

THE DAILY LEDGER.

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Price 5 Cts

SOME TIME IT WILL BE Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

"Tell the TRUTH Advertisers"

Why Not Start Today

BOY BANDITS ROB BANK IN DAYLIGHT

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The boldest bank robbery ever committed in this state, occurred this morning, when four masked boy bandits entered the Washington Park National Bank, held up a score of officials and employees, and half a dozen patrons of the bank and loaded a wallet with cash.

The bandits escaped in an automobile with thirteen thousand dollars in cash.

TODAY'S ODDDEST STORY

By United Press.
ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 27.—Persons boarding Twin City street cars without their fares are always carried free and given envelopes in which they mail their fares to the office of the company, later.

Miss Vera Patterson of Winters was visiting friends in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

RULER'S ILLNESS IS CONFIRMED

By United Press.
ROME, Jan. 27.—The report that Franz Josef was seriously ill, has been confirmed. It is said the Austrian ruler suffered two strokes of apoplexy and is in a critical condition.

JUST LIKE OLD RIP VAN!

Lee Nairn of Houston, a former Ballinger boy, was greeting old acquaintances in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon after an absence of 20 years. He says there has been many changes since he lived in the city.

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VERLAND
Automobile.
Kelly & Walton.

POLL TAX PAYMENTS FORECAST BIG VOTE

With four days remaining in which to pay poll taxes, the records show that a rush is being made to the tax collector's office that will give this county the heaviest voting strength in its history. As will be seen from the following, quite a number of boxes in the county have already paid a larger number of poll taxes than were paid last year, the Ballinger boxes being delinquent more than 150 votes, as compared with last year's payments.

The heavy payment is due to the fact that this is a general election year, and the persistent rumor going the rounds that a prohibition election will be held within the next thirty days. Also it is a well known fact that the population of every town in the county and the county as a whole has increased in population during the past twelve months. There is not a vacant house in Miles, Ballinger, or Winters, and in addition to filling the vacant houses, new houses have been provided for the new comers. Many of the new comers are arming themselves with poll tax receipts from their old home, having sent orders for them as shown by the number of inquiries made at the local collector's office for information concerning such payment.

The poll tax season closes at twelve o'clock Monday night, and it is the opinion of the men who are keeping their eye on the move that the total polls and exemptions will crowd the 3,000 mark.

Following shows the number of polls paid at each voting box up to Wednesday night, as compared with the total payment for last year:

| Box— | 1915 | 1914 |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Ballinger No. 1 | 269 | 343 |
| Hatchel | 72 | 87 |
| Crews | 127 | 135 |
| Benoit | 46 | 55 |
| Token | 54 | 47 |
| Truitt | 40 | 33 |
| Winters | 345 | 338 |
| Antelope | 29 | 38 |
| Pumphrey | 65 | 72 |
| Wingate | 113 | 131 |
| Baldwin | 35 | 35 |
| Wilmeth | 92 | 109 |
| Cochran | 47 | 42 |
| North Norton | 60 | 49 |
| Marie | 25 | 28 |
| Maverick | 61 | 52 |
| South Norton | 47 | 48 |
| Pearce School House | 56 | 60 |
| Brookshire | 22 | 16 |
| Miles | 202 | 200 |
| Rowena | 174 | 163 |
| Offin | 55 | 50 |
| Rony Creek | 55 | 71 |
| East Ballinger | 278 | 357 |
| TOTAL | 2369 | 2559 |

City Polls Show Increase
302 city polls had been paid up to Wednesday night against 249 for the same date last year. The total payment of city polls last year amounted to a little more than 400, while for the present year it is believed that the payment will crowd the 500 mark.

ON TRIAL FOR SWINDLING.

DALLAS, Jan. 27.—Henry Kahn, furniture dealer, will have an opportunity to learn whether he agrees with Kipling that the "female of the species is deadlier than the male."

Kahn went on trial in district court today, charged variously with theft by conversion, swindling and lottery. It is the women of Dallas who allege they were victimized by Kahn's scheme of selling them furniture through the inducement of a "chance" on a more valuable article. Kahn's alleged victims claim they didn't have a chance in the world of realizing on the "chance," and the police reserves were called out when a mob of women raided the People's Furniture company, of which Kahn was head, and proceeded to take all the "chances" in sight.

