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THE WINDMILL WITH A REASON WHY--

AERMOTOR
THEY'RE THE KIND MOST PEOPLE BUY

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TWO FIRES IN ONE HOUR BIG LOSS

Two homes were burned in Ballinger between two-thirty and three-thirty Monday afternoon, and on account of the high wind the fire alarms caused much excitement among the down town citizens.

The first fire destroyed a rent house owned by C. P. Shepherd and occupied by C. P. Burgess, near the Catholic church. The high wind swept the flames across a vacant lot towards the home of J. T. Morgan and if it had not been for the fire company that home would have been destroyed.

Mr. Shepherd had the house insured for \$900, while Mr. Burgess was carrying \$400 on his furniture. The house was insured in the agency of Miss Maggie Sharp and Elmer Shepperd & Co., were carrying the household goods insurance.

In thirty minutes after the Burgess home was destroyed an alarm was turned in from the western part of the city, and the home of W. G. Bair, on the opposite side of the town and a mile from where the first fire started, was soon reduced to ashes.

Mr. Bair was carrying \$400 insurance on his house in the Elmer Shepperd & Co., agency and \$600 on his household goods in the Ballinger Insurance Agency.

It is not known how the fire started as there was no one at the home at the time, and at the time of going to press we have not been able to learn how the second fire started.

SHOW DOWN VOTE COMING ON QUESTION

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Three important developments are shaping the government's further plans in handling the German submarine question. Plans have practically been completed for the House to come to a show down vote tomorrow on McLemore's warning resolution.

Col. House has returned from a secret mission to the belligerent countries, and will give President Wilson important information at once. Appendixes of the German decree against armed merchantmen, including photographs of alleged British orders for merchantmen to attack submarines are due to arrive at the State Department also.

SECRETARY OF WAR IS SELECTED

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, age forty-five will be the new secretary of war, was the official announcement made by the White House today.

Mr. Baker was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and was twice mayor of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a strong personal friend of President Wilson.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE AT FORT WORTH

Fort Worth, Tex., March 6.—J. Putman Stevens, imperial potentate, will be present today when a large class of novices is initiated by Moslah temples. Among the cities to be represented in the class are Abilene, Amarillo, Belleue, Childress, Crowell, Cleburne, Denison, Gainesville, Graham, Jacksboro, Lubbock, Mineral Wells, Munday, Sherman, Stamford, Waco and Wichita Falls.

Weather Report.
Tonight fair, colder; Tuesday fair.

that the people of this county wanted prohibition.

Following are the figures for the past three elections, together with the poll tax payments for each box for the respective years in which elections were held. The result of last Saturday's election may be changed either one way or the other, a few votes, by the official count:

LADIES TO LAUNCH CIVIC CAMPAIGN

At three o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) it is expected that a large crowd of ladies of the city, and men too, will meet at the Methodist church for the purpose of launching a civic campaign, and a planning of work that will make Ballinger both a healthier and more beautiful city.

Every citizen who can possibly do so should attend this meeting. A program has been arranged for the occasion and preceding the business session the program will be rendered.

It will be remembered that a meeting for the same purpose was held about two weeks ago at the Business League. The attendance was not what it should have been and another meeting was immediately planned for, and the ladies have been assured of a hearty co-operation from the men and from the ladies in general of the city.

This is a work that every one is interested in. Even though you are a barber, and do not own a cent of property in the city, you should feel an interest in the welfare of the health of the community sufficient to cause you to lend hand in keeping the city the most sanitary one in Texas, and encourage the home owners to make it the most attractive place to live. Let's all do our part towards beautifying.

The following program will be carried out:

"Need of City Beautification"—Mrs. Scott H. Mack.

"Plans for Organizing."—A. E. Burgess.

"How the City May Co-operate"—J. W. Powell.

"How the Women's Clubs May Co-operate"—Mrs. R. R. Rives.

W. O. Cryer, Editor Eason, Gene Underwood and E. F. Edwards of Winters, J. W. Woods, of Crews and R. C. Tillery, of Concho, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Watch the Fords Go By.

MRS. CROUGHEN DIED SUNDAY

After suffering for nearly one month from a gun shot wound Mrs. J. C. Croughen died in the local sanitarium at seven o'clock Sunday morning. The remains were prepared for burial and were laid to rest in the city cemetery Sunday afternoon.

