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SPANNELL TRIAL HELD UP A DAY

Special to The Daily Ledger:
SAN ANGELO, Jan. 15.—Harry J. Spannelli, who first said he was "glad" and later said he was "sorry" he shot his wife and Major M. C. Butler, of the United States Army, to death as they rode through the streets of Alpine in an auto on July 20th last year, was arraigned for trial for murder here today. Strong feeling against Spannelli forbade his trial in Alpine and the case was transferred to this city.

When the case was called the state announced ready. The defense secured a continuance until nine o'clock tomorrow to await the arrival of three important witnesses, who it is claimed missed their train at Alpine.

Judge Dubois ordered all parties entering the court room searched, and officers stand guard at the door of the court room and will admit no one who declines to undergo a searching.

After an army commission investigated and reported that Maj. Butler had been "killed in the performance of his duty," he was elevated on the army record to the rank of Colonel, so his widow and daughter might have a larger pension.

Since the killing, Spannelli has been held in the county jails in El Paso and San Angelo. When the indictment for the alleged double murder was returned against him, at Alpine, in September, he was remanded without bond.

The cause that led up to the enactment of the tragedy is known to but one living witness—Harry J. Spannelli, and if he continues to the end with the same sphinx like silence he has stoically maintained since the alleged commission of the crime, it is a case that may go down in jurisprudence without precedent, for so far, no eye witness to the killing has been found, though the tragedy was enacted while the parties mentioned were riding in an automobile in a prominent residential portion of Alpine just at dark.

Spannelli, who was driving the car, occupied the front seat, alone, Mrs. Spannelli and Colonel Butler occupying the rear seat, and from all accounts Spannelli suddenly stopped his car and it alleged to

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JOE BAILEY LOSES WHITE SLAVE CASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The United States supreme court today upheld the decision of the lower courts upon the convictions of Maury I. Diggs and Frederick Caminetti, charged with white slavery in transporting two girls from San Francisco, Cal., to Reno, Nevada.

Former Texas senator Joseph Bailey had been retrained as chief counsel by Diggs and Caminetti to defend them in this case.

Colorado Shippers Get Hearing On Rate Case.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 15.—The shippers of Colorado and the intermountain region were to be given a hearing today before an examiner from the Interstate Commerce Commission upon their demand for a reduction of 22 percent on freight rates to and from Colorado common points, affecting several surrounding states and 34 railroads.

We are sorry to learn that Tom Corder is seriously ill with erysipelas at his home in the Valley creek country.

DOES BALLINGER WANT INSANE ASYLUM

Austin, Tex., Jan. 15.—The probability of the erection of an additional insane asylum for Texas—there already are three, one at Austin, another at Terrel and the third at San Antonio—looms up as a result of introduction in the additional institution in the western area of the state. The bill was introduced by Rep. Templeton, and the proposal was endorsed by Governor Ferguson in his message to the legislature.

Advocates of the bill point out that during the past few years it has been necessary to keep a number of mentally unbalanced persons in various county jails because of lack of room in the three state institutions provided for such purpose.

Rev. A. E. Dedieck, J. H. Wilke, J. P. Lester and T. J. Carney left Monday at noon for Miles on a short business trip.

6,428,138 BALES NOW ON HAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—According to report made public by the United States government, 536,587 bales of cotton were consumed in December, exclusive of linters, as compared with 555,500 last year. There were held in consuming establishments on Dec. 31st, 362,960 bales, against 1,853,046 bales last year for same date. There was in public storage on Dec. 31st 4,065,178 against 5,195,653 on same date last year.

DEWEY DYING?

(Bulletin)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Admiral George W. Dewey, commander of the American squadron in the Spanish war, is very ill with pneumonia today. His death is expected at any moment.

Expect Federal Indictments Soon in Indiana Election Frauds.

Indianapolis, Ind. Jan. 15.—The federal grand jury investigating alleged election frauds in Indiana at the last election, today resumed its probe. Nearly 200 witnesses have been examined and before the probe is concluded, it is expected the total will reach 500. Many indictments are expected soon.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. V. Whitaker returned to their home in Limestone county Sunday afternoon. They had been here for a week or more visiting Mr. Whitaker's mother, Mrs. R. Q. Manley and brother, Jack Whitaker.