The federal authorities also have charged Kahn with misuse of the mails.

BUYERS HERE FOR CARLOAD RABBITS

Representatives of the Dallas Rabbit Co. are in Ballinger today and have placed an ad in this paper advertising for one carload of rabbits. They do not expect to buy a car load of rabbits from one man, but will buy every rabbit that is brought to the car in good condition, Friday, Feb. 4th, paying a price that should cause the rabbit tribe in this county to become thinned out considerably.

This offers the farmers of this county a chance to rid their farms of the rabbit pest. A drive should be planned for every day during the next week, and the opportunity used for all it is worth. It is a well known fact that rabbits destroy hundreds of dollars worth of crops, and last year was an unusually heavy rabbit year and more damage was done than ever known before, and the rabbits will do greater damage this year if they are not destroyed.

The buyers are offering one and one half cents a pound for the rabbits, and the county is paying five cents per head bounty. This will make each rabbit bring from fifteen to twenty-five cents in cash and his death will mean a great deal more in saving the destruction of crops.

The car will be loaded at the A. & S. depot next Friday, and the buyers state in their ad that all rabbits killed between this and that date will be accepted if they are drawn and the head removed. It's up to the farmers to get busy, call on the people in town to help them and wage war on the rabbits that will reduce the tribe and at the same time add several hundred dollars to the surplus cash fund.

SUNDAY MOVING PICTURES IN COUNT

(San Angelo Standard)
Dad Spooner, proprietor of the Crystal moving picture show, will make a test case of the moving picture law insofar as it relates to the giving of free entertainments for charity.

Dad Spooner was recently arrested in San Angelo and fined \$20 and costs for giving a show, the proceeds of which were to go to the Carlsbad sanatorium. He appealed the case and this will soon come up for trial, according to the following dispatch from Austin:

A new Sunday moving picture show question has reached the Court of Criminal Appeals, being an appeal in the Spooner case from Tom Green county. The owner of a moving picture show operated on Sunday. He charged no admission, but took up a collection as a "benefit" for the indigents in the State Tuberculosis Colony at Carlsbad near San Angelo. The only money retained was that to pay machine operators and rent, all other funds having been donated to the colony. The owner was arrested, tried and convicted. He is appealing from a \$20 fine assessed and contends that a benefit performance is not a violation of the Sunday law. The higher court will soon decide that issue.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS CROSS RIO GRANDE; THREE DROWN

WILSON NOT TOO PROUD TOO FIGHT

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—President Wilson in an address before two thousand preachers at Lincoln Hall today, plainly indicated that he is no longer "too proud to fight." "I always accept," said Mr. Wilson, "by some impulse, perhaps by native blood, a challenge to fight," and adds that "it is not a case of knock-down and drag out, but a case of putting up the best reason why your own idea should survive."

President Wilson was given a most attentive hearing and an enthusiastic greeting.

MOVED TO NEW LOCATION.

The Ballinger Barber Shop moved Wednesday to their new location next to C. C. Gilliam's Tailor Shop. They had occupied the building next to Ed Schave Grocery Company the past year. Alex Yarnell returned home Wednesday afternoon from a short business trip to points West.

LEAVE WEDNESDAY FOR EASTERN MARKETS

R. T. Williams and J. D. Robinson of the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., left Wednesday afternoon for the East, to buy spring and summer merchandise for their firm.

By United Press

BROWNSVILLE, Jan. 27.—Gen. Funston made an official report today of the trouble that broke between Americans and Mexicans near Progresso la yesterday, the result of which three American army officers will probably be court martialed.

According to the report made to Washington, four men of the Fourth Field Artillery swam across the Rio Grande near Progresso at three-thirty yesterday where armed Mexicans capture Privates Wheeler and Peterson and took them to the interior. Two other Americans escape from the Mexicans.

An hour after the capture of the Americans, Lieutenants Peyton and Waldron and fourteen men crossed the river and penetrated the interior for one mile. They were fired on and returning the American soldiers covered their retreat. Sergeant Clements, Corporal King, and Privates Rhode and Best were drowned swimming to the other side of the river. Their bodies have not been recovered.

The two privates, Wheeler and Peterson, were delivered to the American authorities unharmed this afternoon, and the three lieutenants who lead the sally across the river have been placed under arrest.

