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FEDERAL ROAD ACT TO HELP FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—At a meeting of the State highway officials held August 16, 1916, in Washington, to discuss tentative rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal aid road act, the Secretary of Agriculture made the following statement:

"The Federal-aid road act and another law—the cooperative agricultural extension act—that the Department is charged with the duty of enforcing, establish a new principle in American government, the principle of cooperation between Federal and State officials. They are the only laws I recall which recognize and insist upon this principle. They are therefore very significant. Heretofore Federal and State officials have too frequently looked at one another across the line, sometimes with apprehension as to what the other was going to do or think, sometimes with jealousy, not infrequently with friction. We serve the same people. They have a right to the best service of the representatives of both jurisdictions. You represent the States. I represent the Federal Government. Together we are charged with the execution of a very difficult and very important law.

"I need not emphasize before you the importance of good roads. Most intelligent people who think about good roads know that they are essential to comfortable living, essential to proper community development, especially to the development of rural life, to efficient production and orderly marketing of farm products, to good schools, and to the development of a satisfactory rural life.

"Many people, however, do not appreciate this, and I have occasionally met road officers who, when the importance of good roads was emphasized, have said: 'Yes, but they cost so much.' Apparently they have not thought how much more bad roads cost, not only in dollars and cents, but also in all those indirect ways for which one can make no definite calculation.

Large Expenditures for Roads.
"This law appeals to me as of especial importance, not so much because it carries with it out of the Federal Treasury an appropriation of 85 millions of dollars, not because it will be met by an appropriation of 75 million or more out of State funds, if all the States accept the act, but because as great as is the aggregate it is relatively insignificant in comparison with amounts the States are now annually expending and will spend during the period covered by the act."

GET ELECTION RETURNS AT LEDGER OFFICE

The Ledger has perfected arrangements for giving county and state election returns Saturday night. With the assistance of quite a number who are interested in the outcome of the senatorial race, we will be able to give complete returns from over the state, and it is expected that these returns will be all in at an early hour, and we will be able to tell you by ten o'clock whether Colquitt or Culberson is the winner.

We have perfected arrangements also for receiving the returns from every box in Runnels County and these will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the Ledger office.

BIBLE SUPPLIES FOR SOLDIERS.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 25.—It was announced from the State offices of the Young Men's Christian association here that a specially equipped automobile, carrying traveling secretaries, together with supplies of Bibles, reading matter, games, and a motion picture machine, has been placed in service among the Texas guardsmen on the border. The car is used to reach companies stationed at points inaccessible to railway.

The construction of Y. M. C. A. buildings in practically all camps on the border and outfitting of the "Auto Y. M. C. A." was paid for out of funds subscribed by local associations over the state.

753 Towns Destroyed by Bombardment Since Beginning of War.

Paris, Aug. 25.—Statistics from the Ministry of the Interior, available today, show that 753 towns have been destroyed by military operations since the war began and up to June 30.

CHARITY COMMITTEE CALLING FOR HELP

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CONVICTED WIFE KILLER ARRESTED

By United Press
DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 25.—Ollie Beaupre was arrested in Los Angeles, California, today, after enjoying his liberty for two years. Beaupre was convicted at Waxahachie two years ago upon a charge of beating his wife to death with a hammer in Dallas in 1911. The case was transferred to Waxahachie where he was tried and given a sentence of twenty-five years in the pen. He was granted a new trial and released on ten thousand dollar bond. He failed to appear when new trial was called, and the officers were put on his trail. It was recently reported that Beaupre joined the French army and had been killed in action, and the officers were about to give up hopes of finding him, when the man was located in California. He will be brought back to Waxahachie and tried the second time.

FEARING GREEKS IN WAR

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Fearing that Greece will be drawn into the European war, Germany has ordered the Bulgars to evacuate the Greek territory, according to Rome wireless received in London this morning. The Greeks, it is reported were threatening to join the allies, as a result of the invasion of the Bulgars.

DROP SIGNS FOR TELL TRUTH ADVERTISERS

"By George" has just dressed the front of the Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack store up with a new supply of signs that are attractive, and directs the customers to where he can buy everything carried by this progressive and enterprising firm, which includes almost every article needed by man, woman or child.

G. G. Douglass of Zephyr, who had been visiting his brother-in-law, A. W. Savoy and family near Ballinger, returned home Thursday afternoon.

Wilson and Railroad Presidents at Logger Heads Over Strike

COLORADO WATER FOR IRRIGATION

The Santa Fe water superintendent was here Friday in conference with the mayor, and we understand that the present city water supply will be augmented with a supply from the Colorado river, which is ample for irrigation and all other purposes.

The Santa Fe has a crew of men here installing a pump at the Santa Fe bridge on Elm creek and arrangements are underway whereby this pumping plant will be installed on the river and a pipe connected with the city mains.

The city can not afford to cut short irrigation, as it will cripple the civic pride of this city. Sufficient water is flowing down the Colorado river to irrigate thousands of acres of land, and efforts will be made to utilize it in this way, and this will continue the work of beautifying Ballinger. There is ample water in the city lake for household purposes, and the river water is only needed for irrigation.

The city appreciates the Santa Fe's willingness to co-operate in keeping up the beautifying work in Ballinger. In fact all of Ballinger appreciates the lead the Santa Fe takes in such work in our city.

TAYLOR COUNTY HOLDS SECOND PRIMARY

The second primary in Taylor county was fixed for the same day of the senatorial primary and the voters of that county will go to the polls tomorrow and vote for nominees from the two candidates receiving the highest vote in the July 22 primary, and at the same time cast their vote for the United States Senator.

