone Co., had been in our city looking after the company's interest the past day or so, left Wednesday morning for home

\$30,000 WORTH DIRT CHANGES HANDS

I. B. Taylor and wife to A. Y. Crow, 100 acres of land out of the survey No. 105, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., consideration \$3500.

W. P. Hawkins and wife to Fritz Bredemeyer, 50 acres of land out of the J. H. Parramore survey No. 90, consideration \$440

G. Schulmann to Gus Glass, an undivided one-third interest in lots 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 in block No. 1, in the original town of Rowena, consideration \$2300.

T. J. Gilbert and wife to D. G. Muncy, all of lot No. 2, in block No. 32, being a part of the T. & N. O. Ry., Co., survey No. 86, in the town of Miles, consideration \$1500.

J. D. Norwood and wife to J. A. Nichols, 200 acres of land out of A. G. Willis survey No. 56, consideration \$6000.

P. L. Meeks and wife to A. C. Homan and wife, 200 acres of land out of Evans Morris survey No. 332 and out of H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey No. 333, consideration \$3000.

J. H. Kelley and wife to A. K. Doss all of lots 9 and 10 in block No. 99, of the Railroad first addition to Ballinger, consideration \$900.

Frank Moeller and wife to Paul Tremmner, 154 acres of land being all of the north one-half of the Johann Huesch survey No. 106, consideration \$3080.

John Q. McAdams, trustee, to W. M. Smiley, all of lot 3 in block 2 in Dale's addition to Winters, lot No. 2 in block 6 in Murray's addition to Winters and all of lot 9 in block 1, J. W. Murray addition to Winters, consideration \$1250.

Josie L. Moore and husband to Homer L. Magee part of lot 1 in block 11, intown of Miles, consideration \$1000.

J. M. Seroggins and wife to W. A. Pace, 75 acres of land more or less out of the L. Forsythe survey No. 450, consideration \$1500.

Mrs. Maggie Stephens and husband to the First National Bank part of block 27 West End addition to Ballinger, consideration \$500.

Dan Moser Jr., to Mrs. Mary B. Sharp, lot 5 in block 6, Guion addition to Ballinger, consideration \$1600.

J. D. Dunn and wife to W. B. Riley, 100 acres of land out of the Lilly or Lyla Forsythe League and Laor, survey No. 450, consideration \$2600.

W. J. Meeks to J. B. Pace, 100 acres of land out of H. & T. C. Ry. Co., No. 96, consideration \$425.

Preston Dunn and wife to G. A. Phillis, 78 8-10 acres of land out of survey No. 97 originally granted to Conrad Erben, consideration \$2700.

Marriage Licenses

J. W. Watson to Miss Katie Hanston.

W. G. Massey to Miss Nannie Hadley.

William S. Brown to Miss Viola Routh George.

S. H. McAdams to Miss Mattie Cannon.

A. L. Ruppert to Miss Ida Pohn.

H. L. Brooks to Miss Ora Jackson.

EXTEND LIMIT FOR PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES

The City Council at its last meeting extended the time of paying tax without penalty to March 1st, 1914. Mayor Powell calls the attention of all delinquent tax payers to this liberal order passed by the council they feeling the times are hard and money scarce, with many citizens of our city suspend the penalty the law put on delinquents February 1st and gives all a chance to pay any and all back taxes without penalty, if paid before March 1st. The City needs the money and all should make an extra effort to pay all back taxes this month and save themselves the penalty the law places on delinquents. 4-3td3w

Judge T. T. Crosson left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo to look after legal business for a day or two.

Home Wanted.

Girl in North grade desires home for assistance she can render. I vouch for her. W. S. Fleming.

DANGEROUS TO MEDDLE UNCLE SAM'S BIZ

Some one has been tampering with the mail boxes just across the river in South Ballinger. A post containing four or five boxes was pulled up and removed from its place, and the work appears to be that of some boy or boys. We understand that the authorities know who did the work, and it is probable that some one will be made to suffer. Of course if the guilty party is some boy, the parents will be made to suffer. For the benefit of those who do not know that it is dangerous to meddle with Uncle Sam's mail boxes we are publishing below an extract from the postal laws governing such matters. Read and profit thereby:

"Whoever shall willfully injure, tear down or destroy any letter box, pillar box, lock box, lock drawer, or other receptacle established or provided for the safe deposit of mail or for delivery, or any lock of similar device belonging or attached thereto, or any letter box or other receptacle for the receipt or delivery of mail on rural route, star route or other mail route or shall break open the same, or shall willfully injure, deface or destroy any mail matter deposited in any such mail box, or shall remove matter from out of any letter box, or shall willfully or maliciously assault any letter or mail carrier knowing him to be such, while engaged on his route in the discharge of his duty as such carrier, or shall willfully aid or assist in any offense defined in this section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than three years, or both."

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WITHDRAWS FROM RACE.

C. R. Stephens, who placed his name in the running for the office of commissioner of this precinct requests us to withdraw his name. Mr. Stephens stated that he announced after learning that Feb. McWilliams, the present commissioner would not be a candidate but learning that there was some probability of Mr. McWilliams standing for re-election, he had decided to withdraw his name.

J. A. Davis left Tuesday afternoon for the East on a short business trip.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moeller and children, of the Olfin country left from this point Tuesday afternoon for Florida where they intend to make home for a while.

J. W. Tippett of the Crews country was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

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