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Absolutely New Showing of

Sport Silks

You had better see them today

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DATES SET FOR TRAINING CAMPS

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The war department announced a schedule for summer training camps in the Southern department today. The schedule is as follows: Austin, May 4 to June 3; Dallas, June 16 to July 15; Alexandria, La., July 28 to August 27; Houston, September 9 to October 8.

The department is arranging to take care of a large number of civilians who are already listing for the training.

JAPAN RECOGNIZES NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

TOKIO, March 29.—Japan sent a formal message to Petrograd today in which the Japanese government makes official announcement in recognizing the new Russian democratic government.

DEFENDANT SICK; CASE CONTINUED

On the grounds that the defendant was ill and not able to appear in court and stand trial on charges alleging that he committed rape upon his own daughter, the court granted a motion continuing the case against H. F. Alexander until the next term of court. The case was set for ten o'clock Thursday morning and was called on time with a special venire of more than sixty men present. Dr. F. M. Hale, county health officer furnished a statement showing that the defendant was not physically able to stand trial, having just undergone a painful operation. Assisted by an officer, Alexander was brought into the court room when court convened, but he appeared to be in a very feeble condition. The physician was in the country and could not be called to testify at the forenoon session and court took a recess until one-thirty in the afternoon when the continuance motion was granted and the special venire dismissed.

Judge Woodward retained the regular jury for the week and immediately called for trial a case against two Mexicans charging burglary. The complaint alleged that the Mexicans broke into a barn on a farm four miles South of Ballinger where they stole a quantity of cotton seed.

BIG TURK ARMY MEETS DEFEAT

LONDON, March 29.—It was officially reported here today that Turkish forces numbering more than twenty thousand had been defeated south of Gaza. The report comes from Egyptian expeditionary forces. Gaza is a city of Palestine about forty-eight miles southwest of Jerusalem. On the western front the French captured important munitions and material depot, while the reports comes that the Germans bombarded Soissons with big calibre guns.

RAIN NEEDED TO FINISH ROAD

The work on the Johnson lane is nearing completion. At least the grade has been completed and most of the grade covered with gravel and is ready for the steam roller. Commissioner Kirk announced that on account of water being necessary in rolling and packing the road that he would probably not be able to open the road to travel until it rained. To turn the travel on the road in its incomplete condition would cause much damage to the pretty highway that is being constructed. The road crossing the creek at the upper dam is in good shape, and the distance is only about a quarter of a mile out of the way for the Crews travel and is nearer for the Winters travel.

7 MILLION NET GAIN FOR ROADS

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Although the railroads of the country contend that heavily increased operating expenses have greatly reduced their net earnings, the Interstate Commerce Commission this afternoon announced that an estimate of the net earnings for last January of the leading railroads shows a gain of seven million dollars over the same month one year ago.

Misses Bess and Lola Haneock of Miles, were visiting friends and shopping in Ballinger a few days ago.

EXTRA SESSION MAY COME EARLIER

AUSTIN, March 29.—Gov. Ferguson announced today that he would probably call an extra session of the legislature at an earlier date than at first decided upon. The governor told members of the legislature who were here visiting him this morning, that he had intended calling the extra session for April 16 or 23, but it was probable that he would call the lawmakers together earlier. The hurry up is attributed to the war situation, and the action of congress next week will determine the governor's action in this matter.

J. A. Long of Fort Stockton, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit his brother Ben S. Long, and family, and to look after business affairs a few days.

SPANELL CASE SET FOR APRIL 23RD

With the completion of the Alexander rape case in district court at Ballinger this week, Judge Woodward will adjourn court here, unless it should be to pass on a few non-jury civil cases, and he will return to his home at Coleman, where he will convene district court. Judge Woodward stated this week that the Spanell case had been set for Monday, April 23rd.

Spanell is charged with killing Col. M. C. Butler, of the United States cavalry at Alpine last July. Spanell was tried at San Angelo a short time ago for killing his wife at the same time he is charged with having killed Butler. He was acquitted on the wife murder charge. On account of the publicity given the case Judge Dubois on his own motion transferred the other case from Angelo to Coleman.

District Attorney Early, who is here prosecuting cases this week, will have charge of the prosecution of Spanell at Coleman. It is expected that some of the counsel who assisted in the prosecution at San Angelo will assist M. Early in the Coleman trial, and in addition J. K. Baker, and Walter Woodward, of Coleman, have been retained to assist in the prosecution.

INTERURBAN LINES TO SPAN TEXAS

WACO, March 29.—The first unit of the Texas Airline Interurban Railway Company was incorporated at Austin Monday with capital stock of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The first line of road will be built from Navasota, or Brenham to the coast. The second line will be constructed between Waco and Paris and the third from Waco to Beaumont. In all five systems will be built, at a cost of twenty million dollars, a bond issue for which is being floated. This announcement was made here today by Ben C. Hunt, of Cleburne, president of the new company. Headquarters for the new corporation will be located at Waco.

Miss Eunnie Pagles left Wednesday afternoon for Coleman, where she was called to nurse a patient.

Roy Deason left Wednesday afternoon for Port Lavaca to visit his mother and friends at his old home for a few weeks.

