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TO SHOOT WITHOUT WARNING

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Ambassador Bernstorff from Germany, today placed before Secretary Lansing a written communication from Berlin containing a reiteration of Germany's intention to torpedo all armed merchantmen without warning, beginning Wednesday.

The charge de affairs Zwiendieck also informed Secretary Lansing that the Austrian government would torpedo armed merchantmen without warning and that the attitude of the Austrian government was identical to that of Germany.

Both the senate and the house passed up the perplexing international question today without discussing it, and it is believed that no action will be taken until the German threats are carried out and Americans killed.

Joe Sommers, of Rowena, C. N. Craft of Miles, W. L. Compton, of the Spring Hill neighborhood and H. C. Moten, of the Wingate country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Moten was here to sell a carload of oats and reports the oat crop in his section about all dead from the protracted dry freezes.

RABBIT DRIVE

J. S. Reese of the Benoit country, requested us to announce a rabbit hunt on Friday, March 10, and all are requested to meet at E. A. Werner's place between Ballinger and Benoit. A splendid dinner will be served and everybody cordially invited to attend and take part in the drive.

NEW SERIES 17 MODEL

R. P. Kirk, the local representative of the Studebaker auto, was demonstrating Monday the very latest new series 17 model car, with adjustable front seats, which will be very convenient for traveling and camping out, as the two front seats can be taken out and make plenty sleeping room in the car.

Mr. Kirk closed the deal Saturday in which he sold Walt Allen of West End one of the model Studebaker cars.



TONIGHT

PICTURE PROGRAM

Vivan Wessell in the extraordinary 3 act Broadway Favorites drama "THE DANCING DOLL" Wiss Messell, in addition to the protean ability, is a danseuse of amazing grace and this powerful subject will repeat on the screen the success she has scored upon legitimate stage.

VitaGraph comedy "THE LURE OF A WIDOW"

Admission 10c

GRANDPA CATHEY VERY LOW

We regret to note that W. G. Cathey, one of the pioneer citizens of this county, is seriously ill at the home of his daughter Mrs. T. S. Lankford, and that the physicians hold out no hope for his recovery. Grandpa Cathey has been in feeble health for some time, and having reached a ripe old age, he is ready to pass out of this world and receive a reward for the faithful life he has lived.

MRS. GUSTAVUS IMPROVING.

Mrs. W. A. Gustavus Jr., who underwent an operation in the local sanitarium last Saturday, is improving, we are glad to note, and will soon be able to return to her home.

HEAVIEST DOCKET IN HISTORY OF HOUSTON

By United Press.

HOUSTON, Tex. Feb. 28.—The heaviest criminal docket in the history of the local U. S. district court is scheduled for the term of court which opened today. The cases range from petty liquor law infractions to rebating.

This week will be taken up with law and equity docket. On March 6 the petit and grand juries will be impaneled.

Perhaps the most important cases are those against Roy Campbell, John H. Davis and Arch McFarland, on charges involving rebates from railroads. All of the defendants are under one indictment. The cases will be started April 3.

J. Archer Elmore, charged with fraudulent use of the mails, and John Walker, charged with violation of the Harrison anti-narcotic act, will be tried March 3.

Hans Boedeker, charged with embezzling post office funds, will be tried the following day. Other persons to be tried under the Harrison act are John T. Rafter, Charles S. Mallard, W. F. Bohannon and Mrs. V. G. Boyd. Fraudulent use of the mails is charged against C. C. Cannan, Melvin C. Churchill and H. S. Taylor. William T. Farrell will be tried for embezzling post office funds.

The case of Tom Williams, charged with concealing assets in bankruptcy proceedings, transferred from Corpus Christi, will be tried March 14.

R. L. Huddleston and little son, of the New Home neighborhood, T. Jones Webb of the Maverick country and Clarence Hinds, of the Pony creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

HORSE KILLED IN RUNAWAY

W. R. McDonald lost a good work horse Monday morning when a team he was driving to a back became frightened near the oil mill and dashed down Hutchings Ave. Some parts of the harness gave way and caused Mr. McDonald to lose control of the team.

The horses broke loose from the back near where they started, and while running at what proved to be break neck speed, one of the horses slipped and fell on the street in front of the Cash Market, and died instantly. Just a few feet from where the horse slipped an auto was standing and in the fall the horses head struck the back of the auto. It is presumed that the fall broke the horses neck.

The animal was classed by Mr. McDonald as a good work horse, and was valued at perhaps about \$100. The back was slightly damaged, and the other horse escaped injury and was caught in a wagon yard south of the post office.

Wounded Soldiers Dying in Agony in Rain and Snow

THIS COMES FROM BERLIN

By United Press.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The German offensive move on the Western front has continued to spread until it has reached the Champagne region, according to an official statement issued from the war office today. The report says that Germans have captured sixteen hundred yards of French trenches, and the Crown Prince continues to push forward the whole army along the Verdun front.

THIS COMES FROM PARIS.

By United Press.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The German offensive along twenty-five miles fighting front north and northeast of Verdun has crumbled in several places. Last two day's fighting will go down in history as the world's bloodiest battle. Thirty thousand wounded soldiers, both German and French, are dying in agony in the rain and snow because their comrades can't rescue them under the incessant fire.

