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WHY NOT BUY--A GOOD BUGGY

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English Want Hasty Death of Irish Rebel Obregon Demands Withdrawal Troops

By United Press
LONDON, April 28.—The British government is sorely disturbed. There is no mistake about this as is proven by the expressions from government officials themselves in commenting today upon the Irish rebellion.

The disturbance in the Dublin vicinity is the greatest crisis since the war began and is causing the British government grave concern.

The public today in and about London is demanding the execution of the Irish rebel, Sir Roger Caseman, who was captured off the British coast, a few days ago as he was attempting to land ammunition supposedly furnished by the German government. That the Irish rebellion is the sole cause of the demands being made on the government for a hasty execution of the rebel is a foregone conclusion.

Although the revolt has not extended farther than the zones marked in yesterday's dispatches, it has become the sole topic of conversation among the British left at home and among government officials who fear the disastrous effect the rebellion will have on the British nation.

In some quarters, however, there is a feeling of optimism over prospects for quelling the insurrection on the arrival of Maj. Gen. John Maxwell, who has been given full disciplinary powers for the extension of the operations and the suppression of the rebellion.

The government, the prime minister has announced, is convinced that the forces now in Ireland and those which arrived today are adequate to deal with the situation.

SEVENTH CASE IN PARR FAMILY.

Miss Florence Parr, the daughter of L. K. Parr, who lives south of Ballinger, is improving from a recent operation for appendicitis in the local sanitarium. This is the seventh case of appendicitis in the Parr family.

Prof. J. N. Key, of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.



TONIGHT

Bessie Learn and Edward Earle in a feature worth while "THE HAND OF THE L.A.W." Tinctured with bright moments, rippled with smiles, all thru three thousand feet of splendid action.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in "THE DECEIVERS"

Vitagraph Comedy Bob Burman, "dare-devil" at San Diego races in—Hearst Vitagraph News Pictorial (Newest Pictures ever shown in Ballinger.)

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KAISER ANXIOUS TO PLEASE AMERICA

GERMAN SUB SUNK AND 18 ARE KILLED

By United Press
LONDON, April 28.—A German submarine while cruising off the British coast early today was sunk by a British war vessel, according to an official announcement made by the war office today.

The crew of eighteen men surrendered when they found their vessel going down under them as a result of a successful English shot.

Miss Lee Plummer, of San Antonio, who had been visiting her uncles, R. P. and B. C. Kirk and her aunt Mrs. W. D. Gregory and family and Ballinger friends the past few weeks returned home Thursday afternoon.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 28.—Kaiser Wilhelm, determined that a reply favorable to the demands of President Wilson in the note dispatched to the German emperor, is believed to have given final instructions to Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg with reference to the wording of the reply to the United States.

This was the opinion ventured

1200 PEOPLE HEARD BRYAN AT ABILENE

1200 people heard W. J. Bryan deliver his peace plea at Abilene last Wednesday. Rain prevented the use of the big tent and the speaking was transferred to the First Baptist church where the crowd, composed mostly of men, listened to the Commoner rap Wilson and his preparedness plans.

Mr. Bryan said he was willing for the country to protect itself against invasion but don't want

in Washington today by German officials, following the announcement that Ambassador Gerard had been requested to confer with the German emperor at the front.

Gerard left last night for the kaiser's military headquarters expecting to reach an amicable solution of the problem which has been nothing less than a crisis in the diplomatic affairs of the American and German governments for the past ten days.

our men killed in Europe. Mr. Bryan made himself clear on the submarine controversy and stated that Americans sailing on belligerent ships in the war zone should not expect the American government to protect them with the life's blood of Americans.

RETURNS HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom returned home Friday at noon from an extended stay at Hot Springs, Ark.

Scott Mack left Thursday afternoon on a short visit and business trip to Comanche.

Ballinger Extends Glad Hand to Norton

TO THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED AT NORTON:

In coming into your progressive little town on this occasion, we represent the fellow-ship feeling that prevails in your county site. We come to you with our splendid band of music makers for sole purpose of strengthening our acquaintance and social relations with you. We are your guests on this occasion because we realize full well that we would find a hearty welcome among the best people to found any where on earth. After spending a short time here we feel sure that you will know us better and that we will know you better.

In planning and carrying out the visit to your splendid community, it is the desire of every one in our party, as well as those we left behind, to make the evening pleasant for you with a musical program by a band that is excelled by no amateur band in Texas. This splendid band is made possible by the liberal hearted merchants of Ballinger, who contribute monthly an amount sufficient to maintain the organization and employ the director to train the musicians, and by the loyal members who furnish their time and talent. We want you to feel tonight that the Ballinger band is your band, and call on them to play anything you want—they can do it.

Our band concert tonight is only a sample of what we have for you in your county site. Our citizens have just subscribed more than \$500 for the purpose of constructing a band stand in your court house park and providing seats for those who come to attend our band concerts. While you did not vote with us, we have put over a proposition that will give you better roads to travel in coming to your county site town, and we extend to you now an invitation to come to our

band concerts. Fill your tank with gasoline, press the button and motor down to the best town in the best county in Texas, and if you are not treated right socially and given a square deal in every business transaction, report the matter to us, and we pledge to expose the knocker in such a way that he will hereafter and forever be looked upon by a progressive citizenship as an undesirable and one not fit to claim fellowship with a band of Villistas.

In the recent good roads campaign it was suggested that the Norton people had not been given a fair deal in the matter of road building and the charge made that the roads in this section of the country would not get their proportionate part of the road fund. We are here tonight to pledge to you our help in seeing that your roads are given the proper attention and that the money raised by the special road tax in your section of the county is spent on the roads in your section of the county, and more. Ballinger naturally pays more taxes than any other part of the county as property valuations are greater in the Ballinger district, and the progressive citizens of Ballinger will see to it that the roads leading from Norton to Ballinger are not neglected when the campaign for road working is launched.

In coming into the Norton community we are made to feel glad by the thought that we are visiting that section of the county that has the honor of being composed of the most law abiding citizens in the county. It is a well known fact that less crime is reported to the courts of this county from the Norton country than from any other section of the county. You are known far and wide for your progressiveness in religious and educational matters. You should feel proud for the fact that Norton supports a greater

number of different religious denomination than any other inland town in the county. Mr. E. E. Davis, of the State University, who recently visited your community, stated in a lengthy report published in this paper, that the Norton school was a credit to the county. Your society is recognized to be the best and your interest in civic matters is pictured in your home surroundings.

As citizens of Ballinger we are glad to claim Norton as an important part of Runnels County. The citizens of the Norton country are doing their part, and doing it well, in making Runnels county a better county. The Norton section is recognized as one of the best agricultural districts in Central West Texas, and the banks and merchants of Ballinger are made better institutions by having the good people of this section as their customers.

Ballinger offers to you her facilities for carrying on your work. If you need financial help the Ballinger bankers will go the full limit in keeping with conservative banking to help you. You will find in Ballinger stocks of merchandise that should make you feel proud of your county site town. In time of help you will find Ballinger merchants liberal in their dealings, and standing four square for the interest of their customers, making good at any and all times the quality of goods they sell, and meeting competition in prices.

It is a pleasure for us to claim for your county site town, one of the most progressive, modern and moral county site towns to be found in Texas. You have helped to make it what it is, and we come to you tonight to express our appreciation and kindest feeling for the interest you have manifested from time to time and for help you have been in developing this county.

THIRD RUSS AUXILLIARY LANDED TO AID FRENCH

By United Press
MARSEILLES, April 28.—Amid cheers from hundreds of persons who crowded around the docks, the third convoy of Russian troops was landed on the French coast today. Their number is not known.

