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Prison Warden Refuses to Operate Electric Chair; Quits

(By Associated Press)

HUNTSVILLE, Jan. 4.—Capt. R. F. Coleman, warden of the state prison at this place, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Prison Commissioners, and will retire as soon as he can be relieved.

Capt. Coleman, under the new state law governing the execution of prisoners for crime, is made state executioner, and he refuses to operate the electric chair which would send the prisoners to their death, and has asked the board to relieve him from further duties as prison warden. It will be the duty of the warden to put to death those sent to the electric chair.

The state's electric chair is to be put into use on January 16th, and Captain Coleman's resignation was dated January 1st, and asked the prison board to release him on January 15th. He said he felt that his welfare work among the prisoners would lose its effectiveness if he were seen daily in the light of a state executioner.

PAYS PRICE FOR AGED MANS DEATH

(By Associated Press)

FOLSOM, Calif., Jan. 4.—Alex Kels, the confessed slayer of an aged wandering worker near Lodi, California, September 2nd, last year, paid the penalty for the murder today when he was hanged at the state prison here.

Kels, who was a butcher by trade, went to his death with a smile upon his face, and without a tremor.

Misses Mildred Holliday, Marthyle Bridwell and Marguerite Dooze left for Belton Thursday afternoon to resume their school duties in Baylor College. This departure takes back to school most of the pupils who came home for Christmas.

Will Globber returned to his home at Austin, Thursday afternoon, after a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. Aug. Globber, and family.

O. S. Clark, of the Winters section, was a visitor to Ballinger Thursday.

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TUT'S CASKET IS UNEARTHED

(By Associated Press)

LUXOR, Egypt, Jan. 4.—The sarcophagus of Pharaoh Tut-ankh-amen has been found in the monarch tomb in the "Valley of the Kings."

It was announced today that the long sought treasure had been reached by those exploring the tomb. The antiquity lay within the fourth casket, which was made of white and red granite.

CARL EUBANK IS LOCATED IN OKLAHOMA

E. M. Eubank received a message from his son, Carl, Friday morning, and the young man wired that he was all right. The telegram was filed at Wewoka, Oklahoma, and stated that a letter would follow.

The Eubank family had been caused considerable anxiety on account of failure to hear from their son for more than a month, and after he had written that he would be home for the holidays. An inquiry failed to locate the young man at his last address, and a search was started, and after more than a week the message was received Friday. The message did not state why so long a time had elapsed without news from Carl, but stated that a letter would follow, which will probably explain everything.

The boy had been regular in writing to his parents, or some member of the family, and his sudden disappearance and failure to hear from him in more than a month, were good grounds for alarm, especially after he had written that he had planned to come home for Christmas, and then failed to show up, or write the home folks.

DEATH TOLL OF BLAST IS 35

(By Associated Press)

PEKIN, Ill., Jan. 4.—At noon today it was believed that the death list from the explosion and fire at the Corn Products Company's plant here would reach more than thirty-five persons. Five are known to be dead, and thirty missing are believed to be dead. Two bodies have been recovered.

Of the large number injured, it is believed that two of them will die.

SEEKS RELEASE RUM SHIP CREW

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Great Britain has asked the United States for the release from bail of the British and Canadian members of the crew of the British schooner, Tomaka.

The men are being held under bond as the result of the seizure of an alleged rum runner last November. The vessel is claimed to have been seized beyond the three-mile limit off New York.

THREE SAN ANGELO GIRLS ARE INJURED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

(By Associated Press)

SAN ANGELO, Jan. 4.—Leola Trichel, age 15, is in a critical condition today and her sisters; Grace, age 14, and Ruth, age 10, are more or less seriously injured as the result of a railroad crossing accident late yesterday.

An automobile in which the children were riding was struck by the Paint Rock-Sterling City branch train on the Santa Fe right-of-way, the car being demolished. There is little hope for the recovery of Leola.

The girls are the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. John Trichel, who moved here from Austin about six months ago. Dr. Trichel purchasing the Cornick Sanatorium.

The accident happened on the main street of this city where warehouse buildings near the track and a string of box cars hid the motorists' view of the approaching train.

COUPLE DIES FROM ATTACK BY ROBBERS

(By Associated Press)

DAINGERFIELD, Tex., Jan. 4.—J. B. Jarrell, age 80 years, who was beaten into insensibility in his home last Sunday, died from the injuries sustained in the attack yesterday.

After being beaten into insensibility the aged man was left for dead by the thugs who attacked him, but he revived sufficiently to crawl out of his home which was set on fire by the bandits for the purpose of destroying the body, and covering up the murder. Mrs. Jarrell was also killed in the raid of the home by the robbers.

