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VILLA LEAVES AMERICAN TROOPS FAR TO REAR

By United Press.
EL PASO, April 11.—Report received here today through army sources say that Villa is far ahead of the American Cavalry en route to Durango City. The bandit passed through Tepic, Durango, on the road to Durango, state line and is pushing on the Villa trail, although according to the report received here the American troops are nearly one hundred miles behind the bandit.

Further details of the wounding of Villa have been received here. It is claimed that Villa was wounded in Chihuahua City by the father of a girl whom Villa outraged. The outraged girl's father shot Villa in the leg. Villa is not supposed to be wounded as bad as the first report stated. He had the man who wounded him put to death shortly after leaving Chihuahua City.

CITY ELECTION TOMORROW.

The voters of the city should not forget to go to the polls and vote tomorrow in an election being held to vote off a tie between W. A. Tally and J. S. Collins. These two names were on the ticket in the election held a week ago and each received 136 votes each. The friends of the two men are busy today and indication point to the polling of a pretty good vote in the tie race.

Expect Oklahoma Democrats to endorse Wilson Today

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 11.—A delegation instructed for President Wilson is regarded as the almost certain result of the Democratic state convention here today. The Democratic state executive committee recently adopted resolutions endorsing the present administration, particularly in regard to its foreign policies. Everything had a distinct Wilson flavor at the county conventions the first of the month.

C. E. Witt and son H. B., and daughter, Mrs. B. F. Currie and E. H. Harding, of the Norton country and Arthur Hartman, of Ballinger, left Tuesday morning for Coleman to be present at the trial of Mr. Currie in the district court of that city.

J. C. Cook had business at Talpa between train Tuesday.

TWO NEW ALDERMEN ON THE JOB.

The city council met at ten o'clock Tuesday morning and Aldermen Weeks and Willingham retired after Aldermen W. C. Penn and J. M. Garlington took the oath of office. The retiring aldermen expressed their appreciation for the kindness shown them by other members and the mayor during their term in office. W. C. Penn was appointed mayor pro tem and will occupy the mayor's chair during his absence from the city.

FLEMING REELECTED SUPT. CITY SCHOOLS

At a meeting of the school board held last Friday, W. S. Fleming was unanimously elected as superintendent of the city schools for another term, making the fifth year that he has been selected to manage the city schools. Mr. Fleming has not given notice of his acceptance.

The principal and the remainder of the faculty will be selected at a later meeting of the board, the superintendent's position being the only place on the program to be filled at this meeting.

A great majority of the patrons of the schools will be glad to note the action of the board and will approve of it most heartily. During Mr. Fleming's administration the schools have had some of the most troublesome problems to contend with. Short funds and crowded school rooms has been troubles for the board to deal with, but in spite of the disadvantage Prof. Fleming has handled the work in such manner as to make it possible for the largest class in the history of the school to complete its work this year, twenty-four members making up the senior class.

The board is looking ahead and are planning now to provide ample funds for running the school on full term and full nine months next year.

Aug. Spill Sr., of Winters, was visiting friends and relatives in Ballinger Tuesday.

PLOTTING MEXICANS FACE FIRING SQUAD

By United Press.
JUAREZ, April 11.—Three Mexicans charged with plotting on foot a plot for a revolt and the capture of Juarez in opposition to

the Carranza de facto government, were executed today. The Mexicans were marched out and lined up and a firing squad detailed to put them to death.

TOO MUCH SAND IN CHICKEN GIZZARDS

NEW YORK, April 11.—The New York State Department of foods and markets, backed by the evidence of the United States Department of Agriculture, is preparing to attack the shipping of live poultry into this city.

The food department claims that the citizens of New York buy annually 28,000,000 pounds of sand, gravel, meal and water, for which it pays \$7,000,000 to say nothing of the danger to health from diseased fowls.

If New York succeeds in stopping the shipping of live poultry other cities in the east and the north are expected to take up the work and also stop sale of live poultry.

This will increase the packing of the Southwest and all poultry shipped to the north and east must be dressed before it is shipped.

STATE UNIVERSITY WORKERS HERE

Prof. E. E. Davis and Miss Amanda Stoffuz, of the extension department of the State University, are spending this week in Runnels county and are visiting the rural schools in the interest of the extension work.

These educational workers are spending the week among the rural school pupils of this county without expense to the county schools, and are equipped for teaching practical lessons in their line of work. With lantern slides they can impress upon the school children the great importance of sanitation, health, etc.

Mr. Davis and Miss Stoffuz arrived here Monday and went immediately to the country, accompanied by County Superintendent Prof. Wooten.

Watch the Fords Go By.

CABINET MEETING HELD ON SUBMARINE ISSUES

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, April 11.—The cabinet is in session today with only meager information on the submarine question at hand. It

is believed that Ambassador Gerard is forwarding a report from the German government in which that government disclaims its responsibility for the torpedoing of the Sussex.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT FOR TEXAS PORT.

Washington, April 11.—A board of army engineers made a report today on the proposed improvements at Port Arthur, Texas, for the purpose of making an entrance to Sabine Lake. The engineers made an unfavorable report and said the project was not a practical one.

TWO WEEKS JURY OF COUNTY COURT

County court convenes in Ballinger on the first Monday in May and a jury has been drawn for the first and third week. The second week will be commissioners court week. Following is the names of the jurors selected for the two weeks:

First Week, May 1st

J. M. Frankling, S. H. Daugherty, A. L. Spann, L. M. Bales, Wm. Doose, Jr., W. H. Booser, A. L. Boyd, F. J. Adami, E. C. Bailey, Walter Parker, D. P. Moser, Jr., Aug. Voglesang, Joe S. Oliver, T. J. Brandon, E. V. Bateman, John Batts, S. D. Pinkerton, G. B. Nixon.

Third Week, May 15th

Oscar Pearson, Geo. Holiday, E. L. Rasbury, H. K. Reid, J. H. Bryan, R. L. Bassett, E. O. Schawe, J. T. Ford, A. P. Luckett, T. J. McCaughan, J. Q. McAdams, R. L. Shaffer, L. B. Stubbs, Jno. Brock, Walter Schuhmann, J. D. Robinson, C. M. Gibson, E. A. Brookshire.

Longer Skirts and Less Flirting.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 11.—Alderman William E. Currie's ordinance making women's short skirts longer and prohibiting flirting, is before the city council today. Bachelor councilmen decline to admit that they have noticed any irregularities in this respect and married councilmen are afraid to admit that they have looked. The ordinance is not expected to pass.

Mrs. B. E. Jeanes, who had been visiting her VDesn, and HtSEas ps, visiting her daughter, Mrs. John A. Harber at San Angelo, returned home Tuesday.

German Loss at Verdun is 200,000 Men

BAPTIST PASTORS TO HOLD CONFERENCE HERE

Dr. J. B. Gambrell, as previously announced, will not arrive here Wednesday, but instead his brother Dr. J. H. Gambrell, will come, and a meeting of the Baptist pastors of this district will be held at the First Baptist church at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Gambrell will speak at the Baptist church Wednesday night, and further announcement will be made in Wednesday's Ledger.

IMPUDENT NEGRO ATTACKS OFFICER

While investigating some trouble growing out of the chunking of a white man's house by a bunch of negro children Monday night, J. A. Demoville, deputy sheriff, was attacked by an impudent negro by the name of Johnson, and that the attack did not result in more serious trouble was due to the "bull dog" grip Mr. Demoville had on his gun when the negro tried to take it away from him.

Jailor Armstrong was called to the home of A. H. Friemel about 8 or 9 o'clock to stop a bunch of negro children from throwing rocks at the Friemel home. Mr. Armstrong caught the negro boys in the act of throwing the rocks and fired his gun in the air to scare them. Mr. Demoville hearing the gun fire went out to the scene and after Mr. Armstrong had returned to the jail, this negro Johnson appeared on the scene and in a most impudent way proceeded to uphold the negro boys in what they had been doing and told Mr. Demoville that if it had been white children no attention would have been paid to the matter. Mr. Demoville asked the negro if they were his children, to which the negro said they were not, but he continued to heap scathing remarks upon the officer. Mr. Demoville realizing that he was about to be attacked reached for his gun, and at the same time the negro lunged towards him and grabbed the gun as Mr. Demoville was pulling it out of his pocket.