SLIPS ON SNOW AND IS SERIOUSLY HURT

Mrs. T. J. Starkey sustained a broken hip Sunday afternoon when she slipped on the snow on the steps and fell. Mrs. Starkey had been out in the yard and was returning to her room when she slipped on the snow that had fallen on the gallery, and fell in such way as to cause the fracture of the left hip. On account of the age of this good lady it is feared that it will be some time before she fully recovers. At a late hour today she was getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Starkey has many friends in the city who will read of her misfortune with regret.

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Reichstag Budget Committee Meets Today.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The budget committee of the Reichstag was to meet today, beginning its labors on making appropriations for the government.

Crippled Warship Back in Commission Again Today.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 15.—The six foot chunk that was gouged out of starboard stern of Uncle Sam's big battleship Delaware Dec. 26th is completely repaired today and the fighter is ready for sea again. She was rammed by the naval tug Sonoma, whose bow also was badly damaged and has been repaired.

Sensation Sprung in Leak Probe

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Testifying further before the committee this afternoon, when told "tell all he knew," Thomas W. Lawson, involved Secretary McAdoo. Lawson said that McAdoo was the cabinet official he heard who was involved in sharing in the profits coming from the "leak."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—When the house rules committee convened at three o'clock this afternoon to hear Thomas W. Lawson tell what he knew about the leak, the big sensation of the investigation was sprung when Mr. Lawson told the committee that Congressman Robert L. Henry, of Texas, chairman of the committee was his informant about the "leak." It was a big surprise when Lawson named Henry as his informant which enabled him to clean up a million dollars on the stock market.

The committee met this morning and postponed the reopening of the "leak" probe until three o'clock this afternoon, waiting the arrival of Mr. Lawson in Washington. The New York and Boston financial author arrived at noon and appeared before the committee as soon as called for.

J. T. Weathersby, of Rotan, came in Monday to look after business interests in Ballinger a few days.

TRIES TO TAKE GIRL; SHOT BY HER FATHER

COLEMAN, Tex., Jan. 15.—T. A. Drake, a freighter who has been operating between Goldbush and Coleman, was seriously but not fatally wounded about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when a discharge from a shotgun entered his forehead. His condition while critical is not believed to be fatal.

E. C. Jernigan, at whose home the shooting occurred, as placed under arrest in connection with the shooting.

It is claimed that Drake, who is a married man, aged about 35 years, went to the home of Jernigan, in the outskirts of Coleman, and asked for the daughter of the latter. Drake drove an automobile, and planned, it is alleged, to carry the young lady riding. He was met by the father of the girl.

Drake was brought into Coleman in an unconscious condition but soon after medical aid was administered to him, he revived. He was carried to his home at Goldbush early Saturday night.

Jernigan is an old man at least 60 year of age. His daughter is about 18 or 20 years old.

To Try Parcel Post Plan to Cut Living Cost.

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—With \$10,000 given by a retired merchant to back the test, post office officials and a number of citizens headed by Rabbi J. Leonard Levy were planning today to inaugurate a new plan for marketing by parcel post.

As outlined by Rabbi Levy to the Pittsburg Association of Credit Men, the postoffice will provide books in which producers in rural districts may list their products, with prices and approximate parcel post charges for delivery to the customer here. Those desiring farm products, fruit and vegetables may consult the lists.

HEAVIEST SNOW IN YEARS COVERS LARGE TERRITORY

TO SEARCH FOR LOST AMERICANS

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 15.—Three army aviators are preparing this afternoon to start into Mexico to search for Lieutenant-Col. Bishop and Lieutenant Robertson, who are missing since Wednesday.

Permission to enter Mexico in endeavor to find the lost Americans has been granted the aviators by Gov. Cantu of Lower California.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 15.—The missing United States army aviators, Bishop and Robertson, were seen Sunday by a searching party of Mexicans, according to a report received here. When seen by the Mexicans, the Americans were twenty miles northwest of the mouth of the Colorado river, and were flying eastward.