R. A. Perry and little son of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday, and while here Mr. Perry renewed with The Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

INTERNAL TROUBLE IN SPAIN

LONDON, March 29.—The Spanish cabinet announced today that all constitutional guarantees had been suspended, according to wireless advices received here. The act means the institution of Martial law through out Spain. Labor union headquarters have been closed and Spain has been menaced by a nation wide strike in all lines of labor for the past few weeks. The trouble is said to be due to a complaint from the workers that food prices are out of all reason.

HAS SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

D. N. Gann and sister, of Millersview, came in a day or two ago and the young lady, Miss Matilda, was operated upon at the Halley & Love sanitarium, and was resting very well Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. H. Wigle returned home Thursday at noon from a pleasant visit to Mr. Wigle and friends at Temple and also she and Mr. Wigle had a very pleasant two days visit to Dallas while away from home.

Estes Lynn of San Angelo, came in Wednesday afternoon to join his wife and baby on a visit a few days.

CONTRACTS LET FOR SUBMARINE CHASERS

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Awards were made today to two private ship yards for the immediate construction of an additional batch of submarine chasers. The navy department also authorized the immediate construction of additional slip at New York navy yards suitable to building battle ships.

GRADUATING FOR TRAINED NURSES

The Ballinger School for Nurses has announced a program for commencement exercises to be held at the Library Friday night at eight o'clock. Every one in Ballinger and surrounding country are most cordially invited to be present on this occasion. Following is the program:

- Invocation, Rev. W. T. Allan, D. D.
- Duet, Pizzacati by Delibes, Lois Allison and Grace DeWitt.
- Address, Hon. Walter C. Woodward.
- Solo vocal, "Daris" (Pastorale) by Ethelbert Nevin; Mrs. Chas. Schoonover accompanied by Mrs. A. A. DeBerry.
- Presenting of Diplomas, Dr. W. B. Halley.
- Solo instrumental, "H. Trovatore," Op. 39 by E. Dorn; Mrs. Elmer Simpson.
- Presenting of Pins, Miss Azelle V. Toulme, R. N.
- Violin obligato, Reverie by Viextemps; Mrs. Herbert O'Bannon accompanied by Mrs. A. A. DeBerry.
- Benediction, Rev. J. B. Curry.

Thelie Harvey of Abilene, came in first of the week to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a week or two.

Tad Richards of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Thursday en route home from Fort Worth, where he had been on business.

J. H. Patterson, who is buying mules in this section, came in from the east Thursday at noon.

GERMAN REVOLUTION MAY SAVE U. S. FROM WAR

DATE FOR HOBSON LECTURE CHANGED

The local committee in charge of arrangements for the coming of Captain Richard Pearson Hobson, of Merrimac fame, received a notice this week that Capt. Hobson would speak at Ballinger on the night of Wednesday, April 11th, instead of April 10th, as previously announced and advertised.

The coming of Capt. Hobson will be the occasion for a "Dry America" rally at Ballinger, and it is expected that people from all over the county will be here. Capt. Hobson will deliver his lecture at the Methodist church, and it will be free to everyone—there being no admission charges.

Capt. Hobson spoke at Ballinger several years ago, at which time a large crowd heard him and paid fifty cents to do so. This time he comes under the auspices of the National Constitutional Prohibition Committee, and is working in the campaign to make America a dry nation. He is said to be the best speaker the committee has on the platform, and those who fail to hear him, regardless of whether they agree with him or not, will miss a treat.

RECENT CONFLICTS WITH REVIVAL MEETINGS

At Harlingen, Texas, Lucey appeared under the auspices of the Methodist church, while a revival was on at the Christian church, date being booked before the meeting began. The evangelist announced the Lucey recital in his church, made a strong plea for the congregation to attend the lecture, and after service he and his evangelistic party attended.

At Coleman, high school boys had charge. A Baptist minister visited Methodist church, where a meeting is in progress, made a fine announcement, and many came over after service, including the evangelist and pastor.

Mr. Lucey does much religious work, has Y. M. C. A. bookings ahead, and is to appear for special Easter program at Pecos.

In many cases where lyceum numbers conflict with the revival—sometimes numbers being given in the church building where services are held, as a matter of expediency—all co-operate for the good of all, as the Lyceum and Chautauqua is filled with Christian ladies and gentlemen, who are working to bring uplifting entertainment to the people.

Mr. Lucey appears at the Library here tonight at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school. Admission 25 and 35 cents. Reserve seats 50 cents.

J. N. Harris and Sam Farmer of Miles, J. T. Tippet and W. T. Brown of the Crews country, were transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

By Ed L. Keen
European Manager of the United Press.

LONDON, March 29.—It is expected that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will strive to stave off a rapidly growing sentiment for democratizing Germany by offering a new peace proffer today.

At the very least he is expected to announce sweeping reforms in Germany's governmental structure, and reforms that will give the people a more active participation, according to reliable reports received here.

Dispatches received indicate that the German populace is taking the most intense interest in a speech which the chancellor is scheduled to deliver before the Reichstag this afternoon. For the first time the German socialists have united in formidable demands which the government apparently realizes will have the backing of a large part of the German people.

WILSON WAITING LATE DEVELOPMENTS

WASHINGTON, March 29.—President Wilson is holding judgment on some of the vital details in his war message to Congress, pending developments which are expected to come within the next few days.