In the scuffle that followed the negro got hold of the barrel of the gun and Mr. Demoville gripped the handle and trigged in such a way that the gun could not be fired. "Dad" Demoville carried a gun during the civil war and is no kid by any means, but he has not lost his strength and he held his own with this big burly negro until help could arrive.

Other negroes had arrived on the scene during the trouble, and with Mr. Demoville holding to one end of the gun with a death grip and the negro Johnson holding to the other, Mr. Demoville called for some one to get Ed Cook. In the mean time two white men, one the night watchman, appeared on the scene, and the negro was overpowered and carried to jail.

It was necessary for the night watchman to bring his gun into play before the negro would release his hold on "Dad's" gun. The negro was placed in jail and is being held pending an investigation upon which to file charges.

The officers say the negro has paid several fines during the past few months, and has the reputation of being an impudent negro.

A. H. Friemel, an old German laundryman, has called on the of-

By United Press.
LONDON, April 11.—The French in a most furious continued sheeted fire have succeeded in halting the German attack on Verdun district, except on the high ridges of Dead Man's Hill where the Germans have obtained a foothold.

The loss in the battles here on both sides is reported to be appalling. An official report places the German dead around Verdun during the last three days' fighting at two hundred thousand.

"War Is Hell."

Don't blame your wife if your button drop off. Good linen thread comes only from Belgium; and the war has cut off the supply.

Don't be surprised if your evening paper, once white, has a pale, straw-colored complexion. The blue dye used to tint yellow paper fibre is unobtainable—on account of the war.

Those matches you used to buy a dozen boxes for a nickel, have gone to 7 cents. A war shortage of chemicals is to blame.

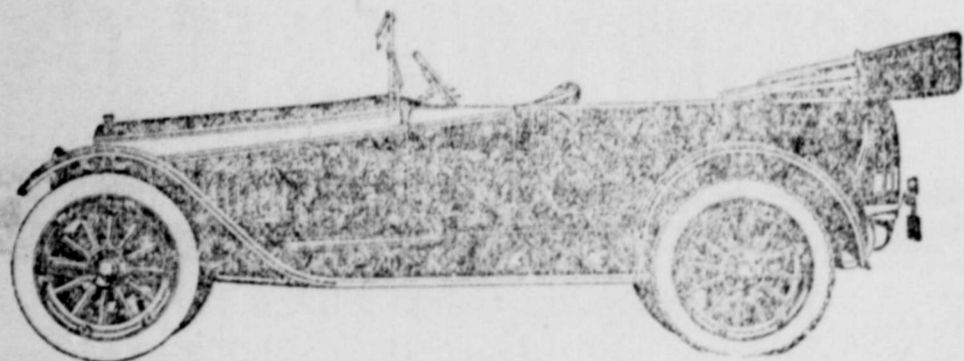
SCHOOL TEACHERS RETURNED HOME.

Prof. and Mrs. T. D. Mullin, who for the past two years have had charge of the South Ward school, left Tuesday afternoon for their home at Denton. Before leaving Mr. Mullin expressed his best wishes for the Ballinger people and stated that he and his family had spent two very pleasant years here. Their many friends trust that they will return here again and continue to help in making the Ballinger schools good schools.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, of Truitt, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

ficers almost daily for the past several years, complaining that he was being disturbed. From time to time he has complained that the negroes rocked his house and would throw things in his yard. The matter has been thrashed out a time or two in court, and on account of Friemel being of an eccentric disposition, it was hard for the court to get at the facts in the case. Mr. Armstrong caught the guilty parties in the act this time and they should be dealt with as the law directs and the old German citizen given the same protection any other citizen would get under similar circumstances.

W. A. Nance Henry Jones



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The adoption of majority rule for selecting United States senators will bring about a second primary in every county in Texas County committees will no doubt co-operate with the state committee.

Peanuts are profitably grown here, and with the installation of a crusher by the local oil mill, a market will be established. The farmers and oil mill should co-operate in developing this new industry.

NO COTTON DEVIL IN RUNNELS COUNTY.

Abilene is boasting about Taylor County shipping nineteen earloads of hogs this year, while a year ago there was not a earload of hogs in Taylor County. Well, that's some improvement, but we can go you one better. Runnels County has shipped more hogs than Taylor County this year, and a year ago there were more dogs than hogs rendered for taxes in Runnels County. We believe that the farmers have found that the hog industry pays better than the dog industry.—Ballinger Daily Ledger.

Runnels and Taylor are both big cotton counties. But the cotton devil hasn't got them entirely mesmerized. They still are able to act to some extent under the pressure of their own wills. Nineteen earloads of hogs shipped out this year, as against none the preceding year, indicates that Taylor County is not wholly subject to the malign influence of the demon who in some communities rules autocratically from throne of cotton bales. And that his authority has been shaken even in Runnels County, where once his voice was all-compelling, is significant of a stiffened opposition which may ere long dispute possession of the crown and scepter which the old tyrant has so long worn and wielded. But the old rascal is resourceful and unscrupulous. He can invent a score of excuses for his own depravity, at the same time affecting a piety which his white hairs help to sustain, but which his life-long record of cruel

ty and falsehood disproves. Let no ragged subject of King Cotton be deceived. He demands too much and gives too little. Ask the women and girls he has deprived of schooling; ask the men who have been his votaries for half a century, and who today has not clothes with which properly to dress themselves for a feast—nor yet the makin's of the feast. Ask them. They know him!—State Press, Dallas News.

THE SOCIAL WORLD OF CHILDREN.

In many American towns societies have been formed that—although wholly disconnected—have the same object in view. They are known by various names—the "Parents' League," the "Simplicity League," the "Teachers' Alliance,"—and they are all stringing to hold back children from social pleasures unfitted for their years. The frank avowal of American mothers that they cannot refuse to let their boys and girls go to dances and theatre parties and late dinners, unless other American mothers will stand by them and help to banish those frivolities, proves the dominance of youth, the amiable weakness of maturity. An aggrieved child is something that no American household can long endure; and there is no grievance so bitter to the childish heart as being deprived of privileges that other children are permitted to enjoy. Therefore parents, recognizing their individual helpfulness, have banded together to make life simpler and more wholesome for the young; and they have sought the aid of teachers in their work.

In no country except ours would such a concerted movement be necessary; in no country except ours are children entertained after the fashion of grown-up people. Years ago the wife of an American diplomat in Rome allowed her two little girls to appear at her evening receptions and to dance merrily until midnight. They were pretty little girls and made a decorative feature of their mother's drawing-room; but if they had been red Indians in beads and blankets they could not have seemed less civilized to the Roman ladies, whose children were in bed, and who could not conceive of childhood so carelessly guarded, so unsheltered from all that robs it of its bloom.

The late hours and extravagant entertainment that American parents are now trying to suppress are as remote from the democratic simplicity that is the ideal of America as they are remote from the established social order that is the creation of Europe. There is something crude in the sight of children aping the frivolities of grown-up people. There is something painful and vulgar in their too early acquaintance with standards of wealth and fashion. The printing of their photographs in the papers is bad enough; but

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when such pictures are entitled, "Infant Heirs of Millions at Palm Beach," "Youthful Aristocrats at Dog Show," "Future Financiers Skating in Central Park," they offend the good taste of the nation.

A few months ago a pretty, old fashioned fairy play was given in a large Eastern city, and a great many little boys and girls were taken to see it. Commenting on the aristocratic character of the audience, a morning paper gave us the comforting assurance that the way in which these "future bankers and cotton leaders" had cheered the performance "proved beyond all doubt that at heart they were no different from the usual run of children."

Shades of Franklin, of Jefferson, of Lincoln! Have we, then, two "runs" of children in the United States—the usual and the unusual—and what is the line of demarcation between them?—EX.

Beware of Gintments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.
As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.
Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

WILL HAVE "THE DRAGON" INSTEAD OF "TRILBY."

