

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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## HILL COUNTY MOB AFTER NEGRO RAPIST

Waco, Dec. 3.—Bragg Williams, a negro, was spirited away from here today when the officials were notified that a mob was forming at Itasca to come here and lynch the negro.

The negro made a confession, telling that he murdered Mrs. George Wells and baby son at Itasca yesterday.

The negro was brought here for safe keeping last night, after he was captured by officers following the discovery of the murder.

## REPUBLICAN EMBARASS PRES. WILSON

Washington, Dec. 3.—Representative Mann, republican leader in the House, came out flatly against a resolution introduced to install Vice President Marshall in the White House during Mr. Wilson's absence. Mr. Mann went further and declared himself wholly out of sympathy with the attempt to embarrass President Wilson while he is on the peace mission, and appealed to his followers to hands off of the administration.

### BILLY SUNDAY

is engaged in work of saving your "SOLES", and we are here to protect your health by mending your "SOLES" that is the soles of your shoes. Bring in those old shoes and let us put a new sole on them. We make auto tops, mend old ones and do a general repair work.

EBB CATHEY d&wtf

## Farm Agent Eaton To Remain At Ballinger

### PERFECTING PLANS FOR WORKING SOLDIERS

San Antonio, Dec. 3.—For the purpose of discussing a program of action covering the activities of the United States Employment Service in the demobilization of the American army, Federal Director H. W. Lewis, has summoned the Texas examiners for a two day conference at the District offices in this city. Every city and large town in Texas is represented at the conference. To the examiners attending Mr. Lewis is explaining the final details of the demobilization program as outlined by the department of labor at Washington, in conjunction with the adjutant general of the army. The task assigned the United States Employment Service in the transfer of men from the army to civil life is a tremendous one and all the machinery of the employment service organization will be operated in the interest of the placement of the returned men through community labor boards, the women's working reserve, the manufacturers association, civil and patriotic institutions. The employment service will make an exhaustive canvass of the employers of the state to ascertain what the needs of employers are and special attention will be given to the farms needs of the state. From the employment service discharged soldiers may learn just where work may be obtained suitable to their particular qualifications and every facility in placing the men in the right jobs will be utilized.

### YOUR HENS

will be laying for you before Xmas if you will feed them Martin's Egg Producer.

### WEEKS

The hens like it

Special examiners will be stationed at the various camps to cooperate with camp commanders in the discharging and placement of the men as they are released. Disabled soldiers applying to the employment service will be referred to the federal board of vocational training where they will be rehabilitated, and taught new useful occupations. The meeting Monday was addressed by A. B. Sage of the vocational board and the co-operation of the employment service was pledged to the board.

### PLEA FOR EARLY CHRISTMAS SHIPMENT

Vice-President D. S. Elliott, in charge of the traffic for the American Railway Express Company, has informed all operating officials and agents of the express organization throughout the United States that it is the purpose of the company to uphold in every way the request of the Council of Defense that Christmas express shipments be started on their way by December 5th.

A concerted effort will be made in every city and town of the country by the 125,000 express employees to emphasize the importance of preventing and possible congestion of transportation facilities during these critical times. Although the express facilities are very elastic, so much of the equipment is now used for strictly war purposes, that all gift shipments for long distance travel should be delivered to the express company not later than December 5th, and for short hauls not later than December 10th. This will allow time for sorting and delivering before Christmas day.

"We wish to emphasize," said Mr. Elliott, "the point raised by the Council of National Defense that nothing should be forwarded, which will interfere with essential war business. Just now the movement of equipment and supplies for the Overseas Forces is heavy and exacting, and there should be no domestic burden placed upon transportation, which would tend to lessen the delivery of war shipments."

"Also during the winter months there is a tremendous movement of foodstuffs to all of the large cities. These foodstuffs are perishable and next to war shipments must be given first consideration."

"We are asking our men everywhere to bring these points before our patrons, and to emphasize more strongly than ever the vital importance of packing and legible marking. We are asking them to refuse all shipments which are not packed strong enough to reach their destination with ordinary handling, and to insist that the address of the sender and of the consignee be placed on a card and enclosed inside of the package."

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And thus the United States government is not to be outdone by a commissioners court.

Mr. Eaton wired District State Agent his acceptance and is now on the job.

The above telegram came in reply to a telegram Mr. Eaton sent to College Station reporting the action of the commissioners court here.

Mr. Eaton has not made known just what his duties as district agent are, but it is known that he can not serve the farmers of this county as well in that capacity as a county agent could do. As his work no doubt extends over a much larger territory.

We venture the prediction that before the year is far gone, this county will have a farm agent, and the county will be paying their part of the salary. The people are going to demand it.

### ROBERT S. LOVETT

### BEING CONSIDERED

Washington, Nov. 3.—President Wilson did not leave Washington tonight and the assumption was that he would depart sometime tomorrow for New York where he will board the liner George Washington, on which he and the other members of the American peace delegation will make the voyage to France.