Robert French of Brownwood, who is traveling representative of the Brownwood Marble Works, was looking after the business interests of his firm in this section and returned home Saturday.

George Isom, of Brownwood, who had been looking after business affairs in Ballinger, returned home Monday.

Watch the Fords Go By.

KEELING IS INVESTIGATING POLL TAX IRREGULARITIES

Judge W. A. Keeling, assistant attorney general, arrived in Ballinger Monday morning and began at once an investigation into reported irregularities in the payment of poll taxes in this county. Judge Keeling held a conference with County Attorney Shepherd throughout the day, whom it is understood has already made some considerable headway in gathering data before the arrival of the assistant attorney general.

When seen by a Ledger reporter both Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Keeling declined to make public any of the evidence heretofore obtained or to outline their plan of action for the future. It is understood however, that the county attorney and the attorney general will co-operate fully in case the evidence discloses any infraction of the law.

The attorney general's department is waging an extensive campaign for the purification of the ballot box, and Mr. Keeling stated that the investigation involves many counties in the state.

Mr. Keeling handled the prosecution of the noted brewery trust case recently at Sulphur Springs,

which prosecution proved most successful for the state, and cost the breweries of Texas about \$300,000 and other considerations that places their business under a strict ban. Mr. Keeling in discussing the Sulphur Springs case stated that the total fines paid into the state treasury amounted to \$281,000, and in addition to this the breweries paid the court cost and the expenses of the attorney general's department in prosecuting the case, which run the total cost to the breweries up to about \$300,000. Mr. Keeling stated that volumes of important testimony was secured relating to serious assaults on the purity of the ballot.

In the final settlement of the cases the breweries submitted to injunctions in the compromise that restrains them from ever hereafter contributing to politics, and if the injunctions are violated the penalties will be in jail sentences in addition to the fines imposed.

Mr. Keeling declined to say how long he would remain in this county further than to say he came to make a thorough investigation and is making good headway on the job.

LABOR MAY CONTROL BRITISH GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The belief that labor will figure extensively in British government councils when peace is restored in Europe is gaining ground steadily. "After the war is over," Lord Denham, for example, in an address in the house of peers, "labor is bound to play a very prominent part in the political life of this country. It is possible that a labor government or a government largely composed of labor men will be in power." The ex-governor-general of Austria qualified his prediction with the remark that "if labor men now fail to rise to the full height of their responsibilities and to realize that they are Englishmen first and trade unionists second, and if they hamper administration of the military compulsion act, it seems to me their advent to power will be delayed for many years."

H. Grady Stokes returned home Saturday afternoon from a business trip to San Angelo.

DOUBLE RABBIT DRIVE THURSDAY

What promises to be the largest rabbit round up ever made in this county is staged for Thursday when a double drive, or a drive by two different squads will be made in the country south of Ballinger, centering in the Bethel neighborhood.

The people from town and those in South Ballinger who wish to join in the drive have been requested to meet at a point where the Rowena road and Paint Rock road divides and drive south towards the Bethel country. A squad from the Bethel country will meet at W. T. Nichols and drive north meeting the squad going south.

This drive will be made in the forenoon and after the usual barbecue spread another territory will be mapped out and a double drive made.

George Miller, of the Wingate country, and Ed. Jones, of the same country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

PREDICT CORN CROP FAILURE.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 28.—This is seed corn week in Iowa. Following a wet, cold summer the corn crop was a partial failure and examination of seed corn has shown that a surprising amount of it will not germinate. So alarmed are the experts, bankers and agricultural editors that they convinced Gov. Geo. W. Clarke that Iowa faced another bad corn year, this time from a light crop because of poor seed corn, and he has designated this week as "Seed Corn Week" during which every farmer is urged to test his seed corn. In northern Iowa counties it is estimated that at least half of the seed corn is poor and thousands of bushels will be imported from the southwest.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

The contract for the building of the Cochran school was awarded last Saturday, Price & Claypool, of Ballinger being the successful bidders, and have started work on the new building.

The contract price for the new building figures about \$1000. The building will be a frame structure, modernly constructed, and planned to take care of the needs for the Cochran community for many years to come.

This school is one among the many in the county that received an appropriation from the state's million dollar fund, and the trustees are beginning the improvements now in order that the school may be in shape for the 1916-17 term.

DALLAS NEW HATCHES OWN MOSQUITOES

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 28.—The municipal ownership idea has struck Dallas with a vengeance. This city now hatches its own mosquitoes. The hatchery was established in connection with a campaign against the anopheles, or malaria-bearing mosquito. He can't be recognized in his youth, so the health authorities are gathering mosquito larvae, regardless of pedigree, and dumping them into the hatchery to grow up.

Mrs. Alexander, who had been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Wooten and family, left Saturday afternoon for her home at Lampasas.

CONFESSION OF GIRL ENDS MYSTERY

By United Press.

FORT WORTH, Feb. 28.—The "unwritten law" will not save Katherine Harrison, age eighteen the bride of a prominent local banker's son, from prosecution for the murder of W. L. Warren, age sixty, proprietor of a boarding house, whom she confessed she shot because he wronged her a year ago. This was a positive statement made to a United Press correspondent today by County Attorney Spoons.