The Princess Theatre will present on next Thursday night, by special arrangement with the Equitable Motion Picture Corp., "The Dragon," a five part drama with the "American beauty," Marguerite Fischer. The change in the date on "Trilby" to a later date was no fault of the Princess management, but simply a case of the exchange office making an error. The change should prove acceptable to lovers of good photography, and "Trilby" will yet have a chance.

The Hearst-Vitagraph News Pictorial for tonight has some "close-up" views of the Villa raid on Columbus, New Mexico, where United States citizens were massacred by Mexican bandits. An official strip of film from the European battle-front; and a cartoon comedy help out this news reel. A Mutual Masterpicture, Tennyson's classic, "Enoch Arden" will be offered as the main attraction at this house tonight. By special agreement with the

Equitable Corporation, the Princess will show on each Thursday night, their regular features at a dime.

J. M. Greenhill of the Pony Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

PETER'S ANSWER ORIGINAL ONE

As announced in this paper yesterday, Rev. T. W. Davidson began his work at the Eighth Street church Monday night for the carrying out of a program of series of services to be held this week and as long as the interest manifested justifies.

The first service of the week brought out a fairly good sized crowd, and those present listened with intense interest to the discourse, and Rev. Davidson established himself in the hearts of the people in a way that promises to grow as the meeting progresses.

Basing his remarks upon the scripture which was given as answer to Christ when the Master was questioning his disciples as to identity, Peter said: "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God," Rev. Davidson told in a practical way the great necessity of such an experience in a Christian life.

Peter's answer was an original one. The preacher in briefly giving a history of Peter's previous life pointed out how the man had prepared himself for the coming of Christ, and was ready to make the sacrifice necessary to follow Christ when he was convinced that Christ was the Messiah.

Rev. Davidson will keep those awake who attend these services, and the pastor Rev. Rives, announced that the services will not be prolonged to more than an hour at ten o'clock each morning and scarcely more than an hour at the evening service which begins promptly at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

Good For Colds.

Honey, Pine-Tar and Glycerine are recognized cold remedies. In Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey these are combined with other cough medicine in a pleasant syrup. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey quickly stops your cough, checks your cold, soothes irritation of the throat. Excellent for young, adult and aged. Its one of the best cough syrups made. Formula on every bottle. You know just what you are taking and your doctor knows its good for coughs and colds. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Only 25c at druggists.

FREE LECTURE ON STOCK DISEASE

Waco, Texas, 7, 1916.
"Mr. J. Y. Pearce,
"Ballinger, Texas.
"Dear Sir:—Dr. H. F. Palmer, of the H. K. Mulford Co., will be in your city on Tuesday, April 18, to give a talk to the stockmen of Runnels county on blackleg and charbon. I trust that you will have as many of your friends as possible to come in and hear him and trust we will be of material service to you.
"Yours truly,
"J. L. CHRISTMAN."

The above letter speaks for itself. The stockmen of this county who are interested in the subjects to be discussed should take advantage of the opportunity to get the free advice to be given by the visitor to our city. The speaker will probably be held at the court house if the attendance justifies it, and those wishing to see Dr. Palmer can probably find him at the Pearce Drug Store on the above date.



CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS.

To the Democratic Voters of Runnels County:

Gentlemen: As is the custom, for all those who seek office to make a public announcement thru the columns of our county papers, I am taking this method of announcing my candidacy for the office of County Attorney for Runnels County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary on the 22nd day of July A. D. 1916.

As a citizen and attorney, I believe that the law should be enforced without fear or favor; and should I be your choice for the place, my motto shall be, "The Law Enforced," yet I will make due investigation into all matters brought to my attention, as such officer, before I shall put the county to any expense whatsoever in the matter and will at all times act with that axiom of "Right to all and Wrong to no-one."

I was admitted to the Bar on the 3rd day of April, 1912, and have since made a close study of the law and procedure and believe that I am qualified to fill the position for which I seek; and will only be a candidate for the second term after my constituents, feel that I am justly due the same, and under no circumstances will I ask for a third term as County Attorney; but, will if my constituents feel that I am justly entitled to same, ask to go higher in the profession.

As my family depends on my labor for their support, I will like to be prohibited from seeing all the voters of the county and therefore will not hinder you in your daily work; but, if elected your interests will be mine.

Your support respectfully solicited.

SAMUEL C. HARRIS.

WORTH KNOWING

Women are liable to ailments which cause constant ill-health and on which they may consult doctors without much relief. It is well worth knowing that they can get at the nearest drug store a simple medicine, made of roots and herbs, which is just what they need to recover health. That medicine is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner left Sunday afternoon for Georgetown, to be with her sister, who is seriously ill, for several weeks.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 22nd:

- For District Judge of the 35th Judicial District: JOHN W. GOODWIN.
- 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. SCHUCHARD, T. H. CURRY, JOE TURNER, WILLIE STEPHENS, L. R. LITTLE.
- For County Attorney: C. P. SHEPHERD, SAMUEL C. HARRIS.
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For Tax Collector: W. T. PADGETT, MIKE C. BOYD, M. D. CHASTAIN, JOHN BALLEW.
- For Sheriff: J. D. PERKINS, E. F. (Earl) EDWARDS.
- For County Judge: O. L. PARISH, C. H. WILLINGHAM.
- For District Clerk: (Miss) MARY PHILLIPS.
- For County Superintendent of Schools: W. W. WOOTEN, E. L. HAGAN.
- For Commissioner Pre. No. 1: E. C. MOOR, R. P. KIRK, R. W. (Bob) GILLIAM.

Prof. Wells of Miles, who had been to Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon to attend the County Declamation Contest at Santa Anna, before returning home.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

J. T. Moreland of the Millar neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday, and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the coming year.

Insomnia.
Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper, and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere.



ATexas 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. It not only 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, 2526 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.



Are you going to hide your money in a hole in the ground or in your house and always be worried fearing that you may be watched by a robber?
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DALLAS, TEXAS

H. A. Porter, one of the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of the Baldwin country, near Winters, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

From an agricultural standpoint optimism certainly prevails over this country at this particular time. Peace disturbances are not disturbing the peaceful mind of the busy farmer.

Well, it was too close to be comfortable in the race for good roads.

Planters are running over time this week.

- FIRE INSURANCE
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- Your business solicited.
- Miss Maggie Sharp.
- Upstairs in old Fidelity
- Credit Co. Office. Phone
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BOB KIRK RECEIVES INTERESTING LETTER

Tennyson or Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$65,000.00—that's genius.

There are some men who can write a few words on a sheet of paper and make it worth \$8,000,000.00—that's capital. The United States can take an ounce and a quarter of gold and stamp upon it an Eagle Bird—even with bloomers—and make it worth \$20.00—that's money. A mechanic can take material worth \$5.00 and make it into watch springs worth \$1,000.00—that's skill.

There is a man in St. Louis who can take a fifty cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it, and make it worth several hundred dollars—that's art. A merchant can take an article worth seventy-five cents and sell it for one dollar—that's business. A woman can purchase a seventy-five cent hat, but prefers one that costs \$27.00—that's foolishness. A ditch digger works ten hours a day and handles several tons of earth for \$1.25—that's labor.

The author of this can write a check for \$90,000,000.00, but it wouldn't be worth a cent—that's rough. There are merchants in this country who will tell you that they can serve you as well as our Company—that's nerve. Everybody who is posted and wants the best, busy a Studenbaker—that's common sense. lid

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Judge C. O. Harris and son L. B., of San Angelo, came over Tuesday to accompany Mrs. Harris who was placed in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for treatment.

Miss Bransfords, of Santa, who had been visiting friends in Ballinger left Monday afternoon for her home.

Mrs. R. W. Bruce and son, Master Robert left Monday afternoon for Lampasas to visit relatives a week or two.

J. C. Nix had business at Winters a few hours Tuesday.



The greatest of all Frank Spearman's railroad stories

SHOWN IN MOTION PICTURE AT THE QUEEN THEATRE EVERY SATURDAY.

"I think I will draw the money from the bank and go to town with it in the morning," said Rhinelander, studying the substance of the message.

Helen intervened: "Let me go with you," she exclaimed, "and I can start Spike for the mine when he leaves the jail. I should hate to see him get mixed up with any more crooks when he gets out."