Officers express the opinion that robbery was the motive for the attack. Jarrell was never able to tell the officers who attacked him.

A. R. Spann orders The Ledger to go to I. W. Spann, in Phoenix, Arizona, for a year. When folks leave Ballinger they want to keep up with the home news, and the local paper is the best way to get it.

Our Pet Peeve



MORE MONEY FOR COKE COUNTY HAS COUNTRY ROADS OLDEST RANGER

As a result of the State Highway Department taking over the maintenance of the state highways, local county commissioners will have more money to spend in building up the lateral and cross roads leading into the state highways.

The money which the county has been spending heretofore on the main highways, or what is known as the state highways, can now be used in the laterals or cross roads. In taking over the state highways the highway department of the state has undertaken a tremendous work, and a work of vital importance to the citizenship of Texas. The success of the undertaking depends largely on the support and co-operation from the citizens in counties through which state approved highways pass.

The state has been divided into sixteen districts with a district engineer in each district, and county engineers working under the direction of the district engineers. The roads in each county will be under care of road foremen, repair gangs, etc., and the work will be carried on under the new system which will be financed from the state department.

If the new program is what it should be, it will bring relief to the farmer who lives on the cross road, or public road leading into the main highway. The commissioners' court can devote more attention to these roads, and leave the main highways for the state department to be responsible for. It will take some time to get the new program to working as it should, and in the meantime the highway department has arranged with the commissioners in many counties to assist in the maintenance. Such arrangements have been made with the Runnels county commissioners.

A small want ad in The Daily Ledger often saves you money.

OFFICERS SEIZE TWO RUM SHIPS

(By Associated Press)

GALVESTON, Jan. 4.—Two motor launches carrying cargoes of rum were seized by the customs inspectors and coast guard yesterday, it became known here this morning with the arrival of the captured boats in the harbor. The officers stated that no arrests had been made.

The launches carried 383 cases of liquor, and they were caught in East Galveston Bay yesterday.

Special to The Ledger:

SWEETWATER, Jan. 4.—Benjamin Hamilton Anderson, 82-year-old Coke county rancher, is probably the oldest living Texas Ranger in this part of the state and one of the earliest settlers in West Texas. Mr. Anderson came to West Texas in 1867. He was a buffalo hunter—a Texas Ranger—an Indian fighter—a cowboy and horse racer in the days when stake races were the chief form of amusement about the outskirt army posts in this section. Today, grizzled, stooped a little, but keen-eyed and energetic he operates his ranch in Coke county. He drove one of his well-bred horses to Sweetwater on his 82nd birthday, when the roads were as bad as they ever get in West Texas—and made the trip alone. He was almost insulted when asked if he "came alone."

Born in Lancashire, England, on Dec. 19, 1841, Mr. Anderson came to America with his parents when he was a lad of a few years. The family settled first in Ohio, then moved to Illinois and finally to Iowa. As a youngster he struck out for the West. Kansas then was the land of the buffalo and the Indians. At Dodge City he joined a buffalo hunting outfit and spent a year or so with them. He fell in with the Osage Indians, lived with them a while and learned to speak their tongue fairly well.

But in 1867 he drifted farther into the wilderness and in the spring of that year crossed the Red River and came on down into West Texas.

REJECTS AMENDMENT TO THE TAX MEASURE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The House ways and means committee today rejected an amendment to the administration tax bill under which all gains from the sale of stock and dividends would be subject to surtax rates.

REBELS HOLD MEX. OIL FIELDS

(By Associated Press)

GALVESTON, Jan. 4.—All the oil fields in Mexico are now in the possession of the rebels, according to official dispatches received here today by Adolfo Jimenez, from the de la Huerta headquarters at Vera Cruz.

We regret to report that D. Reeder is quite ill at his home on Eighth Street.

CRIPPLED SHIP BATTLING WITH STORM AT SEA

(By Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4.—A message from a ship was received here today stating that the vessel which was sending the radio was sinking. The report was broken off without giving any clue as to the identity of the vessel.

The message was picked up by the Seattle harbor wireless station, and it is the opinion of the operators that the message came from either the Kyosei Maru, a Japanese vessel, or the steamship Harlod Dollar, which were reported to be in distress in mid-ocean.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Two ships are in distress near the middle of the Pacific Ocean, where a storm is raging, according to radio advices received by the Federal Telegraph Company here today from the steamship, President Cleveland.

The radio message says that the Japanese steamer Kvosei Maru is disabled with a broken steering engine chain. The Harold Dollar, of the Dollar Steamship Line, is adrift with a broken steering gear, the advices stated.