This closes the chapter of the tragedy written when J. C. Croughen, a horse trader, shot his wife with a pistol at a camp where the family were living on the Colorado river just in the edge of the city. Croughen had just returned from San Angelo, and it is said that the deed was committed while the man was under the influence of whiskey.

Croughen was arrested immediately following the shooting, and placed in jail and a few days later he ended his own life in the local jail by cutting his throat with a razor. Croughen's remains were held in the local undertaking parlors for more than a week during which time it was thought his wife would die and the remains of both would have been sent to Fort Worth. A slight chance for the good in the condition of the woman and the announcement from the physicians that she probably might live for several weeks, or months, caused the remains of Croughen to be interred in the local cemetery.

Croughen was a well educated man, and at one time was a man of considerable wealth. According to a statement made by those who had known him for a number of years, his life went to ruin through strong drink.

A family of four children survive, and these have been here watching over their mother since the tragedy.

HOME BURNED.

A. H. Schneider, of the river country, northwest of Ballinger was in the city Monday and was suffering from some severe burns about the neck and hands caused while his home was burning Saturday night.

The home was entirely destroyed and a little baby son narrowly escaped burning as the flames were all about him when the father rushed to him in the corner of the room and took him out. Nothing was saved and no insurance and it is a heavy loss for this estimable family and no doubt friends will come to their assistance in this terrible disaster.

ZEPPELIN KILLS 20; INJURES 33

LONDON, March 6.—Twelve were killed and thirty-three were injured Sunday night when Zeppelins raided the northeast coast of England. This was the twenty-first air attack made on England, and the total killed up to date figures two hundred and forty-two, and four hundred and twenty-nine injured.

MAD DOG BITES 20 IN THEATRE

VANALSTY, N. C. March 6.—The state pasteur institute reported today that a dog ran amuck in a movie theatre last Wednesday night and bit twenty-six persons. The dog was suffering with rabies, and the people have all been carried to the institute for treatment, many of them going to Austin, Texas.

WOMAN LOST IN HAYRICK MOUNTAINS

Parties here from Coke county Monday reported that Mrs. Dave Martin, of the Hayrick community, in Coke county, was lost in the Hayrick mountain a good part of Saturday night and up till Sunday afternoon when a searching party recovered her.

According to the information brought here, Mrs. Martin wandered from her home in her sleep some time during the night Saturday night. As soon as the family missed her an alarm was given and the neighbors formed a searching party.

The woman wandered out into the brush and into the mountain region and for nearly twenty-four hours was lost. Fortunately the weather was warm and when found Mrs. Martin was not suffering from exposure.



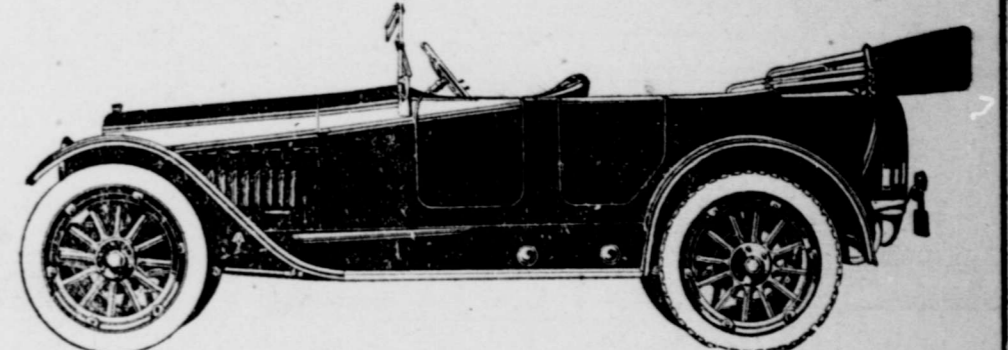
TONIGHT
PICTURE PROGRAM

Joseph Smith and Laura Hamilton in the extraordinary four-act "Broadway Favorites" feature "THE APPACHES OF PARIS." Introduced in this country by Mr. Smith, the famous "Dance of the Appaches" which he and Miss Hamilton present in this production, swept the country like wild fire a few years ago.

This is one of the most attractive offerings of the Vitagraph comedy "Quits" week.