Rhinelander assented, and writing out an answer to Seagrue's message, read it to Storm before he gave it to a messenger:

Earl Seagrue:

Albemarle Apartments, Oceanside:

Will make payment on time. In on the morning passenger.

RHINELANDER.

Seagrue received the prompt answer without much elation. He continued thoughtful, and as Adams, his servant, was leaving, called him back, asked for his hat and coat, and, accompanied by the man, left the apartment.

Directing his steps up street, Seagrue made his way to a quarter of the town less noted for its attractiveness than for its reputation as a haunt of men of doubtful character.

Having reached the vicinity he desired—a shabby and deserted side street—he looked about to see whether he was observed, and, perceiving no one, started down an obscure alley.

He knocked at the door of a weather-beaten house standing close to the street. A man opened the door, Seagrue, followed by Adams, went inside.

"Ward," said Seagrue, addressing the scowling occupant of the room, "I've got a job for you."

The man addressed as Ward, a scrawling, beetle-browed adventurer, scrutinized Seagrue silently at the intimation.

"I know you're sore," continued Seagrue, "at the way the last job went," he added, recalling the incident of the stealing of Rhinelander's pay roll. "But that wasn't your fault or mine."

Ward, without answering, continued to regard him askance. Seagrue unfolded his idea to the hardened crook and the promise of ready money and enough of it—whether he succeeded or failed—finally enlisted him.

"You and Adams here"—Seagrue nodded toward his servant—"can handle the thing without any trouble. If you can't do it, you'll be paid anyway. But if there's any possible chance, I want to see you separate Rhinelander from his money for twenty-four hours."

"There's no time to lose," muttered Ward, picking up a railroad time table. "Are you ready to go, Adams?" Adams nodded. Seagrue supplied both plentifully with money and the two left together.

Ward and Adams, proceeding to the station, boarded an outgoing passenger train from Las Vegas which should bring Rhinelander to Oceanside. Learning from the conductor where the down train would be flagged, they left their own train at a convenient station and buying tickets back, boarded the Las Vegas passenger when it stopped.

In the observation car, Rhinelander, seated with Helen, was watching the landscape through the window when Seagrue's men coming in paid for seats not far away.

In his lap Rhinelander held a small bag, and from the care with which he retained it, Ward surmised it might contain something of especial value.

Ward, while he sat studying out a scheme to take a chance on the proposition and at least get the bag into his possession, presently spoke to Adams: "The train stops twenty minutes at Clinton Junction," he muttered to his companion. "We can get hold of a bag there something like Rhinelander's."

No further words were needed to convey his meaning. The moment the train pulled into Clinton, Ward and Adams hurried off to a leather goods store. Breaking precipitately in on the proprietor, they pulled and hauled his stock about with small sense of responsibility. Evidently they wanted a bag, but they seemed to the shopkeeper hard to suit. It was only after much searching and many hard words that Ward's eyes lighted on something such as he was looking for.

The diner had been put on and luncheon called. Rhinelander, taking Helen started for the dining car, closely watched by Ward. No sooner had the two seated themselves at a table than Seagrue's men following took

seats directly behind them. Rhinelander placed the handbag at his feet. Ward made no move until Rhinelander became occupied closely with the bill of fare. While he was trying to tempt Helen with the various delicacies offered, Ward put his foot carefully out, slid Rhinelander's bag away with his toe and, unobserved by the hurrying waiters or the busy diners, pushed the dummy leather bag into its place.

The knaves then coolly ordered their luncheon, ate it—somewhat hurriedly—and left the dining car ahead of their victim.

When slackening speed warned Ward and Adams that the train was nearing Oceanside, they were in no hurry to start out. In fact, they lagged noticeably in their movements, and Helen and Rhinelander left the station and took a taxicab uptown without noticing the change of bags that had been played on them.

And just at this juncture blind chance itself took a hand in the little game. Two city detectives in plain clothes had come to meet the train and were refreshing their memories by reading a description of two hold-up men expected on it. Scanning the faces of the incoming passengers for such a pair as would fit their search, the detectives noted Ward and Adams getting slowly out of the coach. While the pair did not quite suit the description, the officers, on general principles, crossed over to meet them and stopped them for examination. A few curt questions and equally voluble answers did not satisfy the plainclothes men, who, after some discussion insisted that the suspects should accompany them to the station.

Ward's mouth fell as he heard the order. Uselessly he tried to convince the detectives that he and his friend knew absolutely nothing of the hold-up in question. To the station they were compelled to go and there were held in cells until the sergeant could send out a man to bring in the victim of the hold-up for their further identification.

To complete Ward's chagrin, the precious handbag was checked in under the sergeant's desk.

On reaching the hotel in which Rhinelander had taken Helen, she suggested that while he made his payment to Seagrue she would go to the safety deposit vault—Rhinelander himself was president of the Safety Deposit Vault company—and place their securities away before starting for the jail to intercept Spike when he should be released. In parting they agreed to meet again at the hotel.

Helen went directly to the vault, which she reached just in time to make her deposit of the stock certificates in Rhinelander's box; the watchman was closing the cage when she came out to go to the penitentiary to meet Spike.

It was a long drive, but once there she was not kept long in suspense. In the warden's office she awaited Spike, who, greatly changed, presently entered the room.

Rhinelander had found Seagrue in his rooms. Without words, the two set about the business in hand. Seagrue showed the agreement and Rhinelander, placing the handbag on the table, opened it to take out the money. Inside, he found an odd-looking package and thought that Helen must have wrapped the currency up differently after she had taken it from him. He unrolled a bunch of newspapers—astonished at the situation—but could find nothing inside them that looked like currency: The money was gone.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chambers left Monday where Mr. Chambers goes to attend the state lumbermen's convention.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general 'no account' feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

LEGAL BLANKS.

We keep in stock legal blanks of all kinds and will sell in any quantity desired. Following is a list of stock now on hand:

- (1) Warranty Deeds, (all kinds)
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- (7) Crop Mortgage, (8) Charge and Credit Slips, (9) Release of Vendors Lien, (10) Power of Attorney, (11) Transfer of Vendor Lien, (12) Carbon paper, (13) Rental Contracts, (14) Bills of Sale, (15) Deeds of Trust, (16) Bond for Title, (17) Contract between Principal and Agent for Sale of Real Estate, (18) Building Contract, (19) Contract for Exchange of Property, (Single and Double Acknowledgements)
- (21) Affidavit to any fact, (22) Pretest Blanks, (23) County Clerks Certificates.

When in need of any of the above call and we can supply you THE BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES DESIRE OF COUNCIL

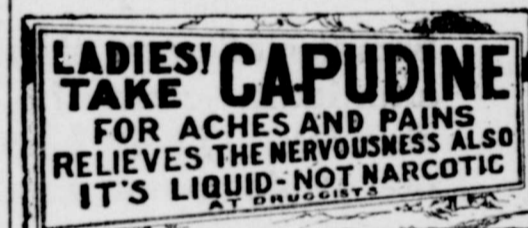
A majority of the new city council is in favor of the city owning both the light plant and the sewerage system, was the statement made by Alderman R. A. Nicholson Monday afternoon. "We have been offered the sewerage system," said Mr. Nicholson, "and further steps will be taken and the proposition investigated."

Mr. Nicholson received a letter from a loan company Monday in which the loan company proposes to loan the city the cash to handle the deals and accept as security for the money interest bearing warrants, the warrants being strung out in such shape that the city could handle them without any trouble, if the public utilities being considered are successful. Mr. Nicholson said "there is no reason they should not be successful. We know that we have the lowest water rate of any town in this section of the state, and every one who knows anything about the plant knows that the Ballinger water works is paying even at our very low rate."

Mr. Nicholson goes further and says that if the sewerage system is paying with its present limited connections, or patrons, it should be made to pay even better under the management of the city when every residence and business house within the prescribed limits could be forced to connect. Mr. Nicholson expressed the same opinion about the light and power plant, and says if it pays a private corporation it should pay the city.

Those favoring the municipal ownership of the light and power plant claim that the city could operate the plant cheaper than any one else as it could be operated in connection with the water works system. The street lights could also be handled to a better advantage, as the city is now paying out about \$1000 per year for street lights.