WAR DEPARTMENT APPROVES ARREST.

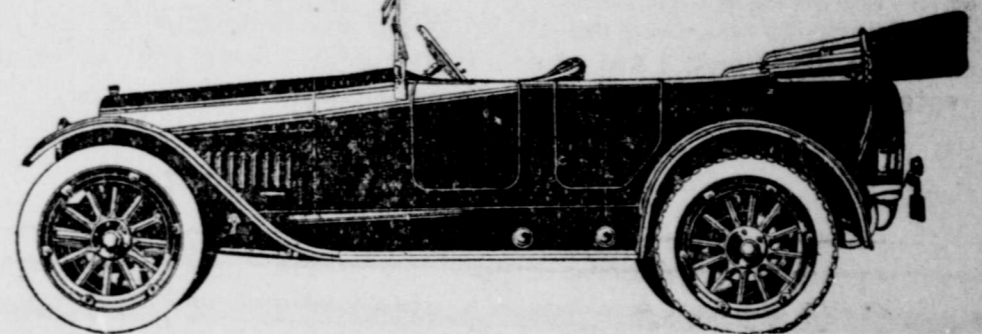
By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The war department promptly approved the arrest of three American army officers who crossed the Mexican border late yesterday. They will probably be court martialed.

ROBERT EDESON IN 'MORTMAIN' A Scientific Six Part Vitagraph Drama of Vivid Intensity TONIGHT



Released Through V. L. S. E.
"Most Perfect Picture in Many Months"—Moving Picture World.
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Adults 20c Children 10c

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1 brush, 2 passenger, good tires and will run \$50 \$25 cash balance \$5 per month.

1 Buick, 5 passenger, good tires, 30 h. p. will take \$75 cash.

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Trade with us this year and reduce that automobile bill. You will always find us 25 to 50 per cent cheaper on anything in the auto line than anyone else. We have the tools and can turn out a job before others could find the trouble.

Tires any kind 10 per cent off list. Gasoline 19c. Dry batteries 27½c. Pres-to-light put on your car \$12. Exchange on presto \$1.50. Aluminum numbers 10c. Spark plugs 15c.

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from the risk of loss by theft, fire, rats and other causes. Open an account here and you can cease worrying about the safety of your cash. Besides paying by check is much more businesslike. It is cheaper too. No fees or express charges to pay. Just write it and mail it, that's all.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

Ballinger, Texas

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Published every afternoon except Sunday by the Ballinger Printing Company.

V. SLEDGE, Editor
SHEPHERD, Business Mgr.

John Sellers of the Wingate party, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Fort Worth, where he will attend the Kelly-Draughen Business Col-

Colds Need Attention

Internal throat and chest trouble produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and are checked at once are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time Dr. Bell's Pine Tar-Honey Lozenges the phlegm and destroys germs which have settled in throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Pine is antiseptic; menthol is soothing—both together make excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Inquire of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey Lozenges at all Druggists.

D. Oliver of the Valley Creek country, left Wednesday afternoon for San Saba to attend the funeral of his step mother.

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O' Kelly & Walton.

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The Best Companies
PROMPT SERVICE

Your business solicited.
Miss Maggie Sharp.
Upstairs in old Fidelity
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Service Line**

Makes four trips each way. Call for and deliver passengers any where in Ballinger or Winters.

Price: 75c One Way.

Leave Ballinger at—7:00 a. m. 9:30 a. m.
1:30 p. m. 4:00 p. m.
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2:30 p. m. 5:30 p. m.
Phone Ballinger 135 Phone Winters 92
Good cars and careful drivers.

W. E. BROOKS

Effective January 10th, 1916

To all Patrons of The Leach Auto Works

I intend to keep employed a very limited amount of work 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.

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WINS PRIZE FOR FEATURING ADVERTISED GOODS.

National advertising coupled with local advertising is bringing results to many stores who are co-operating with Good Housekeeping Magazine's big trade pulling campaign. Each year they put on with the help of retail merchants, a "Nationally Advertised Goods" week, and the following is a letter from the magazine commenting on, and enclosing a check for a premium won by the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams, Company, Ballinger, Texas.
Gentlemen:

Please accept our congratulations. Your store wins one of the prizes for Good Housekeeping Week.