SNOW PREDICTED FOR SATURDAY

The low drop in the temperature at the first of the present week only moved out of the way to clear the road for a fresh blizzard which struck Ballinger about daylight Friday morning.

The Blizzard No. 2 for the week came without warning and a stiff wind swept the city for several hours before calming down, and the mercury lingered around the 28 point throughout the day, and the clear sky of early dawn was soon covered with threatening clouds, and snow is on the weather program for this country.

The forecast says: "Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy; probably some snow. Temperature 10 to 14."

W. S. Syler, of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Thursday afternoon, en route to Austin, in response to a message stating that his brother was seriously ill.

Judge W. J. Cunningham, an Abilene lawyer, was here on business Thursday.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

(By Associated Press)

GALVESTON, Jan. 4.—Robert Weinburg, age 65, was burned to death when his home was destroyed by fire here last night.

The blaze which destroyed the home is supposed to have originated when Weinburg stumbled and fell with an oil lamp which he was carrying.

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IMMIGRATION

A great deal of caustic comment is printed regarding the proposed restrictions of immigration, registration of aliens and the attempt to secure quality rather than quantity of incomers from the old world.

It is true we are all "sons and daughters" of immigrants; it is true that the immigrants we have had have done much to develop this country. But as times change, so must methods.

But today good land cannot be had for the asking. The pioneer days are over. American civilization has grown complicated. It takes more than willing hands and a stout heart to succeed here now.

Give Little Pig Chance to Make Hog of Himself

Just as soon as the little pigs will eat they should be fed in addition to what they get from the sow. This will pay, according to L. A. Weaver of the Missouri College of Agriculture, even when the sow is a good milk producer and on the best ration.

West Texas potash deposits are worth more than the state's petroleum, according to a scientist. We have always contended that all West Texas needs to put her on the map is somebody to develop her natural resources.

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THE WEST

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

EVERYBODY was eating breakfast at the Valley View ranch when the daughter of the house, home from an eastern finishing school, breezed in and sat down opposite Will Oakes, her father's assistant manager.

The buzz of conversation continued until Rosalie, her hunger appeased, drummed on the table. "I've had an eastern friend—yep, a fascinating one, with an eye to see how Will took it, who is going to stop off here. I'd like to show him a thing or two."

"Oh, yes," drawled her brother Jim. "Old stuff. You want us to pose as Surefoot Sam and Quilch-on-the-draw Peter?"

"Not at all," broke in Rosalie coolly. "I merely wish to prove that we are as civilized as ourselves when we want to be. Know how to dress for dinner?"

"Aw, shucks, no!" said Jim in disgust. "There isn't an exact outfit of glad rags of that sort for fifty miles."

But Rosalie persisted. "I know how to get them. The 'movie' people that did let slip down by the creek are through doing anything more. They'll lend us their things and I'll know because Jack Therpe told me so!"

In her triumph she failed to observe that this time she really drew blood to Will Oakes. The newcomer was an unknown quantity, but the leading man in "The Cowboy's Revenge" already had him guessing.

When Higgins was Brooks descended from his seat to stand awaiting him—sleazier yet in a scrape to shove back seated at the wheel of an eight-cylinder car.

Stopping the car at one spot on route to the ranch, she let her gaze roam his eyes on the valley spread below through which ran the creek which partly irrigated her father's land.

"It's wonderful!" he exclaimed. "Wonderful! Out where the West begins?"

"Well," said Rosalie apologetically. "I'm afraid we are rather where the West leaves off." Suddenly her eyes widened. She reached in the side door pocket and pulled out a pair of binoculars.

"See what is going on down there," she bade him. "That's part of our land but—she handed him the glasses."

There was a moment's silence as Brooks studied the landscape. "Why—er—there seems to be a number of cowboys dragging an animal or—something."

Temptation came to Rosalie and, to her shame, was not resisted. With a shriek that was realistic in the extreme she covered her eyes with her hands. "Oh," she moaned. "I had forgotten. Poor Link! Auto stealing. And I always liked Link."

"But what will they do? Surely lynching?"

"Oh, no!" Rosalie's eyes were properly horrified. "They just drag them behind an auto until—well, it always kills them!"

Higgins replaced the glasses and said very little for some time. Then he spoke as one who has been weighing his words. "Miss Rosalie, I had a special reason for coming West. I have come to have an interest in—"

But Rosalie, who considered herself an old hand at warding off proposals, stepped suddenly on the gas, and whatever her companion was about to say, was checked by a rough down grade which ended at the very entrance to the ranch.

Now Rosalie contemplated nothing so crude as letting a guest in for appearing in sport gawk when the rest of the men wore dinner jackets. She let fall the necessary hint so that sometime later at the meal the only embarrassment was on the side of those entitled in costume not made for their respective measurements.