In discussing the proposition Mr. Nicholson said it was probable that the city would take quick action on the lighting question and that the city would either do its own lighting of streets, or the city would be in darkness. We take this to mean that the street lights will be cut out.



Sam Seay, one of the prominent stockmen of the Marie country and Claude Little, of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and while here Mr. Seay renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

Check Corder left Monday afternoon for Brownwood on a short business trip.

H. C. Fletcher, representative of the Apperson auto, left Monday afternoon for Coleman in the interest of his company.

SAVES DAUGHTER

Advice of Mother no Doubt Prevents Daughter's Untimely End.

Ready, Ky.—"I was not able to do anything for nearly six months," writes Mrs. Laura Bratcher, of this place, "and was down in bed for three months."

I cannot tell you how I suffered with my head, and with nervousness and womanly troubles.

Our family doctor told my husband he could not do me any good, and he had to give it up. We tried another doctor, but he did not help me.

At last, my mother advised me to take Cardui, the woman's tonic. I thought it was no use for I was nearly dead and nothing seemed to do me any good. But I took eleven bottles, and now I am able to do all of my work and my own washing.

I think Cardui is the best medicine in the world. My weight has increased, and I look the picture of health."

If you suffer from any of the ailments peculiar to women, get a bottle of Cardui today. Delay is dangerous. We know it will help you, for it has helped so many thousands of other weak women in the past 50 years.

At all druggists. Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64 page book, "Home Treatment for Women," in plain wrapper. N.C. 128

C. P. Joiner, one of the popular young barbers at Thee Ideal Barber Shop, left Monday afternoon for Lampasas, Austin, Bartlett and other points in the state on a vacation trip for a few weeks.

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MEBANE COTTON SEED for Sale, put in your order now if you want any. O'Kelly & Walton. 10-3td1tw

PIANO BARGAIN—We have two standard makes, choice instruments, practically new. Your choice of the two at a bargain, as we have no use for two. Phone 179. tfddh

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LOST—Black watch fob with W. O. W. charm. Finder please return to Ewing Taylor, or to Ledger office. 1td

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Bay horse about 14 1-2 hands high, six years old, no brand, small wire cut on right forefoot, left forefoot white, small wire cut on neck. Will pay \$15 reward for delivery of horse to Street & Middleton, Ballinger. Right fat burro was with horse when he disappeared from San Angelo, Anderson Brothers, San Angelo, Texas. 11-2td1twpd.

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With the same ice that cools the food, the contents of its built-in water cooler is kept delightfully cold. It's a wonderful refrigerator. See the Automatic before you buy.

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WHY I HAVE HUNG THE CHALMERS MONOGRAM OVER MY DOOR

I made up my mind to give you people the biggest possible automobile value for your money.

I studied the situation from every angle.

When I decided to hang the Chalmers Monogram over my door, I did so for salient, rock-ribbed reasons.

I am convinced that Chalmers cars combine big value and sensible price.

Hugh Chalmers does not make them merely to sell—but to stay sold.

Some automobile factories build their own frames, but buy their engines elsewhere in job lots. They are not factories at all—just big assembly plants.

But the Chalmers car is built entirely in the Chalmers plant—from rough casting to final assembly.

The great Chalmers plant comprises twenty-two great, clean, sunny buildings.

If you ever get into Detroit, visit the Chalmers factory.

In the chassis assembly room you will hear a din like the rivet hammers of twenty skyscrapers crashing in concert—the compressed-air hammer squad riveting Chalmers chassis.

In the physical testing laboratory, you will see up-to-date instruments of torture ingeniously designed to crush, twist, stretch, and bend iron and steel. Here all raw material that goes into the Chalmers car must first receive unqualified O. K.

Samples of every shipment of steel, iron, bronze, and aluminum must be found perfect by Chalmers chemists. Their laboratory is the best equipped in the whole motor industry.

You'll see the great forge and foundry. There are more drop forgings—remember—in the Chalmers car than in any other car in its price class.

The enormous fender press, which cost \$90,000, turns out a graceful Chalmers molded fender with every 175-ton blow.

Automatic milling machines bore and grind Chalmers cylinders—accurate to 1-1000 of an inch.

In the Chalmers heat-treat inferno, the roar and smoke of thirty furnaces suggest Vesuvius at bat—batting 1000 per cent.

Everywhere you'll see inspectors—alert, all eyes, fingers, measurement—insisting on deadly accuracy—armed with micrometer, with scleroscope; 226 inspectors all told; and inspection alone costs the Chalmers company over \$300,000 every year.

Every Chalmers car I sell ties up with the great Chalmers organization, year after year, by virtue of the highly developed Chalmers Service.

There is nothing vague about Chalmers Service.

Its universal coupon system provides for 100 half-hours of free inspection service every year, negotiable at any Chalmers dealer in the country.

That's the reason why I paid cold cash for a generous quota of these magnificent cars.

DILLINGHAM AND ADAMS

AGENTS

BALLINGER,

TEXAS

PERSONALS

Mrs. Harold Tucker left Tuesday morning for Hatchel to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker a few days.

Miss Grace Crouch, of Miles, who had been visiting friends in Ballinger, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Passur and baby left Tuesday at noon to visit relatives at Sweetwater a few days.

Mrs. M. N. Gustavus and two children left Tuesday at noon for San Angelo to visit her parents a few days.

Mrs. A. J. Barragar, of Austin, came in a day or two ago to visit her brother Jas. J. Erwin and family a few weeks.

Rev. Gheislin and P. McGregor

left Tuesday at noon as delegates from the First Presbyterian to attend the meeting of presbytery at San Angelo.

Why Constipation Injures.

The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food. This condition is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Obtainable everywhere.

Sheriff Perkins and County Attorney Shepherd had official business at Winters Tuesday and made the trip in Mr. Shepherd's auto.

H. Kasberg of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and was real glad that the special road tax carried in the recent election.

Lon Mapes of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and says the vote at Pony on the special road tax was 34 for and three against.

Louis Jamison, of Talpa, and Sid Oliver of Wilmett and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Reasonover, and two children of Talpa, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. D. Morland, of the Giescke place southeast of the city, left Monday for Wilbarger, where he will visit awhile and will go on to New Mexico to visit his sons a week or so before returning home.

Elmer Voelkel, who is with the stock yards at Fort Worth, came in Saturday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel a few days. He was looking after some stock shipments in this section before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon McWilliams and baby, of the Valley creek country, near Norton, were

among the visitors in the city Monday.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Win Davenport of the Hatchel country, came in Monday to accompany his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Walker, who was en route home to Quanah. Mr. Walker was here with his wife on a visit to her parents, and while here bought from Mr. Davenport, the fine stallion known as the Conn colt, for \$400 and shipped him out last Friday.

Nathan Crockett, of the Rowena country, came in Monday to bring in two large meat hogs he had just sold to parties who are shipping out a carload to market.

Dr. L. A. Chanselor and W. A. Hamlicek, of Rowena, were in Ballinger Monday placing some oil stock in the Rowena well.

Watch the Fords Go By.

A. S. Gaston, of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and informed us that G. R. Crim and family of Edgewood, Texas, are en route to Runnels county to make their home again and returns well satisfied that no other county is as good as Runnels, so says Mr. Gaston.

Mesdames J. Y. Pearce and C. R. Stephens left Monday afternoon for Comanche to attend a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church.

R. L. Bates, of the Novice country was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and reports another fine rain in his neighborhood last Friday.

O. Pearson of the Ballinger Cot-

ton Oil Mill, left Monday afternoon for Fort Worth and will likely go on to points in Tennessee in the interest of the Creasy Rotary Filer before returning home.

W. J. Gardner of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

Rev. Saml. G. Thompson, of Brownwood, presiding elder, and Rev. Bowman, M. E. pastor at Winters, were in Ballinger Monday and Rev. Thompson returned to his home in the afternoon.

Jack Guy of Talpa, and Ellis Petty of Maverick, were transacting business in the city Monday.