A complete report, with accounts of how several of the stores conducted the Week, is now in the hands of the printers. You will receive a copy just as soon as the book is off the press.

As you caught the big idea of featuring the quality and service of nationally advertised products we feel that Good Housekeeping Week accomplished its purpose in your store.

Best of all, it is encouraging to note that the effort stimulated your business, and we feel that your customers now have a keener appreciation of the true value of nationally known goods.

The principles behind Good Housekeeping Week are workable day in and day out. The point of concentrating on them frequently in some way such as you did during the week of November first, should work to your advantage. We should be glad to co-operate with you along these lines at any time.

Yours cordially,
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING MAGAZINE.

A GREAT HATCHER

Simple, Inexpensive, Sure. The Natural Hen incubator patented, one dollar for patent right to make and use, also 3 valuable poultry premiums and dollar due bill, accepted on any order for Eggs or Stock. 750,000 plans already sold. Used for years by College Agriculture, State Florida. Representative, Natural Hen Incubator Co., Metropolitan Cafe, Ballinger. Sub Agents wanted. 1912td-2tw-pd.

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Saturday, January 29
with a line of 5c, 10c
15c and 25c
RACKET GOODS

Nothing over \$300
Three items especially priced.
One only to each customer

THE ARCADE
Opposite the Princess Theatre

L. W. Compton, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, and Ed Clayton of the Talpa-Benoit country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Sure Signs of a Torpid Liver.

If you have spells of dizziness, biliousness, or constipation, look to your liver for the cause. You can get relief by taking Po-Do-Lax. It acts quickly on the liver, helps it to discharge the poison and tone up the system. Helps the stomach too. Only 50c at Druggists.

SOCIETY

Miss Mary Phillips, Editor Phone 27

Coming Events.
The Needle Workers Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. A. Talley, Friday afternoon, Jan. 28th.

Miss Ludie Jones will give a young folks party at her home in West End, Friday evening.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church meets this evening at the home of Mrs. J. M. Garlington, on Ninth Street.

Mrs. Will Dunlap will be hostess for the Forty-two Club at her home on Hutchings Avenue, Friday afternoon.

Master Robert Lee Green will give a party for a number of school friends on Friday evening, Jan. 28th, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Green.

The Shakespeare Club will entertain with a Tea at the Library parlors, Saturday afternoon, from three to six o'clock. Everything will be tastefully arranged for the pleasure and comfort of everyone. Bring a dime and assist in the benefit work of the Library.

Needle Workers Club

At the home of Mrs. J. H. Wilke, the Needle Workers were beautifully entertained on Thursday afternoon. Quite a pleasant time was spent crocheting and embroidering, which was interspersed with merry conversation. At the close of the evening a sumptuous supper was served.

You Need a Tonic
There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.
You can't make a mistake in taking
GARDUI
The Woman's Tonic
Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.
Has Helped Thousands.

Risser of Benham, Lovell, George Pearce, D. Reeder, and Miss Alva Van Pelt.

Catarrah Cannot Be Cured.
with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a blood or constitutional disease and in order to

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th:
Representative 11th District:
WALACE E. HAWKINS.
For County Clerk:
W. C. McCARVER.
C. C. COCKRELL
H. G. SECREST.
For Tax Assessor:
C. C. SCHUCHARD.
T. H. CURRY.
JOE TURNER.
For County Treasurer:
W. L. BROWN
For County Attorney:
C. P. SHEPHERD
For Tax Collector:
W. T. PADGETT.
MIKE C. BOYD.
M. D. CHASTAIN
For Sheriff:
J. D. PERKINS.
For County Judge:
O. L. PARISH
For District Clerk:
(MISS) MARY PHILLIPS.
For Commissioner Pre. No. 1:
E. C. MOOR.

FOR DISTRICT CLERK
To my Friends and Fellow Citizens:

In asking for your support to the office of Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County, I do not consider that my acts in performing the duties of this office are unknown to you. Therefore, in presenting myself for consideration I do not feel that I would be transcending the position of my station by again asking for re-election, being only a co-worker in the great field of service. I appreciate the privilege of having been permitted to serve you in this capacity, and have endeavored to give you efficient service in return.