The plan of holding three primaries, as was done in this county works a hardship on the candidates, as well as on the voters, and hereafter, if there are to be any hereafter in such matters, election dates should be consolidated, if possible to do so.

PRICES SOARING; RECEIPTS GROWING

Fifteen and a bit was paid for cotton on the streets in Ballinger at three o'clock this afternoon. This is the top price for the season. The market jumped by the fifteen cent mark early in the day and 15c cotton became common cotton before the day was half gone.

At the three o'clock hour an even 200 bales had been received at the two yards in Ballinger, The Farmers Union Yard having 114 and the Stuart yard 86 bales. At this price it is not expected many farmers will store their cotton. It is the price they have been looking forward to, and with the high price of seed, a bale of cotton swell's a farmer's bank account in a hurry.

T. K. WILSON SELLS 14,000 ACRE RANCH

T. K. Wilson, prominent Concho county man, has sold his 14,000 acre ranch, located thirty miles east of San Angelo. He made this announcement in San Angelo Thursday morning, following the closing of the deal which had been pending for many weeks.

J. N. Simpson of Dallas has purchased the property and will arrive in this section the latter part of the week to assume charge. The price involved was around \$16 per acre, or \$224,000. The ranch is well improved and has 1,700 acres in cultivation.—San Angelo Standard.

MILES TELEPHONE EX. CHANGE CHANGES HANDS

Clark Bros., owners of the Miles telephone exchange, have sold the exchange to Rust Bros., of San Angelo, who own quite a number of exchanges, including the San Angelo exchange. Tom Clark remains with the exchange as manager.

GRAND ARMY VETERANS IN KANSAS CITY

By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 25.—The vanguard of Civil War veterans began flocking into this city today for the fiftieth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which opens here tomorrow.

Hotel lobbies were alive with war talks and the boys of '61 did not seem to think it would be perhaps their last encampment, as many of the "youngsters" thought.

Boy scouts mingled with the grey haired warriors of Gettysburg and Shilo. The lads in Khaki acted as escorts and otherwise busied themselves in the interests of the visitors. Practically every building in the downtown section was decorated with the national colors and the usual "Welcome" signs.

There seemed to be much speculation today as to the number of veterans that would march in the great parade Wednesday. Every old soldier already here insists he will be in line when the bugle starts the procession, no matter how high the mercury climbs.

Mrs. W. S. Fleming left Friday morning to visit with friends at Brownwood a few days.

SENATORIAL PRIMARY WET AND DRY FIGHT

By United Press
DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 25.—Individually will be largely lost sight of tomorrow in the run off primaries for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator. Tomorrow's balloting will be a battle between wet and dry forces, with odds favoring the latter, politicians say.

Senator Charles Culberson and O. B. Colquitt, former governor, are the principals in tomorrow's voting. In the regular Democratic primaries July 26 Culberson got 80,000 votes to Colquitt's 107,000 and the present job holder only beat Dr. S. P. Broops, former president of Baylor University, by about 6,000. But the nomination fight even then had resolved itself into a prohibition and anti-prohibition issue, with Colquitt admittedly favoring the anti and Culberson and Brooks the pros. The prohibition vote split on its two candidates.

Submission of prohibition at a general election to follow the next session of the legislature, carried in the primaries. The dries are expected to unite behind Culberson and despite his defeat by Colquitt in the first primaries he is admitted by politicians to have the better of it "on paper."

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The railroads and brotherhood leaders are no nearer together today than yesterday, and every hour is expected to bring an end to the possibility of a settlement of the strike trouble.

With President Wilson and the railway presidents apparently hopelessly at logger heads in their effort to prevent a strike, the president created considerable excitement this morning when he called the brotherhood heads to the White House for a conference. The conference adjourned at noon with the situation unchanged according to announcement made by brotherhood officials.

After a conference with Vice President Marshall, Mr. Wilson sent word to the railway presidents that he would like to see them for a few minutes this afternoon.

The railroads have asked Mr. Wilson for assurance that favorable legislation for increased freight rates be enacted before the November election.

Over this stumbling block a tentative agreement between the white house and the sub-committee reached early in the day, now hangs in the balance.

The president is said to have conveyed the impression that his favorable influence would be continued in the event of his reelection, but this is not accepted as sufficient by many of the executives.

Under the tentative agreement the roads would concede:

1. The flat eight-hour day with pro rata pay for overtime.
2. The agreement to be a signed contract for one year between the railroads and the four brotherhoods represented.

3. The eight-hour day to become effective immediately, dating preferably from Oct. 1.

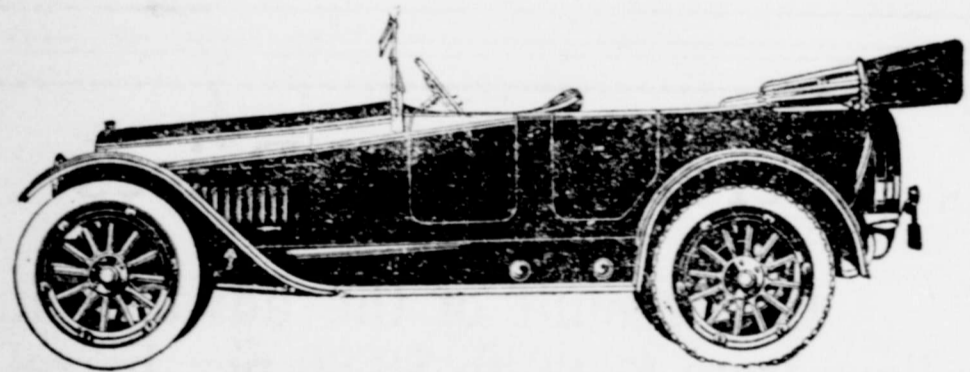
The president promised as an indemnity against undue loss from the concession of the eight-hour day:

1. To use his influence, personal and official, to obtain for the railroads an increase of freight rates.
2. That the principle of arbitration would be maintained and conserved; that the demand of the brotherhoods for time and a half for overtime and the contingent demands of the railroads affecting special wage schedules would be arbitrated.