W. O. Schultz of Eden, came over in his auto Monday to accompany his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sansome and her grandson Master Marion Sansome Jr., en route to their home at Fort Worth.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Coughs, Colds, Whooping Coughs, Sore Throats, Bronchitis, Inflammations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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There Are More Than Eight Million Women Workers in the U. S. Today.

Washington, April 10.—Government statistics available today show that there are more than 8 million women workers in the United States. There are 263,315 stenographers, and typewriters, 14,061 women linotype operators, 2,530,846 domestics, 1,820,980 factory and mill girls, 76,508 trained nurses, 111,117 midwives, 2,000,000 women farm laborers, 100,000 women bakers, 8,219 telegraph operators, 88,262 hello girls. Eighty per cent of our teachers are women, also two-thirds of our cotton mill workers, one-third of our hat suit and overall makers, one-fifth of our tailors, one-third of our shoemakers. Women have been found working before the flaming doors of blast furnaces in Pennsylvania.

Watch Child's Cough
Colds, running of nose, continued irritation of the mucous membrane if neglected may mean Catarrh later. Don't take the chances—do something for your child! Children will not take every medicine, but they will take Dr. King's New Discovery and without bribing or teasing. Its a sweet pleasant Tar Syrup and so effective. Just laxative enough to eliminate the waste poisons. Almost the first dose helps. Always prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for Dr. King's New Discovery. It will safeguard your child against serious ailments resulting from colds.

Misses Mary Aliee and Annie Lee Gann, of the Leaday country, who had been attending school in Ballinger, left for their home Monday morning.

HOBART BOSWORTH IN A BLUE BIRD

"The Yaqui," is the title of the next Blue Bird feature to be shown at the Queen Theatre. Hobart Bosworth takes the leading part in this five reel feature of the land across the border—Mexico, the land of the sagebrush, the cactus, and the bandit. This should be a timely picture with the Mexican expedition in full swing. Bosworth portrays the part of an Indian peon, and is said to have done one of his biggest roles. The policy of the Blue Bird company is to play well known "movie" stars in their productions, as well as stage celebrities. Mr. Bosworth has established himself a reputation for the red-blood type of character, and the present "The Yaqui" gives him ample possibilities as the much-abused Mexican slave or "peon." The admission at the Queen, as usual, is a dime. This feature is to be shown at this house on next Friday night.

Mr. Farnsworth, manager of the local business college, will organize an other class to run five months provided a sufficient number will enroll to pay expenses. See him at once at the school over the Schawe Grocery store. This is your best chance to secure a practical education, but **quick action is necessary.** 23-dtf-wtf.

Dr. W. W. Mitchell, of Norton and W. T. Hills of Benoit, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and Mr. Hill reports the vote at his box on the road tax to be 10 in favor of and 13 against.

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Trico Mixed Feed for cows, cotton seed meal for cows, bran, chops, oats, chicken feed, hay, etc. We deliver feed for man and beast in any quantity.

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JUDGES SELECTED IN BEAUTY CONTEST

A sufficient number of entries have been secured in the city beautiful contest to assure its success. So far, 25 homes and two churches have entered the contest. The two churches are the Methodist and the Eighth Street Presbyterian. All other churches having grounds subject to improvement are urged to enter the contest.

Entries in the contest will be received for some days yet; until Saturday, April 15th. A side from the satisfaction which would come to you, in case you won, of having one of the three yards in town on which the greatest improvement has been made, there are many other rewards to come from a consistent effort to beautify your premises. Not the least of the considerations is that you owe that much to your town in its effort to become "The City Beautiful." Phone in your name to the secretary of the Business League today.

Mrs. Oscar Pearson, Mrs. Sam Baker, and Mrs. M. E. Harle have kindly consented to serve as judges in the contest. They will be around at the home of each of the contestants in a short time, probably this week, to inspect and take notes, and again next June to see what improvement has been made.

We would like to meet every Overland owner in the county. Come to see us. O'Kelly & Walton.

AN ELECTION TO VOTE OFF TIE

The City Council met in regular session April 5th, 1916, to canvass the vote of the election for city aldermen of the city of Ballinger, held April 4th, 1916. The body found from the said election returns that W. A. Talley and J. S. Collins each received 136 votes for said city alderman, it being a tie vote the election was held void as said W. A. Talley and J. S. Collins and said City Council so declared and authorized J. W. Powell, mayor, to order another election for our alderman as the law directs.

I, J. W. Powell, mayor of said city of Ballinger do now hereby order an election for one alderman for the city of Ballinger, said election to be held at the City Hall in the city of Ballinger on Wednesday, April 12th, 1916, and J. F. Lusk is appointed manager of said election.

J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

Spring.
Spring is looked upon by many as the most delightful season of the year but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are anything but pleasant. They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment Obtainable everywhere.

Fred Machotka, one of the Rowena business men, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Do You Want Value and Service as Well as Pleasure when You Buy an Automobile? If So, Read the Following:

- OVERLAND MODEL 86, SIX; \$1140 F. O. B. FACTORY.**
The advantage of the Overland Six are definite and tangible—advantages that, for the most part, you will recognize as soon as you see the car and ride in it.
 - WILLYS-KNIGHT MODEL 34 OVERLAND \$1250 F. O. B. FACTORY**
Let this fact be impressed on your mind at the start: There's not now, and never has been, any other car embodying all the advantages of the Willys-Knight.
 - OVERLAND MODEL 83B \$695 F. O. B. FACTORY.**
Overland Model 83B is to be preferred above any other automobile at or near its price, because of certain definite advantages.
 - OVERLAND MODEL 75, \$615 F. O. B. FACTORY.**
A real automobile, an Overland, for \$615! That is Model 75—smaller, lighter and more economical to run, but with the advantages of larger and higher-priced cars.
- The above facts are only a few of the many advantages. In the Overland line if you will call phone or write us we will be glad to give you all the facts without any obligation on your part. Let us hear from you.

O'KELLY and WALTON, Agents

C. N. Craft of Mile, J. D. Smith of the Wingate country and W. D. Meadows, of the Winters country came in Monday to be present at the regular April term of the commissioners court.

J. M. Nichols of the Maverick country, and George Maddox of the Hatchel-Winters country, and Prof. Chas. Plachy of Rowena, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Mamma Brand Pills to End and Avoid Sore Throat, Cough, Hoarseness, and all the troubles of the Throat. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

Joe Spill spent Sunday with his family and Ballinger friends and returned to Winters Monday where he holds a position in the Spill Bros. furniture store.

LADIES' CAPUDINE
TAKE FOR ACHE AND PAINS. RELIEVES THE NERVOUSNESS ALSO. IT'S LIQUID—NOT NARCOTIC.

Watch the Fords Go By.

G. H. Dierschke of the Pony creek country, was in Ballinger Monday to meet a trained nurse, who came in at noon to be with his little daughter, who has scarlet fever. We are sorry to learn that there are also two other cases of the fever at the home of W. H. Wilde and brother, of the same neighborhood.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleless, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Frank Eekert and his brother Dan, and their uncle, G. B. Stark of the Lowaga country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

We would like to meet every Overland owner in the county. Come to see us. O'Kelly & Walton.



THE SAFE MAN

is the man who has a bank account. By depositing his surplus funds, when he has them, he is building a line of credit for himself which he can use when the occasion for it arises.

We make a special study of making our bank fit your individual needs to the end that your banking relations with us will prove profitable to you.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK
BALLINGER, TEXAS
THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS.

RURAL SCHOOLS GET PUBLIC MENTION

An article written by Secretary Burges, of the Ballinger Business League, appeared in last week's Farm & Ranch, telling something of the progress being made in rural school educational work in Runnels County. The article was illustrated and a picture of the new Bethel Rural High School showed up to a good advantage.

With the aid of the million dollar appropriation made by the state, out of which Runnels County has received something like \$8,000, the rural schools of this county have made wonderful progress during the past two years, and are in a good way to continue to prosper and push forward for better and higher education.

Pills Best for Liver.
Because they contain the best liver medicines, no matter how bitter or nauseating for the sweet sugar coating hides the taste. Dr. King's New Life Pills contain ingredients that put the liver working, move the bowels freely. No gripe, no nausea, aid digestion. Just try a bottle of Dr. King's New Life Pills and notice how much better you feel. 25c at druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Maxwell and baby of Crowell, who had been visiting his father, Uncle Jack Maxwell and family, the

past few days, left for home Monday at noon.