You know whether I have filled the office according to the right principles, and it remains with you to say whether I shall continue to serve you as clerk with such improvements I may be able to make under the law governing same. Trusting the New Year will bring to you, all that your hearts desire, and that I may have the pleasure of seeing each of you, I am,
Sincerely and gratefully,
MARY PHILLIPS.

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

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Violens and Bicycles Repaired. Also Furniture Storage.
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Model 75\$615
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Six Cylinder ...\$1145
F. O. B. Toledo.
OVERLAND Model 83B is to be preferred above any other automobile at or near its price, because of certain definite advantages.
It has Power that is nothing short of remarkable. Its advantages here is apparent at the first touch of the throttle—a smooth, resistless flow of power that responds instantly to control. No other automobile at anywhere near its price has so much power.
It has Comfort—real riding comfort. Deep, inviting divan upholstery and long underslung rear springs make its superior unmistakable on even a short ride. No other automobile at this price is so comfortable.
It has Convenience—control is easy and instinctive. Magnets, lights and horn are operated from the steering column without even leaning forward. No other automobile at its price is so convenient.
O'KELLY & WALTON Agents
Ballinger

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A series of meetings will be conducted by Rev. W. Bristow Gray, D. D., of Brownwood, at the First Presbyterian church.

Rev. Gray will preach twice every day at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., beginning next Monday night, Jan. 31st. Everyone is invited to hear the gospel message, which Dr. Gray brings to us.
CHAS. GHISELIN, Pastor.

War Upon Pain

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful.
Merwin H. Soister, Berkeley, Cal. writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared, four hours after the second application I was as good as new." March, 1915. At Druggists 25c.

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Blacksmith shop at Concho, equipped to do ordinary work, also residence. Phone 583, C. G. Cape. 26-5td-1tw-pd.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

Linger Longs.

In a charming manner, Mrs. John Loveless entertained the Linger Long Club Friday afternoon at her home on Eighth St. The home was beautifully decorated with potted flowers and ferns. Five tables were arranged for forty-two. After the guests had arrived and pretty score cards were passed, quite an exciting time prevailed each one trying to win a place at the head table. The lucky one was Mrs. U. P. Melton, who won high score.

At the close of this pleasant affair, a two course luncheon was served by the hostess.

Shakespeare Club.

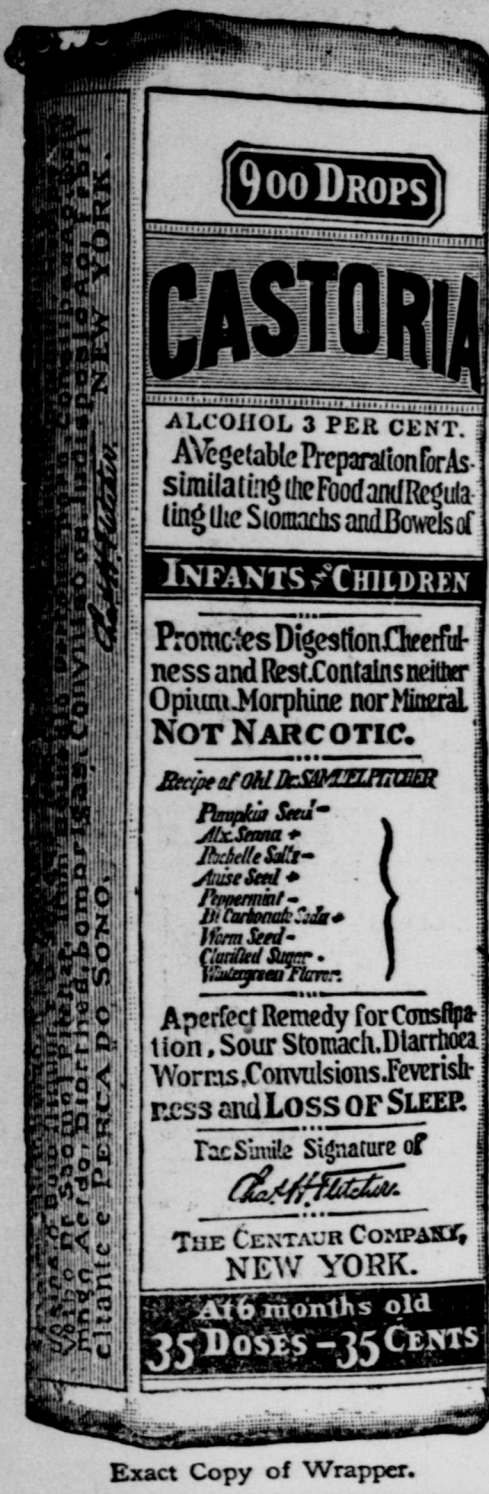
At the regular meeting of the Shakespeare Club last Thursday quite an entertaining lesson was discussed and the election of officers for the ensuing year was completed, which are as follows:
Mrs. U. P. Melton, President; Mrs. J. R. Lusk, Vice-President; Mrs. W. S. Fleming, Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. B. Creasy, Treasurer; Mrs. Carlos Dunn, Critic; Mrs. R. R. Rives, Historian; Mrs. Porter Murray, Parliamentarian.

