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VILLA LEADS MASSACRE; 16 AMERICANS ARE KILLED

By United Press
EL PASO, Jan. 12.—Villa was seen in the vicinity of the scene of the American massacres two days ago, and it is believed that he personally directed the massacre of sixteen Americans and two Canadians of the Cosi Mining Co., of Santa Ysabel, Chihuahua, Monday.

EL PASO, Jan. 11.—Seventeen persons, all believed to have been Americans, were killed by Mexican bandits yesterday after being taken from a Mexico Northwestern train fifty miles west of Chihuahua and stripped of their clothing, according to a message received here tonight by H. C. Myles, a British vice consul here from British Consul Scovell at

Chihuahua city.
The train on which the Americans were traveling from Chihuahua city to Cusiuhirachic, Chihuahua, carried thousands of dollars in currency, and a large quantity of supplies sent by the American Smelting and Refining company to its mines in Cusiuhirachic.

It is believed here that all of the fifteen American mining men known by means of a check on Mexican passports to have been in Chihuahua were on board the looted train.
Thomas M. Holmes, the only known survivor, stated, however, in his brief telegram giving the first news of the raid that he counted seventeen Americans taken from the train.

Senate Hears Resolution for Mexican Intervention

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Sherman introduced a resolution in Congress today demanding armed intervention in Mexico and the establishment of a representative government in

the Mexican republic immediately. Mr. Sherman's resolution provides for the evacuation of Mexico after the United States succeeds in establishing a government for the people and by the people in the Mexican republic.

by Paul Funderberg. The officers started an investigation that caused Funderberg to plead guilty to the theft, and he was arrested and placed under a \$200 bond to await the action of the county court.

Part of the goods were returned to Hughes, part had been disposed of by sale by Funderberg and the groceries had been used.

R. L. Wylie, one of the Ledger's good friends of the New Home community, expects to keep in touch with the doings of the world as well as keep up with his county news. He comes in on our clubbing offer and was a pleasant caller at our office Monday.

R. F. Green left Tuesday afternoon for Madisonville, to visit his mother and friends.

MEN HELD FOR BANK ROBBERY RELEASED

The dozen or more witnesses who were summoned from this county to testify in the bank robbery case at Marble Falls, returned home Wednesday morning. Two men, O. C. Wells, and a man by the name of Newton, were arrested at Wichita Falls and charged with the robbery. The men claimed they were in Runnels County on the day of the robbery, and called on witnesses here to prove an alibi.

The witnesses returning from Marble Falls report that the two men were released for want of evidence.

GERMANS LOSE 25,000; KAISER REPORTED ILL

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"SHANGHAIED"

By United Press.
PARIS, Jan. 12.—The onslaught along the French lines in the Champagne regions last Sunday cost the Germans twenty-five thousand men, according to reports received here through reliable sources at Chalons.

By United Press.
ROME, Jan. 12.—The German Crown Prince has been recalled to Berlin to assume charge of affairs. According to Swiss advices received here the Crown Prince has been called to Berlin on account of the serious illness of the Kaiser.

Montenegrins Abandoning Capital of Country.

By United Press.
ROME, Jan. 12.—The Austrians are threatening to take Cetinje, and the Montenegrins are preparing to abandon the capital.

RETURN FROM FT. WORTH.

Oscar Routh, Walt Allen, and Henry Vandevanter returned to Ballinger Wednesday at noon from Fort Worth, where they had been to market with six car loads of cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Towler and baby and Miss Thelma Towler left Tuesday in their auto for a turkey hunt on the Llano river, and other points in that section.

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New Scarfs 50c and up.
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DISTRICT FARMERS TO MEET AT SAN ANGELO

The Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union will hold their annual convention in San Angelo, Texas, on next week, January 20-21-22. It is estimated that there will be about four hundred delegates in attendance representing the five District Farmers' Unions of Texas.

A strong program has been outlined and several out of state speakers will discuss subjects of interest.

The San Angelo Board of City Development, who are making arrangements to entertain the convention, extend a cordial welcome to all members of the Farmers' Unions of Texas to attend.

Judge Kleberg and the four county commissioners made an inspection trip over the roads in the north part of the county Tuesday in an auto and visited Winters, Wingate, Norton and other points in that section.

STEALS GOODS AND PLEADS GUILTY

It will be remembered that L. M. Hughes lost a quantity of clothing and groceries from his buggy while attending church at the Nazarene church about one month ago. Mr. Hughes was trading in the city and remained over to attend services. He reported the theft to the officers and an investigation was instituted that led to the arrest of the guilty party this week, the return of part of the goods and a plea of guilty in court.

It seems that the officers picked up a clue through obtaining a sample from a pair of pants stolen with the other goods. The party getting the pants carried them to a tailor shop where they were cut off. Deputy Sheriff Breedlove pocketed a piece of the goods and kept it to compare with any pants he might see walking around town. On Monday of this week Mr. Breedlove located a pair of pants suiting the description and comparing with the sample, worn

NEGRO VAGS TOLD MUST GET BUSY

The officers were busy Tuesday and rounded up a bunch of about thirty negroes in an effort to start a "clean up" move of the vagrant population of this city. The negroes were given to understand that further vagrancy would not be tolerated, and were told in plain English "to get busy."