Announcement that the Russians would arrive caused many French women and young girls to flock to the landing place to receive the Russians who are being rushed to the French front in a vigorous endeavor to forestall any plans the Germans may have in the Verdun region.

Mr. and Mrs. Rouse Jeanes, of the Valley creek country, were shopping and visiting in Ballinger Thursday.

By United Press
EL PASO, April 28.—General Obregon, and Gen. Trevino, with their glittering staff, arrived at Juarez today and are ready for a conference with Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston who are due to arrive here this afternoon. The conference will be held tomorrow, but it has not been decided whether the Mexicans will be invited to Juarez, or whether Generals Scott and Funston will cross the river and meet the Mexican generals at Juarez.

Gen. Obregon talked freely following his arrival at Juarez, and asserted that he will make the demand for the immediate withdrawal of the American troops. The Mexican general stated that Villa was not dead, but was in a serious condition as a result of attention after sustaining wounds in vital parts of his body. He also declared that the Villistas had almost entirely been obliterated and the Carrancistas were capable of handling the situation and to prolong the expedition in Mexico would antagonize the Carrancista troops and civilians.

Miss Grace Perry, of San Antonio, who spent the past four months with her sister, Mrs. J. Red Allen, visited San Angelo the past few days before going on to her home.

Mrs. C. R. Crews left Thursday afternoon for Santa Anna to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crews a few days.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK; 124 SAILORS ARE MISSING

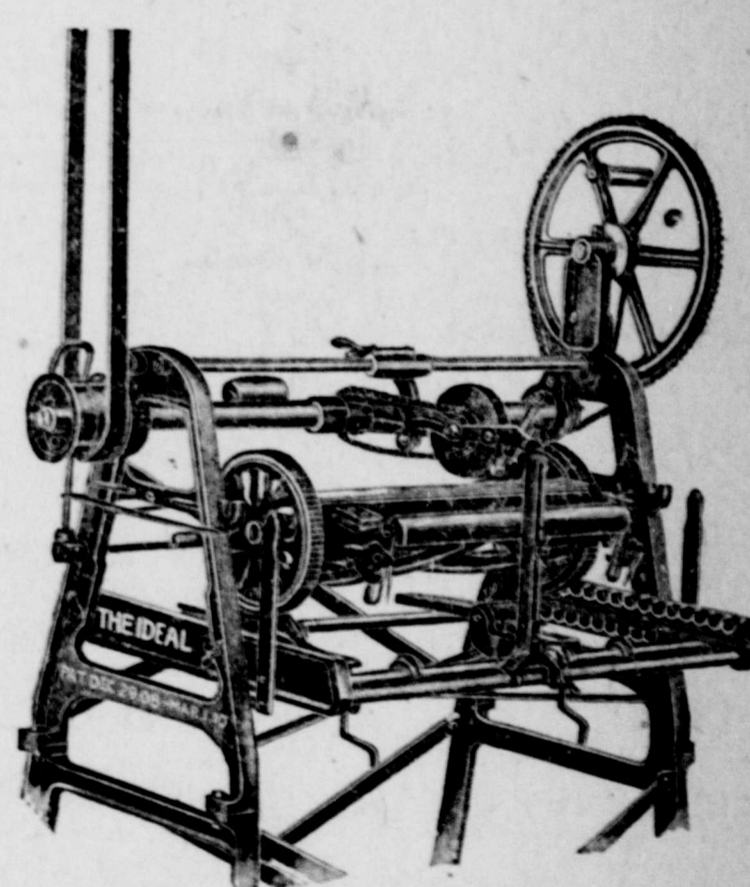
By United Press
LONDON, April 28.—One hundred and twenty-four persons are reported to be missing as a result of the destruction of the British battleship, Russel in the Mediterranean sea early today.

A mine placed in the sea by the central powers is said to be the cause of the terrific explosion which followed the collision with

the battleship.

In admiralty circles here today it is hoped that some of the 124 members of the crew who are missing have gained places of shelter. A diligent search is being made by the British ships plying the sea for missing bodies.

Many have already been recovered.



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

It's picnic season; watch the candidates go.

Why ruin a good auto man by making president out of Ford?

Honesty is the best policy, even in politics.

Bryan's peace thunder may help some in keeping down the rumblings of war.

A prominent citizen of Victoria died digging fish bait. It's dangerous to cut stove wood.

When you stop to think about it, there is not much use in a woman voting. She rules the universe any way.

Our real trouble is with Mexico and not Germany. In fact we have a better standing with the Germans than with the Mexicans.

Oregon says the Villistas are almost entirely obliterated. Only the dead ones Obrey, have been converted into good Mexicans.

The rats are getting even with us for knocking on them so hard. We have only lost twenty-nine chickens in one week.

We will have more confidence in the Kaiser if he will back up his talk by really muzzling the submarines, when they run amuck a bunch of steamers loaded with neutral civilians.

Angelo reported snow falling in that city Thursday. Airship were recently reported sailing over that city, but the snow report beats them all. Perhaps there's a reason.

Swatting the fly should not be looked upon as work, and considered a burden. It should be treated as a pleasant past time and who knows when he kills a fly but what he is saving a life?

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

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The Best Companies
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Your business solicited
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213. See Me.

ELECTRIC HEAD ACCEPTS INVITATION

When it was recently announced that A. E. Fitkin, vice-president of the Interstate Electric Corporation, would visit Ballinger in a few days, the Business League sent Mr. Fitkin a telegram, which read as follows:

A. E. Fitkin,
141 Broadway, N. Y.
The Ballinger Business League extends you a cordial invitation to pay it a social visit while in this section of Texas.
Ballinger Business League.
Mr. Fitkin responded as follows.
"Ballinger Business League,
"Ballinger, Texas.

"Gentlemen—I am in receipt of your telegram of the 24th inst. extending a cordial invitation to pay a social visit to the Ballinger Business League while in Texas, and I hasten to reply and say I shall be very glad to avail myself of this opportunity when next I am in your city.

The Interstate Electric Corporation has been prompted to make an investment in West Texas because of its belief in the future of this section of your State and at the present time it is contemplating spending approximately \$100,000, in addition to its present investment, thereby showing in a practical way the sincerity of its belief in the future of your City and adjacent cities.

We would like to co-operate with your Business League in extending the influence of Ballinger and you can depend upon our earnest and hearty co-operation to that end at any time when we can serve you.

Please accept my thanks for your kind invitation and my assurance of my appreciation for the same.

Hoping to meet you at a very early date and wishing a Bigger, Busier, and Brighter Ballinger, I remain,

Very truly yours,
A. E. FITKIN,
Vice-President.

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.

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Peckham*

MOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN

How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Kept Her Well and Strong.

Lincoln, Illinois.—"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for ten years with good results and I have four healthy children. This summer I was in a very run down condition and the very hot weather seemed more than I could stand, but I commenced taking your Compound in June and from then until September 25th, when my last baby was born, I got along much better than I had before. My baby was a girl and weighed 14 pounds at birth, and I recovered very rapidly which I am sure was due to your medicine. I am well and strong now, nurse my baby and do all my work. I had the same good results with your medicine when needed before my other children came and they are all healthy. My mother has taken your medicine with equal satisfaction. She had her last child when nearly 44 years old and feels confident she never would have carried him through without your help, as her health was very poor."—Mrs. T. F. CLOYD, 1355 North Gulick Ave., Decatur, Ill.