3. The enactment of a compulsory investigation law similar in general outlines to the Canadian industrial disputes act. This legislation to be obtained before Jan. 1, 1917.

4. The enlargement of the interstate commerce commission from seven to nine members, an increase which would be considered highly favorable to the railroads.

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Rev. Ham told his Fort Worth audience that "dance is just hugging, set with music." However, the music is not necessary.

Go to the polls and vote tomorrow, regardless of whether you have been given a choice in the selection of a senator. It's your duty.

The ladies have distributed 800 clean up requests, placing a tag on the door of every home in Ballinger. There is evidently 800 homes in Ballinger.

There is a standing call in this paper for funds for charity work. Every city must take care of the poor. Are you helping, or are you living a selfish life?

Millions of gallons of water are going to waste daily, flowing down the Colorado river. It's

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such a pity that Brownwood is not built on the banks of this river.

Everytime we get new list price on paper, the wholesale houses tell us the supply may play out, and orders are accepted upon the condition that the stock is on hand. If the high price goes much higher some newspaper publishers will play out.

\$100 Reward, \$100 The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution, and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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THE COMMUNITY BELL WETHER.

Every farmer who raises sheep knows to what the above refers. The "bell wether" is the leader of the flock. He usually wears a bell, and wherever he and his bell go thither his flock obediently follows. For good or ill, to safety or into danger, where he leads they go. If he happens to be a wise old fellow his followers profit by his wisdom, but if he develops vicious and unreliable traits disaster is almost certain to overtake the flock.

Have you ever paused to think how like sheep are we humans in this respect? Look around in almost any community and you will easily spot the bell wether. And not only can you locate him, but a little study of local conditions will invariably disclose to the careful observer his true characteristics as a leader.

If the community is progressive, prosperous, law abiding and happy, you may put it down that this state of affairs results largely from the fact that these qualities are inherent in the leaders of community life.

We know that many people like to think and assert that we are all equal and recognize no leaders, but this is purely a figment of the imagination. Nine out of every ten of us are too busy with our own affairs to take time to attend to the details of community life. There are a thousand and one questions of public import that must fall to the lot of some one who has the time and the capacity to grapple with them, and under such conditions community leaders are developed. If happily, he possesses wisdom coupled with a spirit of unselfish devotion to the interests of the community, then the community is indeed fortunate. But when he develops vicious traits and an inclination for self-seeking, then, like the sheep, his followers are in danger.

When, as we have said, most of us are too busily engaged in our own pursuits to assume these burdens of civic responsibility, we yet may keep a watchful eye upon those who have assumed the burdens and assist them in the faithful discharge of their trusts. This we can and should do, every one of us. This is a pretty

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Misses Evelyn and Edna Routh returned Friday from a two weeks visit with their brother, Kenzie Routh, on the latter's ranch about one hundred miles west of San Angelo.

Look Good—Feel Good No one can either feel good nor look good while suffering from constipation. Get rid of that tired, draggy, lifeless feeling by a treatment of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Buy a box today, take one or more pills tonight. In the morning that stuffed, dull feeling is gone and you feel better at once 25c. at your druggist.

S. L. Byrd of Dallas, with the Texas Machinery and Supply Co., and formerly with Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., here, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Evans of South Ballinger, are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, born at their home August 22nd.

PRESS DAY STATE FAIR MEMORABLE OCCASION



E. J. Kiest, director in charge of the Press and Publicity division of the State Fair of Texas, announces that all plans and preparatory work in anticipation of the annual Press Day at the State Fair have been completed, and that the arrangements as provided guarantee the biggest and most pleasant event of this kind ever held in the South.

"I consider the annual Press Day at the Fair," said Mr. Kiest, "as a most valuable and interesting institution, and I am hoping, in fact we are all hoping, that we will have the honor of entertaining every Texas editor and newspaper man this year."

"Press Day is an institution conceived for the single purpose of promoting a 'get together' spirit among Texas publishers; to bring about a larger and better acquaintance; a closer personal fellowship, and to provide an opportunity for cooperative discussion of matters in which we are all interested."

"I consider that this meeting of right should be held in connection with the State Fair for it is the State Fair that we are all trying to 'boost' and which, in its turn, is giving a powerful boost to everything that pertains to Texas and belongs to Texans."

"I believe I am well within the facts when I say that Press Day every year will have an added interest to every good publisher who is in attendance. We have several new things which we propose to do this year—and have found several new ways in which to make this occasion one long to be remembered."