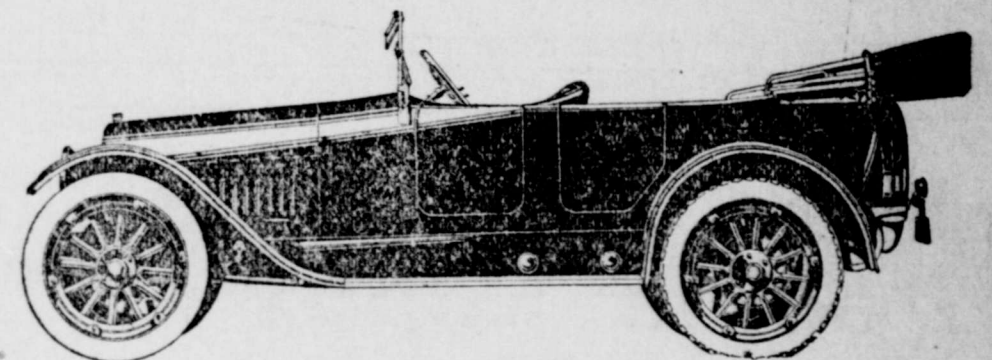
The murder mystery that for the past two months has puzzled the officers was cleared up yesterday when a pretty girl walked into the county attorney's office and told the county attorney's assistant that she killed W. L. Warren because Warren had wronged her. In a few hours after the confession was made, Mrs. Charles Harrison and her husband, the son of a banker, were placed under arrest and released on bonds of \$5000, charged with the murder.

My name is Katherine Harrison. Some time about Nov. 1, 1914, I was introduced to Mr. Warren by a friend of mine. A few days after that I saw him downtown, and he walked with me for a time and carried my parasol. When I left that evening, I neglected to take my parasol, and he carried it home with him and when I went to his hotel to get the parasol he locked the door and by force and threats, forced me to yield to him. His hotel at that time was the Sothern hotel at Tenth and Main streets. I did not speak to him any more except one time until the night of the murder. On the night of Dec. 22, 1915, Charlie Harrison and I were driving. We stopped between Tenth and Eleventh streets on Main. Charlie was across the street getting a shine and I was sitting in the car when Mr. Warren came along and I thought it would be a good time to take him out and kill him, so I asked him to get in and take a ride, and as soon as Charlie came back I introduced them and we went out.

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W. A. Nance

Henry Jones



Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!! in SECOND HAND CARS

1 Brush, will run, \$40.00 cash.

1 Overland, dandy good car, tires all good, cost \$1100 will sell for \$350; \$200 cash balance \$12.50 per month. This car is worth \$500.

1 Auburn, 5 passenger, electric starter and lights, spare rim and tire, cost \$1850; will sell at \$450; \$250 cash balance next fall. A snap for some one on an up-to-date car.

1 new Ford will sell for \$15.00 off list.

1 4 passenger Metz, cost \$650 good as new, will take \$250 \$150 cash balance \$10 per month.

We Cut the Price on Everything for Autos Gasoline 19c. Spark Plugs Champion X 30c. Any Plug not over 50c. Dry Batteries 30c. See us—

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Opposite Court House Lawn.

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The man who talks the least has less to regret.

We can't believe that the auto business will ruin the country. Autos mean better roads, better roads mean better rural communities, better schools and a higher education.

We are informed that a county convict squad will be formed if the road tax election carries, and county prisoners will be worked on public roads.

A prohibition election every two years is a burden to the county. If the country goes wet next Saturday it is a foregone fact that the pros will come again in two years.

The move inaugurated to clean up this city by the ladies last week, and in which only eleven people responded to the call for a meeting, did not discourage the ladies, and they will come again.

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.

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

THE JACKSON DAIRY

WILL JACKSON, Proprietor. Will deliver milk to any part of the city Good Milk, Good Service, Prompt Deliveries A Share of Your Patronage Solicited.

Will Jackson Telephone-Rural 5903

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.

L. B. Stubbs 'Phones 93 and 94

MODERN PRINT SHOP RECEIVES NEW TYPE

A large shipment of new type was received for the job department of the Ballinger Printing Co. today, and a shipment for the advertising department was received last week.

\$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.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

H. Otken, of the Old Runnels country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his wife, who is visiting at Sherman, to keep posted on home news.

J. P. Huffaker, of Maverick, came in Saturday to accompany his daughter, Miss Quinta, who left in the afternoon to visit relatives at Lampas a few weeks.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

Tinker or Thinker—Which? "Get an Overland." O'Kelley & Walton.

PREPAREDNESS VS. PENSIONS

ECONOMIC LEAGUE FAVORS FREEDOM OF SEAS.

"Cannon is the Voice of Nations."

By J. C. Cullinan, Chairman Texas Economic League

It is the mission of the Texas Economic League to discuss all public questions of economic interest, and there is no subject of more importance at the moment than preparedness.

League Stands for Liberty.

Likewise, there may be interesting political and military phases of the subject, but the League is only concerned in the patriotic and business side of the discussion.

In my estimation preparedness is a good business investment. During the first year of the present war the Southern cotton farmer, according to the estimates of the Farmers' Union, lost nearly \$500,000,000 on cotton, and this is only one item of destruction.