Afterward in the cool of the starlit evening it was Rosalie's father with whom Brooks conversed rather than with Rosalie who sat in the coach hammock and reviled miserably that playing a part seldom pays.

"Yes," she heard the intended victim of her pranks remark. "I've quite an interest in the 'movie' company I saw on location this afternoon. I saw in your meadows. I own considerable of the stock, and Therpe, the leading man, is engaged to my cousin. Thought I recognized him today. Incidentally, I wrote the scenario."

Rosalie got out of the hammock and wandered down to a seat beneath the trees where she had sometimes set with Will. And it was there he found her later.

The voice with which she greeted him was so obviously tearful that he doffed his premeditated sleepiness. "What is it, Rosalie?"

"I—I hate having made a fool of myself," she said meekly.

"There's a pair of us then," comforted Will. Then, as he remembered how he had felt in a coat that was too tight with sleeves that were too short, "You certainly made one of me!" he added emphatically.

Rosalie started up indignantly. "You, too!" she cried and her voice broke.

There was one thing to do. Will did it—caught her in his arms and kissed her. "Forgive me, darling," he whispered. "I'll never mention it again!" And Rosalie believed him.

Almost B. oke Him. Mary—Did you take father apart and speak to him? John—not exactly. But he always told to please when I came to him.

Letters to the Editor

Editor Ledger:

"On the 21st of December, I was driving on Bonsal Street from 9th Street to 8th Street. It was misting rain, and the windshield being wet I could not see clearly some obstacles in the way and in turning the corner at 8th Street, not knowing a 'hole' was there in the public street, I did not see it until the left fore-wheel of the auto dropped into it and to a sudden stop."

"Fortunately, I was driving slow, and while there were four of us in the car, no one was seriously hurt."

"Had the car been running at the rate of fifteen, or more miles per hour it would likely have turned over and all the occupants been seriously hurt or killed."

"When the car was released from the 'hole' it would run but was in need of repair."

"I am willing to share my part of the fault for running into that hole, but who is responsible for that hole being made in the street and left without being covered or any signal?"

"Auto and human catastrophes are liable to occur, at most any time, especially at nights, and by strangers, at either end of the culvert extending under the Santa Fe railroad."

"Is it possible that the railroad officials and the city authorities place less importance and value on the probable or real catastrophes that may occur at those places, than on the cost of heavy iron grates, or other safe-guards, over or around, those wide-open pitfalls, as a preventive of any sad misfortune?"

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MILES NEWS NOTES

Special to The Ledger: MILES, Jan. 3.—Misses Thresa Mae and Mary Bess Herndon left today for Howard Payne College, Brownwood, after spending the holidays with their parents.

Misses Mary Lee O'Quinn and Jeffie Lee Brooks left today for C. I. A. Denton, after spending the holidays with relatives here.

F. Blumentritt was here from San Angelo today on business.

Mr. Davis was here from San Angelo today.

C. R. Tidwell was in Ballinger today on business.

Mrs. Rankin Jones returned to her home at Ballinger today after spending the holidays here.

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While this country seems to be reveling in plenty, and while prospects were never more promising for a bumper crop in 1924, we should not forget that it has been said that this country can promise more and do less and promise less and do more than any country on the map. It is several months until harvest time, and while we do not wish to appear in the least bit pessimistic, we are reminded that it is not wise to count chickens before they hatch. Let us hope for the best, but be prepared for the worst.



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Little Dead Ghosts

By ELLA SAUNDERS

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MYRA sat in her room, turning over her letters. There were not more than a dozen of these, but each was replete with memories. She was going to tear them up in half an hour, but first she wanted to read them through, to make quite sure that not the least bit of a heartache remained. For these were old love letters. And in a week's time she was to marry Will.

Here was the first love letter she had ever had. It was from Irving Rogers. How well she remembered that affair! How desperately she had loved Irving. She had been seventeen then, and he twenty-two, and they had built high the castle of their tridoseent dreams. They were to have married and lived happily ever after. And now—why, she could not even remember how they had broken it off!

Irving was married now, stout, prosperous, and the father of twins. She had met him once and laughed, to conceal the little heartache. But that was gone.

Here was one from Henry. That had been the second affair. How they had kissed that spring night under the stars! And everything had been roses for weeks and weeks. She had been quite sure that Henry and she would love each other forever. And then—how had that affair vanished? Oh, yes, Henry said she had quarreled over—over something, and they had been reconciled and quarreled again, and gradually it had worn itself away.