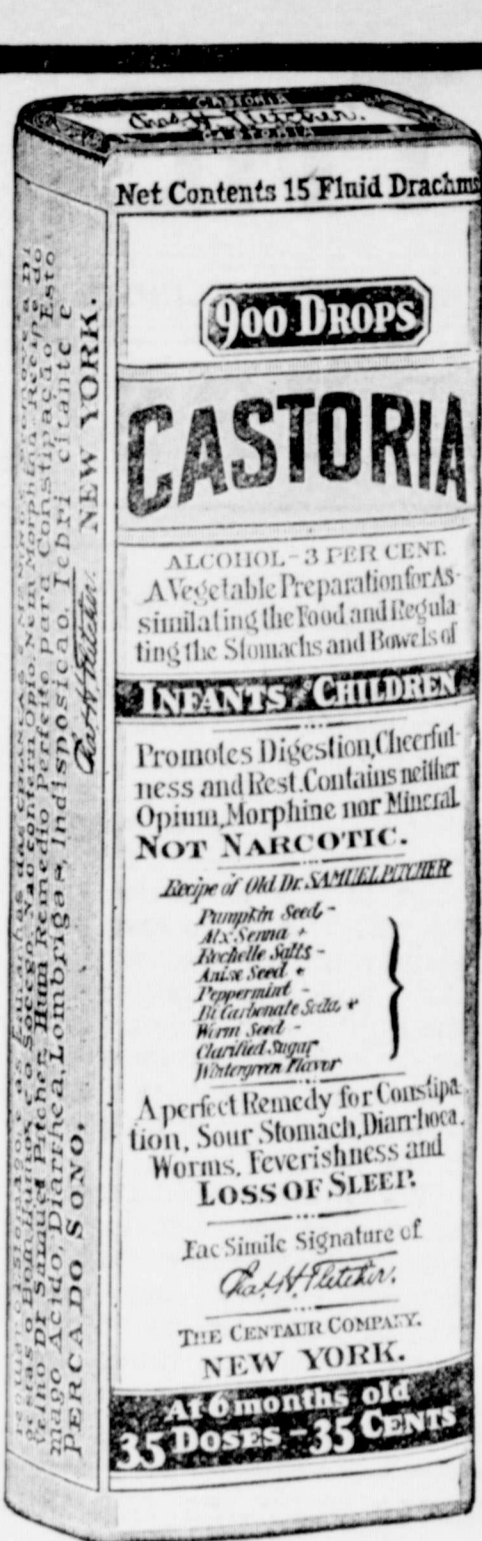
J. J. Eckford, who is director in charge of the athletic division of the State Fair of Texas, that many important championship games have been arranged to be held at the State Fair this year. These games, principally football will be contested by teams representing the foremost educational institutions of the Southwest, and some exceedingly close and interesting sport is looked for.

"Practically every day of the coming Fair," said Mr. Eckford, "will have its scheduled contest, and I am sure that these exhibitions of healthy and manly sport will be of interest to thousands of Fair visitors."



A. A. Jackson, director in charge of the big Coliseum in Fair Park, announced that the collection of the greatest vaudeville acts that the world has to offer, is promised visitors to the State Fair of Texas this year by A. A. Jackson, director in charge of the big Coliseum in Fair Park. "This attraction will be staged in the Coliseum, and will remain there for the entire period of the Fair, October 14 to 29, inclusive," said Mr. Jackson recently, "and I am confident that Fair visitors will find it the most thoroughly enjoyable bill of vaudeville ever presented in any part of the South."

"For this show we have engaged several of the most famous and highest priced acts in the world today, and the balance of the bill will be rounded out with artists who are seldom seen out of the \$2 theatres of the North and East."



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WOMAN TRAVELING ON TRAIN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

The Brownwood Bulletin tells the following freak story in its issue of Thursday:

One of the most peculiar freaks ever played by lightning was described by a woman who spent Wednesday afternoon in Brownwood en route from her home in Virginia to Coleman, where she will visit her father. For some reason she withheld her name, absolutely refusing to give it to anyone. However, she was willing to give the details of the accident.

Tuesday night while en route to Fort Worth, the train in which she and her two little girls were riding, came into a storm. The lightning was playing at frequent intervals and it was raining hard. Suddenly a streak of lightning, which she said was plainly seen, came through the window, and struck her foot. Other passengers saw the lightning, and saw the woman as she was struck. Medical attention was given her by a doctor on the train. In Fort Worth yesterday, she suffered considerably, but came on to

Brownwood because she was anxious to get to her father in Coleman. She was unable to use the foot last night. According to her own statement, she has been struck and knocked down by lightning some four or five times in life. The Bulletin understands that her father's name is Collins.

Liver Trouble. "I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

C. L. Ramsey and son Bloomer of McGregor, who had been visiting W. W. Embry and family and also friends at Winters, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route home.

J. J. Gerhardt, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ragsdale are visiting at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. John Ayres, coming here by auto from Waxahachie. Mrs. Ayres will return with the Ragsdales to Waxahachie for a visit shortly. Mr. Ragsdale says crop conditions from Waxahachie to Brownwood are very favorable, and good yields are expected.

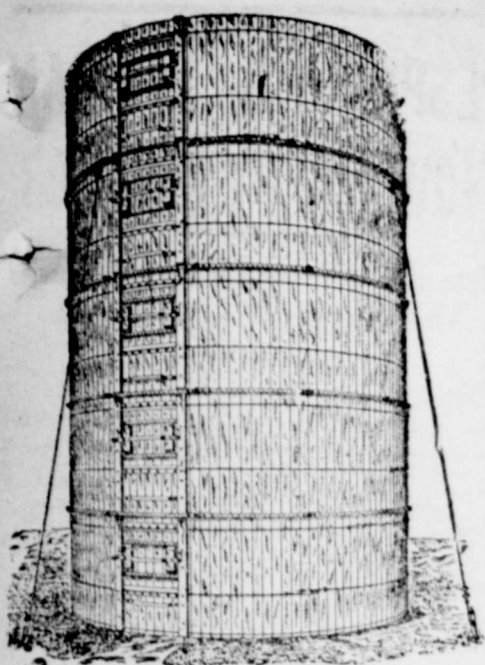
Ed Baker, of Bunker Hill, Ill., came in a day or two ago, to visit his sister, Mrs. J. Y. Pearce and Ballinger friends.

Are They in Your Way?