For some time there has been a general complaint from the citizens living in the Southern part of the city that things were not just what they should be for a "white man's town." The officers made a tour of the city and found that there was a surplus of colored women in this city, living without any visible means of support. For some time petty thieving has been on the increase here and an immoral element allowed to subsist that did not suit the white people owning property in the negro section of the city. Arrangements are being perfected to work the vagrants on public works, and the law will be enforced.

HUERTA INDICTED; SLOWLY DYING

By United Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 12.—Ex-President Huerta of Mexico, is reported to be gradually dying at El Paso, but this will not interfere with the Federal grand jury in its work here, and an indictment against Huerta charging him with conspiracy to violate the American neutrality law will be returned tomorrow morning. The indictment has been formally voted by the grand jury. A dozen others of less consequence will also be indicted for direct connection with the Huerta plot to launch a new revolution.

The grand jury will not return indictments against German agents for activities with the plot because the department of justice had already started an investigation.

Miss Mary Glascock, of Abilene, came in Tuesday to visit her cousins Mrs. Henry Jones and C. W. and K. V. Northington and Ballinger friends.

PRINCESS THEATRE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

V. L. S. E. Inc., Proffers
F. Marion Crawfords
Marvelous Novel



VIOLA ALLEN
IN
ESSANAY'S 6 ACT FEATURE
"THE WHITE SISTER"

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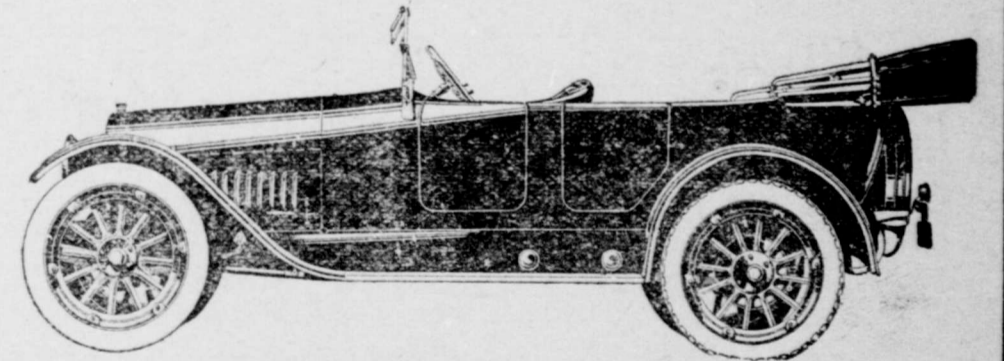
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Direction of Fred E. Wright.
Essanay's 6 Act Romance of Sacrifice and Womanly Devotion.
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Opposite Court House Lawn

THE DAILY LEDGER

Published every afternoon except Sunday by the Ballinger Printing Company.

A. W. SLEDGE, Editor
C. P. SHEPHERD, Business Mgr.

DO YOU WANT ANY PEANUTS?

The Business League is making up an order for Spanish peanuts for planting purposes. If you want to get in on the order and thereby get your peanuts cheaper, phone or write the secretary of the Business League at Ballinger. The peanuts will be ordered not later than February 1st. Be sure to let the secretary know how much you want before then.

A. E. BURGESS, Secretary.

To Cure Children's Colds.

Keep child dry, clothe comfortably, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle today. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at Druggists.

QUEEN PAINTING INTERIOR.

L. Cohen, manager of the Queen Theatre, is making the interior of his play house more attractive by repainting the walls and decorating. An art painter is on the job and attractive pictures, forming landscape and other scenes are being painted on the walls. Hand-some signs are also being painted and will be displayed on each side of the screen, and large lights arranged to reflect the signs to the patrons of the show as they enter the building. The touch of the painter's brush adds greatly to the movie house.

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F. & M. BANK ELECTS OFFICERS

Ballinger's youngest financial institution meets growth of its business in promotion of old officers and additions to executive officers.

The stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank met in annual session on Tuesday, January 11th, at 2:00 p. m. and elected the following named gentlemen to serve as directors for the coming year: H. Giesecke, R. R. Russell, J. F. Currie, E. D. Walker, G. G. Odom, J. L. Chastain.

The business of the year was reported the most satisfactory the institution has enjoyed since its organization.

Immediately after the election of directors (the following named gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, H. Giesecke; Vice-Presidents, R. R. Russell, J. F. Currie, and E. D. Walker; Cashier, A. C. Homann; Assistant Cashier, J. L. Chastain; Assistant Cashier, Andy Gustavus.

It will be noted from the above that E. D. Walker, cashier of the bank for two years, has been promoted to active vice president and that A. C. Homann, who up to a year ago, had been in the banking business in this county for nine years and during the past year connected with the State Banking department in the capacity of State Bank Examiner, is again identifying himself with one of Runnels' county financial institutions in becoming cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. Y. writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine, and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." Obtainable everywhere.