Expectant mothers should profit by Mrs. Cloyd's experience, and trust to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Free confidential advice had by addressing Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

W. E. Puckett, of the Wilmett country, S. D. Williams of Hatchel J. D. Miller and Dr. Mitchel of Norton, Henry Knox, of Coleman and W. S. Maddox of the Valley creek country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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

WATER ENGINEERS VISIT BALLINGER

The Board of Water Engineers of the irrigation department of the State of Texas, visited Ballinger Friday for the purpose of passing on applications made for water. In the party were J. C. Nagle, Joo Wilson, E. B. Gore and W. T. Potter, and two government gaugers whose names we failed to get.

The board held a meeting at the court house Friday afternoon and passed on the application of J. M. Slaughter and J. V. Borders, of the Maverick country, the applications being made for a certain amount of water to be pumped from Oak creek for irrigation purposes.

The board travel through the country in their auto, holding meetings where ever applications are made for water rights. The government gauges visited Ballinger for the purpose of gauging the Colorado River and other streams in this section.

The firm of Demoville Brothers, painters and paper hangers, have an ad in The Daily Ledger bidding for your patronage. The firm is composed of Jim and Bevie Demoville, two of Ballinger's favorite sons.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION CALLED

Under and by virtue of authority vested in me as chairman of the Runnels County Democratic Executive Committee and the laws of the State of Texas, and in accordance with resolutions passed by a meeting of the Runnels County Democratic Executive Committee held in the town of Ballinger on the 22nd day of April A. D., 1916, a county democratic convention is hereby called to be held in the town of Ballinger, in the District Court room at the court house, on the first Tuesday after the first Saturday in May, same being the 9th day of May, 1916, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Democratic Convention, to be held in the City of San Antonio on the 4th Tuesday in May, 1916, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention.

And I further call for primary conventions to be held in each election precinct in Runnels County, such conventions to be held on the first Saturday in May, 1916, being the 6th day of May, 1916, such conventions to be held between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M. at each precinct convention delegates shall be elected to the County Convention herein called, and I direct that each precinct chairman see that each such convention is held and delegates duly elected and accredited to the County Convention.

A. K. DOSS,
Chairman Runnels County Democratic Executive Committee.
C. R. CREWS, Secretary.

POLES PERISHING BY THE MILLIONS

President Wilson has issued an appeal to the American people to send aid to the perishing Poles, and the great musician Paderewski, is at the head of a move to carry relief to his suffering race. A circular sent out by the National American Committee picture the misery in a most indescribable way.

"Conditions are much worse than the worst in Belgium." This is official and it is fact.
Property loss—nine billion dollars.

Poland's young men forced to fight in hostile armies kill each other by thousands.
Homeless, wandering peasants, mostly women and children—7,000,000.

3,500,000 actually starving, death certain and soon unless help ed immediately.

Their only "food"—bark, roots rind and decomposing flesh of horses killed on battlefields.

The Polish Winter is severe. Hundreds are dying daily—from exposure, famine and disease.

Mothers, crazed by suffering from hunger, throw their new born babies in the brush and leave them to die.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take a - other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years' proven relief. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

FATHER DIED.

J. W. E. Meadows received the sad message Thursday night from Mrs. Meadows at Ladonia, stating that her father died at that place Thursday after an operation. Mrs. Meadows left a few days ago to be at the bedside of her father, who was seriously ill and she arrived at his home only a few hours before his death.

The Ledger joins many friends of the family in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives in this hour of bereavement.

Feed and Groceries.
Fresh ear of feed for hogs, horses and cattle. I have put in for Scroggins & Son to sell and deliver this feed, at prices to move it. He will be able also to sell you groceries as cheap as any house in the city.

I. N. ROARK,
Phone 52.
On 7th Street by Ballinger State Bank. 27-2:d

Mrs. Ed P. Eason and baby of Winters, passed through Ballinger Thursday afternoon en route home from a visit to relatives, at San Angelo.

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 11th District:

WALACE E. HAWKINS.

For County Clerk:

W. C. McCAIRVER.

C. C. COCKRELL.

H. G. SECREST.

A. L. SPANN.

For Tax Assessor:

C. C. SCHUCHARD.

T. H. CURRY.

JOE TURNER.

WILLIE STEPHENS.

H. O. RHODES.

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:

E. L. HAGAN.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1:

E. C. MOOR.

R. P. KIRK.

R. W. (Bob) GILLIAM.

W. G. Allen and son R. W., of Wingate, Claude Little, Earl Clinger, H. E. Petty and J. P. Huffaker, of the Maverick country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Friday.

Colds Quickly Relieved.
Many people cough and cough—from the beginning of Fall right through to Spring. Others get cold after cold. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you will get almost immediate relief. It checks your cold, stops the racking, rasping, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take. Antiseptic and Healing. Get a 50 cents bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. "It is certainly a great medicine and I keep a bottle of it continually on hand" writes W. C. Jesseman, Francoia, N. H. Money back if not satisfied.

Mrs. S. D. Williams, of Hatchel passed through Ballinger Friday en route to Edeth, Coke county, where she will organize a Woodmen Circle Saturday.

THE JACKSON DAIRY

WILL JACKSON, Proprietor.

Will deliver milk to any part of the city
Good Milk, Good Service, Prompt Deliveries
A. S. are of Your Patronage Solicited.

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Feed the Cow that Feeds You.

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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Grocer and Baker
'Phones 93 and 94



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?

No.
It is the robber's business to learn who keeps money hidden, and he will kill you, if he must, to steal. Be a careful man.

Make Our Bank Your Bank
...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
MEMBER OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM



**Insist
On This**

"I have used **K C BAKING POWDER** for a great many years and have yet to experience a failure in baking with it.

"I believe in the **"safety first"** idea and am sure of best results when I use **K C**.

"Yes, I have used others, higher priced powders too, but have always gone back to the old reliable."

KG BAKING POWDER

is always sure to give satisfactory results. For *good, wholesome* foods use **K C**—insist on getting it.

25 Ounces for 25c
(More than a pound and a half for a quarter)

Tried Today for Criminally Libeling George Washington.

Tacoma, Wash., April 28.—Charged with criminally libeling George Washington, Paul R. Haffer, socialist, went to trial today. In a newspaper letter he alleged Washington drank and swore.

Colonel A. E. Joab, local attorney, filed the complaint, saying that as Washington was the "father of his country" all Americans were his children and any of them had a right to demand redress for insults directed at their national parent.

Defense Counsel Pendleton re-

plied that if this were logical reasoning, Adam was the father of all men, and anyone could start criminal proceedings if some person maligned Adam.

The court said Adam had no standing in law and ordered Haffer held.

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

If you don't think we can put out a suit now on time, try me. ROARK, The Tailor. 3tdpd

PROMINENT NEWS-PAPER MAN HERE.

F. A. Scott, until recently business manager of Kalamity's Harpoon, and formerly associated with the Austin Statesman, is a visitor to Ballinger today. Mr. Scott had been out on the Pecos on a business trip and stopped off while en route home to see his friend and former neighbor, Express Agent Stokes.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Watch the Fords Go By.

CAN'T BORROW CASH ON CITY SCRIPT

The city council has been blocked in its plan to borrow cash with which to carry on certain improvements in the city's affairs. In a ruling from the attorney general, and also upon advice of a prominent attorney for the bonding companies in this state, it has developed that it is illegal for the council to contract debts that can't be cared for out of the general fund set aside for the current expenses of the city. In other words the running expenses of the city must be provided for out of the annual revenue derived from taxes, and after that the city has a legal right to appropriate the surplus for any other purpose they see fit, and if the general fund is sufficient to take care of the expenses of carrying on the regular work of the city, and at the same time create a surplus the city can issue script to cover the surplus.

According to this ruling the contract recently made for a loan of \$14,000 with which to take care of certain debts and buy a fire truck, becomes of no avail, and the council must resort to some other plan. The city has outstanding obligations that are pressing, and it is an admitted fact that improvements are needed badly in the fire fighting department, but it takes money and lots of it to put over the two problems.