After addressing congress today, the president devoted his time to clearing away executive affairs in preparation for his trip. He walked from the White House to the office of the federal trade commission for a brief conference with Chairman William B. Colver. Later he went to the war department for a talk with Secretary Baker and afterwards called on Secretary McAdoo at the treasury department.

Inquirers were assured today that it was the president's purpose to name a secretary of the treasury and director general of the railroads before he departs for Europe. Tonight the president had a second conference with Mr. McAdoo at the secretary's home, at which Mr. McAdoo's successors were discussed and an announcement of both appointments was expected tomorrow.

In many quarters it is now regarded as almost certain that the president will select a new director general to succeed Mr. McAdoo from the present railroad administration staff and Robert S. Lovett, director of capital expenditures is known to be under consideration. Walter D. Hines assistant director general, is said to have expressed a desire to remain in his present position.

Mr. Lovett, a native of Texas, was director of priorities for the war industries board before he became a member of Director General McAdoo's staff and before the war had been chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific for a number of years.

## WAR CABINET UNANIMOUS TO GET KAISER

Liverpool, Dec. 3.—Attorney General Smith declared today that the War Cabinet had decided unanimously to demand the extradition of the ex-kaiser. This brings on more talk, and Holland will be forced to give up their guest.

## REVOLTERS MARCHING ON BERLIN

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 3.—German regiments are at Grondo, under the command of Prussian officers, and are marching toward Berlin to overthrow the provisional government, according to Polish newspaper reports received here today.

## PLOT TO RESTORE EMPEROR IS FOUND

London, Dec. 2.—A plot to restore imperialism and secure the return of Emperor William I, has been discovered in Berlin, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Express.

According to the dispatch which was filed at Amsterdam on Friday, the chief men behind the plot were Field Marshal von Mackensen, General von Bon and General Count Sixt von Arnim. It is said that they instructed the Prussian officers corps to carry on a pro-emperor agitation, beginning immediately after the demobilization of the troops was completed. Large sums of money are said to have been placed at the disposal of the leaders by munition makers.

The plot collapsed owing to the fact that a secret service agent overheard a telephone conversation. Many arrests have been made in Berlin and other cities, while the government has long lists of suspects who had planned to seize members of the present government.

No direct evidence of William Hohenzollern's connection with the plot has been found, it is said but it is believed that the outline of the plan was brought to Berlin by two of his suite who recently went to the German capital for the ostensible purposes of taking the wife of the former emperor to Amerongen, Holland.

Lieut. Dr. Gustav Krupp von Behlen is said to have been in control of the financial arrangements. Field Marshal von Mackensen is said to have attempted to induce Field Marshal von Hindenburg to join, but the latter refused, saying that he intended to retire after the demobilization of the army.

The whole Prussian court, it is said, was in sympathy with the plotters and it is said that Prince von Buelow and Dr. George Michaelis, former imperial chancellor had promised to help. The plan was to organize a provisional government under Field Marshal von Mackensen or some other military leader and then urge William Hohenzollern to return.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

Announcements reached Ballinger friends and relatives of this city today telling of the arrival on November 29th of a girl to bless and brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilke of Lamar, Colorado. Mrs. Wilke was formerly Miss Gladys Collins of this city and H. C. Wilke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke of this city.

### For Croup

"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfort, N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.

Mrs. R. G. Erwin went to Belton, Monday afternoon, and will spend a few days with home folks.

This is the time of all times when you should send a Christmas card. It is a remembrance that is worth while and you can reach more of your friends this way. See our samples now. Ballinger Printing Company.

Miss Mary Phillips, ex-District Clerk will continue to office in the court house for the month of December completing her work and winding up the business of the office and helping the new clerk get the ins and outs of the office. After January 1st she has not decided on her plans, but will probably engage in the oil business at some point. Miss Mary is making a specialty of Geology and expects to complete her study in this branch of science at some College and thus make it her life work. She has made an excellent District Clerk during her term as such, giving to this work that painstaking care that is so necessary to the successful prosecution of the duties of this important office, and her many friends will regret to miss her pleasant countenance at the court house in the future.

### Stomach Trouble

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It is now constable, J. A. De-Moville, if you please. It will be remembered that W. A. Breedlove was the nominee at the July Democratic primary, but moved to Amarillo, thus leaving a vacancy, and the commissioners court appointed J. A. De-Moville to this office. Dad says he is ready to serve your process, making arrests of the guilty and making criminals hide out.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than in all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine manufactured by J. F. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

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Mrs. L. H. Bacon, ex-deputy District Clerk, will office just across the hall in the second door from the District Clerks offices and will engage in some kind of clerical work, and assist the District Clerk in rush times.