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to get better and am now well, am stout and able to do my own housework. I can recommend the Vegetable Compound to any woman who is sick and run down as a wonderful strength and health restorer. My husband says I would have been in my grave ere this if it had not been for your Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. BLANCHE JEFFERSON, 703 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Before submitting to a surgical operation it is wise to try to build up the female system and cure its derangements with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; it has saved many women from surgical operations.

Write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for advice—it will be confidential.

NINTH STREET BAPTIST MEETING

The 9th Street Baptist church has been conducting a protracted meeting since the beginning of the new year. The pastor, J. W. Milton, has been delivering good sound Christian doctrine. This meeting will be continued indefinitely. He is assisted by Rev. Johnson, the local missionary pastor, and Bro. Allen is conducting the singing. These men of God are trying to reach the unsaved.

It is to be hoped that men, who are not professed Christians will attend these meetings; it will do you good.

J. W. POWELL.

How To Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough, and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

GETS PROMINENT MENTION IN TRADE PAPER

In the January issue of Popular Photography, a journal devoted to the world of the camera, our home photographer, W. E. Bartlett received a very complimentary mention for two of his recent pictures.

This is a doubly unusual thing in a magazine of this importance, and shows the quality of the work Mr. Bartlett is doing for his patrons. Trade papers as a rule, do not hesitate to "romp" on the unfortunate careless artisan, and a write-up as these two pictures received is worthy of consideration.

The first photo was entitled "Innocence Abroad," and Mr. Bartlett says the title was suggested to him by W. B. Dunlap, but that Mark Twain's book of nearly same wording was not on his mind when this was appended. The second subject is a baby picture, of Mrs. E. O. Austin and child, with proper emphasis on the baby. This take goes by the name of "Sunshine," and appears a very logical title for the subject. Both pictures are splendid.

The Cist of It.

"Last Decem' I had a very severe cold and was nearly sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Westbury, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. Obtainable everywhere.

Charlie Hetrick, ticket agent at the Santa Fe depot here, returned home Tuesday night from Burnett, where he and a large number of witnesses had been in the Marble Falls bank robbery case.

Jeanes Produce Company have a fresh shipment of their famous home-made East Texas Ribbon can syrup at 65c per gallon. You will have to hurry if you get yours. 11-2td-2tw

SOCIETY

Mrs. Mary Phillips, Editor Phone 27

Needle Workers.

The Needle Workers met last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. O. B. Corbett at her delightful home on Broadway. Quite a pleasant time was spent chatting, and to see how deftly the needles were handled one would know that much was accomplished for the hostess during the afternoon. Dues were paid for the year and a neat sum is reported to be in the treasury.

Most of the members were present and all enjoyed the excellent supper served by the hostess at the close of the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Walton Entertains.

In a charming manner Mrs. R. O. Walton entertained the Forty two Club Wednesday afternoon from three to six o'clock.

The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas bells and holly. Six tables were tastefully arranged with New Year's cards for the score. Nine games were played during which Mrs. W. C. Penn won high score.

Mesdames Tom Grace of Dallas and Raby Padgett of Wyoming, were the out-of-town guests. At the close of the pleasant afternoon the hostess served refreshments of ambrosia and cake.

In Honor of Mrs. Grace.

Honoring her sister, Mrs. Tom Grace of Dallas, Mrs. Harry Thomson entertained with a forty-two party Friday afternoon. Pretty potted plants and ferns added a cheerful richness to the surroundings and furnishings of this attractive home.

Four tables were busy for the afternoon enjoying this favorite game. A delicious salad course was served to the following: Mesdames Tom Grace of Dallas, I. Vancil, R. S. Griggs, Jo B. Johnson, J. J. Erwin, W. C. Penn, R. O. Walton, S. B. Raby, R. P. Kirk, Leon Ward, Harold Tucker, Henry Jones, Loui De. Moville, Jno. F. Currie, Will Doose, Oscar Pearson, Frank Miller, Dan Moser, and Harry Thomson, hostess.

For Miss Van Doren

Miss Ann Van Doren was honoree at a pretty birthday party at the home of Mrs. George Pearce on Eleventh Street Monday afternoon.

The decorations carried out tables being laid for Bridge a delightful time was had.

Miss Ann was the recipient of many handsome (?) and useful gifts. As the birthday cake

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All parties are hereby forbidden under penalty of the law, to hunt fish, gather pecans, had wood, or otherwise trespass upon my Pe an Mott farm, or upon any and all other properties owned or controlled by me in this (Runnels County, Texas).
C. A. DOOSE
1tw

Warning—Keep Out
I hereby warn all parties under penalty of the law, not to hunt fish, gather pecans or trespass in any manner, day or night, on my place on Valley creek.
20-tfd J. W. RABY.

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failed to carry out the desired number of candles, her friends are still wondering, guessing and figuring "How old is Ann?"
—A nice salad course was served to the following who join in wishing for her many returns of the day: Misses Ann Van Doren, honor guest, Louise Orgain, Priscilla Jones, Franc Baker, Maggie Underwood, Nelle Alexander, Mesdames Tom Grace of Dallas, U. P. Melton, Della Halley and George Pearce, hostess.

S. S. Class Entertained

Mr. W. A. Talley entertained his Sunday School Class Thursday evening at his home on Broadway.