Word has been received by the state department that Bethmann-Hollweg will deliver a speech before the Reichstag today in which he may give an outline of Germany's future course, both concerning Germany's conduct in the war and possibly offer renewed plans for making peace. At the same time attention has been called to the effectiveness of armed neutrality as is illustrated by the safe passage of armed American merchantmen to England. This has created a rather strong impression at Washington, and some officials predict that Germany will not attack armed American mercantile marine.

AMERICANS WARNED TO LEAVE GERMANY

LONDON, March 29.—The London Evening Star prints dispatches today from Spanish diplomatic sources, saying that it has been learned that Americans have been warned to leave Germany before April second.

ROME, March 29.—Germany has been asked to send all Americans home, according to reports received through a message transmitted from Ambassador Page at London to the Spanish ambassador here.

E. A. Jeanes left Thursday morning for points east to look after his business interests a day or two.

H. E. Dickinson of Reagan county, who had been visiting relatives and looking after business affairs in our section the past week, left for his home Thursday at noon.

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE PREPARES FOR WAR

New York, March 29.—The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world also holds good in working for American preparedness. A nation wide report gathered by the United Press shows that the women of the country are offering to serve in every capacity, including sign painters, factory inspectors, naval stenographers, nurses, drug clerks, cooks, laundresses

and for anything else in which they should be needed. If the men are called to take up arms the women will fill their places at home, or go to the front to help in war in any way they can be of service. This is shown by reports from recruiting stations where many women have called to know what they can do to help in preparedness.

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\$1225.00 \$850.00 \$940.00

Cars in Stock.

1 Hudson, great bargain	\$450.00
1 new Case, 7 pass. \$1400 car, a bargain	\$1000.00
1 Chiverville, 2 pass. 30 Horse power	\$200.00
1 5 passenger Auburn	\$225.00
1 5 passenger Ford	\$250.00

Storage batteries for every make of car and our personal guarantee for 18 months with every Willard battery. Every other battery tested and watered free of charge. Service station. \$10,000 stock of tires bought before the advance. Better see us or we both loose.

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PEOPLE SLOW TO LEARN TRAFFIC RULES

It seems that some auto drivers will never learn how to drive an auto on the public highways. No law should be necessary for forcing people to adopt the safety first way, and the man who has any regard for the rights of others does not wait for the law to step in and make him do the right thing.

The motorist invariably turns to the right when meeting another vehicle, but many persist in turning to the right when they wish to drive faster than a vehicle ahead of them is traveling, and want to pass such a vehicle, when they should turn to the left in passing another vehicle from behind.

Passengers called for and delivered to any part of the city. Phone 133 or 135. 12-1fd

UNCLE SAM WEIGHING MAIL

The weighing of all mail matter throughout the United States began at 12:01 o'clock Tuesday morning, according to announcement made Monday by officials of the Eleventh division of the railway mail service.

The mails will be weighed at the various railway depots throughout the country, when practicable. Every piece of mail matter will be weighed up to and including April 30th.

On small railroads, where the mail is light, the weighing will be done by the regular mail clerks. In cases where the mail is heavy, extra men will be placed on duty for the purpose. In instances where there is only a closed pouch service on the trains, men will be employed in some cases to do the work and in other cases the various postmasters will perform the duty.

The mail will be weighed for the month in order to gain statistical information for the benefit of the department and the public in general.

For hoarseness, inflamed lungs and irritating coughs, Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm. It does its work quickly and thoroughly. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Library Benefit.

A tea and candy sale March 31, from 3:00 to 6:00 o'clock at Carnegie Library. 28-3td

SUDDEN DEATH

Caused by Disease of the Kidneys

The close connection which exists between the heart and the kidneys is well known nowadays. As soon as kidneys are diseased, arterial tension is increased and the heart functions are attacked. When the kidneys no longer pour forth waste, uræmic poisoning occurs and the person dies and the cause is often given as heart disease, or disease of brain or lungs.

It is a good insurance against such a risk to send 10 cents for a large trial package of "Anurie"—the latest discovery of Dr. Pierce. Also send a sample of your water. This will be examined without charge by expert chemists at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. This "Anurie" of Dr. Pierce's is 37 times more active than lithia, for it dissolves uric acid in the system, as hot water does sugar. It relieves backache, lumbago, rheumatism, quickly. 50c. at druggists.

FORMER BALLINGER MAN SERVES HIS COUNTRY

In making mention of the departure from the border of the Texas troops the El Paso Herald says:

"And Elijah Barbee, at last came his release. How he waited and longed for that release. Good luck, Elijah Barbee, may the gods be generous to you, may the doors of good fortune open up to you, may the nation never again need you as at this critical time and demand an additional sacrifice of you. You played your part with dignity and courage."

Elijah is the son of M Barbee, of Ballinger. He will be kindly remembered by the old timers of this city. He left Ballinger several years ago and settled in Western Texas, and his friends here will be glad to know that he served his country, and served it well and has been released with honor.

For Your Child's Cough.

Here's a pleasant cough syrup that every child likes to take, Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. If your child has a deep hacking cough that worries you give him Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, the soothing pine balsams relieve the cough, loosen the phlegm and heal the irritated tissues. Get a bottle today at your druggist and start treatment at once. 25c.