Admission . . . 10c

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. Telephone Number 505

THE DAILY LEDGER

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Just one month until the voters will have an opportunity to vote on another important question.

Making Ballinger a cleaner town is a job every citizen should have a hand in.

The Santa Fe crossing on the Ballinger-Winters road is in bad shape.

Five thousand dollars worth of eggs shipped from Ballinger in one week shows what the poultry industry is doing for this county.

Candidates should now feel free to get in the game and express their opinion on matters of public interest.

This is Baby Week. Last Saturday was the first day of the campaign launched by the club women of America for National Baby Week.

A QUESTION WORN THREAD BARE.

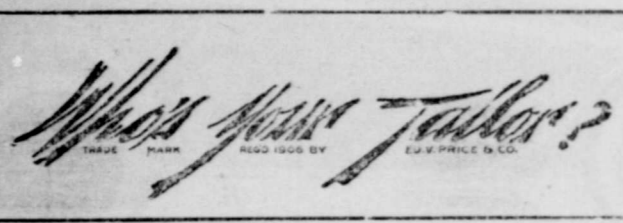
According to the vote polled in local option election held in this county last Saturday there are 1189 qualified voters in the county.

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

Ballinger and Winters Service Line

Makes four trips each way. Call for and deliver passengers anywhere 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. Leave Winters at 8:30 a. m. 11:30 a. m. 2:30 p. m. 5:10 p. m. Phone Ballinger 135 Phone Winters 92 Good cars and careful drivers. W. E. BROOKS



I have employed Mr. George J. Barwell 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, Tailor. "Nuf Sed" Work called for and delivered.

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

ty who want saloons in Ballinger, and 1656 qualified voters who do not want saloons in Ballinger, and a possible 300 qualified voters in the county who failed to express themselves at the polls.

There are more than 19,000 people in the county who had no voice in passing on this question, people whom the law holds are not capable of saying what they want, or what is best for themselves.

Taking some of our neighboring counties as a criterion upon which to base an opinion, we believe that the prohibition question has been definitely settled in Runnels county, at least as far as the present method of conducting a license saloon is concerned.

The people have spoken in no uncertain terms. There is no longer any doubt as to what the majority of the voters stand for. The county has had five years of prohibition, and whether the antis will admit it or not, prohibition has received an endorsement at the hands of the voters that must be accepted as final.

We believe that the endorsement just given prohibition in this county will be final, because Runnels county people are Democrats, though they be divided on the question just passed.

There is no further cause for agitating the prohibition question in Runnels county. It is a question that has been worn threadbare. Everyone—even the man in the gutter, will admit the evils of the liquor traffic, and the sole contention between the two factions is in adopting the best method for handling the business.

Fortunately for Runnels county and the citizenship of this prosperous and progressive county, the question has been relegated to the back ground and will soon be forgotten.

WINCHESTER'S PILLS. Tinker or Thinker—Which? "Get an Overland." O'Kelly & Walton.

Mrs. F. D. George and children came in from Temple Monday to join Mr. George to make Ballinger their future home.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE, FRANK J. CHENEY.

MEET IN THANKS-GIVING SERVICE

The pros received the election returns Saturday night without making any demonstration over the great victory that they won, and by nine o'clock all had left the bulletin board at The Ledger office and were either enjoying the picture shows or had gone to their homes to dream over the success of the campaign.

SEEKING FEDERAL AID FOR IRRIGATION WORK

C. A. Doose recently addressed a letter to Congressman Smith seeking aid in reserving Colorado River water for irrigation purposes. The great irrigation project that has been in the eyes of the people of this section for some time, it seems will not be developed as soon as we hope for unless aid can be secured from the Unit-

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.

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. Our agents do not cut prices—The Overland is the best for the money—you are getting full value for every dollar you spend. AGENTS WHO CUT PRICES on some cars must have a cause for they probably wish to get rid of a bad bargain. The OVERLAND is the Car You Will Eventually Buy as many thousands will attest. ALLEN OVERLAND COMPANY distributors for West Texas. O'KELLY & WALTON, LOCAL DEALERS Phone 33

in beautifying its parks through systematic planting of rose bushes. The idea was originated by A. M. Watson, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' association.

If the response warrants it, rose planting day will be made an annual event.