The Victrola furnished a number of beautiful musical selections. Forty-two was indulged in and a jolly good time was spent talking and laughing. Lessons were discussed and all felt benefited and a greater interest in their work for having spent such an evening with Mr. Talley.

A most delicious course consisting of Angel and Devil food cake, stuffed apples with mince nuts, coffee and whipped cream, was served.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th:

Representative 111th District:
WALACE E. HAWKINS.
For County Clerk:
W. C. McCARVER.
C. C. COCKRELL
For Tax Assessor:
C. C. SCHUCHARD.
T. H. CURRY.

Those enjoying this occasion were: Misses Bess Corbett, Sammie Padgett, Ladwig, Hester Padgett, Mrs. Linne Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jeanes, Messrs. Ladwig, Lammie Davis, and Lewis Tigner.

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane syrup 65c per gallon at Jeanes Produce Co. 11-2td-2tw

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Good Milk, Good Service, Prompt Deliveries
A Share of Your Patronage Solicited.

Will Jackson
Telephone-Rural 5903

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You can't afford to eat inferior groceries. It's poor economy to buy cheap groceries. We carry the best and we can convince you that the best is the cheapest. No substitutes, but the standard line at our store.

MILLER MERCANTILE CO.
TWO PHONES 66 AND 77

Effective January 10th, 1916 To all Patrons of The Leach Auto Works

I intend to keep employed a very limited amount of workmen and by so doing, conduct a Quality Service Station only. Can take care of any high-class technical job requiring skill and painstaking care.
Owing to the shop requiring all of my time and the extra cost of collections, I am discontinuing the monthly account system. Please govern yourself accordingly.

Yours Truly
H. M. LEACH

'Watch Me Grow'

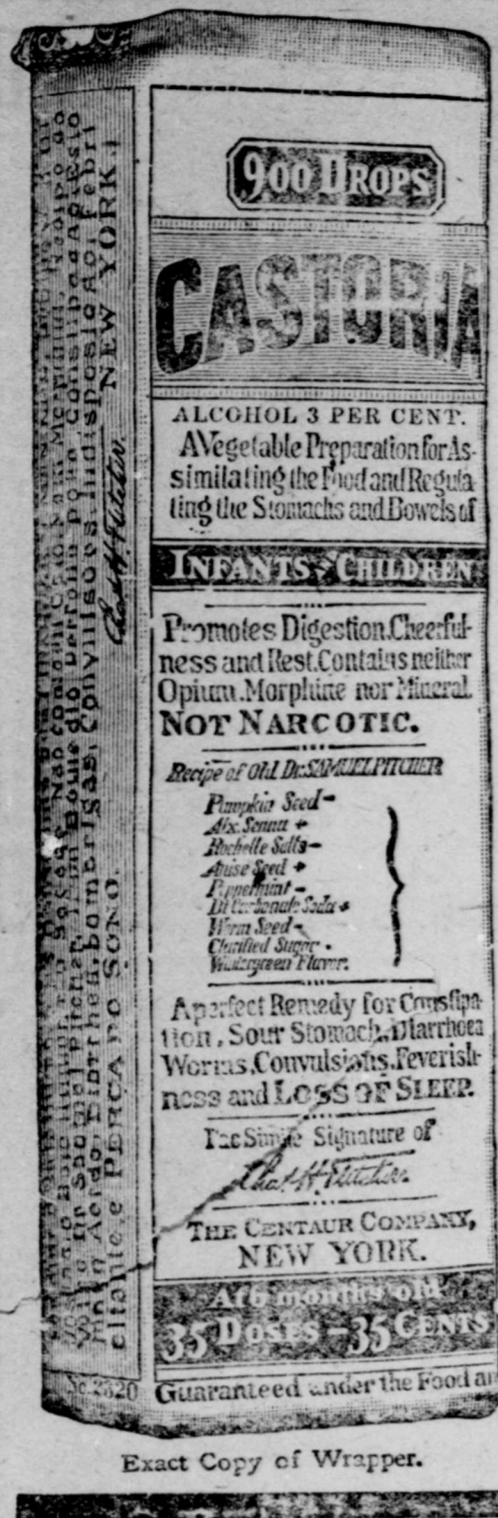
In my new store just one door North of my old stand. I am now in better and more comfortable quarters and will be on the job for good service to you. If it's confections and good things to drink you want, come to me.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hatheway* In Use For Over Thirty Years **CASTORIA**

QUEEN HAS BROADWAY UNIVERSAL FEATURE FOR TONIGHT'S PROGRAM.

Albert Chevalier will be seen at the Queen Theatre tonight in connection with Florence Turner in a Broadway Universal feature in five parts, "My Old Dutch." The story is one of great pathos, bearing strongly and sincerely on the heart strings of emotion. "My Old Dutch," was accorded by reviewer Lynde Denig in the Moving Picture World, a place alongside that of Dickens or Hugo. Certainly it is a tremendously great play. Florence Turner, who supports the star, is a favorite among movie fans all over America, and this one role should help make the feature a success here and elsewhere.