BISHOP CASE IS REVERSED

Austin, Tex., March 29.—Because the trial court had erred in refusing the request of counsel for appellant to place the witnesses under rule, the court of criminal appeals today reversed and remanded the case of W. T. Bishop from Jones county. Bishop having been sentenced to death on conviction of the murder and robbery of an aged man named John Evans. Associate Judge Prendergast dissented, declaring that the crime for which Bishop had been convicted was one of the most horrible he had ever been called upon to consider. Evans was killed with an ax while he slept.

The Pneumonia Season.

The cold damp, weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask anyone who has used it.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST

List of letters advertised, March 24, 1917. Bruber, Homer, Byrd, Homer, Cooper, Miss Matilda, (2) Holt, J. W., Hunt, Mrs. Effie, Matthews, J. W., Meeks, Albert, Williams, R. G., When calling for the above letters please say "advertised," and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office. James J. Erwin, P. M.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of J. C. Fletcher

Leave your package at the Brooks auto station. We carry express, and deliver it to any part of the city. 12-1fd

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

THE COURAGE OF A MAGAZINE

Have you ever stopped to think what a queer town this would be—how inconvenient for you—if there were no stores here? Without the stores there couldn't even be a town. Well, the only way to make stores possible is to give them patronage.

We are not losing our heads over the mail-order danger, nor do we think it one of the seven deadly sins to buy something out of town occasionally. But we do maintain that every citizen of Ballinger should make it his or her practice to buy of the merchants who are helping to pay our taxes, who are employing our own friends and neighbors, who are building up the town, who are indirectly making it possible for all of us to make our living!

We are gratified to learn that one of the greatest national magazines, and the greatest in the women's field, has decided to exclude all mail-order advertising from its columns and thus cooperate with local merchants everywhere. That this is the proper step can be seen by looking at the facts. The magazine mentioned, The Delineator, is sold locally through Higginbotham Brothers & Co., who also sell many of the goods advertised in its columns. Naturally, the store owners prefer that the advertising which they promote shall help them, which is only fair. The Delineator recognizes this, and, in spite of a loss in revenue amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, has made the sacrifice in the interest of local dealers.

You can do your part to help this town by giving your preference to those merchants who show an interest in the town and to that magazine which is trying to help us rather than undermine us.

RATES FOR Classified Ads

THE WEEKLY BANNER-LEDGER

One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion. Black face type double regular rate. Cash must accompany copy 25 cent where party has regular open account with us. Call Telephone No. 27

WANTED

WANTED—A married man with small family to work on farm. J. J. Pope. Phone 6611. 27-3td

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Selected mebane cotton seed for planting. Sold only in two bushel sacks. Price \$2.00 per bushel terms cash. Louis Westbrook, Lorena, McLennan county, Texas. 24-12d 3tw

FOR SALE—I have two houses and lots in Ballinger which I want to sell at once, and will put bargain prices on them, and sell on monthly payments. If you have any idea of buying, we will make the proposition so attractive to you that you will buy. The property is as follows, lot 8, block 10, Guion Addition, has four room house and barn, also lot 3, block 5, Flowers Addition, has three room house and barn. Write me if interested, and I will fix it so you can get a home. E. S. HENLEY, Brownwood, Tex. 28-5td

FOR SALE—5 room house and bath-room, to be removed from lot. Call on F. C. Miller, Ballinger. 22-1fd

WOOD and COAL for sale. Ballinger Light, Power & Ice Co. Phone 312. 1-1fd

FOR SALE—scholarship for complete course of cotton classing, shorthand, or steno-typewriting, or bookkeeping, telegraphy, or business administration and finance, in Tyler Commercial College. First come gets scholarship at bargain. Ballinger Printing Co., Ballinger, Texas.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two four room houses on Twelfth Street. Mrs. D. C. Simpson. tfdh

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officers to be elected April 3, 1917 For Mayor: E. F. Krebs, J. W. Powell For Commissioners: R. T. Williams, C. A. Doose.

"The Light That Failed"

never was hooked up to a Gould Storage Battery or it would not have failed without due warning. The starting-lighting system of your car depends on the battery. We guarantee every

Gould Storage Battery

to give satisfactory service for one year. Be safe. Get the battery you can depend on and you will be free from the discomfort and the expense of poor battery service.

Ask for a copy of "The Armored Car", the thrilling war story that escaped the censor. Free to autoists.



Elder Brothers

Miss Aurelia McKenzie, who had been teaching school near Maryneal the past five or six months, closed her school and returned home Wednesday afternoon.

Package Garden Seed — are pretty, but you pay a good price for the pretty picture; then why not buy your seed in bulk from Jeanes Produce Co. 15-d&w-tf

A good treatment for a cold settled in the lungs is a Herrick's Red Pepper Porus Plaster applied to the chest to draw out inflammation, and Ballard's Horehound Syrup to relax the tightness. You get the two remedies for the price of one by buying the dollar size Horehound Syrup; there is a porous plaster free with each bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

SPRING'S COMING

You will need lumber for making improvements around your home. When you think of building and painting think of

Ballinger Lumber Company

The Light of Elegance



One of the most pleasurable, convenient and elegant appointments of a home is an EXTERIOR LIGHT on the porch or in the front yard.

Both the lamp and the cost of operation are easily controlled by a switch.

Estimates of cost gladly furnished.