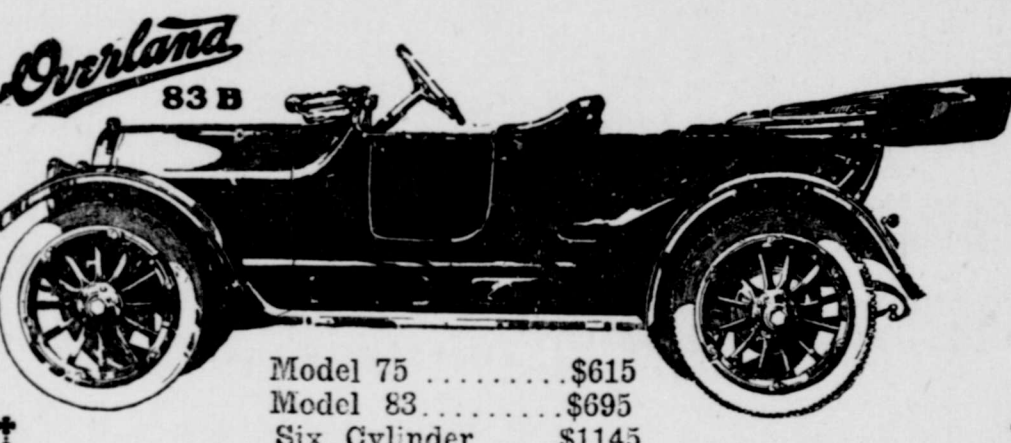
A Good Business Investment.

Preparedness is good business economy. During the past forty years we have spent in pensions over \$4,500,000,000, and during the past fiscal year we paid out \$165,000,000 in pensions alone.

RATES FOR Classified Ads IN THE BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.

WANTED—A girl or married lady, without children, to do general house work in family of three. G. T. L. Bryan, Md. Box No. 174, Bradshaw, Texas. 28-tfd

FOR SALE—A second hand hook



Model 75\$615 Model 83\$695 Six Cylinder\$1145 F. O. B. Toledo.

THINKER OR TINKER "WHICH"? When you decide to purchase an automobile do your thinking before hand and if you buy an OVERLAND you'll have no Tinkering to do.

AGENTS WHO CUT PRICES on some cars must have a cause for they probably wish to get rid of a bad bargain. Remember that when one offers you a car for less than list price there must be something wrong—some good reason why they want to sell it.

THE OVERLAND is the Car You Will Eventually Buy as many thousands will attest. They are—without a doubt the greatest value on the market today.

stove in good condition, has water pipes in box ready for connection, may be seen at E. Allison & Son's store. A bargain. Phone 27 or 161.

FRUIT TREES FOR SALE—I still have some choice peach, plums, apricots, peaches. Also have Jersey bulls from 8 to 20 months old for sale.

FOR SALE—My home and store building. Store 30x140, ceiled and weather boarded. Home and store close in, modern conveniences. Bargain if sold at once.

FOR RENT—3 small houses. J. W. POWELL. 24-5td.

Warning—Keep Out. I hereby warn all parties, under penalty of the law, not to hunt, fish, gather peaches or trespass in any manner, day or night, on my land on Valley creek.

LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS. LONG LEAF LUMBER. A11 Building Materials. Complete house bills shipped anywhere.

LOST. Star-shape brooch with white stone in center. Please return to Miss Irene Camplitt, 1d

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON.

HOG GROWERS TO ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Hog Growers association will be held at the Business League rooms in Ballinger Monday, March 6th.

Watch the Fords Go By. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. For your cold, for your cough, for your feverish throat, nose and head, use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.

Rev. J. W. Dickinson, of Fort Worth, came in a day or two ago to visit his brother, Dr. R. A. Dickerson and family and to look after business affairs in this section a few weeks.

Watch the Fords Go By. F. Wesley Gray, one of the prominent business men of Winters, had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

H. K. Lilly, of Norton, T. J. Ford of the Oak creek country, Mack Watkins of the Valley creek country and J. H. Tucker of Hatchel were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Tinker or Thinker—Which? "Get an Overland." O'Kelley & Walton. Watch the Fords Go By.

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: WALLACE E. HAWKINS.

For County Clerk: W. C. McCARVER, C. C. COCKRELL, H. G. SECREST, A. L. SPANN.

For Tax Assessor: C. C. SCHUGHARD, T. H. CURRY, JOE TURNER, WILLIE STEPHENS, L. R. LITTLE

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, EARL EDWARDS

For County Judge: O. L. PARISH

For District Clerk: (Miss) MARY PHILLIPS

For County Superintendent of Schools: W. W. WOOTEN.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1: E. C. MOOR.

Ballinger and Winters Service Line

Makes four trips each way. Call for and deliver passengers any where in Ballinger or Winters. Price: 75c One Way.

W. E. BROOKS

It Is Economy to Buy the Best

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

Smoking and Chewing

I have the finest line of tobacco and cigars in the Southwest. Come in and do your chewing and smoking with me—and "watch me grow."

N. Passur

The More You Know

about banking—the less you will spend for trifles—Why? Because every ambitious man is desirous of becoming wealthy.

The trifles you pay for are summed up on your checks and will convince you that more profitable expenditures could be made.

Make your financial transactions through

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

F. F. Ernst, of the Rowena county, a prominent breeder of thoroughbred Jersey dairy cattle, was among the business visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Mrs. Weams, of Goldthwaite, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to the Valley creek country to visit her son Sam Weams and family a few weeks.