Beginning tomorrow J. Warren Kerrigan will be seen in a 3-installment serial at the Queen, entitled "The New Adventures of Terence O'Rourke." Louis Joseph Vance wrote the series for the Universal.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

To The Voters of Runnels Co:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of tax assessor. I submit my candidacy to the Democratic Primary.

Runnels county has been my home for eleven years and I feel like its citizens are my friends and neighbors. I attended school at Toke, Winters and Abilene. I was reared on the farm and I am not afraid of work. Having been for six years a public servant in the school room I feel that I am able to give efficient service in a county office.

I wish to run a fair race and gain the support of many friends.
T. H. CURRY.

Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1915

Resources

Loans and Discounts	\$383,107.86
U. S. Bonds	101,500.00
Banking House, F. & F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	6,800.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	157,020.17
CASH & EXCHANGE	169,014.69
Total	\$842,442.72

Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	38,890.08
Stockholders Fund	78,000.00
Dividend Unpaid	10,000.00
Circulation	100,000.00
Bills Payable	75,000.00
DEPOSITS	440,552.64
Total	\$842,442.72

The Above Statement Is Correct
R. G. ERWIN, CASHIER

We invite attention to the above strong, clean, plain statement, and on its merits solicit the deposits and financial patronage of the good people of our territory.

THE BANK OF GOOD SERVICE.

Where "Uncle Sam" deposits his cash is a safe place to deposit yours.

RABBIT DRIVE DATED FOR JANUARY 19

The first rabbit drive for the 1916 slaughter has been staged for Wednesday, January 19th. The hunters have been invited to meet in the south end of W. E. Allen's pasture, which is about five miles west of Ballinger and the drive will be made north and back down Valley creek.

The usual spread will be made for the hunters at twelve o'clock and it has been hinted that the dinner will consist of barbecue with all the extra furnished on such occasions. All the candidates and prospective candidates are invited to come, provided they bring guns and come prepared to kill their share of the pests.

This is perhaps the earliest rabbit hunt made for any season past but Mr. Allen stated that his pasture would be stocked with little calves at a later date and he did not care to disturb them with hunting, and now is a good time to start the war on the rabbit pest in this county. It is believed that many hunts will be scheduled for the late winter and early spring months.

BALLINGER NEWS.

This Case Has a Hint for Many Ballinger Readers.

This Ballinger woman has used Doan's Kidney Pills. She has found them as represented.

She wishes her neighbors to know.

She publicly recommends them. No need to look further for a tested kidney remedy.

The proof of merit is here and can be investigated.

Profit by Mrs. Ward's statement.

Mrs. J. T. Ward, 306 Tenth St., Ballinger, says: "My back ached constantly and I had dull, throbbing pains across my kidneys. I had headaches and dizzy spells, too. My eyes swelled up and my sight was blurred. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from the Walker Drug Co., and was relieved of the backache and my kidneys were put in good condition."

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the public:

I herewith announce myself as a candidate for County Attorney of Runnels County, Texas. My position on public and local questions are too well known for a lengthy discussion in this announcement but sufficient to say I believe in law enforcement to its fullest extent. I do not believe that any officer and especially a prosecuting officer ought to say that some laws should be enforced and some ignored, but should take the position that all laws on the statute books are the supreme authority of the land should be enforced, then if they are objectionable let the legislature repeal them.

In the humble position of County Attorney I have tried to do my duty under all conditions and circumstances, but in so doing I have made mistakes—where is the man who has not? However I am able to explain every public act on its merits and have nothing to cover up.

Efficiency and loyalty to duty should be the measure by which a man should be judged and from that viewpoint I am ready to have the public pass on my case.

I trust I shall be able to see all the voters of the county before the primary election, but, if I fail to see you, I solicit your support for the July Primary.

Yours very truly,
C. P. SHEPHERD.

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3999 dozen eggs. Highest spot cash prices paid. **THE GOLBE**, Phone 320. R. P. Conn. 12-3td-1w

Roy Delamater, the carpenter, returned home Wednesday from the Penoit country where he had been doing some carpenter work the past week or so.

Five pounds good Pea Berry Coffee for one dollar. Roten's Grocery Store. Phone 101. 13-1fd

H. Grady Stokes left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood on a short business trip.

CYCLONE DAVIS OFFERS COTTON SEED

My Dear Sirs:

The United States Government have supplied this office with a special allotment of nine hundred quart packages of select cotton seed, with the request that I make distribution to cotton farmers in my state, who will agree to make a special effort in the propagation of the seed, and report the success of such effort back to the government.

Knowing the public spirit and enterprise of Texas editors, I do not hesitate to humbly ask your valuable assistance in this distribution, by requesting that you of the cotton sections furnish me the names of three of your most progressive and successful farmer readers.

Yours very truly,
J. H. DAVIS.

The above letter is from Congressman-at-large Davis. We do not know who would like to have these seed, and we are publishing the letter and suggest that every farmer in Runnels county call on Mr. Davis for a quart of cotton seed. Write him at Washington.

Liven Up Your Torpid Liver.

To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25c at your druggist.

GOLDEN-BONDERANT.