This one was from Peter. Peter in the navy. He had written her such charming letters—dear Peter. It had broken her heart when she discovered that she had come to care for Michael, especially after she had promised Peter to be true to him forever. Peter had never answered the tearful little note that she had sent him. She had often wondered what had become of him.

The affair with Michael had been a very serious one. Michael was a writer, and had a temperament. They had discussed deep, earnest things together. They had quarreled a great deal, but that had just been a part of it all. Why had they drifted apart? She had been unable to live upon that lofty spiritual level, intermingled with abysmal depths of misunderstanding, that Michael demanded.

And this—this letter in the held, masculine hand represented the most serious of all her affairs before Irving came on the scene. John had been a married man. His wife and he had separated, and she was going to get a divorce. John had told her she was the one woman on earth for him, and she had believed him.

Then the divorce failed to materialize and—ah, but that was too tragic to think about. John had wanted her to break through the conventions of social laws. And she had been tempted. And it was only after a hard struggle that she had found the strength to tell him that he must never see her again.

To escape those memories she had plunged into that affair with Harvey. She smiled—she could see Harvey, with his fair hair and his humorous smile now. What depths of unsuspected feeling had lain beneath Harvey's manner. She had broken Harvey's heart deliberately and coldly in revenge for John. She had broken it without a qualm and sent him away.

Then there had been a long interval before Irving appeared upon the scene. And this time it was real—staid, practical, conventional, sensible, an excellent thing. They were fond of each other in an enduring way. That love was built for permanence.

Yes, she had made no mistake. Smiling, she tore up the letters and consigned them to her waste basket. The little dead ghosts fluttered into oblivion in little scraps. Myra rose up. She had put all of them behind her.

"Irving, dear, I'm so happy to think our marriage is only a week away," she said to her fiance the next day. "I was thinking last night how very much I care for you, and how happy we shall be together."

"So was I," answered Irving.

"You look a little sad, dear. What is the matter? Tell me."

"Oh, it's nothing, dear. Well, I was thinking last night of the different girls I'd known, and how I'd never have thought anything about them if I could have known there would be you."

"Oh, Irving!" Myra looked at him in shocked reproach. "You haven't ever cared for any girl but me, have you?"

Oh, What a Blow.

I had an engagement to meet a friend downtown and accompany her home for the week-end. When we arrived she told me to hide in the vestibule and she would tell her mother I hadn't come.

I expected to hear professions of profound regret, so imagine my surprise when the answer came. "Well, I'm awfully glad of it. I'm tired out and am only too glad to have a week-end without company."

Fortunately our friendship was such as to be able to withstand a blow like that.—Chicago Tribune.

Ventilator is Screened.

A new window ventilator with which the amount of air admitted to a room can be regulated, also is screened to prevent the entrance of smoke or dust.

THEATRES MOVIES

RILEY'S POEM MADE INTO FINE PHOTOPLAY

James Whitcomb Riley's "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," one of the finest poems ever written, has been made into one of the most delightful photoplays ever shown in Ballinger. It was shown for the first time this afternoon at the Fo-to-sho Theatre in matinee. Tonight's performance will conclude the engagement here.

It is the poem, developed and heightened in dramatic power, and transferred to the silver sheet. All the elements which make the poem so well loved are in this Metro photoplay. And the original theme is worked into a rapidly moving story full of humor, pathos and thrills.

Elliott Dexter and Helen Jerome Eddy deserve the highest praise for their realistic portrayals of difficult roles. Pat Moore, Mary Jane Irving and Turner Savage are charming in the children's parts. Lloyd Whitlock, as Stuff Shade; Barbara Worth, as Irene Ryan; Arthur Hoyt, as Frederick McCann; and Jean Cameron, as William Norton; interpret their roles in a realistic and convincing manner.

The picture was produced by Harry Garson. The screen adaptation was made by Louis Duryea Lighton.

Closing Out Sale

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"THE HUNTRESS" AT MAEROY TONIGHT

"The Huntress," a First National attraction, starring Colleen Moore, will be the feature offering at the Maeroy Theatre tonight, in addition to short length subjects.

An excellent cast is seen in support of Miss Moore in this production, including Lloyd Hughes, Russell Simpson, Walter Long, Wilfred Lucas, and other players of proper calibre. The story was written by Hubert Footner, the scenarization is by Percy Heath, the photography by J. C. Van Trees, with Milton Menasco as art director, and Harry Welfer, assistant director. The supervision was done by Lynn Reynolds, noted for his artistic and beautiful photoplays.

"The Huntress" is a tale of strange and thrilling adventures in the picturesque Indian camps and Western wilds—the romance of a white girl, brought up as an Indian maid, who flees her tepee, ropes, ties and kidnaps her mate, a young millionaire, who falls in love with his captor.