EGG RECEIPTS FOR WEEK FIGURE \$5000

Ballinger's egg output for last week amounted to two car loads with a half car left on hand to begin with for the present week. E. A. James & Co., shipped the egg and car for the week last Monday. Both car loads were shipped to New York.

This shipment represents more than 100,000 eggs, this amount being distributed among the poultry growers of this territory. The eggs do not represent an accumulation of more than one week, as weekly shipments are being made in car lots. This was the heaviest week for the present season, but it is expected that a big increase will be shown within the next two or three weeks, and two cars each week will be common for the months of March, and April.

The best dealers will ship at least two cars this week, as they have on hand one-half car to begin with.

W. A. and B. F. Guin, J. P. McDox, R. L. Sides, Ernest Graves and M. E. Harrell, of the Hatchell country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday and the latter two gentlemen renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

sufficient to put an end to such campaigns in this county.

Every good citizen should be proud of the age in which he lives, and glory in the achievements of the leaders of his civilization, but this generation has witnessed more stupendous legal thefts than all previous centuries combined, and to speak the name of some of those who have plundered great commercial enterprises is to fill the heart of the American people with shame. But not in one instance has corporate property or the people been prosecuted that a lawyer did not plan and approve the raid. No man has a moral right to teach another how to steal, and the teacher, not the student, must take the major share of responsibility. When a dishonest business man and a dishonest lawyer get together, two thieves have met, and they, and not the property, should suffer, and neither should all honest men and honest property be penalized for their misconduct. There can be no defense to offer for those who commit business crimes—dishonesty is never defensible, and the press of the nation is to be commended for opening wide its columns to heralding the misdeeds of such business men to the world, but the lawyers are the custodians of the legal morals and upon their shoulders must rest primary responsibility for all legal thefts.

Mrs. A. L. ... and son ... Mr. Jerome, of ... came in Monday at noon to visit her ... Mrs. Will Dooce and family a few weeks.

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Users report immediate relief and speedy cures. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P, Notre Dame, Ind.

the national defense will be so heavy that it will be more difficult to get appropriations for irrigation than usual. However, as already stated, I have the Colorado River in mind and am exceedingly anxious that the government shall at the earliest time possible undertake work thereon. Therefore, I am pushing my bill vigorously and you can rest assured that I shall leave nothing undone to get it through. With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am, Sincerely yours, W. R. SMITH.

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.

Dr. W. H. Gore, who recently located at Miles, was looking after business affairs between trains Monday.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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.

stock typewriters, I will give to the first twenty purchasers a forty dollar credit draft, balance payable three dollars per month. To see this machine and get further particulars, call on A. Lee Boyd, Zappe building. 4-26td

EGGS FOR SETTING—Rhode Island Red from select pen. \$1 per setting. Phone 3302. Mrs. J. H. Taylor. 6-6td2w

ROOMS FOR RENT conveniently located. Phone 439. 3tdh

EXCHANGE—We have automobiles to exchange for land. Write us particulars of what you have for exchange. Texas Garage, Galveston, Texas. 4tdpd

FOR RENT—3 furnished rooms phone 165 or 562. Apply E. C. Meor. 3-4td

LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS.

LONG LEAF LUMBER. A11 Building Materials. Complete house bills shipped anywhere. Quick shipments. Grade and count guaranteed. Examination allowed. Send estimate. INDEPENDENT Co-Operative Lumber Co. Lake Charles, La. d3-21-16 pd.

LOST. LOST—Pair long white kid gloves, on Eighth street. Finder please return to Ledger office or Mrs. J. Shields. 4-3td



U.S. SUB-TREASURY, WALL ST., ON SITE OF OLD CITY HALL WHERE WASHINGTON TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE AS FIRST PRESIDENT.

- ☛ The financial resources of the Federal government are exemplified in New York by the activities within this magnificent building at the head of Wall Street.
- ☛ In much the same way the financial resources of this community are exemplified by the work and activities of this bank.
- ☛ Our deposits represent the thrift and prosperity of the people of the community, and they also represent the confidence of the public in the safety and responsibility of this institution.
- ☛ Our wish is that all of the people of the community may be numbered among those whose savings are growing with us. The saving habit is your best insurance policy for the years to come.
- ☛ Start a bank account with us today.