What are you keeping those old magazines and papers for? They will never be worth anything to you, and are in the way. Phone me and I will come and get them. Albert Sledge, Phone 27 or 190.

MRS. BESSIE CORDER HUNT Student of Neff College of Orotory, Philadelphia, Pa. will take a limited number of pupils in expression Studio Ninth Street Baptist Church, Ballinger, Texas. 14p

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SCENE FROM "THE DETECTIVE'S PERIL"

Mrs. Smith and two sons, of San Angelo, who had been visiting back East, came in Friday at noon and will visit her uncle B. F. Jones and family a few days before going on home.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

R. E. Dorsett, of Norton, was in Ballinger Friday to meet his brother W. O. Dorsett and daughter, Miss Sadie, of Brownwood, who came in at noon to visit relatives at Norton.

The old-time rope-walker who used to thrill small town natives by walking across a rope suspended between two buildings would receive quite a shock could he see Helen Gibson's improvement on his feat when she climbs hand over hand on a rope from a hand-car to a speeding train. The mountebank's thrill would certainly be less than that of the audiences who witnessed the picture.

Helen performs this feat in the action of "The Detective's Peril," an episode in Kalem's "Hazards of Helen" series. It is only one of the exciting moments in the telling of this story. Another thrill comes earlier when the detective is left to hang on a rope sus-

ended from the top girder of a bridge, the other end being tied in a knot around the railroad track. It seems certain that the detective will be plunged to death when the onrushing train severs the knot. Helen, with rare presence of mind and daring, grasps the rope, and as the engine passes over the knot she swings out over the waters of the river, by her weight keeping the detective safe in mid-air until the train has passed.

It is then that Helen and the detective set out in pursuit of the engine which is manned by a gang of conspirators and overtake it in the manner shown in the accompanying photograph.

Capt. A. D. Tally, of Crews motored over to the city Friday on a short business trip and was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tally on a short visit.

E. SCHUMM STRIKES OIL NEAR MILES

E. Schumm, owner of the Schumm irrigated farm south of Miles, called at the Messenger office early Thursday morning and stated that he had been reading about oil prospects in the Messenger of late and was in the act of giving up the horse laugh, when, lo and behold, he discovered the real stuff oozing from the river bank on his land—and thereby hangs a tale.

A Coleman county ranchman, who has had considerable experience in the development of oil fields, was a visitor at the Schumm ranch recently, and made a few casual observations, and without knowing about any previous discoveries, etc., bluntly told Mr. Schumm that, in his opinion, oil could be struck on his ranch at a depth of 800 or 900 feet. This put Mr. Schumm to thinking and now he has joined the ranks of the Miles oil boosters.—Miles Messenger.

Just the Thing for Diarrhoea.
"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Many druggists recommend this remedy because they know that it is reliable. Obtainable everywhere.

BROWNWOOD LOSES OAK TREE.

One of the old landmarks of Brownwood may soon be removed. The big live oak tree at the corner of Lee and Clark streets is dead, all the leaves having turned brown.

There are many opinions as to the reason for the big tree dying. One theory which seems plausible is that the life of the tree has been choked out by the construction of concrete sidewalks and gutters about its roots. Another is that the tree has been killed by oil from the scores of automobiles which stop under its shade each day. Another is that salt water has reached the roots of the tree, and another theory is that the tree died because it was almost directly in front of an undertaking establishment. At any rate, the big live oak tree is dead.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The old landmark was no doubt put to death by an overdose of "polluted" Bayou water.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Ray and children of the Maverick country passed through Ballinger Friday en route home from a visit to Coryell county, and Mr. Ray reports it very dry in most of the country he traveled over while away from home.

Mrs. George Vaughn left Friday afternoon for Manett, Mo., in response to a message stating her mother was seriously ill at their home near that place.



Read the story in this paper and see the pictures at the White City

"The brute who took it came to the bank next day and shoved it in at my window. I asked for time, but he raised his voice and said if I didn't come across there would be trouble. I lost my nerve—I never was a cast-iron proposition, anyhow—and promised to meet him that evening with the bills. When an opportunity offered, I took the money from the drawer. Then began the easy slide. Erasures, false balances, wild plunging to get out of the mess, and an examination of my books by a bank inspector. Almost before I knew where I was, I heard a judge giving me two years. And during those two years in jail I never forgot Gertrude's shriek through the courthouse when she heard my sentence. Sir, I've been all in ever since."

"How about the next five years?" inquired Burton.

"What do you think?" said Drake bitterly. "Prison doesn't reform a man. It taught me to be a sure-enough criminal. A cell mate put me up to a few wrinkles."

"I've been out now a month. I tried to get a job in an office. The boss wouldn't even listen when I told him something of my record. I made a break at a laborer's stunt, but the foreman looked at my hands and saw they were soft. So he turned me down. I couldn't even sit in the park

softly to himself. "Gentleman Joe, by all that's holy! And topped up regardless, too. Now, what do you know about that?"

The occupants of the car paid no heed to the loafer. They were whirled to the center of the city, and the automobile drew up outside a attractive looking building which announced flamboyantly to all the world that this and none other was "Professor Moretti's Dancing Academy." Nor did they know that the professor himself, advised by phone of Burton's intended visit, was watching through a window, and evidently keenly anxious that this particular patron should arrive.

When the car stopped, Moretti turned to a pale but strikingly handsome girl who seemed to be one of his assistants.

"Hurry up," he said emphatically. "Rush into some pretty clothes. This fellow just coming in has money to burn. You're to be his partner, see? Do you get me?"

The girl smiled languidly. She understood. She was merely a pawn in the game.