The question of taking over the light plant and the sewerage system looms up as a big proposition when the question of financing the municipal owned utilities is considered. As to just what action the council will now take on the matter is not known.

The Interstate Electric Co., officials, owners of the local light and power plant, are expected to visit Ballinger within a few days, and they will probably make some announcement that will interest the local citizens. It is the intention of the company to supply current from one power house to this and other towns, and those who are opposed to the city buying the light plant claim that such arrangements will give the city cheaper lights and power, and point to the success of such arrangements at other places, where the Texas Light & Power Co. are serving the public.

The sewerage system already in operation in this city would be of greater service to the city if the people would connect with it. The law governing such matters is not enforced and this leaves unsanitary places in the most thickly settled part of the city. It is claimed that if the city owned the sewerage the people living within a certain distance of the mains could be forced to connect with the main, and thereby the city would be made more sanitary.

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.

"KU KLUX CLAN" BILL FOR TONIGHT

C. J. Carey, of Murphy's Comedians, said this morning, "We had the best crowd of the week last night, and expect a larger crowd tonight when we will present the "Ku Klux Klan" in four acts.

The local band is sharing in the receipts of the Murphy shows and the band is realizing a neat little sum which the band boys expect to put to a good use.

Saturday afternoon Murphy's Comedians will give a matinee, starting promptly at three o'clock and will present "The Little Girl from Tennessee." Ten cent prices will prevail for the matinee, but there will be no reduction in the entertainment furnished by the clever company of players.

For Your Child's Cough.

If your child has a cold, nose runs or coughs much get a small bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Its pleasant Pine-Tar-Honey syrup, just what children like and just the medicine to soothe the cough and check the cold. After taking, children stop fretting sleep good and are soon entirely well. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c at your druggist.

Watch the Fords Go By.



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A trifling act of hospitality was to prove his salvation and Seagru's undoing. Having seen that the punch bowl was nearly empty he excused himself and stepped into the next room to summon a maid to refill it. The door of this room—a breakfast room—opening on the garden, stood, for the evening, ajar. The maid, reaching up on the sideboard for a napkin, when Storm spoke to her, let it fall from her hand as she turned. The white square of linen, partly unfolded, fluttered to the ground.

Where she stood, the maid could not be seen from Ward's hiding place in the garden. Only the figure of Storm beside her was visible and the highwayman mistook his figure for Seagru's. When the napkin fluttered to the floor, Ward, mistaking it for the handkerchief, watched intently the two silhouetted figures in the conservatory.

Seagru, at Helen's side, rose to his feet. Two shots rang through the night air. Seagru, stricken, clutched his heart. With a ghastly expression he looked at Helen. And as she screamed, he clutched at his heart again and fell headlong to the floor.

Helen's frantic cries brought a crowd to the conservatory doors. Storm, nearest at hand, held back the others and entered the room first. He turned, lifted Seagru from the floor and asked for a doctor. Helen, half hysterical, told where the shots had come and Storm, followed by her, ran out into the garden.

The murderers had made good their escape. Hurrying to where their machine was hidden, they jumped into it and started at breakneck speed for Oceanside. It was Spike's keen ear that detected the faint lum of their motor. "They're making their getaway in a car," he cried. "If we are to get them, we've got to work quick."

Commandeering the first car parked in the driveway and accompanied by Helen and Storm, Spike drove rapidly down the highway after the fleeing taxicab. No lights were visible on it, but some moonlight made it possible to follow the murderers accurately.

Below the bridge at Signal, the highway, turning sharply, crossed the railroad. It is a sharp crossing and the signals were ringing for the Oceanside express when Ward and Adams, looking behind at the headlights of Spike's car, saw they were hotly pursued. They opened fire with their revolvers on the pursuing car, but Helen, Storm and Spike, keeping under cover as best they could, did not slacken speed. The criminals thus pressed, saw there was a chance to put the railroad crossing between them and their pursuers. The express was close upon them, but desperate men cannot be choosers. Ward took a chance. Crowding his machine to the limit, he tried for the crossing ahead of the train. The engineer seeing a collision unavoidable, checked his train heavily. It was too late. The engine was almost on the taxicab and the next instant the pilot, striking it squarely in the middle, threw the heavy limousine fifty feet in the air. When Helen, Storm and Spike reached the spot, the engineer was backing down to investigate the catastrophe.

Lanterns and searchlights were brought into play where the moon left the landscape in shadow. Adams' body was found in a borrow pit. The shock had killed him. Ward, flung against a tree, lay at the foot of it, mutilated beyond recognition.

In Helen's conservatory, a doctor bent over Seagru, but the wretched victim of his own criminal intent lay quite dead.

The sun rose happily after the events of that tragic night. It rose nowhere on two people more grateful for their escape from assassination than Helen and Storm. Within the following week the guests of that night, had they been gifted with vision, might have seen Spike seated, book in hand, in the garden, reading an account of a marriage ceremony. In it, surrounded by her friends and given away by her foster uncle, Amos Rhineland, Helen had become the wife of George Storm. (THE END.)

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SYNOPSIS.

Mary Page, actress, is accused of the murder of James Pollock and is defended by her lover, Philip Langdon. Pollock was intoxicated. At Mary's trial she admits she had the revolver. Her maid testifies that Mary threatened Pollock with it previously, and Mary's leading man implicates Langdon. How Mary disappeared from the scene of the crime is a mystery. Brandon tells of a strange hand print he saw on Mary's shoulder. Further evidence shows that horror of drink produces temporary insanity in Mary. The defense is "repressed psychosis." Witnesses described Mary's flight from her intoxicated father and her father's suicide. Nurse Walton describes the kidnapping of Mary by Pollock.

STAGE ASPIRATIONS

NOT since the famous trial that sent the expression "brain storm" spinning down through the years, has the testimony of an alienist so greatly stirred an excited world as did the phrase "Repressed Psychosis," with which Dr. Foster summed up the temporary insanity of Mary Page.

It spread through the court and the throngs in the corridor; it sped over the telephone wires to the waiting newspapers of the city. It even reached the zenith of publicity and became the inspiration of the cartoonists, but all this was after that day when Dr. Foster, once more upon the witness-stand, told with technical brevity of how prenatal influence, increased by fear and suffering, re-acted upon the delicate brain tissues under the strain of a great shock.

Much of what he said was entirely unintelligible to the excited audience. It was therefore with a little rustling sigh of relief that they heard Langdon abruptly change his line of questioning and say:

"How long after the night at Dr. Zellar's sanatorium did Miss Page remain in your hospital?"

"It was nearly three weeks before she was able to go, and even then it was with some trepidation that I consented to her leaving."

"Did you fear a return of—her illness?"

"Yes. I knew that excitement or a nervous strain of any sort would have

an injurious effect, and I warned both Mrs. Page and Mr. Langdon to protect her as much as possible."

"Dr. Foster, did you ever see James Pollock after the night he took Miss Page to Zellar's?"

"Yes. I saw him again on the day when Miss Page left my sanatorium."

"Will you tell us the circumstances of that second meeting, please?"

"Miss Page and her mother and Mr. Langdon were just about to leave, in order to take a train to New York when Mr. Pollock drove up to the sanatorium in his motor. I was very indignant at his daring to come to the hospital after what had occurred, and asking the Pages and Mr. Langdon to go into my office and wait, I went to the door myself and peremptorily ordered Mr. Pollock to leave the grounds. He refused to go, saying that he had something of great importance to say to Miss Page. He would not, he said, ask to see her alone, but it was his right to see her if he wished, because their engagement had not been broken. I felt that in the circumstances it was

best to let him see Miss Page and receive his dismissal. So I took him into the office."