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WILL ENTER RACE FOR COMMISSIONER

E. W. Patterson, of the Winters country, will be a candidate for county commissioner from Precinct No. 2, which includes the town of Winters. Mr. Patterson was in the city Friday looking after business and announced that he would be a can-

didate, unless he should change his mind, and declared that his announcement would appear in the paper in a short time.

Mr. Patterson has been a citizen of the county for almost a quarter of a century, coming here in 1899, and locating in the Norton country. He resided in that section for thirteen years, later moving to the Crews country where he lived for three years and has been living North of Winters for eight years. He is one of the county's best and most substantial citizens and will make the commissioner's race interesting for the fellow who runs against him.

DARKEN HAIR! LOOK YOUNG

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied, with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this old time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, all ready to use at very little cost. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy soft and beautiful.

RUNNELS COUNTY PIONEER HERE

J. N. Winters is here from Fort Worth to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Conner, who is

DR. SEWELL TO RESIGN COLLEGE

(By Associated Press)
ABILENE, Jan. 4.—Jesse P. Sewell, president of Abilene Christian College, has tendered to the board of directors his resignation as head of the institution. The resignation has been accepted.

Dr. Sewell assigned bad health as the reason for giving up the presidency of the college which he has been in charge of for many years. No successor has been elected. His resignation is to become effective at the close of the summer term next August.

The Ledger Classified Ledger want ads pay.

Announcement!

V. Weinberg has sold his one-half interest in the firm of Weinberg & Wardlaw to Mr. Cecil Thorp, and the firm will continue business at the same place under the name of Thorp & Wardlaw.

A complete stock of up-to-date Gents' Furnishing goods has been bought and will arrive in the near future and will give a practically complete new stock.

An expert Cleaner and Presser has been employed and our big cleaning and pressing plant will be run with a guarantee on every piece of work we do.

We invite you to inspect our place—if you are not a customer call and get acquainted with us. We are here to serve you and will give you the best in our line.

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FATE DIRECTING

By JANE GORDON

UNCLE HORACE walked up and down the room, a flush of excitement upon his still handsome face. "You will like Miss Belinda," he told his nephew. "I may as well confess that I was long ago engaged to her; she threw me over; but she has remained unmarried through the years, as have I. My old friend has written me that she is coming to visit in town this afternoon and will take dinner with us this evening. She will wait to be called for at the museum, which she first wishes to visit. Unfortunately a business appointment will prevent me from meeting her there, and the duty falls upon you, Bob."

Bob Meredith arose from his comfortable position on the couch to obey his uncle's request. He had every reason to please Uncle Horace and was mighty fond of this kind relative with whom he made his home.

"I will recognize the lady of your youthful dreams, no doubt," he replied. "To think my matter-of-fact uncle had his romance! Who would have believed it?"

Uncle Horace smiled and hurried to attend to the decorative details of the dinner.

So it happened that Mr. Bob Meredith, after a wearisome hour of futile waiting in the museum, sat down disgustedly upon one of the benches of the tapestry room. He closed his eyes against the glaring vision of the shining marble bust that confronted him—then opened them abruptly as a tinkling object rolled to rest at his feet. Bob stooped to pick up the object; his eyes opened wider at the surprising sight of a diamond ring. A lady's ring was this wandering jewel, which he held in his hand. He jumped to his feet, walked the length of the corridor, and was considering turning the property over to the attendant when, turning a second time, he saw a young woman upon her knees on the marble floor, in evident search of a missing article.

"You have lost—" began Horace.

"My diamond ring," answered the seeker, excitedly.

Bob Meredith was about to announce his finding of the jewel when a thought occurred to him—and far from honest Bob was duplicitous, as a rule.

"If you have been in other parts of the gallery," he suggested, "it might be well to search there. May I help you? I have nothing else to do—waiting for a tardy arrival."

The young woman arose, gratefully accepting the offered assistance. "You see," she explained as they ascended together the steps to the art gallery, "it is very important that I find the ring at once. The ring was a gift before I went away to school—in fact, my aunt gave it to me, and tonight she has written that she must have it back. I was waiting for her here. I can't imagine why she should be so anxious for present possession of the ring—but if I cannot find it—"

The girl again looked up at Bob and again Bob experienced that strange, yet far from unpleasant thrilling sensation.

"You will find it," he confidently assured her.

But it was not until they had made the round of the galleries together and had returned to the tapestry room that Bob, handing over the jewel, confessed.

"Did you ever," he asked, "hear of love at first sight? Fate sent that ring rolling to my feet. Before you go—please, I beg of you—let me know at least where I may be able to see you again and be properly presented."

The girl smiled a whimsical smile.