To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied. A great comfort too with Sloan's is that no rubbing is required. Sloan's Liniment is invaluable for stopping muscular or nerve pain of any kind. Try it at once if you suffer with Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sore Throat, Pain in Chest, Sprains, Bruises, etc. It is excellent for Neuralgia and Headache. 25c at all druggists.

Mrs. C. C. Gilliam and two little sons, returned home Monday at noon from a visit to relatives at Brownwood the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ray and R. S. Bowden, of the Maverick county, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

J. N. Barbee, the insurance man, left Monday at noon for points west in the interest of his insurance company.

For Children's Cough.

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. Don't put off treating. Coughs and Colds often lead to serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle today. All druggists.

Wiley Cathey of Wingate, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.



The Careful Man and his wife
put their money in the bank where it is safe from fire, burglars and their own temptation to spend it.

Husband and wife should both save money. What's the good for one to save and the other to spend? Just ask yourself today: "Who gets the money I earn?" Do I get it or does somebody else get it? You earned your money: it belongs to you. Keep it. Be a careful man and bank your money.

Bank With Us
...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

"The Old Reliable"



I have employed Mr. George J. Burwell of San Francisco, an expert tailor who can handle any kind of altering or making of garments. Give us a trial. Cleaning, Pressing, Altering, Dyeing, of ladies or gents clothes.

W. H. ROARK, The Tailor

"Nuf Sed" Work called for and delivered.



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

(Continued from Yesterday)

SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad by George Storm, a newsboy. Grown to young womanhood Helen saves Storm, now a fireman, her father, and his friends Ames Rhinelander, financier, and Robert Seagrue, promoter, from a threatened collision. Safebreakers employed by Seagrue steal General Holmes' survey plans of the cut-off line for the Tidewater. Seagrue uses Spike, to set fire to a powder train hauled by Storm's engine. Helen saves Storm from a horrible death. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagrue and, though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blueprint. Storm, employed by Rhinelander, wins a fight with Seagrue's men for possession of a consignment of railroad ties. Spike and his confederate safe-breakers steal Rhinelander's pay-roll money. Helen pursues and, with a policeman's aid, captures two of them and recovers the money.

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT

"SPIKE'S AWAKENING"

Resolved to get completely away from the constant interruptions in his work, Amos Rhinelander replaced his burned camp with outfit cars and moved at once to the end of his construction work, now well advanced on the desert.

The new equipment was as complete as money and energy could suggest. And no sooner were the cars out on a spur at Baird—near the end of the new line—than linemen were busy making telegraphic connections for them with the Tidewater system. The moment the wiring was done Storm suggested the first message over the new line ought to go to Helen, who had now been transferred from Signal to Las Vegas, a division station below Baird. Rhinelander was pleased with the suggestion and Storm wrote out a telegram. The operator sounded Helen's call, and after a moment announced she was on the wire taking Storm's message. It read:

Rhinelander says contracts on Number Nineteen. Bring them up Sunday. Storm will meet train here and drive you over to camp.

Seagrue, during this time, had already made counter-dispositions to meet Rhinelander's arrangements and had established a secondary headquarters at Las Vegas, where he controlled an icing concession.

Spike had been laggard in following Seagrue up the line as directed, and the latter sent as many unpleasant messages as he could to Oceanside, where Spike was in retreat. But as Seagrue's continuing summons grew more and more peremptory Spike was obliged to take notice and get under way for the desert himself.

Leaving Oceanside the night after a carouse, he woke next morning as the train was pulling into a desert town strange to his eyes. Somewhat muddled, anyway, and being unable to recognize his surroundings, he asked a fellow passenger the name of the place; but he forgot it the moment he



Helen Was Overpowered.

heard it. However, on scanning closely the appearance of the block of crude buildings facing the station, he reached the conclusion it would be a good place to supply at least one of his needs, and forthwith hastened from the coach to the nearest corner grocery. Once inside the place, his attention was held for a moment by a rambling discussion carried on by a group of early morning loafers. Spike, never happy outside a wrangle, struck unhesitatingly into the talk, which was concerning how loud Caruso could sing, and disputed practically every statement advanced by anybody. After prolonged loss of sleep in the city and with nerves none too amiable at best, now shattered by drink, he was in an ex-

ceptionally surly state, and before he knew it had a fist fight on his hands. The brawl was short. The three or four whom he had angered set on him together and, making a job of it, threw him bodily out on the sidewalk. One of the party proved Samaritan enough to follow him out and hand him his cap and a letter he had stuck inside it before leaving Oceanside to read at his leisure. After putting the note away he had forgotten all about it, and opening it now, found another savage summons from Seagrue bidding him come to 116 Sloan alley, Las Vegas, at once.

Spike tried to pull together his disordered wits. He felt in his pockets for his money and his ticket. Every pocket was empty. He then walked back to the station to go to Vegas anyway. The train, after changing engines, was ready to pull out. A passenger brakeman, spying Spike as he ambled up, asked his destination.

"I'm going west," declared Spike confusedly.

"Turn around," suggested the brakeman unsympathetically.

"Don't get fresh," growled Spike.

"Where's your ticket?" demanded the trainman roughly.

"Lost it," returned Spike, laconically.

