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TO COUNT VOTE IN MAYFIELD CASE

Farmer and Manufacturer are On More Equal Basis

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The economic condition of the farmer has improved considerably, according to the committee which handles the statistics for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The report declares that the outlook for the farmers in 1924 is even more hopeful. In its semi-annual review of business conditions throughout the country which was made public today, the committee attributes the big improvement in the agricultural conditions of the nation to the fact that prices of farm products have been brought up on a nearer level with the cost of manufactured articles.

REBELS CAPTURE OTHER OIL FIELDS

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Officers of the Hand-American Petroleum & Transport Company today announced that the Mexican rebels had taken possession of its fields at Tierra Blanca and the Chapapote Numez wells and pipe lines had been shut down.

In a statement issued by the officers it was said that no oil was coming through from those fields, and the activities of the revolutionists are causing the company loss of between 35,000 and 40,000 barrels of oil daily. The statement also said that operations of the rebels were spreading, the rebels gaining considerable strength.

NORTON BANK MAKES A FINE SHOWING

The statement just issued by the First National Bank of Norton shows that institution to have gained an important place in the financial roster of Runnels county, notwithstanding that the institution is only five months old. The first statement issued since the bank was organized last August shows that the bank has on deposit \$56,798.45, and is carrying loans amounting to more than \$50,000. The bank is capitalized for \$25,000, owns its banking house valued at more than \$5,000, its furniture and fixtures valued at about \$1,500, and owes nothing. For a young bank in an inland town, the First National at Norton is showing up in good shape.

W. S. Syler passed thru the city Tuesday en route to his home at Winters from Austin, where he had been at the bedside of his brother. He reported his brother improving.

Stop Coughing

Don't let that cough tear and destroy the tender inflamed tissues of your lungs, throat and bronchial tubes. A neglected cough often develops into a more serious complaint. You can't afford to take chances and let that cough wear itself out, maybe it won't.

OUR WHITE PINE AND TAR COMPOUND is a valuable combination for the relief of coughs and colds, loss of voice, hoarseness, bronchitis, and certain minor pulmonary disorders.

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NEXT BEST BET FOR AN OIL WELL

"We haven't anything to report," said H. Giesecke, head of the Russell Production Company, when asked Tuesday if there was anything to the street talk to the effect that his company would resume work in the Russell oil field 15 miles East of Ballinger.

Mr. Giesecke talked optimistically, however, and admitted that some day the Russell Production Company would steam up and resume operations, "and we are going to bring in an oil well—you can say that much," said Mr. Giesecke.

It had been rumored that another well would be drilled in the Russell field, where the best showing of oil and gas in Runnels county has been found. However, wildcat work is at a standstill in most all fields at this time, and development companies are not putting out any money while the larger companies are holding the price down.

It is expected that the Russell Company will drill the well which was capped some time ago after the drill went into sand at 2500 feet. This well made several good showings of oil, and is at present in good condition, fully rigged and cased, and drilling could be resumed on short notice.

Russell No. 1, which was drilled by the Gulf Production Company, and which started development in Runnels county, is still the wonder well. It is the well which sent the golden fluid over the top several times, and which has developed into a strong gas well. Gas from No. 1 has been used for fuel in carrying on development in that territory, and today the well is stronger than it was a month ago. It has shown a gradual increase since being rigged up for supplying gas, and oil men declare that the well is producing sufficient gas to supply Ballinger for all purposes, and then some.

That the interests who own the Russell field expect to make further development tests is shown by the fact that all the equipment for drilling has not been disturbed, the machinery remaining intact, and the last well drilled cased in and capped, and can be opened at any time and drilling resumed on short notice.

The Russell Production Company maintains guards in the field all the time, a watchman being on duty day and night.

J. M. Simmons left Monday afternoon for Dallas, where he will be for a few days on business.

Hot, fresh Barbecue at City Market every day. 7-3d

BRYAN TO NAME HIS DARK HORSE

(By Associated Press)
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 8.—William Jennings Bryan, who is a candidate as a delegate from Florida to the Democratic National Convention, today declared in a statement that if he was elected to represent this state at the convention, he would present the name of a Florida citizen for the democratic nomination for president.

Bryan's statement did not give the name of the citizen, but said the name would be given to the public before the national committee convened on January 15th.

Head Ledger "wants" column.

Blowing Bubbles



Y. M. B. L. Opens Drive for New Year Finances

Better Roads, Greater Commercial, Civic and Agricultural Interests for Runnels County in General and Ballinger in Particular, is the Slogan of the Young Men's Business League for 1924.

Immediately after adjournment of a meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Business League, held at their office, Monday morning, several sets of committeemen were appointed to carry out the membership drive, and active work is now being done. There were many important matters to come before the meeting Monday morning, which were deferred to the completion of the membership drive which will be pushed with much energy.

The drive now on is only to secure individual members to the league for 1924. If you are already a member of the Y. M. B. L. you will be given an opportunity to renew your membership for the new year and if you are not a member you will be solicited and urged to become one.

Good road projects, commercial and civic affairs, agricultural and live stock interests will be included in the program of work by the Y. M. B. L. for 1924, aside from many other miscellaneous activities that will be for the best interests of Runnels county in general and Ballinger in particular. The league realizes the necessity of the right kind of membership service, and if you are interested in the promotion of these important affairs, the Y. M. B. L. needs you as a member of the organization and especially solicits and urges your co-operation.

RELATIVES PLAN JACKSON SPIRIT FUNERAL FOR 2 INSPIRES NATION

(By Associated Press)
McKINNEY, Tex., Jan. 8.—Relatives from Denison are here today arranging for the funerals of Mrs. M. A. Yargan, age 75, and her son Gus, age 45, whose bodies were found last night at their home here.