Mrs. Thomson Entertains

Mrs. Thomson was hostess at a delightful Bridge party on Wednesday of last week. The home was artistically decorated with ferns and beautiful potted flowers. Four tables for Auction Bridge were busy the entire evening, and a most pleasant time was had by all present.

A delicious salad course was served to the following: Mesdames J. Y. Peerce, Conda Wyllie, George Holman, Malcolm McGregor, U. P. Melton, Lloyd Brown, Latham, W. C. Penn, J. McGregor, Clara Ransom, George Vaughn, John Hopkinson, Eugene

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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.
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CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
Mothers Know That
Genuine Castoria
Always
Bears the
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Dr. J. C. Wells
In
Use
For Over
Thirty Years
CASTORIA



The greatest of all Frank
Spearman's railroad
stories
SHOWN IN MOTION PICTURE
AT THE QUEEN THEATRE
EVERY SATURDAY.

(Continued from Yesterday)

"No," he cried, "and I've given one of them a jolt he'll remember. But Helen!"—in his agitation he laid his hand heavily on his daughter's shoulder—"those damned scoundrels have got our survey!"

"Then they shall never get off with it," exclaimed Helen with flashing eyes. "We will catch them if it kills somebody."

She gave her orders right and left—for caring for her father, calling the police and for making the pursuit.

The boarding of the moving passenger train by the two men had not escaped Storm's eyes, and a few words with Helen were enough to clear things. The flyer was gone and the burglars with it, but there was a chance yet to get them. Hastening with Storm down the hill, Helen told

him the whole story. When the two reached the siding Storm asked the conductor to put out a flagman to protect the freight; he half lifted and half pushed Helen up into the cab, and the instant the fireman cut off the engine, started in pursuit of the fast-receding passenger train.

But the stern chase is the long chase. The freight engineer had set himself a difficult task; one thing alone was in his favor, everything else was against him. He was running a light engine against one pulling a strong string of sleeping cars. But his own machine was built for traction, not for speed, and he was pitting it against one of the fastest types of engines on the division. From the time Storm opened the throttle not a device was left untried to make his ponderous engine go fast; not a trick of all those that had already made his reputation as an exceptional runner was now overlooked and every resource of the engineer's art was brought into play to overhaul the flying passenger train.

Helen crouched on the fireman's box with her eyes straining ahead into the darkness, or glancing across the hooded lights of the cab at the profile of the silent engineer, waited in vain for him to look toward her. It seemed as if he had forgotten her existence. His attention, for the moment, was centered on nothing but the terrific headway he had attained and must maintain to win, and his reeling, thundering machine seemed awake to the relentless energy of its driver, was responding like a thing alive to his iron will. A cry from Storm made her look across toward him. She saw his eyes regarding her, but he was pointing silently ahead, and looking again through her own window, Helen's straining vision caught far ahead the faint gleam of the red tail-lights.

From the top of the distant sleeping cars Spike and Hyde had seen the threatening chase. Without a quail, and crawling along the swaying cars, they made their way toward the engine. They held up the engineer and fireman. Spike understood enough of an engine to take the throttle and he tried to run away from Storm; but this proved a game in which he had no advantage. Striving desperately to increase his speed he found himself, as he glanced back from the cab window, steadily losing ground. The race was now more like the effort of a plow horse to run away from a thoroughbred. A last resort remained for the criminals. Hyde, at Spike's direction, climbed back over the tender and cut off the coaches. The engine pulled away from the train. The air went on and the string of sleepers stopped abruptly. Close behind them the freight engine was pounding and lurching. Storm had barely time to apply his air and pull up as he stopped and he was nearly into the hind-end of the observation car.