Mr. W. H. Bonderant and Miss Barbara Golden were united in marriage at Bronte a day or two ago and passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to Louisville, Ky. where they will make their future home. Miss Barbra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Golden, and is a young lady of rare beauty and mental attainments and is one of Ballinger's favorite young daughters and Mr. Bonderant is an experienced electrician, known to many of our Ballinger citizens as an honorable, and successful young man in his chosen profession.

The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous and happy married life.

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C. H. Hester, of Tennyson, was transacting business at Ballinger this week and perfected plans to keep posted on Runnels county news for another year by renewing with the Banner-Ledger. Mr. Hester lives in this county, but is close to the Coke county line. He owns an Oakland car and the trip to market has been robbed of its horrors.

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F. M. Wood, of Route B, sends in a check and order for four different papers, including the Banner-Ledger. Mr. Wood is one of our regular readers, and is the kind the newspaper man appreciates.

John Dunn, the Wingate hotel man, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Holland to be at the bedside of his father who is reported quite ill.

Mrs. Wm. Dease Sr., who had been visiting relatives at San Angelo, returned home Tuesday.

Drs. Forbes & Watson

Veterinary Surgeons, San Angelo, Ballinger and Coleman, Texas. E. R. Forbes, V. S. formerly State Veterinarian of Texas. T. W. Watson, V. S. formerly President State Board Veterinary Medical Examiners of Texas.

Specialties—Surgery, Dentistry, Lameness and Ranch Practice, Tuberculin Testing of cattle. Calls to ranches in any part of the state promptly answered. Office at The Union Wagon Yard, Ballinger, Texas.

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Misses Josie and Winnie Golden and Miss Mollie Best, who attended the Bonderant-Golden nuptials at Bronte, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

No. 3533

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

At Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business December 31, 1915... RESOURCES.

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b)	\$383,107.86	
Total loans		\$383,107.86
3. U. S. Bonds:		
b U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$100,000.00	
c U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal saving deposits (par value)	\$1,500.00	
Total U. S. bonds		\$101,500.00
6. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$13,600.00	
a Less amount unpaid	6,800	\$ 6,800.00
7. a Value of banking house (if unencumbered)	\$ 20,000.00	
b Equity in banking house		\$ 20,000.00
8. Furniture and fixtures		\$ 5,000.00
10. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank		\$ 13,611.70
11. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	\$ 25,485.77	
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	\$ 75,045.40	\$100,531.17
12. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11)		\$ 7,160.50
14. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		\$ 2,117.02
15. a Outside checks and other cash items		\$ 3,779.69
b Fractional currency, nickles and cents	386.00	\$ 4,165.75
25. Notes of other national banks		11,175.00
17. Federal Reserve notes		1,000.00
18. Coin and certificates		24,003.55
19. Legal-tender notes		250.00
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		\$ 5,000.00
22. Customers' liability account of "Acceptances"		\$157,020.17
Total		\$842,442.72

LIABILITIES.		
24. Capital stock paid in		\$100,000.00
25. Surplus fund		\$ 26,500.00
26. Undivided profits	\$9,674.69	
Reserved for taxes	\$2,715.39	
Reserved for	\$ 12,390.08	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid		\$ 12,390.08
27. Circulating notes outstanding		\$100,000.00
29. a Net amount due to approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	\$ 30,537.27	
b Net amount due to approved reserve agents in other reserve cities		\$ 30,537.27
30. Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 28 or 29)		\$ 5,622.08
31. Dividends unpaid		\$ 10,000.00
Demand deposits:		
32. Individual deposits subject to check		\$339,392.02
33. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days		\$ 2,590.17
35. Cashiers' checks outstanding		\$ 390.18
37. Postal savings deposits		\$ 350.64
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice)		
40. Certificates of deposit		\$ 11,670.28
47. Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed		\$125,000.00
51. Liabilities other than those above stated shareholders account		\$ 78,000.00
Total		\$842,442.72

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss:

I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January 1916.
J. WHIT PATTERSON, Notary Public

(Seal)
Correct—Attest:

J. Y. PEARCE,
W. W. FOWLER,
D. M. BAKER,
Directors.

RECAPITULATION.

Resources		Liabilities.	
Loans and discounts	\$383,107.86	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds	101,500.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	38,890.08
Banking house, F. & F.	25,000.00	Stockholders Fund	78,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	6,800.00	Dividend Unpaid	10,000.00
Bills of Exchange	157,020.17	Circulation	100,000.00
(Cotton)	\$157,020.17	Bills Payable	75,000.00
Cash and Exchange	169,014.69	Deposits	440,552.64
Total	\$842,442.72	Total	\$842,442.72

R. F. Smith, of the Bethel neighborhood, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to San Angelo on a short business trip.

T. G. Conway of the Coyote Creek country, northeast of the city, says there was considerable hail and a pretty good rain at his place Thursday night.

Rev. C. L. Ewing of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route home from Paint Rock, where he preached last Sunday. While there he united in marriage Mr. Cook and Miss Roach, two prominent young people of that city.

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Misses Josie and Winnie Golden and Miss Mollie Best, who attended the Bonderant-Golden nuptials at Bronte, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

W. W. Farmer and son M. C. of the irrigated farm five miles down the Colorado, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Roten of West End, are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, born to them Tuesday afternoon.