"Fate," she answered pertly, "must direct you."

She was gone.

An attendant approached the discouraged Bob. "Mr. Meredith?" he questioned. "Someone trying to get you over the telephone."

Uncle Horace's smooth tone reached him across the wire.

"Bob? You must have missed Miss Belinda. She came out in a taxi, after falling to find you. Come home, lad, and meet the most charming woman this side of Paradise."

Bob went home gloomily. The most charming woman this side of Paradise had recently left him, with a bewitching though mocking smile. When he met Miss Belinda, however, his apathy vanished; he had caught sight of a diamond flashing from Miss Belinda's slim finger—"the diamond" in its quaint setting. He was stammering out a courteous greeting when a second, unbelievable miracle happened. A younger replica of Miss Belinda's sweet face smiled at him—still merrily mocking across her aunt's shoulder. "My niece, Mr. Meredith," Miss Belinda was saying; "she, too, missed me at the museum, but we met, fortunately, as I was stepping into the taxi at the door."

"I understand now," remarked Miss Blue Eyes, as she and Bob sat at the perfectly appointed dinner table, "why Aunt was so eager to have her ring tonight. I believe she intends to renew her old engagement."

"And I," returned the happy Bob, "will believe in fate—and in love at first sight."

When Uncle Horace and Bob had returned from escorting their guests home Uncle Horace said awfully:

"To think of that dear woman cherishing that ring through all the years!"

Daily Ledger
Want Ads

WANT ADS 25c up to 12 words over that 2c per word first insertion. 1c per word each additional insertion. All want ads are cash.

FOR SALE—Cheap, Horton Electric Washer. Phone 396. 3-3td

NOTICE—My home and household goods, consisting of oil stoves, heaters, beds, chairs, etc. Bargain if sold at once. H. C. Whitley. Phone 579. 2-4td.*

WANTED—Roomers and Boarders at 901 Tenth Street. Come and investigate. 2-ftd

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms completely furnished. Phone 179. 31-ftd.*

FOUND—One pair of patent leather child's shoes. Owner can have same by calling at Ledger office and paying for this notice. 28-d&w-tf

FOR SALE—Mesquite Cord Wood, \$6.00 a cord or 2 cords \$11.00, delivered in Ballinger, Phone 94 or 385 or see L. B. Stubbs. 26-ftd

TREES—I am now ready to take your order for all kinds of Trees and Shrubs. Roses and Peonies a specialty. Mike C. Boyd, Phone 237. 26-26td

JIM FLYNT WANTS TO REMAIN ON THE JOB

"I am going to announce for sheriff in a few days," said Sheriff J. P. Flynt Friday, "and you can just say that I am in the running for re-election." Mr. Flynt stated that he intended to make his formal bow to the voters before now, but he has been busy, and out of the city a good part of the time working on the Tabor case, and other violations, and had not hardly had time to eat or sleep.

Mr. Flynt served three terms as sheriff, retired and then came back four years later and has served two more terms. His enemies for the most part are those who have been made to answer to crime during his term in office. Like most peace officers, he spends all the office pays him and then some in running down criminals, and he has driven thousands of miles in answering calls to investigate crime and minor law violations.

As a prohibition officer Sheriff Flynt has the reputation of being one of the best in the state, and bootleggers have learned that it is dangerous to ply their trade in Rannels county. Mr. Flynt's opponent has not made himself known.

FOR OVER 40 YEARS
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been used successfully in the treatment of Catarrh.
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus reducing the inflammation. Sold by all druggists.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Read Ledger "wants" column

OLD DOC BIRD
Hello Folks!
I'm OLD DOC BIRD of the new cartoon series, especially drawn for this newspaper by Finch of the Denver Post, America's foremost Cartoonist.



I am going to have something mighty interesting to say each week.

WATCH FOR IT

It will be well worth your while.

ANNUAL MEETING FARM BUREAU

The Rannels County Farm Bureau convened in annual session in Ballinger Thursday afternoon with a good representation of the membership present. The work of the Farm Bureau for the past year was reviewed and reports given which showed that the organization had experienced a most successful year, and enters the present year with prospects for even greater accomplishments.

Officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

- Lynn Stokes, president, Ballinger
- E. M. Setser, vice-president, Norton
- B. M. Batts, secretary-treasurer, Ballinger
- Directors elected were as follows: Bert Fletcher, Precinct No. 4, Maverick
- J. P. Wessels, Prec. No. 2, Hatchel
- F. L. Harper, Prec. No. 1, Ballinger
- B. R. King, Prec. No. 3, Winters
- Delegates to attend Texas Farm Bureau Federation convention at Dallas, January 15th and 16th: Bert Fletcher, J. P. Wessels, B. R. King, J. T. Routh, and F. L. Harper.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company of Ballinger, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank on Thursday, January 10th, 1924 at 10:00 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. W. BRUCE, President
SAM BAKER, Secretary.