GARRANCISTAS AT TORREON ONCE MORE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Ten thousand Carrancistas arrived at Torreon, Mexico, today from the south. The leader of the Mexican government troops stated they were preparing to re-occupy the territory they vacated when General Pershing withdraws his American expeditionary forces, according to advices received in Washington by the State Department.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A meeting of the Cemetery Association will be held at the home of Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt Wednesday afternoon, January 17, at four o'clock. This is the regular annual meeting at which time officers are elected and dues paid, and a sexton employed for the coming year. We desire to take up and discuss plans for carrying on the work during this year, and a full attendance of the membership is desired.

Mrs. Geo. Vaughn, Sec.

SPEAKER OF HOUSE CANVASSES RETURNS

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 15.—Speaker Fuller today canvassed the returns showing the re-election of Governor Ferguson and Lieut.-Gov. Hobby.

The ceremony took place in the hall of representatives before a joint session of the senate and house. The legislators were present merely to form the proper ground. Their actual participation in the canvassing was limited to a few of them acting as tellers. Ordinarily, it is understood that the legislature canvasses the returns for these officers. But such is not the case. The duty devolves alone upon the speaker of the house. The constitution requires that he shall "open and publish" these returns "during the first week of the session of the legislature" in the presence of both houses of the legislature.

When the votes had been opened, tabulated and cast up, Speaker Fuller, as directed by the constitution, announced the re-election of Governor Ferguson and Lieut.-Gov. Hobby, as the candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

* Forecast—Tonight Snow *
* or rain, Tuesday rain. *

Appearing on the streets of Ballinger today is just about as dangerous as appearing on the firing line of the Verdun fort. It is an opportunity that comes but once in about every dozen or so years in this country and the youngsters, as well as some of the older heads are making it count for all it is worth.

The people of this city and throughout this county had the pleasure of seeing the fall of the prettiest snow that ever covered mother-earth. The big flakes began to float and flicker through the air about nine-thirty Sunday morning and the beautiful scene grew more interesting as the day advanced and there was no let up as long as the daylight remained.

Some say the snow covers the earth to a depth of four inches. The government man, who is delegated to keep tab on such matters and report it to Washington, says five inches is the correct amount of snow given us this time.

The C. N. D. service of the Western Union reports a general snow over Texas, and other states are rejoicing over a white dress. Following is the report as given out by the Western Union.

North Texas, cloudy, 28 degrees above zero, four to seven inches of snow.

Central Texas, clear to part cloudy, two to five inches snow.

East Texas, cloudy, four to six inches snow.

West Texas, cloudy, four to six inches snow.

Gulf Coast, cloudy, 12 to 24 degrees, 3 to six inches snow.

Arkansas, cloudy, 24 degrees, two inches of snow.

Louisiana, cloudy, 28 degrees, raining to heavy sleet.

Oklahoma, cloudy, 29 degrees, three inches snow.

SNOW STORM CAUSES COLLISION; ONE DEAD

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 15.—Driving snow which covered the rear lights of Fort Worth & Denver freight train No. 19 blotted out the red signals of warning and smothered the noise of the train, and was the cause of a rear end collision between the freight train and a switch engine pushing three cars Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock near the Trinity river bridge in North Fort Worth, in which one man lost his life, an immigrant was dangerously injured and a third seriously hurt. Two trainmen were slightly injured.

T. H. Woods, 45 years old, conductor of the freight train, was crushed to death beneath the splintered caboose.

W. S. Miller, moving from Burk Burnett in an immigrant car, was seriously burned, his left arm broken and received bad bruises.

Harry Bagley, switchman, was injured internally. His condition is serious.

R. I. Short and D. D. Taylor, switchmen, were slightly injured. The freight train was backing south toward Fort Worth preparatory to going north and the switch engine backing north on the line when the two came together. Five cars of the freight train were rolled down the embankment, the caboose in which Woods was riding being smashed to bits.

Miller, the immigrant, was attempting to light a fire in his car at time of the crash and was covered with burning oil from the stove.

Rev. W. T. Allan, rector of the Episcopal church of our city, left Saturday afternoon to fill his regular preaching appointment at Coleman over Sunday.

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WHAT IT COST TO TAKE THE BUNCH TO AUSTIN.