When the passenger crew got outside there were hurried explanations. Storm, knowing every foot of the line, saw that they had reached the longest passing track on the division and that by running around the stalled train he still had a chance to overtake his quarry. Throwing his engine into reverse he backed down, took the passing-track switch and tore past the standing cars after the fast disappearing passenger train. With all of its lights extinguished, and still maintaining terrific speed, it was at a hopeless disadvantage against the skill of the man at the throttle of the engine behind.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

FOR COMMISSIONER

To the Voters of Commissioners' Precinct No. 1:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of your precinct, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July, this year.

I realize the responsibility devolving upon such officer and know full well that the position demands a man of stability, energy, honesty, and business ability. It demands a man, who can and will give to the duties of the office the time and attention which must be given to them to the end that the good work accomplished by the present incumbent during his tenure of office, especially in his work and labors on the public roads of the precinct, may be carried on.

While I may not prove equal to the task, I have confidence in my being able to do so, believing that I have had sufficient experience in mechanics and public works to enable me to discharge every duty which will be incumbent upon me to the entire satisfaction of the people, or a majority thereof.

I shall not be able to make a close personal canvass of the precinct and will probably not be able to meet all the voters because of my present vocation, but I hope that I may be able to meet you all and personally lay my claims before you. I shall appreciate your support and influence, promising, if elected, to render good and efficient service to the end that the county's finances may be handled in an economical manner, and all its needs and demands met and taken care of in a business like way.

Yours very respectfully,
E. C. MOOR.

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.

WILL GIVE TEA TO BUY BOOKS—HURRAH!

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MORTUARY.

MRS. JONES DIES.

Mrs. J. J. Jones, at the age of 65 years, died at her home near Wingate, Wednesday night, and the remains were laid to rest in the Wingate cemetery Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Jones is the mother of Mrs. F. M. Hale, of our city, and Mrs. W. I. Norman and Miss Corine Jones, and three sons. A host of friends will join The Ledger in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn her demise.

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Written by that master of the clever detective short story, and the author of many good mystery serials for the Saturday Evening Post, Arthur Train admits he never wrote a better plot than "Mortmain." This is the feature production released through the V. L. S. E. and to be screened at the Princess Theatre tonight. It is in five reels.

Mr. Train goes even further in his commendation of the big Vitagraph version of his story, and remarked after seeing a private showing of the feature in the presence of J. Stuart Blackton and Albert E. Smith, that, "I had always considered motion pictures as a thing beneath any thinking man, and inwardly I surrendered some of my vanity when I consented to write for the Vitagraph company. I will never again speak slightly of an art that can transform and preserve the works of the great writers of today and before."

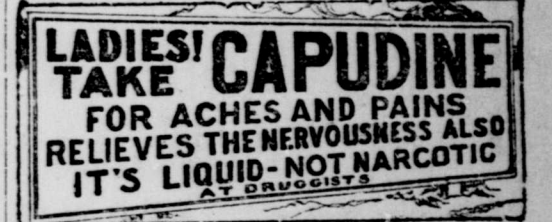
Robert Edeson, the star of

numerous real hits on the legitimate stage and since scoring tremendous applause for his motion picture playing, is the central character of this five reel drama, produced by Theodore Marston.

Mr. Edeson has been seen in Ballinger in notable Paramount productions and in Thos. Ince feature stories. A well-balanced cast of "Vita-lifers" from that company where every actor is one of a big family, support Edeson.

A comedy picture will open the performance at the Princess tonight.

First showing of the new Hearst-Vitagraph news reel will take place tomorrow, with Lady Duff Gordon's hints on fashions, and Tom Powers' cartoons. "The Passing of the Oklahoma Outlaws," a six reel melodramatic re-enactment of the frontier days will be shown also Friday.



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can be killed several days ahead of our loading day if dressed and allowed to hang in a cool place.