If you are a Ballinger booster you will spend 10 cents for a copy of the Prosperity Edition and mail it to a friend or relative.



THE TEXAS WONDER
THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 228 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

Revolving Seat Double Fold Bed Davenport \$25

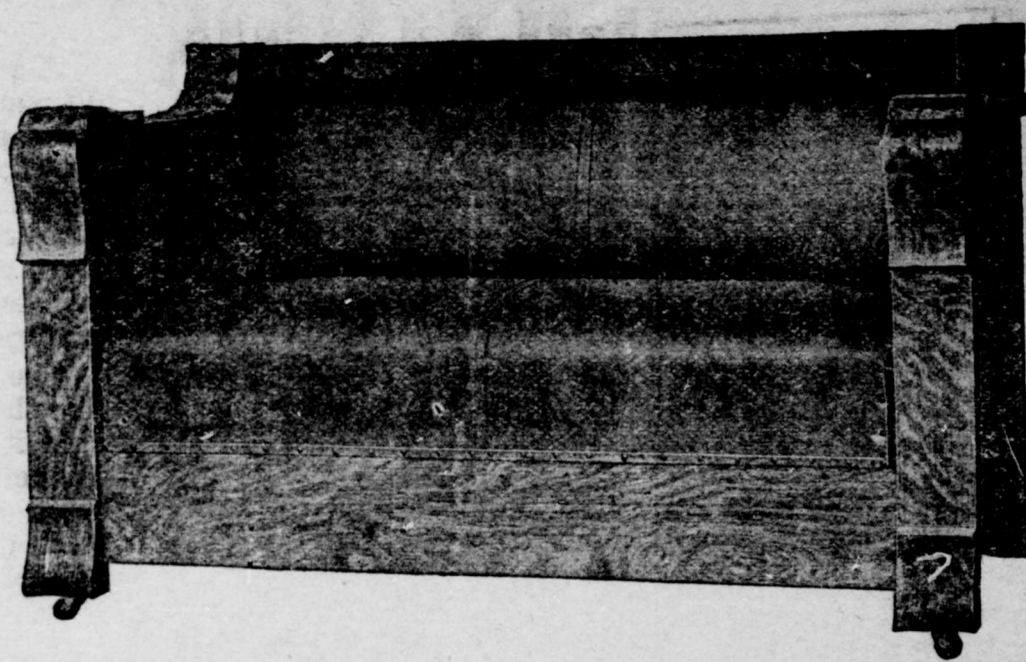
We are showing this wonderful value in many beautiful finishes, quarter-sawn oak, or imitation mahogany, golden, early English or fumed. Extra heavily constructed with still springs.

You Will Never Miss the Money Pay a Dollar a Week

Takes up much less space than regular bed davenports. Separate steel springs opens out in two folds when seat is revolved, the length of bed being at right angles to wall. Fitted with folding metal foot rest. Bed springs when open 48x72.

MANY OTHER STYLES AT DIFFERENT PRICES

Furnish Your Home on the Easy Payment Plan Small Payment \$1 Per Week Down Balance



HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS Co. The Home of Good Values

"THE SCARLET LADY" AT PRINCESS, ALSO GOOD COMEDY TONIGHT

"The Scarlet Lady," a Selig Diamond Special in three reels, is the feature attraction at the Princess Theatre tonight. Jean Pallette, who was formerly with Reliance stock when D. W. Griffith created that company, is the leading man, and Anna Luther plays the heroine role. Selig plays are above par in the estimation of the Ballinger public, and is not unnatural when it is considered that many prominent stars work in some of the best works of popular authors for the Selig. An Essanay comedy, "The Drug Clerk," rounds out a good program. Admission of ten cents is charged.

Tomorrow Essanay's big six chapter special feature in which Viola Allen takes the leading for the cast, "The White Sister" will be exhibited. Admissions of ten and twenty cents are charged for the V. L. S. E. features on Thursdays at the Princess.

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M. A. TRAYLOR GOES HIGHER

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 11.—M. A. Traylor was elected president of the Live Stock Exchange National Bank here today. Mr. Traylor began his career in a bank at Malone, Texas, going to a bank at Ballinger, Texas, and later was vice-president of the National Stock Yards National Bank of East St. Louis, Ill. He is 37 years old.

Mr. Traylor was formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Balingor. He is the son-in-law of J. J. Yerby of this city. We understand that his new position carries a salary of \$12,000 per year.

Shoes Wanted.

at Wendorf's Busy Shoe Shop. Work done by the Champion shoe finishing machine, soles sewed on in quick time. Come to see us.

H. L. WENDORF
Hutchings Ave.

Try some of that good home-made lard at **ROTEN'S**. It's white as snow and as pure as Wilson's politics. Phone 101. ttd

FIRST NATIONAL RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

The First National Bank rounded out a most successful year and held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday. The satisfactory service of the directors and officers to the stockholders of this bank is shown in the fact that no changes were made in the board or the officers, all the old board being reelected, and is as follows:

Directors: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, Gus Noyes, R. A. Hall, E. L. Rasbury, T. J. Webb, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor, R. G. Erwin.