Moretti, who could be both gracious and superficially distinguished in manner when he chose, received Burton and his secretary with much unctious. A maid took his hat and stick, and Moretti moved away by his side. At that instant the door opened, and the girl who was to act as instructress came in. Charming and svelte as she had looked in her street costume, she was truly bewitching in an ultra-fashionable gown. She glanced idly from the two men to the secretary, who happened to be standing somewhat apart.

Simultaneously the light of recognition dawned in her face and Drake's. It was thus, after seven bitter years of separation, that "Gertrude" met once more her old-time fiancée.

"Joe," she whispered, "is it really you?"

"Yes, Gertrude," he said sadly. "I am overjoyed at seeing you, yet I want to sink into the earth."

Her feminine tact came to the rescue.

"Oh, don't let us begin to weep about the past the very moment we

liquor was consumed. The talk grew confidential. In half an hour, the unfortunate Drake was nearly drunk.

At that unlucky crisis, a row sprang up in the bar. The bartender interfered, and in the course of the melee was thrown violently against Drake, who, hardly conscious of what was going on, assumed that he had been attacked. In a gust of anger he snatched a bottle from the counter and struck the bareheaded man a violent blow. The other fell at once, with blood streaming from his scalp.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

Should Sloan's Liment Go Along?

Of course it should! For after a strenuous day when your muscles have been exercised to the limit an application of Sloan's Liment will take the soreness and stiffness away and get you in fine shape for the morrow. You should also use it for a sudden attack of toothache, stiff neck, backache, stings, bites and the many accidents that are incidental to a vacation. "We would as soon leave our baggage as go on a vacation or camp out without Sloan's Liment." Writes one vacationist: "We use it for every thing from cramps to toothache." Put a bottle in your bag, be prepared and have no regrets.

Miss Pearl Farris, of Denton, came in Thursday and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dunlap and other Ballinger friends before going on west to take up her school for the coming year.

The Best Laxative

To keep the bowels regular the best laxative is outdoor exercise. Drink a full glass of water half an hour before breakfast and eat an abundance of fruit and vegetables, also establish a regular habit and be sure that your bowels move once each day. When a medicine is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Gustavus and children and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gustavus motored over to San Angelo Wednesday and were accompanied on their return trip by Miss Lottie Gaines, who will visit her sister, Mrs. M. N. Gustavus.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy, keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

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I want all the old books and magazines I can get to help fill my car. Don't burn them. Phone me and I will come for them quick. Phone 27 or 190. Albert Sledge.

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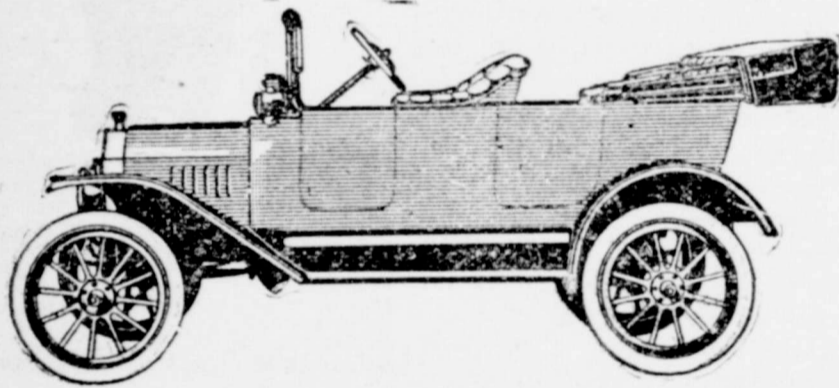
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This system demands that a bank be sound before it can become a member bank.

We can take care of your banking business and shall be glad to have you come in and "make yourself at home."

The First National Bank of Ballinger

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

Attendance Officer and Other Matters.

Every one will remember the announcement of the meeting concerning an attendance officer. There are some grave questions concerning this appointment that the people would do well to think over and discuss together. I strongly urge upon each citizen that you do not leave this matter to some one else, but that you come next Monday and have your "say."

Every one will also remember that this date, Monday, Aug. 28, will be a meeting of the County Board of Education, to hear and act upon any matter that may be called to its attention. We will appreciate it if anyone having business with the board will meet

us at that time. Very respectfully,
L. S. BIRD,
County Superintendent.

Apply a cotton cloth wet with Ballard's Snow Liniment to all wounds, cuts, burns, sores or blisters, and note its wonderful healing power. It is prompt and very effective. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owens, of Zephyr, who had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Cameron the past few days, returned home Thursday afternoon.

THE BUSY SHOP
is still busy repairing shoes in the hot summer weather. Come and bring your shoes and get prompt repairing. H. L. WENDORF, The Saddle and Harness Man. tf

THE DUTY OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

Next in importance to the actual holding of an election, is the necessity for securing quick and comprehensive reports of the count after the close of the polls. This is true if the integrity of the ballot is to be maintained.

Yet the Texas statutes, under which primary elections are held, do no more than provide a means by which these reports may be secured. Whether or not they are obtained depend, in most cases, upon the appreciation of election officials for their own individual responsibility to the public. These officials are permitted to make a memorandum of the vote as counted in the precinct. They may give this information to the public—or they may not do so.

The statutes do not provide a penalty for failure to perform what is so palpably a part of the public duty of election officials. For this reason some of them have in the past, failed to conceive the obligations—that of doing their share toward giving the public the result—to be within the bounds of their responsibility.

Yet, in truth, the responsibility of election officials to give out this information promptly, is so much the greater for the very fact that the specific duty is not prescribed by law.

It is to be done, not in response to the direct mandate, not as a part of a man-outlined-system, but in answer to the individual moral obligation of men who should appreciate the fact that the continued upholding of free institutions depends upon keeping the honesty of our elections free from the possibility of doubt.