Farmers and Merchants State Bank

Ballinger, Texas
The Bank that Helps You Do Things

Q. Victor Miller left Saturday afternoon for Temple and points in South Texas to look after legal business a few days.

Mrs. M. J. Green, who lives with her son, R. F. Green, the dairyman, left Saturday afternoon to visit her sister in Coryell county for a few weeks.

How to Prevent Croup.

When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that he eats a light evening meal, as an overloaded stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptom—hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtainable Everywhere.

J. C. Farmer, of the irrigated farm down the river, passed thru Ballinger Saturday en route to points in New Mexico.

W. N. Gray of South Ballinger was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Horace McKinley of Miles, came over Sunday afternoon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a day or two.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. East left Saturday for Dublin, where they will spend the summer, and Mr. East will return here next fall to buy cotton again.

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

Joe Ostertag came in from Carlsbad Saturday afternoon to vote, and to visit home folks a few days.

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.

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

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



The greatest of all Frank Spearman's railroad stories
SHOWN IN A LION 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 Amos Rhineland, 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, fatally wounding the general and escape. Her father's estate badly involved by his death, Helen goes to work on the Tidewater. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagrue, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blueprint. Storm is employed by Rhineland. Spike and his confederate safebreakers steal Rhineland's pay roll money. Helen pursues and, with a policeman's aid, captures two of them and recovers the money. Spike, befriended by Helen, in his turn saves her and the right-of-way contracts when Seagrue kidnaps her.

EIGHTH INSTALLMENT

THE RACE FOR RIGHT OF WAY

What to do with Spike after he had turned over his first leaf in the book of gratitude proved a difficulty for Helen. But it seemed to her the first thing to be attempted was to get him well away from Seagrue's influence. Seagrue, with the ample backing at his disposal, had established an elaborate construction camp well out on the desert, where he coupled with his railroad building enterprise as much of fraudulent deceit and force as he dare display toward Rhineland and the men in the Copper Range & Tidewater construction work. The prize for which both roads were playing in the tremendous effort of each to get ahead of the other was a substantial one, and Seagrue was never called to account at his headquarters for his strategy in the construction trenches.

On the morning that Helen took Spike down street to a Las Vegas clothing store, had him fitted out with new clothes and provided him with some pocket money, Seagrue was on his way over to his camp, accompanied by the two strong-arms, known by no more respectable names than Bill and Lug. He saw Helen on the street with Spike and watched the two for a moment. Dispatching Bill then to the garage for his motor car and bidding Lug, on his life, not to lose sight of Spike, Seagrue, himself, hastened to the office of the local sheriff.

Explaining to this official, already made complacent by generous offerings, that he had on his hands a contract laborer who was trying to jump his job, he engaged his promise of vigorous co-operation to bring Spike to time.

Seagrue led the way with him to the machine, which Bill had brought up, and, getting in with the sheriff, Bill drove toward the station. Helen had returned with Spike to the office, she had paid for a railroad ticket which was to carry him to the city, where, she believed, freed from Seagrue's contaminating influence, Spike would have a chance to get back on his feet.

Spike, in a comfortable frame of mind, was looking down at the ticket in his hand and reflecting what an extraordinary friend Helen had been, and how considerably she had treated him, when a quiet voice at his elbow spoke just two words into his ear: "Hello, Spike!"

Spike, who lived, as it were, at all times over a powder magazine of the unexpected, started a little as he turned to look into the composed gray eyes of Seagrue. He stood a moment bound by their spell.

Seagrue's face was lighted only by a pleasant smile. "Where you going, Spike?" he asked in friendly fashion. He looked about him with indecision, and as his eyes wandered he saw Seagrue beckoning to the sheriff to come over from the machine.

Seagrue, meantime, put his hand in his pocket. From it he drew a worn little pamphlet, and affecting careful deliberation, held it in his hand before Spike's wavering eyes. In the black-faced type on the cover a name and description were printed, but what Spike saw staring at him were the figures and the words: "\$500.00 REWARD!"

But to Spike that one line of type meant infinitely more than it could mean to any other man.

Seagrue watched closely the changing expressions on the hunted criminal's face; he was even quiet and pleasant in his demeanor as he muttered: "You shouldn't try to leave me, Spike. At least, not until I say you may go."