Officers: J. Y. Pearce, president; D. M. Baker, vice-president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; A. J. Thorp, J. W. Patterson, W. R. Bogle, assistant cashiers.

This bank starts the new year with a statement that makes a most creditable showing, and with an outlook that is perhaps the best in the history of its twenty-nine years of successful business in Ballinger.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured. with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

E. C. Good of the Norton country, Bert Fletcher, the Maverick gin man and T. A. Schmaldt, of Winters, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Pure Home-Made Sorghum at Jeanes Produce Co. 50c per gallon. 11-2td-2tw

MORTUARY.

REV. I. N. LEWIS DEAD.

Louis Milliken informed us Wednesday that they had just received a message telling of the death of his grandfather, Rev. I. N. Lewis at Tahoka, Tuesday night at 1 o'clock.

Rev. Lewis was one of the highly esteemed pioneer citizens of Runnels County, but for the past few years had been making home at Tahoka. He leaves a large family of married children and several single daughters to mourn his demise. Among the number are Madams Geo. Milliken and Albert Davis of this county. The remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Tahoka.

The Ledger joins a host of friends all over the West in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives in this hour of bereavement.

Rev. Lewis was one of the early Primitive Baptist preachers of West Texas, and scarcely a neighborhood or county but has felt the ennobling words and gospel truths uttered by this worthy man of God.

He was an honorable, high-minded Christian gentleman, and his death will cast a gloom all over this section.

M. D. Chastain's Mother Dead.

Mrs. Alez Chastain, age about eighty-four years old, died at her home in Menard Tuesday of this week, after a lingering illness from old age.

Deceased was the mother of M. D. Chastain of this city. Mr. Chastain received news late Monday evening that his mother was very low and expected to die, and accompanied by his daughter, Miss Maxie, he left in an auto about seven o'clock Monday evening for Menard. He reached his mother's bedside at one o'clock Tuesday morning, several hours before she died.

The funeral was held at Menard and the remains of Mrs. Chastain interred in the cemetery at that place. Mr. Chastain has the sympathy of his friends in the loss of his mother.

For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915. At all druggists.

Sam Hamilton, of Sweetwater, who represents the Jeffery Autos, came in Tuesday to visit home folks.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

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Pulling Together Means PROGRESSING

With the assistance we rendered to our customers in the past we have both built up.

The same idea holds good today. If you have any Banking business—we want it.

If your funds are not large enough to "pull the deal" we can assist you and we'll both progress.

Try us for progressive banking service.

...The...

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
"The Bank that HELPS YOU Do Things"

SETTLED FOR GOOD

A. C. Homan, who for some time was cashier of the Rowena State Bank, and for the past year, upto today, has acted as one of the State Bank Examiners, and has had occasion to observe closely the conditions over the territory traveled and finds Ballinger and Runnels County the best of them all, and is now connected with the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Ballinger.

Mr. Homan is now making this his home for good, and for business and social reasons is happy to be at home again.

Mr. Homan is numbered among the most energetic and progressive young men of West Texas, and is held in high esteem in the business world of the state.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

T. V. Mashburn, of San Angelo, who represents the Allen-Overland Auto Co., was demonstrating one of his cars in Ballinger Tuesday.

Rev. E. B. Laughter of the Wingate country, passed through Bal-

BIG BUILDING LITTLE PATCHING

We can supply the material for your big building job or the little patch work around your home. You do yourself an injustice if you fail to let us figure on your lumber bill.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

linger Tuesday en route to Cameron to be at the bedside of a relative, who is quite ill.

I Buy, Sell and Trade For Most Any Old Thing.

Violens and Bicycles Repaired. Also Furniture Storage.

Jewel Cunningham
Ballinger, Texas
Next Door to Globe Store

QUEEN THEATRE

TONIGHT

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Albert Chevalier, famous the world over for his Coster Songs and Florence Turner, the most popular actress in Britain, are featured by the Universal in

"MY OLD DUTCH"

a five reel Broadway feature, based on Chevalier's world-renowned Coster-Song of the same name.

IN FIVE ACTS.

Admission 10 CENTS

Makes Hungry People Happy

- Christmas cheer last for a few days and then fades away.
- Our Grocery cheer last throughout the year, and never fades, and it is all in what you eat.
- Hungry people are happy as a lark when they eat our groceries, because the quality is in what they eat.
- When dad pays the bill he, too, is some happy, and his satisfaction is over the price.
- Fact is, they just flood the whole family with cheer because they are fine to eat, easy to cook, and stimulating to a degree.
- Can you beat it?

L. B. Stubbs
'Phones 93 and 94

The Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

Ballinger, Texas

Condensed Statement at the Close of Business December 31st, 1915.

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts	Capital Stock
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	Surplus and Undivided Profits
Banking House, Furniture and	Deposits
Other Real Estate	TOTAL
Guaranty Fund	
Cash and Exchange	
TOTAL	

The Above Statement is Correct
C. IAS. S. MILLER, President and Cashier



"SAFETY FIRST"

and profit afterwards is the rule in handling the money of our depositors. Read our last statement and judge for yourself how well the funds are invested, how ample the cash reserve and how easily convertible into cash the investments are. We invite the strictest scrutiny from intending depositors.

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