Each member of the legislature is allowed 20 cents per mile each way coming to the capitol for the legislative session and returning home. On this basis mileage will cost the state about \$35,000. Each member from El Paso will draw \$247 mileage, from Houston \$66, from Beaumont \$99.60, from Galveston \$86, from Ft. Worth \$78, from San Antonio \$31.60, and from Waco \$42.40, and other places according to the distance from Austin. Members living in Austin or Travis county receive no mileage.—Austin American.

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NEW FACTORY FOR BALLINGER ANNOUNCED

The Rotary Sickle Manufacturing Company is destined to be another business asset of the town in a manufacturing line within the next few weeks, the company being now organizing, and quite a number of prominent local business and professional men investing in stock. It will be capitalized at \$6,000.00, and the stock, as in case of all meritorious propositions, will be placed here at home, considerably more than half having already been subscribed. The article to be placed on the market by the company is a rotary sickle for row-binders, which will be manufactured and sold direct to the farmers at a small figure, the assembling plant and sales headquarters to be in Ballinger, the article itself will be manufactured probably at foreign foundries, as it can be done more cheaply in a large plant than in a small plant here. This invention, which was patented in 1916 by the Government office, does away with the old style eccentric cutter, and by continuous cutting power in one direction, eliminates practically all vibration in the machine, giving it longer life, and reduces the draft to where any feed may be cut with an average team instead of three to four head as now used. Messrs. Roten and Embry have had one in use on the Embry farm south of town, during the year 1916, and by practical demonstration have proven the genuine worth of the appliance, it having given perfect satisfaction to the users.

Practical machine men and farmers predict that this sickle will in a short time revolutionize the style of row-binders from the kind now in use. The machine used by Mr. Embry this past year is now on exhibition in the rear of the Post Office, where any one interested may inspect it.

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W. G. Harrison, of Georgetown who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Duke and family of the Bethel neighborhood, left for his home Saturday.

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Rev. Father Golbach, the local priest, left Saturday afternoon to fill his Sunday appointment at Coleman.

\$15,000 OIL MILL FIRE AT WINTERS

The Winters hull house of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., was destroyed by fire at an early hour Monday morning, causing a loss of about \$15,000. A phone report came to the local oil mill men at three o'clock this morning telling them that the mill was burning, but later reports stated that only the hull house was on fire.

H. Giesecke, president of the company, and Oscar Pearson, manager of the Ballinger mill, left early Monday morning for Winters to look after the property, and make an investigation.

H. W. Lynn, manager of the Winters mill, reported to the Ballinger mill that about 350 tons of hulls were in the house, and these were destroyed, at least they were still burning up to a late hour Monday, and would be destroyed, as the big pile of hulls were a bank of fire and gradually being converted into ashes.

It is not known how the fire started. The building was ready to fall when the fire was discovered, the fire breaking out at the dead hours of a winter night.

The building was valued at about \$4000, and the market quotation on hulls today is \$15 per ton. The property was insured.

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W. A. Gustavus Sr., returned home Monday at noon from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Bryan, Houston and other points in that section.

Jno. A. Weeks and E. P. Price, of the Walker Drug Co., left Sunday afternoon for Austin, where they go to attend a meeting of the board of pharmacy and get a line up on the lawtakers.

Mrs. Chas. Tibbs, of Itasca, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory and family and Ballinger friends, the past few weeks, returned home Saturday afternoon.

A MEMORABLE ECLIPSE.

When the Sun Was Totally Obscured in This Country in 1806. The most remarkable eclipse of the sun witnessed in the United States in the centuries since its discovery took place on June 16, 1806. There were eclipses previous and since then, but that of 1806 is regarded by astronomers as the most memorable of all, that of Aug. 7, 1809, being the next in grandeur and interest.

The eclipse of 1806 was to be seen over all parts of North America. Fortunately the day was a remarkably fine one, scarcely a cloud being visible in any part of the heavens. The sun's entire surface was covered at twenty-seven minutes and thirty seconds past 11 o'clock.

James Fenimore Cooper, the novelist, though but a youth at the time of the eclipse, was so enthusiastic an observer of the spectacle that twenty-five years after the event he wrote a minute account of what he saw and how he felt during the wonderful occurrence.

Mr. Cooper states that as he and other spectators in his company first discerned through their glasses the oval form of the moon darkening the sun's light an exclamation of delight, almost triumphant, burst involuntarily from the lips of all. The people began gathering into the street. Their usual labors were abandoned, and all faces were turned upward.