Mrs. A. K. Doss has been quite ill the past several days with the grippe, and is yet very sick but we hope she will soon recover her normal health.

### Mrs. Isley's Letter

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.

Rodrick and Felton Curry, sons of Rev. J. B. Curry, spent two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Curry while their father and mother were absent from the city attending the Central Texas Conference.

School children come to the Ledger office for your loose leaf and theme paper.

### AMERICAN SPIRIT RELIED ON TO WIN

In the light of succeeding events it is interesting to recall the confidence with which the United States Food Administrator viewed the gloomy outlook in July of 1917, when this country had been in the war for less than four months and the Germans were steadily sending the western front nearer and nearer to Paris. "Even though the situation in Europe may be gloomy today," he declared in a public statement, "no American who has knowledge of the results already obtained in every direction need have one atom of fear that democracy will not defend itself in these United States."

R. C. Henniger, of the Hatchel country, was among the pleasant callers at The Ledger office Monday.

Otto Oeker, of Rowena Route 1, was here Monday and dropped in to renew acquaintance.

A. P. Serett says, "I don't want to miss a copy of your paper, here's the money to keep it coming."

### Few Escape

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

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## The good old times? There were none.

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# LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak. . . I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught." "Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose. All druggists. J. 69

## BUSINESS FIRMS ON SOUND BASIS

Business changes scheduled for the New Year are either being kept on the quiet or there will be few changes made. The New Year promises to begin with all firms in this city holding their own and doing a pretty good business at the same old stand.

The drought and complete crop failure and financial reverses have hit hard, and while the 12 month period through which we have just passed has left its ear mark upon the town and country, there has not been a single business failure in this city, and only one or two business houses have voluntarily closed and suspended business.

The merchants have looked a head and by hedging have been able to stay on the commercial map, and with the present prospects for agricultural success, credit is being extended on a more liberal scale, and confidence renewed.

This is comparatively a new country, and while many farmers were operating on a close margin, having come here and purchased land, making small cash payments, and investing heavy in improvements, they have been able to tide over, and one good crop year will place them on easy street. Such a jolt as this country has experienced would have proven fatal to the older countries which have long since been

worn thread bars, and must depend on each year taking care of itself.

## HORSES CHEAP AT \$127.68 PER HEAD

Washington, Dec. 3.—Hats off with prices steadily soaring on almost everything under the sun, to the faithful farm horse!

The cheery tidings comes from the agricultural department that farm horses are cheaper than they have been for 19 years.

Prices paid this year average \$127.98. In 1916 the high water mark was reached at \$145.22, and prices have fluctuated between the two figures since then.

Cynical folks, of course may figure that its small consolation to know farm horses are cheap when they need a suit of clothes or a roast of beef but then you can't satisfy everybody.



## UNION OF CHURCHES UNDER DISCUSSION

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Organic union of the Evangelical churches in America is being discussed by more than 100 representatives of 16 Protestant denominations, meeting here today.

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. made the proposal that brought the clergymen together. The present meeting is to last 3 days, and will consider plans to unite the 16 denominations in one federal church.

These churches sent delegates: Presbyterian Church U. S. A., Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S., Reformed Church in the U. S., United Presbyterian Church of North America, Methodist Episcopal Church, Congregational Churches, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical Synod of North America, Moravian Church in America.



Commissioner Craft stepped down and out and again becomes a private citizen of Miles, after serving his precinct as county commissioner for six or eight years. It is now Commissioner Curry, of Miles.

## HOW TO FIGHT Spanish Influenza

B Dry. L. W. Bowers.

Avoid crowds, coughs and colds, but fear neither germs nor Germans! Keep the system in good order, take plenty of exercise in the fresh air and practice cleanliness. Remember a clean mouth, a clean skin and clean bowels are a protecting armour against disease. To keep the liver and bowels regular and to carry away the poisons within, it is best to take a vegetable pill every other day made of May-apple, aloes, jalap, and sugar coated, to be had at most drug stores, known as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. If there is a sudden onset of what appears like a hard cold, one should go to bed, wrap warm, take a hot mustard foot bath and drink copiously of lemonade. If pains develop in head or back, ask the druggist for Anurie (anti-uric) tablets. They will flush the bladder and kidneys and carry off poisonous germs. To control the pains and aches take one Anurie tablet every two hours with frequent drinks of lemonade. The pneumonia appears in a most treacherous way, when the influenza victim is apparently recovering and anxious to leave his bed. In recovering from a bad attack of influenza or pneumonia the system should be built up with a good herbal tonic, such as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery made without alcohol from the root and barks of American chestnut trees, or his Ironie (ironic) tablets, which can be obtained at most drug stores, or send for Dr. Pierce's Invalid's Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial package.