Mrs. Maxey Wilson and sister, Miss Ethel Stallworth, of the Pony creek country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Earl Pickett of Temple, came in Monday at noon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gressett and family a week or two.

Fence Against the Filthy Flies

Let us help you do it. We carry a big stock of screen doors. All sizes and at prices you can pay. Screen your house and cheat the doctor out of a patient.

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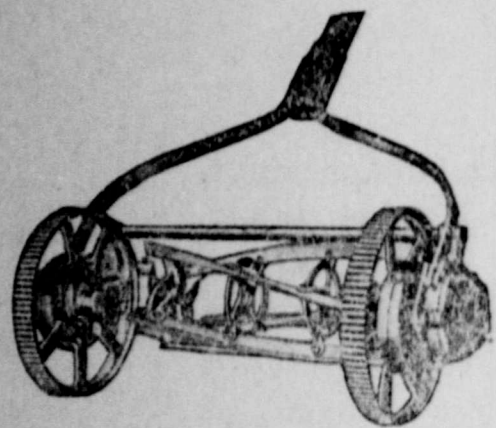
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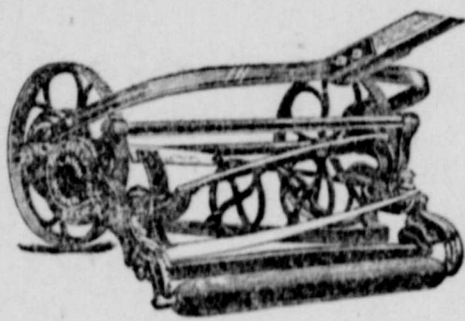


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The highest achievement in Lawn Mowers made entirely of steel with three gears on each side, no front bar to interfere with grass \$18.50

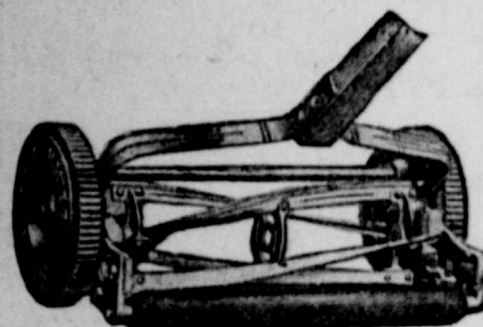
Genuine Philadelphia \$11; \$15.20 and \$16.50

Superior in all points; being made entirely of steel, is much lighter in weight and draft. Having long and large bearings, is most durable and its construction is perfect for fine work.



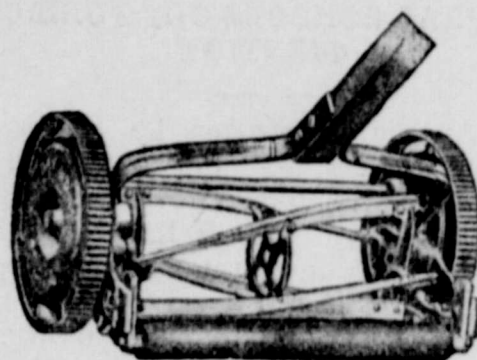
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It has 4 blades, does fine work and is superior to many of the so-called first class lawn mowers. We do not guarantee this mower to last like a genuine Philadelphia, but we do guarantee it to be worth what we ask for it.



HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

Attorney Eugene Sedberry and Geo. Benard, secretary of the Board of Trade of San Angelo, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

We would like to meet every Overland owner in the county. Come to see us. O'Kelly & Walton.

Miss Margorie Dickson of Lexington, Texas, came in Monday to visit her mother Mrs. Calloway at the home of W. W. Hawkins and family.

John H. Webb, one of the pros-

perors farmers of the Pony creek country, was marketing 30 bales of his last seasons cotton crop, in Ballinger Monday.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by The Alker Drug Co

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR

The Ford Motor Company is one of the largest consumers of steel in the world—200,000 tons this year. The greatest volume of production—over 500,000 cars—and the efficient Ford manufacturing organization, brings production and selling down to a minimum. That's why Ford buyers get more car for less money. Runabout \$390; Touring car \$440; Coupelet \$590; Town car \$640; Sedan \$740. All prices f. o. b. Detroit. On sale at

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A. M. AND C. N. WILLIAMSON

GRAFT

SYNOPSIS.

Dudley Larnigan, district attorney, because of his fight on the vice and liquor trusts, is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. The fight is continued by his son, Bruce, who is elected district attorney, and by another son, Tom. Bruce is in love with Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust.

ELEVENTH EPISODE

"The Bucket Shops"

Suggested by C. N. and A. M. WILLIAMSON, Authors of "The Lightnoid Conductor," "The Love Pirate," "The Princess Passes"

It was nearing 1 o'clock and the editorial rooms of the Independent had taken on their customary daily bustle and activity. Editors, reporters and office boys elbowed and jostled each other in their hurry to get things "under way." Jack Stevens, the city editor, had already made up his assignment sheet and was engaged in conversation with his friend Bruce Larnigan, who had dropped in.

"Of all the forms of graft," said Larnigan, "the one I most detest is the gambling halls for women, which are better known as 'bucket shops.'"

"The city is honeycombed with them," continued Larnigan, "and I am convinced from the uniform manner in which they are all conducted that they are operated by a syndicate with one common head."

"Well, as to the last part of your statement I agree with you," added Stevens, "but it strikes me it will prove more than an ordinary reporter's job to get anything on these ventures. Now, if we could only get hold of some one who has been the victim of their greed we might have some line to start on."

"Well, I have the very person who can give us the information we want," broke in Larnigan. "It's Kitty Richard, and if you'll let me use that phone for about five minutes I'll get enough to start things a-humming."

Larnigan was soon talking to Miss Richard, who on several occasions had done some very clever amateur detective work and whose father had been a member of the graft trust.

After less than five minutes' conversation Larnigan hung up the receiver and turned to Stevens with a cheery smile as he said:

"Well, I've got the dope all right."

"The dickens you say!" said Stevens in delighted astonishment.

"Yes, and got it right," continued Larnigan. "The head of this graft is a man by the name of Rupert Kruger Hall, prominent banker and broker."

Stevens whistled his surprise, for the man was well known to him.

"This man Hall," continued Larnigan, "is supposed to be very wealthy and highly respectable. This much is in our favor, as he will never suspect that there is any suspicion directed toward him. We must keep a shadow on him day and night and discover what connections he makes and run them down."

With a few more words as to using extraordinary caution Larnigan bade farewell to Stevens and hurried from the office.

Reaching the street, Larnigan hailed the first taxi and was soon being driven at good speed to the "street," as the financial district is known.

His knowledge of financial speculation and the district told him that Hall had never been seen about any of the places he had in mind and that accordingly the man must transact his business in secret from his residence.

Two hours later Bruce Larnigan found himself in possession of a group of facts which seemed to prove this theory, and he had learned also that Hall, who occupied a pretentious residence on Riverside drive, was leaving the city late that night after a fashionable theater party which he and his young wife were giving.

When Bruce left the financial district his plans for the evening were definitely made. He would visit the Hall residence in the absence of the owner and if necessary obtain a burglarious entrance in search of the evidence.

Had Larnigan been able to witness a scene even then transpiring in the handsomely appointed library of the house of Rupert Hall perhaps he might have changed his plans for the evening. Hall was pacing moodily up and down the floor. In his hand he held an anonymous note. It read:

Watch your wife and Justin Thompson, the district attorney. They are in love with each other and think that you are blind. A FRIEND.

Hall ceased his restless pacing with a muttered curse and slipped the crumpled note into his pocket. There was a light step outside the door and a young and beautiful woman in a ravishing evening costume entered the room. It was his wife.

She watched him with a little frown.

"It is too bad you have to leave town, Rupert. Can't you postpone your trip?" Hall shook his head. "Impossible," he answered gruffly.