The noonday heat began to lessen, and there was something of the coolness of early morning. Mr. Cooper further states that "all living creatures seemed thrown into a state of agitation. The birds were fluttering to and fro in great excitement. They seemed to mistrust that this was not the gradual approach of evening and were undecided in their movements. Even the dogs became uneasy and drew nearer to their masters."

"Every house now gave up its tenants. As the light faded more and more with every passing second the children came flocking about their mothers in terror. The sun appeared like a young moon of three or four days old. One after the other the stars came into view, which filled the spirit with singular sensations."

The general phenomena at all the places where the eclipse was complete or nearly so were the vacillation of the wind, the deep, strange shadow, the yellowish pink of the atmosphere in the west, the flickering and wavy appearance of the sun's rays when the eclipse was at its height, the chilly feeling, the disturbance among the birds and fowls and the sight of certain planets with

A DIVER'S STORY By HOWARD C. BEACH

There are two situations either of which is calculated, when one is in it, to chill one's blood. One is up in the air, the other under water.

I have never been up in the air, but I have been under water many times. I am, or, rather, I was, a professional diver. I didn't adopt the calling because I considered it dangerous, for when properly done diving in armor is not dangerous. The same may be said of aviation. I became a diver in order to make a living. I ceased to be a diver after receiving a shock under water.

I was hired to go down to examine a yacht that had been overturned and sunk in a gale with a view to learning where the chains were to go under her to lift her. I was told that the owner was a scientific man, a great student, an investigator. He had invented a number of scientific devices that had made him a great reputation. The wrecking company told me that he was determined to go down with me, rather for the sensation of breathing under water than for being of service.

When we stood on the wrecking boat putting on the diver's uniform I cast a glance at my diving companion, on whose head they were about to put the helmet. Why I did not then and there refuse to go down with him I don't know. I suppose it was a dislike to do something unpleasant. Singular that I should have been willing to risk a horrible death rather than do something unpleasant. However, I presume it is the same feeling that compels a man to expose himself in battle to certain death because he is expected to do so.

Mr. Cheney, my diving companion, went down by one ladder. I by another some twenty feet distant from his. The water was clear, and the sun was shining upon it, so that I could see about me to a comparatively long distance. I kept an eye on Mr. Cheney, who struck the yacht at the bow, I amidsthips. She had settled on her keel, and her masts were nearly perpendicular. I was about to drop over the side to hunt for a place to get a support under her when my attention was attracted to Mr. Cheney. He had mounted the gunwale and stood with one hand on the railings. Then he began to go up hand over hand. He stopped a short distance from the surface and began to drop, sliding his hand along the upright ropes.

This was certainly not making investigations. It seemed to me that he was amusing himself as a child might do going up and down, being nearly balanced by the density of the water. Not liking his actions, I stood where I was, and when he had gone up and down a few times he let himself down on the deck and came to ward me.

Divers usually carry a knife, since there is a probability of needing one. At any rate, I had one in a pocket in my diving suit, and Mr. Cheney had been provided with one. He was obliged to move slowly through the water, and meanwhile I was wondering what his intention was in coming to me. As soon as he reached me he gave me a push and at the same time made a grab for my signal line. In the tussle that followed I lost it, and he grasped it.

I would not have believed that so much strength and agility could be utilized under water. My antagonist got his arms around my body and, pulling his knife from his belt, cut the rope connecting my waist with the men above. Then he began to dance about on the deck, evidently delighted that he could jump so high and come down so gently.

I was some thirty feet under water, with neither life nor signal line, at the mercy of a madman, for his actions confirmed that glitter in his eye I had noticed just before his helmet was put on. Why the others had not noticed it I do not know, except that there are things which, though plain to some, are invisible to others. The only article connecting me with the world above was the air pipe. I was getting plenty of air, but the maniac had proved himself stronger than I—probably on account of his madness—and if he interfered with the supply of air I would suffocate.

Having danced to his satisfaction, Mr. Cheney started for me again. I could see by the way he held his head that he was observing my air tube to see where he could cut it, for he held his knife still in his hand, evidently quite pleased whenever a beam of sunlight glittered on it through the water. I drew my own knife, determined, if necessary, to save my life by killing him. When he came within a few feet of me he jumped and, catching the tube above my head, severed it.