Ballinger Light, Power and Ice Company

Phone 31

...EAT FOR LESS...

There is only one way to "Eat for Less" in these days of soaring prices. That is by getting Better Quality for the Same Money. You get it at this store.

We can't promise to make you low prices, for such groceries today would not be fit to eat. They would be a menace to your health. And besides, we have to pay high prices ourselves. But we can and DO promise to give you the

HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY

for the money. That is our inducement, our great argument.

We have no higher ambition than to make our store known in every home in this section as The Home of Quality Groceries.

Miller Mercantile Co.

Phones 66 77

Can You Afford

To neglect your personal appearance when our prices for cleaning, pressing and repairing clothes are easily within your means?

Can you afford to overlook the importance of personality as relates to outer garments? You cannot! We solicit your patronage and agree to give you unexcelled service. May we start today? We use the 5-A Hoffman with vacuum attachment for pressing. Phone 2

Jones-Stuart Tailoring Co.

Successors to C. C. Gilliam.

Country Produce

We want your turkeys, chickens, guinea fow, geese and ducks and will always pay the highest prices in cash.



We are here to handle your eggs, butter, cream, beeswax and any other produce you have.

We Always Pay You Cash

Jeanes Produce Co.



Do not cripple your Chances of Success by spending all of your income. Without a bank account and a systematic saving plan Your Opportunities will be limited. Be a live one—one who can take advantage of all opportunities. An account started now will help.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

What is baby's health worth?

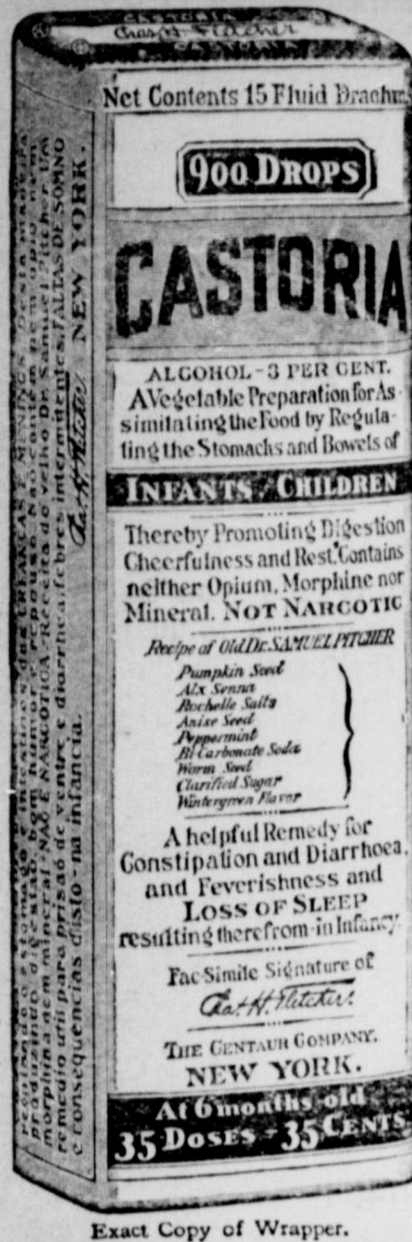


WHAT IS YOUR BABY'S HEALTH

worth to you? The best milk sealed for your protection costs but little more than the other product. Let us serve you each morning for your own sake as well as the baby's. Will call upon you promptly if you telephone us.

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For Infants and Children.
Mothers Know That
Genuine Castoria
Always
Bears the
Signature
of
Chas. H. Fletcher.
In Use
For Over
Thirty Years
CASTORIA

**SAN ANGELO TO HAVE
MASKED CHARITY
BALL APRIL 9TH.**

Attractive posters appeared today in many Ballinger show windows advertising a masked Charity Ball at San Angelo on the night of April Ninth. Fancy costumes, carrying out the idea of "black and white" are to be worn and the affair promises to be one of the social events of our neighboring city.

This ball is given each year by the King's Daughters, a charitable organization, and all the funds derived from it are spent in providing for the needy in some way. Aside from this a very enjoyable entertainment is provided, and the attendance is always large.

Many Ballinger young people will likely motor over to enjoy this dance and mingle with their San Angelo friends.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a
Favorite for Colds.**

J. L. Essley, Macon, Ill., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly."

Election Notice.

By virtue of an order passed by the Board of Trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District, at their regular meeting, March 5, 1917, J. Scott H. Mack, President of the Board of Trustees, order an election to be held at the City Hall in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on Saturday, the 7th day of April, A. D., 1917, between the hours as prescribed by law, to elect three trustees for said Ballinger Independent School District as provided by the Amended Special Act of the 29th Legislature of Texas, creating and regulating the said Ballinger Independent School District. J. F. Lusk is appointed manager of said election.

SCOTT H. MACK,
President of Board of Trustees.
E. D. FUTCH,
Secretary of Board of Trustees.
26-3td

Herbine cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

What your tailor?
W. H. Roark
The Tailor

"We must remember that traffic rules and regulations are meant for all classes of vehicles, and not for automobiles alone. In many ways the traffic regulations that have heretofore been used by cars would very profitably be observed also by horse-drawn vehicles. Take the matter of signals in turning. There is a much necessity for the safety of a horse-drawn vehicle that its drivers should signal his intention to turn as there is for the safety of a car. Have a care.