Delays imperil the integrity of the count. When information relative to the returns is withheld the danger is ever apparent and this is true even when the motive of those responsible is altogether innocent.

Therefore to write such a mandate in the laws of the state would be an insult to the common intelligence and a direct reflection upon the honor and integrity of election officials who might ever serve under the law.

The moral obligation resting upon election officials to do all within their power to give quick and accurate reports of the vote as cast in their precinct, cannot be accentuated by statute. The duty does not have to be outlined; it is so obvious. The individual moral responsibility of election officials determines the way more certainly than it could be laid down in any book of laws.

With another primary now pending it is fitting that these few

facts should be brought to the public attention. On the night of August 26 we should hear from every box, complete.

The integrity of the election should not be imperiled by unnecessary delays in making these reports.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Peterson*

Mrs. Mary Bain, of Lampasas, who had been visiting her father Mr. McMillan and family of the New Home neighborhood passed through Ballinger Thursday en route home.

CHILD LOSES LIFE LIGHTING STOVE

L. A. Banowsky is in receipt of a letter from his brother, B. H. Banowsky, at Brownfield, giving details of the fatal burning of his little nine year old daughter and the destruction of the family home at that place on last Friday. The little girl was attempting to light the burners to an oil stove when the oil contained in a can exploded, setting the house on fire and fatally burning the little girl. Her little brother, two years older, made a heroic effort to extinguish the flames, but her clothing was burned from her body and she died a few hours later.—Miles Messenger.

Cure for Cholera Morbus.

"When our little boy, now seven years old, was a baby he was cured of cholera morbus by Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Mrs. Sidney Simmons, Fair Haven, N. Y. "Since then other members of my family have used this valuable medicine for colic and bowel trouble with good satisfaction and I gladly endorse it as a remedy of exceptional merit." Obtainable everywhere.

NEW DOG.

Master Newby Simpson is the recipient of a brand new spotted "pup" from his grandparents at Brownwood. It arrived by express the other day. Newby is now sitting up at nights looking after the said "pup" but it is thought he will recover.

Mrs. Bost, of Glen Cove, who had been under treatment at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, left for her home Thursday afternoon much improved in health.

Delbert Collins left Thursday afternoon for San Francisco, Cal. where he has one or two prospective positions.

STEPFATER WINS BOY FROM HIS FATHER

By United Press
NYACK, N. Y., Aug. 25.—William Crossman Lee, "the poor little rich boy" who cried and said he was "tired of being dragged around the country" by relatives interested in the \$2,000,000 estate he inherits from the late William Crossman, coffee king, will shift guardianship again here today.

Supreme Court Justice Tompkins decided that DeWitt H. Kenyon, Port Chester lawyer, must return the boy to Mrs. Emma Kenyon Lee, mother of Frederick T. Lee, of White Plains, stepfather of the boy.

The battle for possession of the two million dollar boy has waged hotly for more than a year in the New York courts between William Mills, Jr., of California, father of the boy and Lee, his stepfather. His father started seven separate actions to get the boy and the management of his estate, but lost every one.

The boy's mother, who divorced Mills and married Lee, died in New York two years ago. Testimony at the hearing said that Mills never had taken any interest in his son until he inherited the estate of the coffee king. The boy testified that his mother had impressed on him the desirability of remaining with his stepfather.

The lawyer only was appointed guardian a few months ago, and the boy taken away from Lee. Lee and his mother hid the boy and were haled into court. It is expected that they will now be permitted to keep him.

Why Endure Summer Colds?

All it isn't necessary to have a stuffed head, running nose. To cough your head off as it were. All you need do is to use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. The soothing and healing balsams open the clogged air passages and in a short time you get relief and start on the road to recovery. Your nose stops running, you cough less and you know you are getting better. Get a bottle, use as directed. Keep what is left as a cough and cold insurance.

INSTALLS NEW FIXTURES

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., today received a couple of new trouser stands which will remove the necessity of putting the pants on tables, and add some what to the appearance of the store.

MULE BUSINESS.

It is hinted that one of our leading merchants will enter the mule business, in fact he has already had some experience, and so far it has been very satisfactory. This venture will in no wise interfere or change his plans in the mercantile business, but simply will be a side line for a little pleasure and recreation.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

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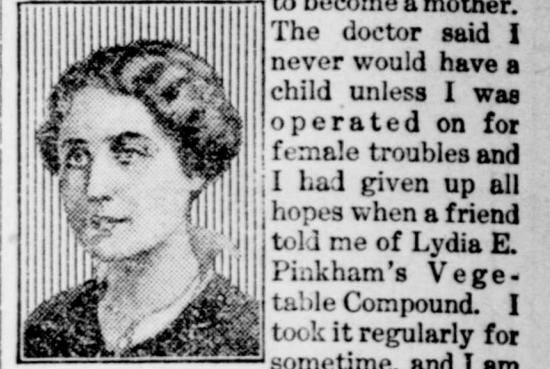
FOR SALE—Household goods including wardrobe, dining table, chairs, beds, springs, and other articles. See Mrs. S. J. Carpenter. Phone No. 4. ttdh

PHONOGRAPHS—Mrs. L. H. Bacon, 400 Broadway, Starr Phonograph Agency. Plays all makes of records. 20-dtf

DESPAIRING WOMAN NOW HAPPY MOTHER

Mrs. Stephens Did Not Need The Surgical Operation.

Patoka, Ill.—"I had been married five years and my greatest desire was to become a mother.