"Did Miss Page show any distress at sight of him?"

"Yes. She gave a little cry almost of fear and clung to her mother, and would not answer his greeting."

"What did Mr. Pollock say?"

"He said, 'You have no reason to shrink from me like that, Mary. At worst what I have done has been because I loved you. You have promised to marry me, and so far that promise has not been taken back, and now I have come to know what you are going to do. It seems to me that we ought to be married at once—as—as—I have information that your father's death has left you—without—well, without the comforts that I will be glad to give you. I have waited for three weeks for some word from you, and now I have come to claim my fiancée!'"

"Did Miss Page reply?"

"Yes. She went up to him boldly and said without any signs of nervousness of the moment before, 'If I have not taken back my promise, James, it is because I have been too ill to think of it. But I do take it back now. I will never marry you so long as I live, and I never want you to speak to me again. I detest you, and since you can no longer harm my father, the reason for my promise to you is gone. That is all I have to say. Good-bye.' At that Pollock got very white and said hoarsely, 'Does that mean that you are going to marry Langdon?' 'It means,' she said, 'that after what has happened I shall never marry anyone. We are going to New York, where I hope to secure a position.'"

"Did Mr. Pollock show any surprise at that?"

"No, but he was obviously chagrined. And then I interfered and reminded Mrs. Page that they would miss their train if there was any further delay, and they left, Pollock driving away in his machine almost directly back to them."

"Did Miss Page seem calm and collected?"

"Yes, outwardly; but there was a look in her eyes that made me fearful for her future, and her hands had resumed their nervous twitching when I put her into the automobile."

"It made me realize that the great influence to fear for her was Pollock, and it is my decided opinion that if, as I have heard, he continued to persecute the defendant, the result would—"

"I object," stormed the District Attorney, leaping to his feet. "Dr. Foster's last assertion that the defendant's mental ailment was aggravated through the continued persecution of James Pollock, is hearsay evidence, and a direct maligning of a dead man."

"I sustain that objection," said the judge sternly, adding to the doctor, "You must restrict yourself to answering questions, Dr. Foster. Let the answer be stricken out from the words, 'into the automobile.'"

The doctor, a flush of annoyance on his face, turned questioning toward Langdon.

"No more questions," said Langdon. But the prosecutor had. He got to his feet with the alacrity of a fighting man going into battle. With a tongue steeped in vitriol he attacked the testimony of the alienist; he held Mary Page up as a hysterical girl who had sought notoriety; he flung doubt upon the possibility of a "temporary" mental derangement, but though he tortured Mary until with shuddering horror she sank forward in her chair, her hands pressed against her ears to shut out the sound of his voice, he could not shake the smiling imperturbability of Dr. Foster.

Cross examination meant nothing to the latter, and much as he regretted the strain upon the pitiful little prisoner, he really enjoyed pitting his power against that of the prosecutor.

So his answers came with cool deliberation, and a hint of insolence that won the admiration of the spectators who were divided between zest in the stirring battle and pity for Mary. But it was the sympathy that came uppermost.

At last, unable to bear any longer the brutal wrangle over her sanity, Mary leaped to her feet, a little moaning cry of protest wrung from her white lips. Langdon was at her side in an instant, his hands drawing her down into her chair again, his lips whispering encouragement and comfort, till she smiled up at him—a wavering, pathetic little smile.

To the prosecutor in his present savage humor it seemed a carefully planned bit of by-play, yet he could so plainly see its effect upon the jury, and could read so clearly the antagonism growing in their eyes when they looked at him, that with an abrupt shrug he swung upon his heel and sat down with a curt, "That's all."

That released Dr. Foster, and sent him back triumphantly to the witness-room. There were two newcomers

there now, a sweet-faced matronly looking woman of middle age, rather old-fashioned in her dress, and a young girl of about twenty-five who was divided between nervous fears and youthful zest. She was destined to be the next witness, and Dr. Foster smiled involuntarily when he saw her. Most people smiled at Amy, for that matter, for she was bubbling over with youth and laughter, but for all that, her gale was backed up by the shrewdness of the modern girl who fights her own battles promptly and successfully.

Her tailored suit and soft blouse open at the throat were smartly cut, and her hat was a hint daring in its shape and the way it was tilted over her little nose, and when the bailiff called her name, "Miss Amy Barton," her agitation led her to tip it at an even more dangerous angle as she tried to powder her nose and kiss her mother at the same time.

"I'm scared blue!" she confided to the other witnesses in a shaky voice. "A first night is a cinch to this. What do I have to say?"

"You have only to answer questions," said Dr. Foster, "and there is really nothing to be frightened about."

"I suppose not," she answered as she went through the door, "but I wouldn't care anyway. I'd go be hanged if it would help Mary."

Under the careless words there was a sudden deeper note of sincerity, and the moment she was on the stand she turned to the judge and said:

"I do not know what I am supposed to do, your Honor, but I want to tell you right here, that Mary Page is the best and the bravest and the truest girl in the whole wide world."

For the first time the judge smiled; then he leaned forward and said kindly:

"The Court appreciates your admiration for the prisoner, but you must confine your remarks, while on the stand, to the answers to questions which will be asked you."

"Oh, yes, I was told that," she answered readily. "But I forgot." Then turning to Langdon she added cheerily, "Fire away, Mr. Langdon, I'm all ready."

A little gust of laughter rippled through the court. Then Langdon, coming close to the witness stand, said quietly:

"Miss Barton, you know the defendant, Mary Page, do you?"

"Why, of course I do, you goat!" she answered with a bubbling laugh that found an echo in the room. But Langdon frowned, and his voice was more harsh as he said, "Please answer yes, or no, and remember that if you want to aid Miss Page, you must make your answers short and to the point. Now will you please tell the court just when and how you first met Miss Page?"

"It was some years ago, and she and her mother came to our apartment with a note from Cousin Alice Cowes, who lived in New Town. Cousin Alice had sent them to us because she knew we had an extra room we wanted to rent, and she thought that I could help Mary land a job."

"What sort of—or—position?"

"In the merry-merry—that is, on the stage. I'd been across the foots myself for a couple of seasons and Cousin Alice said Mary wanted to become an actress and thought I could show her how to make the rounds. It's a tough proposition getting a job in New York with no friends and no pull."

"Will you tell the court, please, Miss Barton, about the first position secured by Miss Page and of the events that led up to it?"

"Well, it just happened that the day Mary hit the big town I had a date with Webster, the real boss of the musical comedies. Of course he isn't the sort that you'd want to send your little sister from the country to see, but too much hedging don't go in the show business worth a whoop. You've got to trust to a sharp tongue and a hat-pin till you show them where they get off, and once they're wise, they treat you all right. Webster was like that, but if he promises you a part he plays fair, so I never was afraid to buck his office-boy even on a busy day. So off we went."

"I had an appointment with the old man, but he was scrapping with one of his 'romantic leads'—you could hear them clear out to the front hall—and it was a long time before I could persuade his little cherubus to go in and tell him I was waiting. At any rate, he came out at last blowing blasts of red fire after the actor—and then he saw Mary. Talk about lions and lambs! Why, he purred when he saw her, and he was so sweet to me I almost got a leading lady's contract out of him before he woke up, and began to ask me questions about Mary. Then he tried to kiss her and I put an inch or so of my hat pin in his arm just above the elbow. Mary and I beat it while the going was good, and Mary was so upset we decided to go right home instead of calling on any of the other

managers. That was how we happened to run into Jim Pollock."

"Where did you meet Mr. Pollock?"