He must have pulled on his signal line, for I saw him rise rapidly. There was enough air in my helmet to prevent instant suffocation. I saw above me one chance for escape, the feet of my would be destroyer. I was just in time, by a spring, to reach an ankle with one hand. He tried to kick me off, but I not only hung on, I clutched the other ankle with my other hand. With a death grip I was drawn to the surface.

That is all I knew till I came to myself on the deck of the wrecking boat, my helmet removed and a number of anxious faces bending over me. Mr. Cheney is now in an insane asylum. I am a retired diver. I have never since been under water.

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Mrs. Fred A. Fuller of San Marcos, passed through Ballinger Sunday afternoon. She was en route to her home after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilbanks, of Paint Rock.

MANY IN BALLINGER TRY SIMPLE MIXTURE

Many Ballinger people are surprised at the QUICK action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. This simple remedy acts on BOTH upper and lower bowels, removing such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. A few doses often relieve or prevent appendicitis. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. The INSTANT, easy action of Adler-i-ka is astonishing. The Walker Drug Co.

Miss Avie Jones, of the Melton Dry Goods Co., left for her home at Lampasas Sunday afternoon. She will return to Ballinger in a few days and be with the popular dry goods house another season. Mrs. A. R. Jones, formerly Miss Alma Snell, will also be with this firm again during the spring season.

PROTECTING THE U. S. FROM PINK BOLLWORM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Since the discovery early in November that the Egyptian pink boll worm is present in the cotton fields of the Laguna district of Mexico, about 200 miles south of the Texas border, the Federal Horticultural Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has taken all possible steps in Texas to make sure that the destructive pest has not entered and does not enter this country. The four hundred or more carloads of cotton seed which entered the United States from Mexico last year have been traced to oil mills in Texas and the attention of the operators of these plants has been called to the desirability of crushing the Mexican seed as soon as possible and of thoroughly cleaning their premises to make certain that none of the insects survive. Most of the imported seed already has been crushed, but a few consignments which arrived early in the season have been covered with large amounts of domestic seed and will not be reached until later.

The Federal Horticultural Board plans to have its inspectors keep close watch over these establishments to minimize the possibility of the escape of pink bollworms or their moths. It is also planned to have inspectors carefully examine all cotton fields in the neighborhood of these establishments during the coming growing season in order that any of the insects which may escape and establish themselves on cotton plants may be early detected and destroyed.

Lingering Coughs are Dangerous.

Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night, and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, anti-septic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs—your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for gripe, croup, coughs and colds. Get a bottle today at your Druggist, 50c.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL DESPITE SNOW STORM

Despite the heavy snow storm that fell throughout the day Sunday, and especially in the afternoon, a large crowd of sorrowing friends attended the funeral of Dr. J. L. Allred at Winters Sunday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock.

Rev. J. P. Sewell, of Abilene, came to Winters and conducted the funeral services. The services were held in the Methodist church in order that the large crowd might be seated and the large auditorium of the church was filled with people who gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to a man who had helped to relieve suffering in many homes throughout the Winters country and who had helped so in the development of that section of the county.

After the funeral services at the church the remains were laid to rest in the K. of P. Cemetery, a bank of snow marking the resting place of this good man.

Dr. Allred is survived by a wife and eight children and a host of friends.

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES AT QUEEN TONIGHT

A hypnotic act, a future-foretelling and mind-reading act, and a picture program, make up the big show at the Queen Theatre tonight. Madame Le Zora & Co., is the style of the company which is presenting this vaudeville program at the Queen, and the people in the parts have just come here from a very successful week at Abilene. One night only will the team be here. Admissions of ten and twenty-five cents are asked tonight.

Tomorrow night, James Oliver Curwood's novel "Thou Shalt Not Covet" will be screened at the Queen. Kathryn Williams and Tyrone Power, two of America's foremost actors are featured in the photoplay, besides Guy Oliver and Eugenie Besserer. A \$50,000

elimax is introduced when a big ocean liner is foundered at sea with its load of human freight. Little Viola Dana, "Broadway's biggest little star," comes to the Queen Wednesday in a new wonderplay, "The Gates of Eden," a five part story of old Quaker life. Miss Dana will be remembered for her unusual acting in "Gladiola," and other Edison features.