## BELL COUNTY FAMILY MOVES HERE

W. R. Sumpter and family, of Bell County, have moved to Ballinger and will live on the Thomas C. Hall ranch about three miles north of Ballinger on the Crews road. Mr. Hall was here a week looking after his property interest and returned home Tuesday afternoon. We are glad to have this family and regret we can't induce Mr. Hall to move to Ballinger. Maybe he will when Ballinger becomes the center of the big oil field.

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If you want some one to assist you in terracing your land, who are you going to call on?

If you want some one to come to your farm and advise you and help you combat some pesky insect which attacks your crop, call the police.

If you want the free services of a farm agent for a thousand and one other things, perhaps you can order one from some mail order house.

Don't come to Ballinger for the service of a farm agent. There is no such thing here. He is not essential to the welfare of the farmers of this county.

A farm agent is a useless and extravagant waste of the dear people's money.

The federal government is acting a fool and appropriating millions of dollars and exerting the best efforts of the most trained and skilled agricultural experts in the world, and all for naught. It is a waste of money.

The Federal government had no business "buttin in" and trying to establish a farm agent in Ballinger. The farm agent has been here for nearly two years and has not earned his salt.

That forty-odd thousand dollars saved in freight rates by farmers would have been saved any way. By some hook or crook, or through the work of divine providence, or perhaps one of the county commissioners would have come in and devoted his time to the work just for the fun of the thing—patriotic you know, and this county would not have been burdened with the presence of a county agent. They are a nuisance any way.

Some of our good friends may take issue with us on this, but they are wrong—dead wrong. We know it, because three of the county commissioners and so, and so acted in the commissioners court room in the town of Ballinger, state of Texas, on December 3rd, 1918, A. D., at one-thirty o'clock p. m.

There were quite a number of substantial farmers from at least three precincts present, who did not agree with the commissioners, and pleaded with them not to kill the only county officer who devotes all his time free to the interest of the farmers.

There was not a single farmer present to interpose against employment of a farm agent.

The commissioners, or at least three of the, were "sot" in their ways, and they continued to "sot", not withstanding the appeals coming from men who had profited in dollars and cents ap-

pealed to them pitifully.

No, there is nothing doing in the farm agent line in this county, at least so long as the powers that be block the wheels of progress.

We believe, and hundreds of others believe, that if this question was put to a vote a great majority of the people would vote to retain the farm agent.

The commissioners court met here Monday to install the new county officers. The proposition to appropriate \$800 for a farm agent was again presented to the court.

The matter was postponed until Tuesday to allow the new commissioner Mr. Curry from Miles, to take his seat and have a voice in the matter. Mr. Curry came but he had no voice, at least he declined to use it when the motion was made to employ the farm agent.

Those favoring the farm agent knew how commissioners Smith and Meadows stood. It was known that they were dead "agin" the proposition. The people also knew how Bob Kirk stood. They knew that he was for the farm agent first, last and all the time. County Judge Parish was also known to be favorable to the proposition, but he had no voice unless there was a tie vote. Mr. Curry was the hope of the farmers who were eager to save their farm agent. If he had voted with Kirk the judge would have cast the deciding vote and the farm agent would have remained on the job.

At the above hour commissioner Kirk made the motion. The other three commissioners were as dumb as a dead oyster. After a silence which accompanies all death scenes, Judge Parish announced that Mr. Kirk's motion

was dead for the want of a second, and that the farm agent in this county was also dead.

The end is not yet. Those who opposed the proposition will live to see the error of their way, and regret that they blocked so important a work in this, one of the best counties in Texas.

Jack Nichols orders his paper changed from Gonzales to Medina, Texas. Jack seems to be on the move since he packed his auto and made a run from the drouth last fall.

## QUEEN

Well, there'll be something doing at the Queen Theater tonight. Charles Ray in

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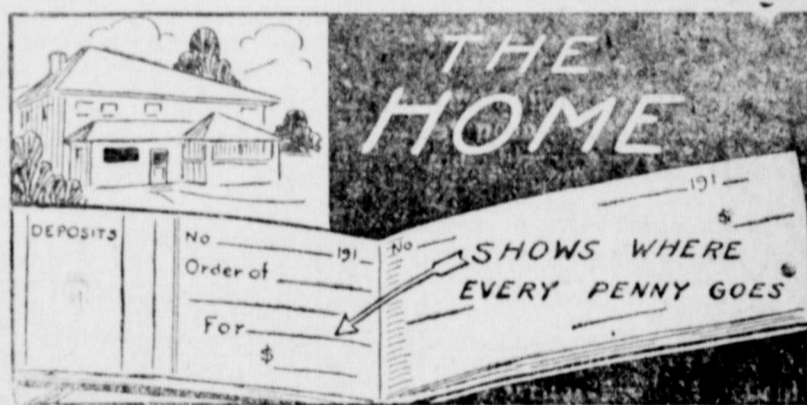
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