"Seagrue," Spike almost hissed, "I

can send you to the chair; man—do you know that?"

Seagrue lost none of his composure. He returned Spike's angry look undisturbed: "Do you know what will happen when you do?" he asked in even tones. "After they lift me out of it they'll lift you in for the next shock, Spike. When you're ready to commit suicide, I'm ready to go to the straps ahead of you or after you—that's as the sheriff may prefer. But until that moment comes, Spike—a threatening intonation made itself felt within the studied utterance—"until that moment, Spike, you will take your orders from me—understand?"

Spike looked gloomily down at the ticket he held in his hand. He realized he was utterly helpless. "All right," he said gruffly.

Seagrue shook hands with the sheriff as he followed Spike across the platform. "I don't think I'll have any more trouble with him," he said in an undertone. "Thank you just the same, sheriff."

With the rival construction crews, matters were reaching a somewhat critical stage in their race. Both the Colorado & Coast and the Copper Range & Tidewater companies had reached the limits of the city of Las Vegas, where, owing to the topography of the country as well as to the difficulties of getting through the town, possible rights of way were exceedingly scarce. A section almost immediately in front now of both construction gangs was occupied by a



Helen Understood the Necessity for Prompt Action.

weather-beaten pioneer who bore the name of Cassidy, and his comfortable cottage obstructed both surveys.

The advent of two railroads building neck and neck across the desert through the little town had naturally stirred every inhabitant of it to a high pitch of excitement. Small wonder that Cassidy's head had become in some degree confused as to values, and by the time Rhineland got around to see the bronzed pioneer with a check for two thousand dollars—the price first put upon the property by its veteran owner—valuations had risen and Cassidy declared that he would sell for ten thousand dollars and not a cent less.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

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 kill sand 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.

Miss Joyce Leeper, who had been visiting friends in this section, left Saturday afternoon for Lampasas.

Frank Huffman and sister, of the Pony creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday.

A. H. Schneider, of the river country, northwest of Ballinger, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Rank Foolishness

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. Microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

J. L. Walters, one of the pioneer citizens of Concho, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

W. L. Hambricht, of the Winters country and A. D. and R. P. Taylor of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

E. Baumer, one of the prominent grocery merchants of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Rev. E. R. Sanford left Monday morning to visit his parents at Waco a few days and will attend the laymen's meeting at Fort Worth Thursday and Friday before returning home.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Mrs. Hobbs, of Chicago, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Clampitt and family the past week or two left Sunday afternoon to visit at Houston and other point in the state before returning home.

Hobart Nicholson and Charlie Boyd left Monday for points east on an oil prospecting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wigle left Sunday afternoon on a short visit to Houston and Galveston.

F. M. and S. T. Woods, of the Mud Creek country and Henry Evans of Talpa, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Joe Mitchell and W. G. Allen of Wingate, J. Sam Hall, M. C. Taylor, Wm. Forbus, J. M. Osborn and J. M. Jennings of Norton, were among the visitors in Ballinger first Monday.

Sam Boyer of the New Home neighborhood, C. W. Schwartz and Marshall Stovall, of the Crews country, J. D. Reynolds and Bert Fletcher of the Maverick country, C. R. Smith of the Valley creek country and J. L. Stephens, of Coke county, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

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NOTICE TO MELON GROWERS

It will not be many weeks before planting time is here and the second joint order which will be sent off by the Produce Association lacks a number of pounds so far of being large enough to command the reduced rate of fifty cents per pound. Let all who intend to order do so now that there may be no further delay. It is said that a number of seed houses have already given out of melon seed and if we delay further we may find that to be true with the house we are going to order from.

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Keep child dry, clothe comfortable, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, and 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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris, of Miles came over Sunday to visit their daughter Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and family a few days.

Service Day or Night

I am now running a jitney. Don't forget the old reliable Red Allen. Phone Walker Drug or No. 460. 6-6td

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Compton and baby and his mother Mrs. L. W. Compton of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Y. M. B. L. SMOKER

TUESDAY NIGHT

The monthly meeting of the membership of the Business League will take the form of a smoker tomorrow night. The meeting will be opened by a few minutes talk by Mr. R. T. Williams on trade excursions and other means of extending the Ballinger trade territory. This will be followed by an informal discussion of probably, by the formation of definite plans for action in the near future. Every business man is expected to be present. All members are urged to be present at 7:30.