"Oh, he was on the job at the apartment when we got home. Playing the lumbie but persistent swain—wanted to lay his fortune at her feet and give her a life of gilded ease. He pleaded all that sort of soft-music stuff, and told her she didn't realize how cruel the world was to a girl (men always say that) and how she would suffer to see her mother growing old and lacking the comforts she could not earn for her. Then he pulls out his wallet and taps it, saying, 'All that I have is yours, Mary, even if you don't marry me.' Business of soft music!"

"Were you in the room while this was going on?"

"No," she answered, winning a gale of laughter from the court-room, "but you can't brush your teeth in a New York apartment without the people in the next door flat hearing you, and everything that Mary said or Jim Pollock said, might as well have been shouted through a megaphone."

"Did Miss Page seem touched by Mr. Pollock's offer?" said Langdon, repressing a smile with difficulty.

"No, she stood up to him spunkily and told him flat where he got off. 'I'm going to get work,' she said, 'but even if I didn't my mother and I would never accept any help from you. I have only one thing to ask, and that is that you leave her at once and do not come again.' He came out in the hall where I had the door all nicely opened for him. I told him sweetly that I'd opened it for him to get out, but I'd be shot before it ever opened to let him in again. I ran back to the sitting-room, to find Mary in a dead faint. It was such a long time before she came round, and then she was so dazed and terrified that we were all scared to death, and I swore a solemn vow then and there that I'd be the busiest little stage mother and chaperon and advice giver to Mary that any girl ever had."

Her voice suddenly trembled, and the quick tears filled her eyes as, turning to Mary, she cried eagerly:

"And, Mary, I've kept my word. Haven't I?"

Mary nodded, smiling through her own tears, and the spectators who throughout the breezy testimony of the young actress had been in gales of laughter, suddenly sobered. They saw the brave heart under the butterfly exterior, and realized the wisdom and the goodness behind the vulgar words.

Langdon, seeing the judge frown at this shattering of legal precedent, asked his next question quickly.

"You and Miss Page did secure positions in the same company, did you not?"

"Oh, yes, in 'The Blue Feather.' Mary took to it like a duck to water, and made a bit with the stage man-

over and took Mary's hand in both of his and said, 'Please be glad, Mary. I heard that Pollock had gone into business here and I worried so about you, I felt I had to come. Let me be your friend and protector, even if I can't be anything more, won't you, Mary?' 'Oh, but you oughtn't to give up your practice, Phil,' she said, beginning, just like a woman, to kick against the thing that pleased her most. 'You—you—may not like it here.' But he laughed at that, and they began to talk so much that I got worried and butted in by reminding Mary that she was an actress now and had to hustle. Then Mr. Langdon had to be told all about it, and the result was we had to run three blocks to get in at the stage door before they began to keep tabs on



"Mary lights all the lamps in her eyes."

the late comers. Mr. Langdon was to go with mother and Mrs. Page, and I soon spotted them up in the balcony, for the management doesn't hand out boxes for the families of its front row of the chorus, but in one of the boxes I did see a familiar face—that of Pollock. He was all gotten up in soup and fish, but he was alone, and I could see that he was taking Mary all in, and then some. Mary had told me a lot about him, and the piker way he'd acted, and she'd also told me a lot about Mr. Langdon, so I decided that I wouldn't put her wise to the fact that Pollock was there, but would let her play to the balcony, which she did. She was so pretty and so happy that she got a silly song over big, and even the tenor had the decency to make her go on and take a curtain with him. Everybody just made a fuss over her till Mary fairly cried, she was so happy. And the part that seemed to please her most was that she had seen Langdon applauding his hands off up stairs."

"Did you join your mother and Mrs. Page after the show?" interrupted Langdon warningly.

"That was the big idea," she said. "But it hit the rocks, for when Mary and I hustled into our glad rags and started for the door we bumped squarely into the stage manager and Mr. Pollock—the latter all done up to kill, even to a top hat. 'Oh, Miss Page, sings out Ecky (that's the manager) 'here's a gentleman from your home town, that wants to take you out to supper and see you home in a buzz wagon.' He laughed nastily as he spoke, and I could feel Mary's hand go cold as ice as she grabbed mine and says, 'I have no desire to take supper with Mr. Pollock, either now or at any other time to come, Amy.' But that made old Ecky sore, so he began to roar like a bull and shouts, 'What's this? Are you crazy? But Pollock interrupted him—there was a quick business of being hurt to the heart; the misunderstood soul—and the chivalry stunt was pulled off without a break. Then he says, 'Miss Page is quite within her rights. I do not wish an unwilling guest. Perhaps my moment of renewing her acquaintance was inopportune,' and he stalks away for all the world like the heavy in the third act. But old Ecky was up in the air, and he began rowing Mary for fair. He told her, the dog, that it was her beauty, not her talent, that 'got the house,' and added, 'It's your business here to be civil to your admirers and go to supper when they ask you. If you're goin' to ride a high horse I've got no use for you in this show.'"

"Did Miss Page answer him?"

"No, I think she was too horrified, and old Ecky, thinkin' that silence meant consent, told her to stay there till he brought Mr. Pollock back. The minute his back was turned I gave Mary the cue to get away quick, but we didn't have to, for just then Mr. Langdon came in, and we beat it for him. We didn't have time to tell him what had happened before old Ecky came back with Mr. Pollock and they both stopped short when they saw Mr. Langdon with us, and then Mr. Pollock draws out, 'You see this Miss Page is not so virtuous as she pretends. She's not even particular in her choice—everybody knows that.' He must have intended us to hear, but what he didn't give any high sign for, was for Mr. Langdon to make a jump and grab him by the throat, shouting that he'd have to eat his words or he'd kill him. Old Ecky is deathly afraid of a fight and began to holler for the stage crew, but I got out my little old trusty hat-pin and promised anybody that came near two or three inches of it, so the men just stood around swearing and grinning behind their hands till Mr. Pollock was licked to a standstill and asked Mr. Langdon to let up. Then Mr. Langdon ordered him out of the theatre, and he—went! But while he was on his way I'd spied a pen and some ink on the prompt desk, and



"She told him flat where he got off."

ger before he'd got through calling the rest of us all the names in his vocabulary. So when it came to one bit where the fat tenor had to choose a girl out of the chorus to sing an encore with him, Mary got the chance, and made good, too. But that was afterwards."

"Well, suppose you tell us what occurred on the day 'The Blue Feather' opened?"

"Oh, the day was the same as any other opening day. We'd rehearsed half the night and started in at eight thirty in the morning, and we were all tired to death and wished we were dead. It's always like that a few hours before the overture on an opening night, so Mary and I were mighty glad to slip out home and rest an hour before going back to make up. We didn't dare stay long, though, for being late is the worst sin in the box at a show-ship, so it was round about seven when we got on our lids and were ready to beat it back. Just when we were leaving, though, mother came running in and said, 'Oh, Mary, Philip Langdon is here and he wants to see you just a minute before you leave.' At that Mary lights all the lamps in her eyes, and went into the sitting-room with me a close second."

"Mr. Langdon was there talking to Mrs. Page and when we came in she called out, 'Mary, Philip has given up his practice in New Town and has come here to live.' At that he came

made Mary write out our joint nation which we handed to old with business of much pomp as as the stage crew had gone to work. It was a knockout for old You see, he knew Mary had a hit, and that the show had go good, and to have to train in tw recruits for our parts before the night; was some job. So he turns the soft soap, but we beat it to the door, and Mr. Langdon marched to Ecky and hands him his card calmly. 'These girls are quite in their rights because of wh. happened. Added to which I stand that you told Miss Page y not need her if she wouldn't the attentions of men obnoxious. Well, I'm a lawyer and I'll look their interests. You can send my torney to me at any time.'