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DEMAND CREATED FOR RABBIT FUR

W. T. Bessonett, of Waco, and C. S. Guelhem, of Dallas, who are in Ballinger arranging to load a car of rabbits here next Friday, talked interestingly of the rabbit industry so recently developed and said that the value of rabbit hair, like the value now being placed on many other things that were at one time considered worthless, is due to the European war.

"We could not handle the rabbits just for the food value alone," said Mr. Bessonett, "but there is a demand for the hair and this added to the meat value of the rabbit makes it possible to place them on the market at a fair price. We are making efforts to get ten car loads of Jack rabbits in Western Texas within the next two or three weeks, and will continue to buy rabbits in small quantities until they begin to shed, and the price we are paying will make rabbits bring from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per dozen, when the hunter collects the bounty from the county, which I understand is being paid."

Mr. Bessonett stated that a plant had been located at Dallas and machines were in operation, removing the hair from the rabbits, and that this was being cleaned, dried, and prepared for shipment to Philadelphia, and other manufacturing centers, where it is used in making hats.

The war in Europe has stopped the fur industry in that country, and while the domestic rabbit fur is not as good as the imported, it serves the purpose, and American manufacturers are turning to it. Mr. Bessonett said that they hoped to establish the market by shipping a car load of rabbits from this place next Friday and would arrange to get express shipments regularly. The hunter can sack his rabbits, weigh them and ship in small lots direct to Dallas, where they will be accepted and paid for at a rate to be quoted from time to time.

At the price offered for rabbits delivered to the car next Friday, a car load of rabbits will bring about \$600. A man who makes frequent trips to the country stated today that he believed that there were a million rabbits in Runnels County. Allowing him a pretty good margin for reckless estimates, there is no doubt several thousand dollars worth of rabbits in the county, and when they are killed a two-fold benefit is derived.

Get busy, be a rabbit twister.

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VOELKER-PARKER

Mr. L. H. Voelker and Mrs. M. L. Parker of the Hatchel country, were married Wednesday, at 1:00 o'clock, by Rev. Gates at his home at Wingate, and the happy couple passed through Ballinger Wednesday afternoon en route to San Antonio on their bridal tour.

They are two of the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of the Hatchel country and have a host of friends in the county, who join The Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

MRS. CLAYTON'S LETTER

To Run-Down, Nervous Women.
Louisville, Ky.—"I was a nervous wreck, and in a weak, run-down condition, when a friend asked me to try Vinol. I did so, and as a result I have gained in health and strength. I think Vinol is the best medicine in the world for a nervous, weak, run-down system and for elderly people."—Mrs. W. C. Clayton, Louisville, Ky.

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Mrs. BETTIE FLEMING, of 1225 Clinton Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, says:

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THERE'S A DIFFERENCE PLEASE REMEMBER

There seems to be some misunderstanding among the farmers in the neighborhood of Ballinger as to what the Business League, the Hog Growers Association, and the Melon Growers Association, are.

Some of the farmers are of the opinion that two of them if not all three of them are the same organization. A little explanation is therefore necessary.

The Hog Growers Association is an organization for the co-operative marketing of hogs. Its main work is to make up carload shipments of hogs by having each of a number of farmers put in a few hogs, and to sell these hogs for the best possible price in the Ft. Worth market. J. H. Taylor is secretary of this organization.

The melon growers association, properly called the Runnels County Produce Association is an organization of farmers for the co-operative marketing of truck crops, especially watermelons. W. A. Taylor is president of this organization and A. E. Burges is the secretary.

The Business League is an organization in the town of Ballinger which is supported principally by the business men, but which gladly takes in farmers as members. Half of the directors of the Business League are farmers. E. D. Walker is president of the league. Business men are expected to pay one dollar or more per month upon joining, but farmers are granted membership for one dollar per year. The Business League was formerly an organization whose purpose was solely to build up Ballinger, but now that the county has no farm demonstrator, the league has employed a graduate of A. and M. College as its secretary and is trying to do part of the work formerly done by the county demonstrator.

A. E. BURGES,
Secretary Business League.

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C. A. DOOSE.
dwtf

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.
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ERROR IN ADVERTISEMENT.

Referring to advertisement of Dallas Rabbit Company, in this issue, should read—heads off Jack rabbits, heads left on cotton tails.

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