The conductor, accompanied by a special agent, came along. Hearing the talk, he asked the trouble. The special agent, listening one moment and sizing up Spike's appearance, pulled him forward by the collar and declared if he ever caught him on the right of way again he would stick him on a rock pile for thirty days. Spike was incontinently hustled off the platform and the company detective got aboard satisfied. A moment later the train drew out. But Spike, watching his chance and making a run, had boarded the end of a car and hidden under the vestibule trap, which was down. Awaiting further opportunity, he watched until the conductor passed through the corridor into the next coach. Then, opening the door, Spike climbed inside and seated himself without explanation or apology very comfortably in the observation coach. His daring move did not, however, escape the conductor's vigilance, and coming back presently to demand a ticket, the train guardian was disagreeably surprised to find that he again had the impudent tramp on his hands. He once more summoned the special agent and a wrangle ensued. Spike declared the brakeman must have robbed him during the night of his ticket and what money he had. This assertion naturally failed of a sympathetic reception, and as the train slowed on the desert for Helen's station, Spike was firmly escorted by three men through the door of the coach. Helen, when the train stopped, was at the express car signing for the registered package containing Rhinelander's right-of-way contracts. She took also the Christmas mail addressed to the camp.

Returning to the office, she saw the disturbance at the steps of the observation car, where Spike, vehemently protesting, was again about to be hustled off the right of way. Helen reached the group at the very crisis, for Spike's surliness, enhanced by his condition, had made him an ugly customer to handle. The special agent, in point of fact, was about to knock him down and drag him out when Helen intervened to ask mercy for the wretched tramp.

"Where does he want to go?" asked Helen quickly of the conductor.

When he answered, "Up the road," and the circumstances were explained to her, she made a plea: "Let him stay on," she urged. "I will pay his fare to Baird."

Spike stared at the turn affairs had taken. Things were getting too complicated when Helen Holmes could come to his rescue. He thought he was dreaming until the special agent jerked him away from Helen and told Spike in vigorous English some of the things he thought of him and his kind. Spike could in conscience do no other than grin. But he realized who had interposed to save him from a beating and he continued to feel mixed sensations of surprise and confusion in perceiving that his rescuer should be Helen Holmes.

The conductor signaled the cab. The special agent climbed aboard and the train pulled out. When Helen turned to go back into the station, Spike, who had declined to board the train, stood near the door. He intercepted and tried to speak to Helen. But Helen was almost as much afraid of his gratitude as she was of his enmity, and tried to make light of her action and pass on.

But Spike was serious and not to be shaken off. For the first time, as far as he could recall, in his life someone persistently injured by him had offered, with none but a kindly motive, to do him a good turn. "If I ever get a chance, miss, I'll pay you back. Stop a minute, won't you? Just a minute." Helen reluctantly paused. "You don't think I mean it," muttered Spike. "I do. Thank you for your kindness." He shamefacedly held out his grimy hand. "Will you shake?"

(Continued Tomorrow.)

Something Good.

Those who hate nasty medicine should try Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation. They are pleasant to take and their effect is so agreeable and so natural that you will not realize that it has been produced by a medicine. Obtainable everywhere.

Watch the Fords Go By.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE EARLY

We, the undersigned firms, agree to close our places of business not later than 6:30 p. m. during the months of March, April, May, June, July and August, except on first Mondays and Saturdays:

- Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.
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- Walker-Smith Co.
- Cash Grocery Co.,
- The Globe Store,
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- The Hub,
- J. M. Faddford Grocery Co.
- H. G. Roten, Groceries.
- L. S. Stubbs,
- Asa Cordill.

The public is requested to take notice of this agreement and every one is urged to do their trading early. After remaining indoors throughout the long hot days of the summer the merchants desire to give their employees an opportunity to enjoy just such outdoor recreation as they see fit, and in order to comply with the agreement hereby made it is necessary that the public place their orders early that goods may be delivered and the day's business closed on schedule time.

Severe Cold Quickly Cured

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

RAM'S HORN NEWS-PAPER RELIC

D. C. Underwood left a couple of copies of the Ram's Horn, a newspaper that was at one time popular for the free lance method of writing. The copies left at the Ledger office bear date for March 29, 1893. Mr. Underwood secured them through the J. J. Erwin's free library.

Nick Stallworth, of the Bethel neighborhood, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

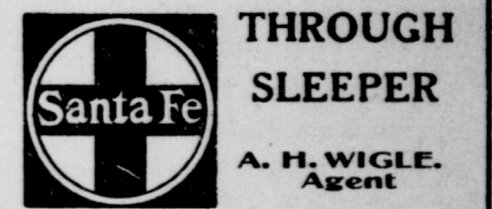
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W. C. Wheelis, of South Ballinger, was in the city Saturday and had a broad smile occasioned by the arrival of a fine baby boy, born at his home Friday, Feb. 25th. While in the city he ordered The Daily Ledger to his address.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you may know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

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A. J. Nichols of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to Fed Houston at Oak Forrest, Texas, with his compliments.

The Best Recommendation.

The strongest recommendation any article may receive is a favorable word from the user. It is the recommendations of those who have used it that makes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so popular. Mrs. Amanda Gierhart, Waynesfield, Ohio, writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my family off and on for twenty years and it has never failed to cure a cough or cold." Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Roberts, Clarence Harter and W. B. Davis of the Wilmett country, came over in their auto Monday and Mrs. Roberts left on the morning train for Brownwood to be at the bedside of her uncle, W. O. Windham, who is seriously ill and not expected to live.