The doctor said I never would have a child unless I was operated on for female troubles and I had given up all hopes when a friend told me of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it regularly for some time, and I am in better health than ever, and have a healthy baby girl. I praise my Vegetable Compound for my baby and my better health. I want all suffering women to know that it is the sure road to health and happiness."—Mrs. GEORGE STEPHENS, R. F. D. No. 3, Patoka, Ill.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is so successful in overcoming woman's ills because it contains the tonic, strengthening properties of good old fashioned roots and herbs, which act on the female organism. Women from all parts of the country are continually testifying to its strengthening, curative influence.

It has helped thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing down feeling, indigestion, and nervous prostration.

HENS BEAR FRUIT

Healthy hens are great profit bearers. Use Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray about your poultry. It is the "just-right" chicken disinfectant and insecticide. It keeps them free of mites, lice, and destroys germs that cause roup, cholera, etc.

Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. G. C. Jones and little child left Thursday afternoon to visit at Brownwood before joining Mr. Jones at Temple.

CHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

W. H. Pape, of the Crews country, was marketing cotton in Ballinger Thursday afternoon.



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 is sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 225 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. e



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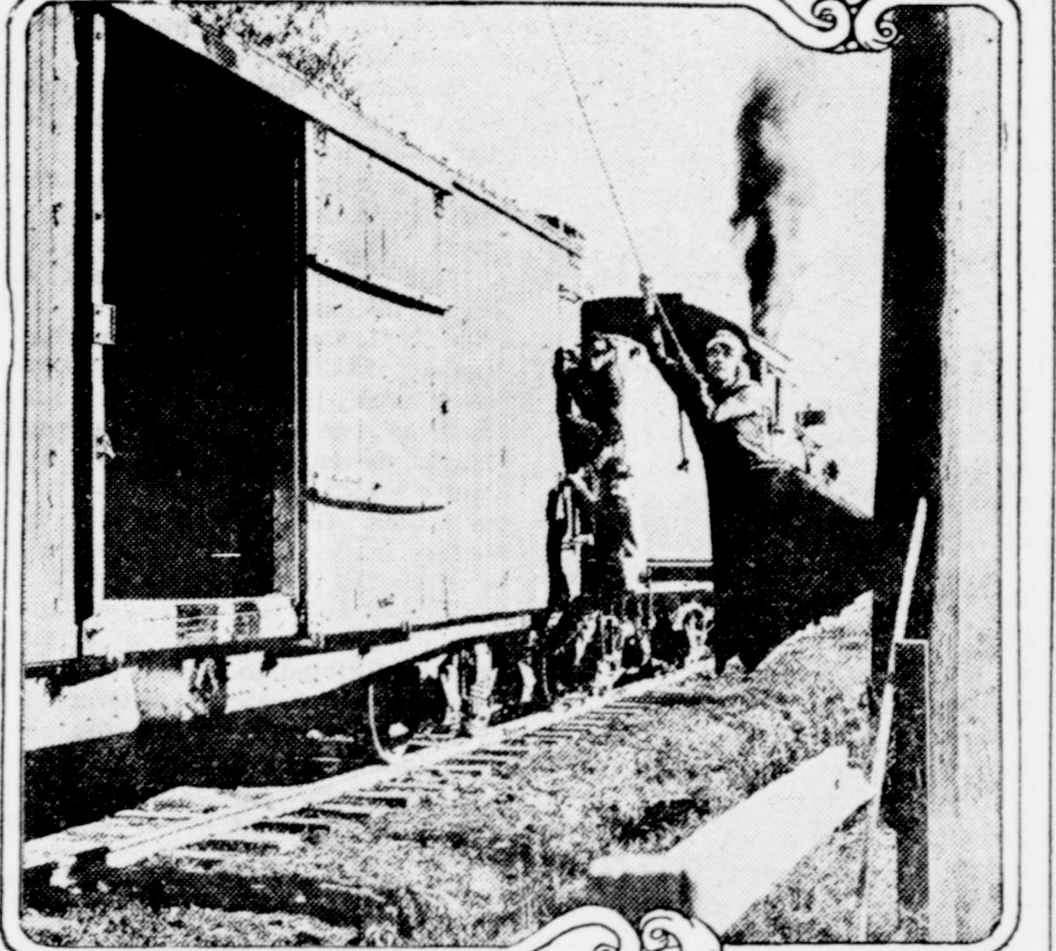
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SCENE FROM "THE BROKEN WIRE"

Helen Gibson promises to surprise us some day by boarding a train in an ordinary manner. In the photograph above she shows the latest extraordinary manner of doing this. As a matter of fact, however, Helen didn't want to board the train at all in "The Broken Wire." She was thrown into the box-car against her will.

The story of "The Broken Wire," an episode in Kalem's "Hazards of Helen," opens with some novel views inside an actual train, and taken by a new method of photography which does away with the use of artificial studio-built scenery. An obstruction on the track causes the Limited to halt, and the passengers take advantage of the opportunity to alight for a stroll. In the excitement of boarding again one of the passengers drops her handbag containing jewelry and money. The conductor promises to leave

word at the next station for a track-walker to hunt the bag. Two crooks hear of the loss and they decide to drop off at the next station, which turns out to be Lone Point, where Helen is the operator. They loiter about the station and see a track-walker come in with the bag and deliver it to Helen. When he has passed from sight they attempt to hold her up but she flees down the track.

An approaching train forces her to stop, momentarily between two fires. Suddenly she runs to the side of the track and starts to climb a telegraph pole. She grasps the messenger wire at the top but her weight causes it to snap and the next second she is swung out over the tracks, barely brushing the onrushing locomotive. On the rebound she is tossed in a huddled heap within the box-car. The train crew quickly brings the train to a stop and it is only a matter of minutes before her pursuers are captured.