MEXICO LAND FOR TRADE

859,000 acres in the Musquiz District, State of Coahuila; will trade for farm, ranch or city property. Will cut in tracts from 10,000 acres up. Price \$1 to \$2 per acre. P. L. CREWS, Real Estate and Loans, 726 Brady Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 2-8td-2tw

Sidney Nedy, of Winters, passed thru the city Thursday afternoon, en route to Stephenville, to attend John Tarleton College.

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MOTHER!

Child's Best Laxative is "California Fig Syrup"



Happy Mother! A teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup" now will thoroughly clean the little bowels and in a few hours you have a well, playful child again. Even if cross, feverish, bilious, constipated or full of cold, children love its pleasant taste.

Tell your druggist you want only the genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother, you must say "California." Refuse any imitation.

Oscar John, a New York musician who returned recently from Czechoslovakia, said that the great forests of northern Bohemia were being destroyed by a caterpillar pest, according to the New York Times.

"The caterpillars in northern Bohemia," said Mr. John, "originate in myriads from the black butterfly called the nonne, or nun in English, which lays its eggs on the ground in the forests. Directly these insects are hatched they swarm up the trees, sapping its life as they climb up the trunk by eating all the green shoots and leaves."

"On reaching the top the caterpillars swing by their own saliva across to the next tree and destroy it as they go down to the ground. Millions of these crawling pests make a mass when they are doing the aerial trapeze act and fall to the ground so thickly that it is just like rain."

"Peasants walking through these dense forests have to carry great cotton umbrellas to prevent themselves from being smothered by the caterpillars. There are no picnics under the trees, because a soup basin would be filled up before there would be a chance to eat the contents."

"The only thing that can be done with the trees after the caterpillars have finished with them is to cut down the dead trunks and saw them up into logs for firewood."

"It gives one an uneasy feeling to walk through the great dark forests of northern Bohemia and hear the gloomy creak of the huzzigook from the lofty branches of the trees and the pitter-patter of the caterpillar rain on the big umbrellas carried by the peasants."

TOM GREEN OFFICERS OUT OUT TELEPHONES

The "dear peepul" Wednesday were finding out the inconvenience of having a county court house without telephones while county officials were enjoying a day of undisturbed quiet from the ringing jangle of such an instrument. All phones at the court house save that in the county judge's office and that in the engineering department either have been or are in process of being removed as the result of the action of the County Commissioners recently. The court voted that in the light of a decision from the attorney general's office county funds could not be used for the maintenance of a telephone service nor for the purchase of postage stamps for the county officers.

The county judge, county attorney and the sheriff's departments are continuing the use of their telephones at their own expense, but not so with the tax collector, the county clerk, the district clerk, the county superintendent of public instruction. The phone for the district court room was still intact Wednesday morning and it could not be ascertained if it also was to go.—San Angelo Standard.

NOTICE

When wanting screen windows, window frames, cabinets, screen porches or any kind of special mill work, call and see me at my shop across Broadway from the Wm. Cameron Lumber Co. Will also figure on all kinds of home building contracts. All kinds of Cabinet work done. J. H. PRICE, Contractor and Builder. 1-1mo.d.*

MEXICO LAND

For Sale—30,000,000 acres of Mexico land, 25 cents per acre and up; also 500 Texas farms and ranches. P. L. Crews, Real Estate and Loans, 726 Brady Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 2-8td-2tw

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James Whitcomb Riley's
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STATEMENT of Condition

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RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$482,114.88
Overdrafts	168.79
U. S. Bonds	30,546.13
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc.	6,525.00
Banking House, F. and F.	26,995.00
Real Estate	17,500.00
Acceptances [cotton]	101,288.42
Cash and Exchange	382,975.69
	\$1,048,113.82

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	67,253.80
Circulation	25,000.00
Dividends unpaid	6,000.00
Rediscouts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Deposits	849,860.02
	\$1,048,113.82

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We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.

TODAY **MAEROY THEATRE** TODAY

SHOWING THE PICK O' THE PICTURES

Associated First National Pictures Inc., presents

"The Huntress"

With Colleen Moore supported by Lloyd Hughes, Russell Simpson, Walter Long and Charles N. Anderson.

"I want a white husband," declared the dusky beauty, so she roped, tied and kidnapped a young millionaire.

Adapted by Percy Heath from the story by Hulbert Footner, directed by Lynn Reynolds. A First National Picture.

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