When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you feel dull and stupid after eating.
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When you have a sick headache.
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When you have indigestion.
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When you have no relish for your meals.
When your liver is torpid.
Obtainable everywhere.

Sam Farmer, of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Antone J. Loika, of the Pony creek, country and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prusser of the Hatchel country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

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BALLINGER TEACHERS TO DO SUMMER WORK

The summer schools to be held at the colleges in this state as well as the summer normals are drawing heavily on Ballinger for teachers, and to date four of the teachers in the Ballinger schools, including both the superintendent and principal of the schools, have been selected to do summer work.

Prof. W. S. Fleming will go to San Marcos as soon as the Ballinger schools close, where he will be for a two month's summer position in the normal at that place.

As mentioned in this paper several days ago, Prof. J. M. Skinner, principal of the Ballinger high school, will go to Abilene, where he has accepted a position as teacher of mathematics in the Simmons summer normal.

Prof. G. S. Craig, one of the teachers in the local high school, has accepted a position for a two months summer term in the Baylor University at Waco.

Prof. Phil C. Peters, principal of the Central ward school, has accepted a position to teach in the summer normal at San Angelo. The choosing of the Ballinger teachers to do summer work in the normals of the state speaks well for our local faculty.

Sign of Good Digestion.

When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

AGAINST THE LAW

We have been requested by quite a number of citizens to complain about boys riding their bicycles on the side walks and often the ladies have to step out of the way to keep from being hit. It is against the city ordinances to ride or drive on the side walks and you are liable to be caught and fined. Beware!

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.

MINSTRELS MAKE GOOD.

J. M. Busby's Minstrels played to a crowded tent last night. They were by far the finest minstrel troupe that ever visited our city under canvas. Anyone who likes minstrel shows could not help but be pleased at their singing and dancing which was greeted with round after round of applause. The show is new, clean and up-to-date, replete with new songs and certainly deserves the excellent patronage which it received.—Alva Daily News.

Ballinger, Monday, March 13th. 1td.

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

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd motored over to Miles Monday to look after legal business in the justice court a few hours.

A. E. Brunson, of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger and the splendid clubbing offer.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McAdams and little son left Monday morning in their auto for Brownwood where they will make their future home. They have many friends in Ballinger, who regret to see them leave our city, but wish them success in their new home.



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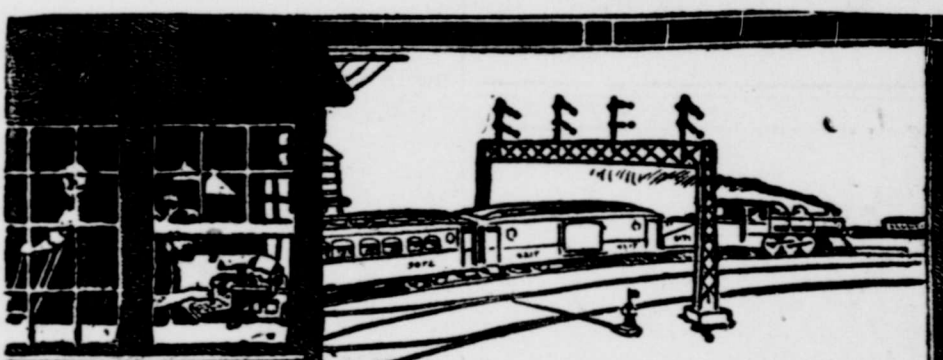
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WRESTLING MATCH AT CORSICANA.

Corsicana, Tex., March 6.—Pet Brown of Taylor, claimant of the middleweight wrestling championship of the world, will meet Jack Fox of Dallas in a finish match for the title here tonight. Fox, who was born in Michigan in 1888 and came to Texas in 1906, is employed in the press room of the Dallas Journal. Brown is a heavy favorite.

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

A CORRECTION

Rev. Stanford, pastor of the M. E. church wishes us to state that the prayer meeting will be held as usual at the Methodist church, Wednesday night, Dr. Thos. A. Rape, leader. The bible institute is for next week.

A. B. Hoelscher of the Miles country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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QUEEN THEATRE

TONIGHT

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