"Do not forget that it is against the law to travel as fast as a half time an hour where the conditions are such that such speed would be dangerous to persons or property. You are not entitled to travel at the speed limit unless the conditions are such that you can do so with entire safety. Speed is the cause of a great majority of automobile accidents. Most all accidents could have been avoided if we only had been moving a little slower. Reduce your speed at all street crossings and street corners and especially in emerging from alleys and garages and on bridges."

Lazy Liver Is Spring Fever
Same old symptoms—coated tongue, bad breath, headache, dizziness. Brighten up! Don't let a sluggish liver dull your brain. Po-Do-Lax, nature's liver regulator made from the may apple makes work easier for your liver. It stimulates the flow of bile and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog your intestines. Clear up that muddy complexion, chase out that tired feeling with Po-Do-Lax. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 50c.

**CIVIC IMPROVEMENT
ATTRACTS ATTENTION**

The workmen have just completed laying a concrete walk in front of the Melton Dry Goods Co. store, and the electricians are at work today wiring in a large ornamental street light directly in front of the main entrance to "Everybody's Store." The big light is similar to the one on the corner at the First National Bank and the one in front of the Walker Drug Co., and will add greatly to the illumination of Hutchings Avenue. There are a number of other lights of this kind in prospect, and the light company has announced that one will be placed on the corner of their office on Eighth Street just as soon as the work can be done. Ballinger's business district bids fair to be the best lighted of any little city in Central West Texas.

Another improvement noted in the new sidewalk in front of Melton's is the "baby carriage drive." This is quite handy for mothers who bring their babies shopping with them.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. A. P. Jones of the Rowena country, was visiting friends and attending a revival in our city, leaving for home Thursday at noon.



Our waiting station is ready for you. Catch the car here or leave your packages. W. E. Brooks, next door to Schawe's grocery store. 12-1td



**A Tender
Juicy Steak**

There is nothing more delicious nor more satisfying than one of these steaks that only our chef knows how to prepare.

Order it just as you like it—medium, rare or well done—and you'll enjoy every bite.

They're all full of flavor, served clean and appetizingly, and the price is moderate.

City Cafe

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

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Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

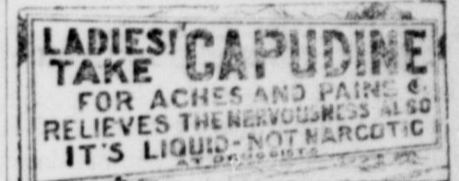
Has Helped Thousands.

Only two more weeks to Easter, ladies if you want a hat call at Zeppe's while prices are cut 15 percent. 29-1d-1w

Dependancy Due to Constipation
Women often become nervous and despondent. When this is due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

Plants, Plants—tomato and pepper plants, now ready for transplanting. Jeanes Produce Co. 15-d&w-tf.

W. T. Baker of the Maverick country and W. W. Smith of the valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday and while here Mr. Smith ordered the Banner Ledger to his address.



Pure Mebane cotton seed for sale by Jeanes Produce Co. 30-d&w-tf.

**Some People are Having Trouble
With
OIL STOVES**

The only sure way to do away with stove troubles is to use a

**Florence Automatic or
a Florence Blue Flame**

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Buy a Box of Famous
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ABSOLUTELY FREE!

This jar of Face Cream does not cost you a penny if you take advantage of this SPECIAL OFFER. Don't wait until too late. Come in and get your FREE Face Cream now.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

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Service**

Free tire service to any part of the city—call us out when you have tire trouble. We want to do your tire repairing.

Quick Tire Service Co.

Elder Brothers

Phone 650

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We can undoubtedly save you money on your bathroom equipment.

Our stock of fixtures includes the best and most reliable makes. And it is complete in every detail—bathtubs, lavatories, sanitary closets, all kinds of water heaters, towel racks, soap dishes, tooth brush and tumbler holders, toilet paper holders and everything needed in bathroom fixtures.

We make quick, careful and thorough installation and are sure we can please you. Phone or call and talk it over with us.

E. G. Allison & Son
Phone 136

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of your troubles are ended when you submit your
Grocery Troubles to Us.**

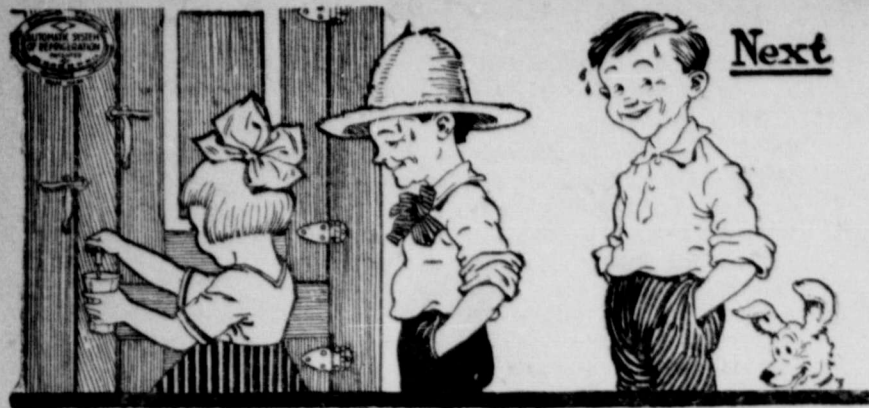
The getting ready of your daily meal is an easy task, indeed, when we are allowed to help you. Just think of what you want and phone us, we'll do the rest. Better still, when you come to town visit our store. Let us do your baking.