He followed her into the dining room, where the two partook of a silent dinner. There was a ring at the bell before they had finished, and the butler announced "Mr. Thompson." A moment later the district attorney, a dark, handsome man of middle age, followed the servant, shook Hall's hand and bowed over that of Mrs. Hall. The master of the house watched the two sullenly as he thought of the contents of the anonymous note.

"Sorry to have to leave you two," he jerked out suddenly. "And it is mighty good of you, Thompson, to consent to act as my wife's escort this evening while I am gone." He kissed his wife lightly, nodded to the district attorney and swung out of the house. Hardly had the door closed behind him when Mrs. Hall threw herself into the arms of Justin Thompson.

"Must we go to the theater, Justin?" she asked.

The man stroked her hair. "Not if you don't wish it, darling. We can have a quiet evening here." The two wandered into the library.

Two hours elapsed. The great house had settled down to a shadowy silence. Mrs. Hall and Justin Thompson had drawn their chairs close to an open fireplace. The servants had retired to an upper floor, and the couple were apparently absolutely alone. Suddenly Thompson leaned forward, listening intently. Then, with a motion to the woman at his side, he rose softly and peered through the draperies into the other room. Before the private safe of Hall a masked man was crouching.

Thompson's self control was remarkable. He grasped a heavy cane in the corner. Three swift, catlike steps and the next second the cane descended with brutal force, and the figure of the intruder crumpled on to the floor, the mask slipping from the features. Although Thompson did not recognize the features, they were those of Bruce Larnigan! Besides, the district attorney was given no time for speculation. At almost the same instant as his blow Mrs. Hall pulled aside the draperies. With a scream at the sight which met her startled eyes, she sprang into the room just as the hall door was jerked open and another actor appeared as part of the strange drama. It was her husband.

"I thought so!" snapped Rupert Hall. And then without a word his hand flashed back to his pocket and he was covering Thompson with a revolver. Swiftly the district attorney bounded forward, his hand gripping Hall's arm just in time to deflect the course of a bullet. For a moment the two men struggled, and then there was a see-

He caught the woman in his arms, saw her stagger toward the stairway and then, turning off the light, made his way to the front door and out into the street.

When the police arrived Bruce Larnigan was still insensible, but beginning to struggle slowly and incoherently back to consciousness. It was plain to the authorities that he had been dealt a violent blow. But at whose hands? If he had shot Hall before he himself had been attacked there must have been more than two persons present at the time. Mrs. Hall was hysterical and in the hands of a physician and trained nurse. She could supply no information, and the frightened servants could tell even less. When the coroner arrived a policeman took possession of Bruce Larnigan, who was still dazed, and the young man was hurried to a police hospital.

The next morning newspapers shrieked scare headlines at the crowds of early risers and displayed the grim accounts of the tragedy in heavy type. The prisoner had recovered consciousness and had been identified as Bruce Larnigan. Further than giving his name he had resolutely refused to commit himself. His friends of the Independent, including Jack Stevens, had been summoned, and the next issue of the Independent was expected to contain some sensational details.

Contrary to general opinion, however, when the afternoon edition of the newspaper did appear, there was little or no comment in reference to the case

beyond the bare outlines of events as given by the police, and so the case dragged on until the day arrived for the trial.

The case was placed in the hands of District Attorney Thompson for the state. He said he was certain of a quick verdict and one which would establish beyond doubt that Hall had met his death at the hands of Bruce Larnigan while the latter was trying to burglarize the house.

Friends of Bruce kept strangely and persistently silent. However, had the movements of Jack Stevens been chronicled in the public press there is no doubt as to the interest which they'd arouse from the man in the street.

"Don't worry, old pal!" Stevens had said on a visit to the cell as Bruce glanced up wearily. "We'll have you out of this with flying colors or my name isn't Stevens."

A crowd packed the courtroom when the trial opened.

The witnesses for the state were called in quick, steady succession and gave the conventional evidence as to the finding of the body, the discovery of the crime and such other details.

It was not until the second day of the trial and the witnesses in rebuttal, summoned by the defense, were placed on the stand that the interest in the case reached fever heat.

The monotone of the court erior called the name of a very prominent physician, a Dr. Jordan.

He quickly took the stand.

"I have made some interesting experiments in connection with this case," Dr. Jordan began. "It is an established scientific fact, your honor, that in cases of violent death the pupil of the victim's eye very often retains a photographic impression of the assailant. I have made certain plates of the retina of Rupert Hall's eyes, and they have been developed with marvelous results." He produced some photographic prints. Counsel for Bruce Larnigan accepted them and addressed the court.

"If you will allow us to call Mrs. Hall to the stand for a moment I fancy that she will be able to identify these pictures."

The judge nodded and a few moments later the black robed figure of the dead man's widow was led to the stand. The lawyer without preamble extended the prints which he held.

"Do you recognize these, madam?" Mrs. Hall hesitated, and her face paled. With a scream she sprang to her feet as the district attorney rushed to catch her faltering form. The next second he likewise crumpled into a chair, for the fear distorted face staring at him from the weird pictures of the dead man's eyes was his own. The evidence from beyond the grave, the evidence on which he had never reckoned, was shrieking out his guilt.

An hour later Bruce Larnigan, again a free man, stepped from the forbidding building with Jack Stevens at his side.

"What will be the next?" the former asked wearily as the two climbed into the car.

[Episode No. 12 Next Week.]

HELP IS OFFERED, and is freely given to every nervous, delicate woman, by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Remember ingredients on label—10 Tablets or Liquid form.

In every "female complaint," irregularity, or weakness, and in every exhausted condition of the female system, the "Prescription" never fails. Bearing-down pains, internal inflammation and ulceration, weak back, and all kindred ailments are completely cured by it. It's a marvelous remedy for nervous and general debility, insomnia, or inability to sleep, Spasms, Convulsions or Fits.

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Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative; two or three are cathartic.

Probable Candidate for the Legislature

R. P. Taylor of the Norton country was in town Monday and while here was strongly solicited to make the race for the office of Representative of this district.

When seen by a Ledger reporter he said that if the people wanted him to run he was ready to make the sacrifice for his country—for a sacrifice it would be—since the compensation is not nearly enough to pay ones actual expenses.

Mr. Taylor will wait awhile before deciding, but says it all depends on the demands of the sovereign voters as to whether or not he makes the race.

The Aches of Horse Cleaning

The pain and soreness caused by bruises, over-exertion and straining during house cleaning time are soothed away by Sloan's Liniment. No need to suffer this agony. Just apply Sloan's Liniment to the sore spots, rub only a little. In a short time the pain leaves, you rest comfortably and enjoy a refreshing sleep. One grateful user writes: "Sloan's Liniment is worth its weight in gold." Keep a bottle on hand, use it against all soreness, Neuralgia and Bruises. Kills pain. 25c at your druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mills came in Tuesday at noon from Tennessee to visit her sister, Mrs. J. A. Freeman and family a few weeks.

Ballinger and Winters Service Line

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

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QUEEN THEATRE

TONIGHT

TODAY'S PROGRAM

"DOLLY'S SCOOP" Rex two reel drama in a newspaper story by Hugh C. Weir, scenarized by Ida May Park, and produced by Joseph DeGrasse, it features that charming actress Louise Loveloy in a most congenial role.

L-KO Comedy Billie Ritchie in Also Universal Animated Weekly.

Tomorrow—Rex Feather feature "Son's of Satan."

Admission 10 CENTS



"You go to your room."

oud report, and Hall sank to the floor without a word. Thompson stooped swiftly over him. Hall was dead!

"What shall we do? What shall we do?" moaned Mrs. Hall, dropping limp into a chair. "Justin, you have killed him!"

"It was his life or mine," said Thompson curtly. He glanced swiftly about him. No one realized better than he the disastrous results if the true facts of the tragedy should be exposed. Without further ceremony he stooped down, altered the position of Hall's body and then bent over the unconscious figure of Bruce Larnigan. When he straightened the smoking revolver which had done Hall to death was clutched in Larnigan's fingers.

Thompson glanced down with a mocking smile at his thin lips.

"You go up to your room," he directed the sobbing woman at his side. "In a few minutes you are to rush down stairs, discover the tragedy and notify the police. They will think that Hall was shot by a burglar."