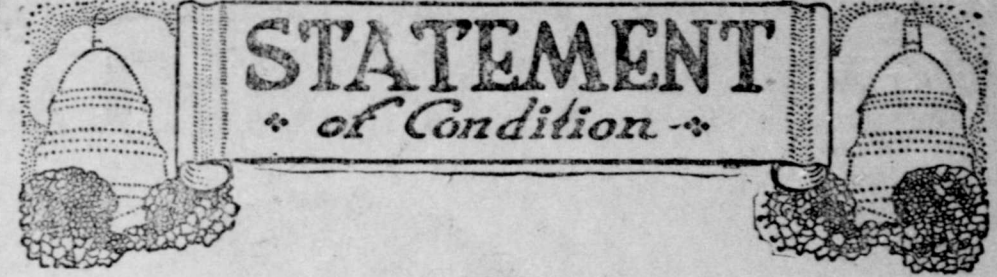
Neglected Colds Grow Worse.
A cough that racks and irritates the throat may lead to a serious chronic cough if neglected. The healing pine balsams in Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey—Nature's own remedy—will soothe and relieve the irritation, breathing will be easier, and the antiseptic properties will kill the germ which retarded healing. Have it handy for croup, sore throat, and chronic bronchial affections. Get a bottle today. Pleasant to take. At all Druggists, 25c.

Sacrificed Their Hats.
Many years ago the master butchers of Washington market, in New York city, used to kick their hats about the market at the close of business on Saturday night. Under the custom in the market it was considered a slighting of the profession for any butcher not to appear behind his counter with a high hat, and it was thought bad taste if the meat seller at the end of a prosperous week failed to destroy the hat. The apprentice butchers couldn't afford silk headgear and so used to gather up the broken hats and repair them for their own use.

All Pervasive.
The teacher's last question was meant to be a scientific poser. "What is that which pervades all space," she said, "which no wall or door or other substance can shut out?" No one had an answer ready but Freddy Sharpe. "The smell of onions, miss," he said promptly.—New York Times.

A Ready Sealer.
For traveling carry a candle with you, and when about to make a jump, as the theatrical people say, seal your bottles with it. It takes only a minute to light the candle, turn it upside down and let the tallow drip around the cork of a bottle, but it insures perfect carriage of the fluid content.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.



...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
December 27th, 1916

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$336,578.55
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,800.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	97,997.55
Cash and Exchange	320,323.35
Total	\$792,599.45

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	58,313.69
Unearned Interest	9,000.00
Reserved for Taxes	1,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	599,285.76
Total	\$792,599.45

The above statement is correct. R. G. F. rwin.
We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

WOMEN POSTMISTRESS IS GOOD RECRUITER

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 15.—Ye Femino is rapidly outstripping her masculine rivals in military affairs, as a postmistress, like Joan of Arc, leads in the lurch of the fighting man. In the activities of the postmaster campaign for recruits for the United States Marine Corps, the first person to receive the \$5.00 reward for securing of a recruit for the "Soldiers of the Sea" was a woman. Miss Mary Rudihill, hamler of the mails in Forsyth, C

enlisted Richard Lewis Ponder of that place, according to First Sergeant Ernest H. Galway, of the local Marine Corps recruiting station. "There may be nothing in a name," mused Galway, "but he was the first, and that makes one order."
Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Lintment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

662 New Subscribers Added

Mr. Merchant, that's what we offer you in increased circulation to our weekly paper (The Banner-Ledger) during the last two weeks. Our solicitors have met with unprecedented success in their work. In fact they have made a "clean-up." Volunteer subscriptions have come thick and fast.

Our List is No Secret

Our subscription books are open to the advertiser. You can inspect the names, count them for yourself. The paper is going to the best people in the county, the people who appreciate a good county paper, gladly pay for it and "kick" if they miss an issue. Those are the kind of people you want for your customers.

Plan Your Advertising Now

The merchant who uses this medium for advertising his goods will get his share of the business. That has been proven in the past and needs no argument here. We are offering you more for your money now.

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