L. B. Stubbs

For Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing---Phone 97



Auto Delivery



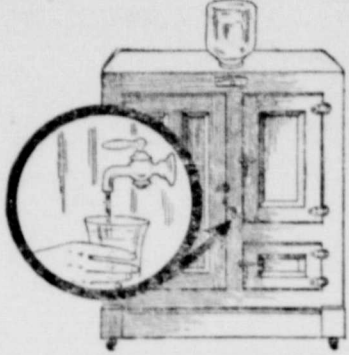
On a hot day you'll say
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In addition to its 100 per cent service in the keeping of your food, the Automatic, with its patented, built in water cooler, gives a constant abundance of drinking water that no odors or impurities can reach. The

Automatic Refrigerator

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You simply must see the Automatic before you buy your refrigerator



Hall Hardware Company

BIG PROFIT OFFERED IN BROOM CORN PRODUCTION

T. S. Lankford is in receipt of a letter from a large dealer in broom corn in which the writer proposes to buy at a fancy price all the broom corn that can be grown here. The letter says in part, "We would like to make arrangements thru you to have 500 to 1000 acres of broom corn planted among your farmers. If planted in April and you have any kind of favorable season the broom

corn should be ready for market in July and August and would bring a high price for good quality. We could secure the seed for you and give the grower time for payment until the crop was marketed. We could further contract, as an inducement to the farmers to plant broom corn, to pay from \$100 to \$150 per ton, or more for July and August delivery. We are sending you by this mail a sample of California Evergreen Standard seed, price \$6 per bushel, and Japanese Dwarf at \$4 per bushel."

There is a fixed market for broom corn, and while we have not investigated to see with what success this crop can be grown here, the proposition looks good. A few acres of broom corn could be made to bring the farmer a handsome profit right at a time when there is no other crop to go on the market in this country. We trust the farmers will see fit to try out the crop and produce the corn if it can be grown here.



TEXAS WONDER
THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not 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, 208 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

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How much time are you devoting to its study?
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BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

PROMINENT YOUNG STOCKMAN DIES

It was sad news in Ballinger Thursday morning when it was announced that Robert Spreen had died during the latter part of the night at his home near Benoit. Death was due to a relapse from measles, and Mr. Spreen was only ill a few days, and his death was a surprise to his host of friends in Ballinger and surrounding country.

Mr. Spreen had resided here most of his life. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Spreen, and a grandson of August Herring, deceased. His father, William Spreen, died several years ago. He is survived by his mother, wife, and one child, and a number of relatives, and a host of friends joins The Ledger in sympathy for the bereaved relatives.

It was announced late Thursday that arrangements had been made for the funeral and the remains would be laid to rest in the Pecan Springs cemetery, by the side of his father, Friday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. J. W. Atwood, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Ballinger, conducting the funeral services.

Easter Sale still on at Zappe's. You can save 10 percent on all purchases during the sale.

RUNNELS LEADS IN COTTON PRODUCTION

Out of more than twenty counties in this immediate section of the state, which takes in all the adjoining counties and counties for considerable distance east, as far east as Bell county, Runnels leads in cotton production. Runnels county total ginnings show 30,558 against Coleman county with 26,953, which is the nearest to Runnels county's production. Taylor county comes next with a total ginning of 26,003 bales.

While Runnels leads this year it also falls short of last year's production, or 1915 production, by nearly ten thousand bales, the ginnings for the 1915 crop amounting to 40,157 bales. However, Runnels also lead the Central West Texas counties in cotton production last year.

THOS. ELMORE LUCEY

Poet, Actor and Song Humorist will arrive here in a bee-haw Lope, Thursday night, the 29th inst., and will do some high kicking at the Carnegie Library, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

His performance is dazzling in its versatility. Whether drawing a classic, or impersonating the great or near great, Mr. Lucey is a past master of his art. From Shakespeare to Bill Nye he passes without effort in the twinkling of an eye, and adapts himself to the grave and gay with equal ease. In some of Shakespeare's greatest roles he is charming, and in his funny characterizations are irresistible. His lightning character changes, made before your eyes, are almost unbelievable. You will go home radiantly happy after spending "A Night in a Poet's Workshop." Admission 25c and 50 cents. Reserved seats, 50c. 27-3rd.

When you are going to Winters wait for the big Studebaker at the Auto Station next door to Schave grocery store. 12-tfd

Prof. Otis Allen left Wednesday afternoon for Brownwood, where he will conduct the singing in a protracted meeting. Mrs. Allen and little so left for Winters and Norton, where they will visit relatives during Mr. Allen's absence.

HUGGENS GUILTY OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

The jury in the H. P. Hudgens assault to murder case rendered a verdict Thursday morning, after being out since Wednesday at noon, and fixed the punishment at a fine of \$25 and cost, reducing the charge from assault to murder to aggravated assault. The defendant accepted the verdict.