Watch the Fords Go By.

John Thurman, the Santa Anna banker, after a pleasant visit to Ballinger friends, returned home Monday.

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, 2226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

QUEEN THEATRE

TONIGHT

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Billie Ritchie in a special two reel feature "BILLIES REFORMATION."

"UNCLE SAM AT WORK" are we prepared, also Howard's Monarchs of the Sea."

Tomorrow "On the Trail of the Tigress" "Tells Trip to the Fair" also "Uncle Sam at Work" makes his laws and keeps his relics.

Admission 10 CENTS

Confession of Girl Ends Mystery

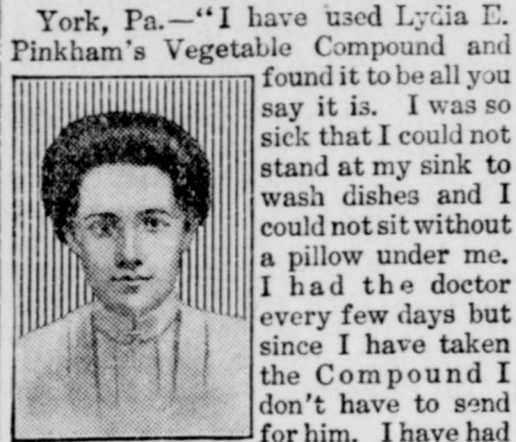
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the Arlington Heights road past Benbrook, and after we got to the place where he was found I pretended that something was the matter with the tire and we all got out of the car. Before getting out I got the pistol out of the car. The gun belonged to Charlie and I knew he kept it in the car. I drove the car and Charlie sat in the front seat with me, and Warren was in the rear seat. After Warren had looked at all the tires came around in front of the car and I turned on him and began to shoot. I think the first shot struck him in the arm. He then threw up his arms and stumbled over toward the tree and fell in a position somewhat like he was on his knees and I followed him up and continued to shoot until the gun was empty. Then Charlie and myself got into the car and came to town, with Charlie driving, and he drove very fast. He came back the same way until we most reached town. Then we went through North Fort Worth.

I had thought many times that I would be justified in killing this man and had told Charlie about it, but he would not take it seriously, as he thought I would not have nerve to do that. Charlie and I were engaged to be married at this time. I had thought about the wrong this man, W. L. Warren, had done so much that I grew to hate him, and wanted to see him die, but I had never formed any plan to kill him until I saw him passing that night, and all at once the idea came to me that I could do it that way and make it all right.

EXTREME WEAKNESS AND SUFFERING

Read How Mrs. Goodling got Relief and Strength.



York, Pa.—"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and found it to be all you say it is. I was so sick that I could not stand at my sink to wash dishes and I could not sit without a pillow under me. I had the doctor every few days but since I have taken the Compound I don't have to send for him. I have had three children and could not raise any of them, but since I have taken the Compound I have a bright baby boy. I advise every suffering woman to try it and get relief. It has done wonders for me."—Mrs. CATHARINE GOODLING, 138 E. King Street, York, Pa.

When a medicine has been successful in bringing health to so many, no woman has a right to say without trying it, "I do not believe it will help me." There must be more than a hundred thousand women in this country who, like Mrs. Goodling, have proven what wonders Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound can do for weak and ailing women. Try it and see for yourself.

If there are any complications you don't understand, write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass.

KEEPING UP OUR CRAZY RECORD.

Sheriff Perkins and County Health Officer Hale, were called to the Poe neighborhood west of Winters Monday morning to get a woman by the name of Mrs. Wright, who is reported had lost her mind and was in a pitiful condition. The woman's mental condition will be passed on by the insanity board as soon as the trial can be arranged for and she will probably be carried to the asylum within the next few days, or just as soon as a place can be secured for her. Rannels county sustains its record for cases of this kind, but nearly all of them are transients, and that suspicion that other counties are imposing on Rannels is growing stronger.

Tinker or Thinker—Which? "Get an Overland." O'Kelley & Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson and little son and Mrs. G. W. Wilson, came over in their five-passenger Overland Saturday afternoon and spent Sunday with relatives in Ballinger and returned home in the afternoon.

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

C. E. Trammell and Baily Foster of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and Mr. Trammell ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

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.

Mrs. Adolph Wilke left Saturday for Austin in response to a message stating that her mother was seriously ill and not expected to live.

A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

Let your liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their livers active and healthy by using Pea-Berry. Fine for the stomach too. Stops the dizziness, constipation, biliousness and indigestion. Clears the blood. Only 50c. at your Druggist.

ARMY OF PROGRESS WILL PITCH TENTS ON SHOW GROUNDS

BABY BEEF AND PIG CLUB MEMBERS WILL COME TO FORT WORTH MARCH 13-18.

TO BRING EXHIBITS

Competition of Youngsters Will Be Among the Keenest of Great Stock Show—Many Special Events.

A militant army of progress, imbued with the enthusiasm of higher ideals, will pitch its tents on the grounds near the Coliseum at Fort Worth during the twentieth annual National Feeders and Breeders show, March 13-18.