"So we got away and went jobless but happy. Of course we told them at home Mrs. Pa. Mary must give up her stage, but she was too spunky for that."

"She said no, that the mistake made was in getting a chorus job that if I was willing we might, some small road company and our way up in the 'drama.' I have followed Mary any place, said I was on, and we even talk Langdon down before he left."

"That is all, thank you, Mr. Langdon," said Langdon with a smile she finished, and Amy, looking bewildered, asked the judge coldly:

"What do I do now, your Honor?"

"You answer a few questions," said the prosecutor with a sweetness. "Miss Barton, you very good actress, are you not?"

"Go ask my press agent!" answered pertly; and he flushed.

"Well, at any rate you can't be convincing in saying things—let it reciting lines—that have not do with events that really ha can't you? Especially in a sym role?"

"If you're trying to put a across," she said slowly, "you to the wrong shop. I took t and I don't swear to tell the tr then lie. I'm an actress, not tr."

A burst of laughter swept tl and the judge's gavel came sharply, though the corners mouth twitched as he said to

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"I am," she replied imperi and the prosecutor flushed as sharply:

"Isn't it true that you s would do anything in the work, Mary Page?"

"Isn't it true that you're d erving in the world to ruin?"

"That is not answering n tion," roared the prosecutor, contempt of court—you have tell the truth—tell it."

"Tell it to a policeman!" Amy. "I have told the t whole truth and nothing but t and there isn't any more to t you'll let me tell you what p ness I think you have for th show."

"Silence!" roared the judge prosecutor in unison, and n



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The orchestra will give for the main program number the symphony, "From the New World," by Dvorak. The symphony was written by the great Bohemian composer, on the occasion of his visit to America, and is founded on negro folk music.

A great massed chorus of 400 voices, directed by Sam S. Losh, will sing with the orchestra on the program. This chorus is the largest and best trained that has ever been gathered in the city, and it is able to create an inspiring volume of tone. The chorus will sing, "Hail, Bright Abode," from Wagner's opera, "Tannhauser" and the "Inflammatus" from Rossini's "Stabat Mater."

Miss Cochran will sing an aria from Puccini's "Madame Butterfly." Mr. Dadman will give the "nor aria," "Vision Française," from Massenet's "Herodinde."

The program will be the most elaborate given in Fort Worth during the entire season. It will take the place of a May festival.

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ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CONCERN CHURCH

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The social and economic problems of the world, no less than the spiritual, fling a challenge to Christianity which it must meet in the fearless and humanitarian spirit of its Founder, Raymond Robbins of Chicago declared today in a speech to the Men's National Missionary congress.

Without forgetting the Master's injunction to "Preach the Gospel to every creature," the Church must remember that its mission calls a courageous stand for economic justice to even the lowliest, said Robbins.

He told of the need for a powerful champion he had found among the tenements and slums of Chicago.

Other speakers pointed out that the mission movement would greatly benefit if the financiers back of it would work through the commercial interests they have in the non-Christian world.

TO SPEAK AT BALLINGER.

Hon. Pat Neff, of Waco, one of the most prominent men in public life in Texas, will speak at the Carnegie Library in Ballinger next Saturday night. The lecture will be in the interest of the Modern Woodmen, and will be free. Every one is invited to hear this man.

MODERN WOODMEN.

I now have employed an expert alteration man, who can handle anything in this line. W. H. W. H. ROARK, The Tailor 313rd 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.

REV. DAVIDSON HERE SUNDAY.

Rev. R. R. Rives, who is conducting a revival at Santa Anna, reports that Rev. T. W. Davidson, who recently conducted a revival here, will be here Sunday and preach at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church at both the morning and evening hour.

SAN ANGELO MOURNS DEATH OF WOOTEN

In the death of Prof. W. W. Wooten, superintendent of schools of Runnels County, which occurred in San Angelo last evening a shadow of sadness is cast over the memory of the recent inter-scholastic contests which took place in this city, and to which Prof. Wooten was journeying when suddenly stricken. In the prime of life, he had but just fairly launched the progressive policies for the upbuilding of the rural school system in his home county. He will be missed.—San Angelo Standard.

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ON THE CITIZEN'S PART IN GOVERNMENT.



A large part of mankind still regard government as something quite apart from the main business of life—something which is undoubtedly necessary to enable them to attend to their business, but only incidental or accessory to it—a function to be performed by some one else with whom they have little or no concern, as the janitor of an apartment house, whom somebody or other has hired to keep out thieves and keep the furnace running. In reality, government is an essential part in every act of all this wide range of human activity. If it is bad, ruin comes to all; if it is good, success comes according to capacity and courage. The fairest and most fertile parts of the earth have been for centuries wilderness and desert because of bad government; not only lands capable of supporting multitudes in comfort and prosperity, but lands that have actually done so in the past, are today filled with wretchedness and squalor, with ignorance and vice, because of bad government; while under good government, industry and comfort flourish on the most sterile soil and under the most vigorous climate.

Men may leave all this part of the business of life to others and treat it as no concern of theirs; men may voluntarily elect to play no part in the control of the affairs which make up their daily life and to play no part in the working out of the great questions upon which the prosperity of their country, the future of their children, and the welfare of the race depend; but then, or that they are leading free and independent lives. Abstention is impossible under the conditions of modern life and modern popular government. Men must either govern or be governed; they must take part in the control of their own lives, or they must lead subject lives, helplessly dependent in the little things and great things of life upon the will and power of others.

After many centuries of struggle for the right of equality there is some reason to think that mankind is now entering upon a struggle for the right of inequality. It remains to be seen how democracy will work under these new conditions. Another lesson the experience of popular government has already made plain is that the art of self-government does not come to men by nature. It has to be learned; facility in it has to be acquired by practice. The process is long and laborious; for it is not merely a matter of intellectual appreciation, but chiefly of development of character. At the base of all popular government lies individual self-control; and that requires both intelligence and a willingness to do justice.

Some races appear to be incapable of combining in the support of a common political ideal beyond a certain point. The races that have this capacity to the highest degree persist and rule the world; the people that have it to a low degree lose their national entity and cease to govern.



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YOUNG MAN SUSTAINS BADLY BROKEN ARM.

Finney Franklin, the 17-year-old son of J. M. Franklin, living five miles northeast of Winters sustained a badly broken elbow joint Tuesday when a horse he was attempting to ride threw him with the result that the joint was so badly crushed that the attending physician fears the joint will be permanently stiff.—Winters Enterprise.

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LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE OFFERED GOOD JOB.

In a private letter to his brother Dallas, Wallace Hawkins who is Winters' candidate for the legislature, writes that he has been offered the position as superintendent of the Dublin Public Schools at a salary of \$1,600 per year.

When it is considered that Wallace is hardly 21 years of age and that he has been teaching only two years, it can better be appreciated just how well he is meeting the expectations of his friends here and elsewhere.

This is not advising Wallace, but if the choice was up to us as between handling the Dublin school or representing the district in the legislature, we would come to the conclusion that the Dublin school needed us and that there were plenty others to sacrifice themselves on the altar of their country at Austin.—Winters Enterprise.