Hudgens' three sons, Clark, Haskell and Hearshel, were charged jointly with the father, and while their cases have not been called for trial, the state has agreed to accept a plea of guilty to aggravated assault, and fix the lowest fine in each case which would be \$25. The defendants had not come to any conclusion in the matter up to noon Thursday.

Muscle Soreness Relieved.

Unusual work, bending and lifting or strenuous exercise is a strain on the muscles, they become sore and stiff, you are crippled and in pain. Sloan's Liment brings you quick relief, easy to apply, it penetrates without rubbing and drives out the soreness. A clear liquid, cleaner than musky plasters or ointments, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Always have a bottle handy for the pains aches of rheumatism, gout, lumbago, grippe, bruises, stiffness, backaches and all external pain. At your druggist, 25c.

ROBS EXPRESS OFFICE OF BOOZE AND IS ARRESTED

The county peace officers were called to May Sunday when a telephone message stated that some one had broken into the Express office there some time during Saturday night. Deputy Sheriff Dee Gentry and District Attorney W. U. Early investigated the matter and found that the burglar had entered the office through a window. The only article that could be found missing from the express office was three quarts of Jersey Cream whiskey. A man named McGrew was arrested for the robbery and placed in the jail at Brownwood Sunday night.—Brownwood News.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

MAYOR POWELL ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION.

In offering my name as Mayor of Ballinger for the next two years, I first wish to thank the people for electing me to that office by a large majority vote, without any electioneering or soliciting on my part. I wish to say I have tried to make the city an obliging and efficient mayor.

I refer to each alderman as to my courtesy, my promptness and my efficiency, during all these past years. Please ask them. I favored a commission form of government, believing, I, with two good commissioners, could evolve a more efficient, economical, and prosperous city than we have had. With three members selected for two years, it is wisdom, I think, to have one member with knowledge of all the city's past and present obligations. I would be of aid to that body.

I therefore submit my name as a candidate for mayor at the election, April 3rd. Respectfully,
J. W. POWELL.

Mrs. Mary Shields, who had been visiting her son, J. (Buck) Shields, and family, and her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Wheeler, and family, the past several months, left Thursday morning for Anson and after a short visit to her son at that place will go on to her home in Missouri to spend the summer.

A Bilious Attack.

When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach, and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

Persistence and Optimism Win Almost Every Battle---

"Such and such a man is getting on in the world." The chances are ten to one that good old-fashioned thrift is the fundamental cause for this success.

He looks ahead—He opened a bank account—He stuck to it. Do likewise and you will find getting on in the world is not so difficult.

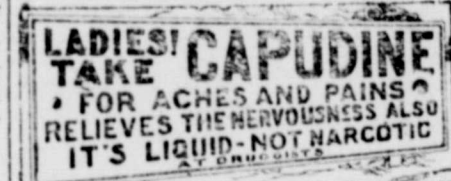
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First National Bank Of Ballinger

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE PRIZES ARE ANNOUNCED.

The completed list of contributors to prizes for the County Interscholastic League contests held in Ballinger, March 23-24, is as follows:

James E. Brewer, Waterman fountain pen, value \$2.50; Ballinger Dry Goods Co., \$1.00; Higginbotham Bros. & Co., \$1.00; Melton Dry Goods Co., \$1.00; Pearce Drug store, \$1.00; Walker Drug Co., \$1.00; Hall Hardware Co., \$1.00; Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, \$1.00.



A. Roper of the Norton country, David Holliday of Hatchel, and Aug. Scipp of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

D. E. Sims of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Eastern points on a short business trip.

Don't Let Your Cough Hang On.

A cough that racks and weakens is dangerous, it undermines your health and thrives on neglect. Relieve it at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. This soothing balsam remedy heals the throat, loosens the phlegm, its antiseptic properties kill the germ and the cold is quickly broken up. Children and grown-ups alike find Dr. King's New Discovery pleasant to take as well as effective. Have a bottle handy in your medicine chest for grippe, croup and all bronchial affections. At druggists, 50c.

ROBERT EDESON IN "FATHERS OF MEN" TONIGHT.

Robert Edeson, famous in a hundred dramas of the spoken stage, and remembered for his photodramatic work in "On the Night Stage," "Mortmain," and other fine pictures, is here at the Queen Theatre tonight.

"Fathers of Men" is the title of the five reel Vitagraph feature in which Mr. Edeson appears in conjunction with Naomi Childers.

"Fathers of Men" is a dramatic film of the great Northwest by James Oliver Curwood, who is responsible for some of the best plays of this nature ever produced. In "God's Country and the Woman" Mr. Curwood won his laurels, and his position has been unassailable since.

Wm. Russell and Charlotte Burton, of "The Diamond from the Sky" renown, are here next Monday in a Mutual masterpiece. Some great scenes are enacted in this five act drama that will make these two stars all the more liked in Ballinger.

"Seven Deadly Sins," the McClure super-series of seven five-reel features will be shown at the Queen at an early date. Another

series of five reel Vitagraphs will come to the Queen with Lucille Lee Stewart in the leading roles. Each picture in this list is a separate film-novel.

Peggy Hyland, famous English beauty, will be seen soon in a big Vitagraph feature. Marc McDermott, old Edison player, supports Miss Hyland.

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From the novel by James Oliver Curwood. Produced by William Humphrey. Showing how Love breaks All Barriers in the Great Northwest.

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