No bearded men, armed with the latest rapid fire rifles and hand grenades, prepared to wreak death and destruction upon an enemy, will be found in this army. On the contrary, it will consist of bright-faced boys armed only with a desire to better the interests of their state and nation through the upbuild of the livestock industry.

Yes, the baby beef and pig club members are coming to Fort Worth in number for the big stock show and they will camp in the shadow of the Coliseum. Practically every one of these youngsters will have exhibits of baby beef or pigs in the stock show and they are just as good boosters for the event as men who have followed its fortunes for twenty years.

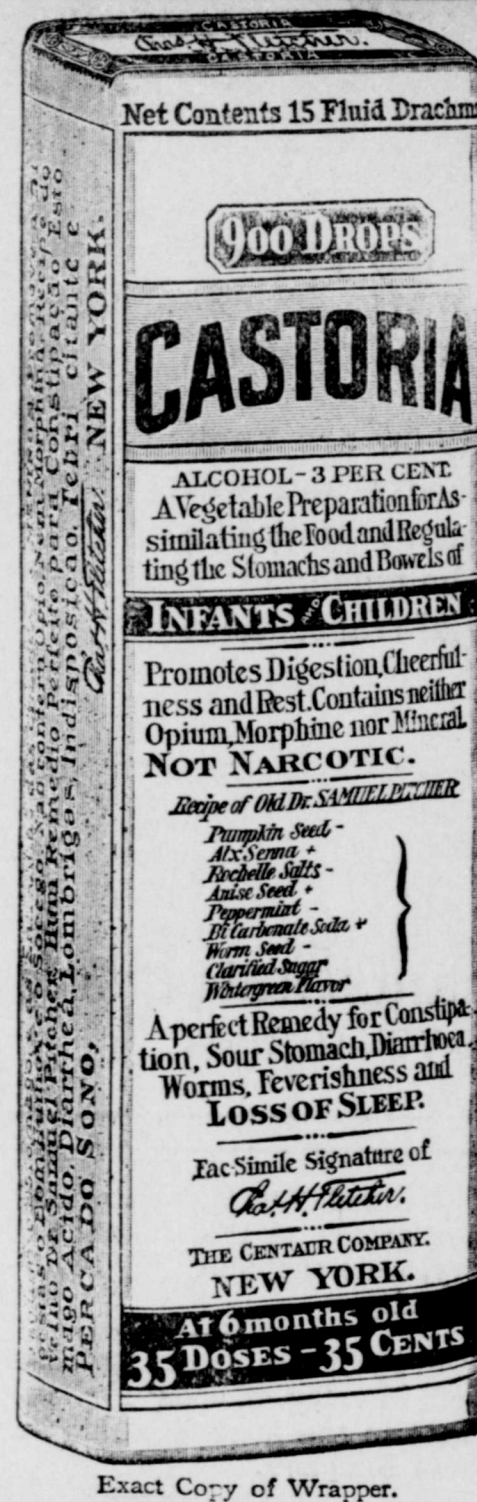
The baby beef and pig club movement is little more than three years old but there are hundreds of clubs and thousands of members in this state today. The movement has spread to other states and proved popular. It is generally considered one of the most helpful innovations that the livestock industry has ever known because it is rearing a race of scientific and progressive stockmen in the Southwest. Soon after its inception, the National Feeders and Breeders show recognized the value of the movement and offered liberal premiums in the various classes in which the youngsters could give competition.

However, the baby beef show, large as it is in importance to the state and the exposition as well, will be but one of a host of features that will go far towards making the coming spring event the greatest that has ever been held at Fort Worth, the cowman's capital. Exceptionally liberal awards will be made in all the classes of the stock show and the night Horse Show. The latter event promises to be the most brilliant yet held. Practically all of the old-time exhibitors of fine horses will be on hand once more and many new ones will bring their animals here to compete for the magnificent prizes.

One of the comparatively new features of the stock show will be a great exhibit of Jersey cattle. The Jersey exhibitors have decided to make an exceptionally good showing this year and, inasmuch as Texas has been in the forefront of Jersey production within the past few years, the exhibit is sure to be one of the finest held in the United States for a number of years. An auction sale of Jersey cattle will be held one day during the show.

Any number of special features will be worked up for the show. The management desires to make the event alluring for those who haven't the slightest interest in livestock. Carnival attractions will be more elaborate than in the past and the Coliseum arena will be the scene of a host of thrilling and attractive special features.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association, which will be held in connection with the stock show, promises to be better than in previous years. A display of about 5,000 blooded birds, the best in the Southwest, is promised.



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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

J. O. Phelps, one of the Ledger's friends of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Attorney L. B. Harris, of San Angelo, had legal business in Ballinger Monday.

E. A. Jeanes, Jr., who is with the Jeanes Produce Co., at Coleman, spent Sunday with his parents and returned to his place of business Monday morning.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Attorney F. T. Neal left Monday for Brownwood to look after legal business a day or two.


A. C. Hargraves, of Blackwell, came in Monday to look after business interests in Ballinger a day or two.

W. A. Pace of the Wingate country and Abe Wyatt of Abilene were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

A. G. Fuller, of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Coverington to attend the funeral of his mother.

Mrs. Claud McMillan, who had been visiting relatives in this section, left Saturday for her home at Franklin, Texas.

To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chills TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents



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