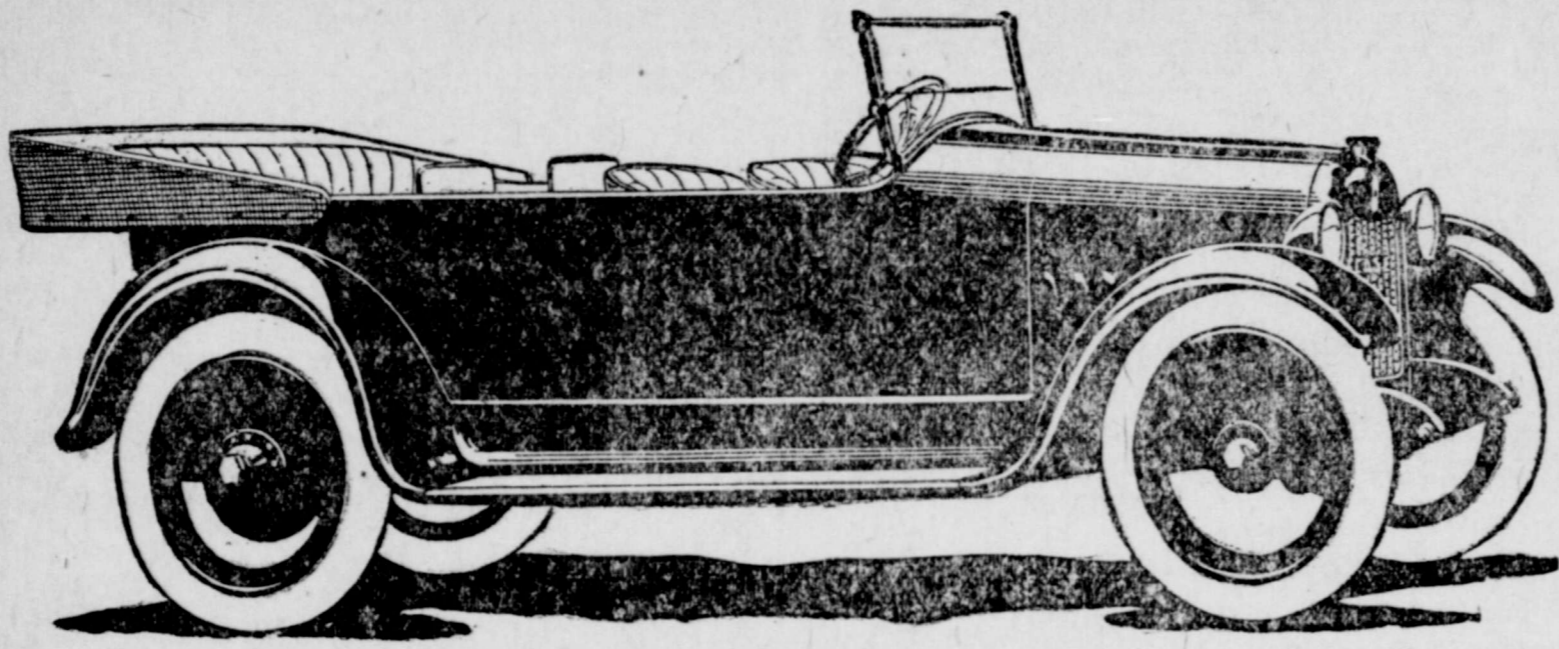
E. C. Henniger, of the Winters country and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Block and Frank Block of the Olfm country, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to San Antonio on a short visit.

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MARBLE FALLS BANK ROBBERS ARRESTED

The readers of this paper are fresh in memory of the robbery of the bank at Marble Falls about a year ago, and the murder of an employee of the bank, all of which occurred shortly after noon while business was being carried on as usual.

It will also be remembered that parties were detained in Ballinger and held as suspects several months ago, and later released, after the authorities failing to identify them. Later two men were arrested at Wichita Falls and tried for the robbery, at least held for some time and just before going to trial were released.

It will be good news to the friends of the young man who was murdered at the time the bank was robbed to know that Sheriff Mace, of Lampasas, has at last caught two men who are believed to be the guilty parties. The officers arrested the men at Clarksville this week and they are now in jail and will be tried for the crime.

It was rather a peculiar circumstance that give the officers the clue that led to the arrest of the two men who were going under the name of Dodd when arrested, but who we understand are named Brown. A sister of the men unthoughtfully made a remark to a girl friend, and the friend "tipped" the sheriff and an investigation followed. The girl that let the secret out committed suicide after she learned that the officers were wise, and it is reported here that the evidence sufficient to convict the two men is in the hands of the authorities.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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.

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M. H. Wooten of Lampasas, who had been here to attend the funeral of his son Prof. W. W. Wooten, left for his home Thursday.

F. Voelker, of the Hatchel country, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to San Antonio and other points in South Texas on a visit.



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Messrs. Weeks and Cohen who circulated the subscription list yesterday, are out again today and are meeting with splendid success. Every one will be given opportunity to come down for a liberal amount, as it will require considerable cash to build the band stand and provide the seats. The final report of the soliciting committee will be published in this paper later.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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Myrtle Gonzales and Frank New Berg in "THE WINDWARD ANCHOR."
Gale Henry and Wm. Francey in "WANTED A PIANO TUNER."

Tomorrow The last episode of "The Girl and the Game"—"The Doll Doctor"—"Their Only Son" and Uncle Sam at Work.

Admission 10 CENTS

DEARMOND TO CLAIM UNWRITTEN LAW

In giving an account of the arrest of Claude DeArmond, who murdered Chas. Brown, in Taylor county last Tuesday, an account of which appeared in this paper yesterday, The Abilene Reporter says De Armond is alleged to have made a statement after his arrest, in which he is alleged to have said that he killed Brown because Brown made a trip to Fort Worth and carried De Armond's sister with him.

The Reporter says Brown was highly esteemed in his community and in Abilene where he had

frequent business dealings. The attempt to get away by cutting the telephone wires and stealing a horse and saddle after the murder lead the officers to believe that the murder was cold bloodedly planned and carried out.

District Judge Blanton has called a special term of court at Abilene and a special venire of 60 men have been drawn and the case will be taken up Monday morning and promptly disposed of to keep down further trouble, as the feeling is such against De Armond as to cause uneasiness among the officers.

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BOOSTERS OFF FOR NORTON

At four o'clock this afternoon E. D. Walker, who has charge of the auto excursion to Norton tonight, reported that he had listed thirty-six cars, averaging four people to the car, and expected to get others to join the excursion, and it was expected that nearly two hundred people would be in the excursion.

Many ladies will accompany the boosters and badges bearing the inscription "We are Boosting for your County Site" have been provided for those who make the trip.

Reports from those who came to Ballinger today say that the roads are in good shape and everything is promising for a successful trip. The band is in fine trim, and will be out in full force to entertain the Norton people, who it is reported are preparing to receive the visitors most royally.

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.

THIEF RETURNS GOODS AS CONSCIENCE HURT

The disappearance and return of some jewelry from the home of W. A. Breedlove in a most mysterious way has just been made public. The jewelry was stolen some time ago, and returned this week in just as mysterious a way as it was stolen.

Some time ago Mrs. Breedlove lost two rings. They were left on the dresser while Mrs. Breedlove was away from home. They were considered as stolen by their owner and the matter passed up and in a way forgotten, when this week Mrs. Breedlove was surprised to find the two rings lying on the dresser in plain view just where she left them.

It is presumed that the jewelry was stolen and the thief failing to find an easy way of disposing of the property let his conscience get the best of him and in order to appease his conscience he returned the rings to their owner. Mrs. Breedlove is glad to get her rings back and has no desire to punish the guilty party.

A food expert says that one dish of ice cream is equal in food value to four dozen oysters. Order a gallon from the Ballinger Bottling Works and see how good you feel. J. C. Cook 24-6td

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION

Commissioners' court convened this afternoon at one o'clock for the purpose of passing on the tax collector's final report and transacting other business.

Shortly after convening the matter of selecting a successor to Superintendent Wooten was taken up, and about a half dozen applications filed. Friends of some of the applicants appeared before the court and presented claims for their friends. The court deferred the matter until Saturday morning, at which time a man will be appointed to take up the work.

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