Mrs. Yargan was shot to death and her son's body also bore gunshot wounds, and the man's throat had been slashed. The dead man was gripping a shotgun in his hands.

It is said that Yargan had been worrying over financial affairs.

Chester Cherry was a visitor to Miles between trains Tuesday.

J. A. Zak, of the Rowena country, was looking after business in Ballinger Tuesday.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—"If something of the rugged character and leadership of Andrew Jackson could be injected into American public affairs it would re-inspire the nation," William Gibbs McAdoo today told the democrats of Tennessee in a message sent to the conference of party leaders which is meeting at Nashville in celebrating Jackson Day.

"Please extend my greetings and best wishes to my friends who are meeting in Nashville on Jackson Day," McAdoo's message said.

J. B. Parks, one of the prominent citizens of the Winters section, was attending to business in Ballinger Tuesday.

BRITISH SHIP HELD AT TEXAS PORT WITH RYE

(By Associated Press)
GALVESTON, Jan. 8.—The British schooner Muriel L. Winters, with approximately \$100,000 worth of liquor aboard, is tied up here today under patrol of government guards.

The schooner is being held awaiting formal action by the authorities against the vessel, her cargo and her crew.

The ship was seized Sunday at Galveston.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The seizure of the British schooner Kwasind by the United States customs authorities at Wilmington, North Carolina, after the ship had put into port for repairs, carrying a cargo of intoxicating liquors, has been made the subject of a new inquiry with the state department by the British government through its embassy here.

The action is believed to be preliminary to the filing of a formal protest.

MERCHANT SHOT TO DEATH IN STORE BY CLERK

(By Associated Press)
GREENVILLE, Jan. 8.—Charlie Haekensmith, age 39, owner of a coffee and tea store here, was shot and almost instantly killed in his store today. D. E. Johnston, an employee of the store, surrendered to the police soon after the shooting and was placed in jail without making a statement.

PERMANENT CULVERTS FOR EIGHTH STREET

The city is extending its improvements on Eighth Street, and while the street is being improved only with grade and gravel, the culvert work is of a more permanent character. Reinforced concrete culverts are being put in to take care of the drainage system, and at some future date when the property owners decide to pave the thoroughfare this much of the work will be out of the way.

The street has been graded and gravelled from the down town pavement to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, and the improvement will be extended to the Reeder corner, the property owners having agreed to share in the cost of the work on a one-third basis.

With the building of the West line of the Ballinger-Winters highway, which will be brought into the city down Broadway to the home of Dr. J. W. Blasdell, Broadway will be in line for improvement from the pavement at the Santa Fe right-of-way on Broadway to connect with the cross-county highway. It is expected that the state and county will advertise for bids for the building of the new highway within a few days, and work will probably start not later than Feb. 1st.

Card of Thanks
We take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind sympathy shown us in the loss of our darling baby. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for each and every one. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McMillan. 8-1td

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—All the ballots cast in the Mayfield-Peddy senatorial race in the general election last November will be shipped from Texas to Washington, according to a decision reached by the Senate committee appointed to investigate the charges filed by the defeated candidate.

The committee has reached a unanimous decision to have brought to Washington all the ballots cast in the election. It will be recalled that an order was obtained from the court by Geo. E. E. Peddy some time ago holding intact the ballots for use in the investigation.

After it was announced today that the Senate election committee had agreed to bring the ballots to Washington for a formal counting, it was said that the special sub-committee appointed to investigate the election, and counsel for both Mayfield and Peddy will agree to the methods of both collecting and counting the ballots.

COOLIDGE GIVES SURTAX VIEWS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Coolidge regards the surtax provisions of the Garner democratic tax program as disregarding the principle of government which should encourage investment of capital in business enterprises rather than in tax free securities.

President Coolidge told visitors today that although he had not made a detailed study, or received advice from the experts on the Garner program, that he believed the high rates proposed would tend to continue the present objectionable practice on the part of capital to invest in such securities as would escape tax payments.

MAEROY INSTALLS IMPROVED LIGHTS

The Maeroy Theatre has installed a General Electric Company improved incandescent lighting system on its projection machines, and has eliminated the use of arc lights for projecting pictures.

This is said to be a great advance in picture projection, doing away with carbon fumes, and giving a much clearer, whiter image on the screen, and with attachments prevents blackening of corners and reddening of the entire picture. Mr. Hodge, owner of the theatre here, had previously used an incandescent lighting system for his houses in Abilene, and which proved good, but that installed in the Maeroy is said to be much better and an improvement over the older type.

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It is an unpleasant matter to mention, but the state is five million dollars in the hole. The only chance to dig out is to stop the legislature from convening for a few years.

The idea that there is more stealing and robbery when times are hard than when prosperous conditions prevail is all a mistake. For further proof read any newspaper today.

Hollywood is not the only spot on the map where scandals run rife, but stories from that movie village get first place in the big daily papers, and the people read it that way.

If the farmers are going to control the price of cotton by holding down the production, why not control the price of turkeys, and find out how many million pounds of turks are on cold storage before planting the 1924 crop?

The real winter season is due to come later, but we can already say it was colder this winter than last winter. If cold weather and a wet ground counts for crop making, Runnels county should turn out enough stuff this year to feed the world.

The author who wrote "Where

is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" should be living today and write a companion song, and make it "Where is My Wandering Girl Tonight?" We are told that sixty thousand girls vanish every year in the United States, girls being missed from all classes of homes.

2,460 persons in the United States turned their toes to the daisies as the result of drinking poison liquor in 1923. Physicians have long since declared that alcohol is injurious to the inner man, but it seems that the boot-leg brand does its work on the spot.

Uncle Sam is selling the Mexican government arms and munitions with which to put down the latest revolution. This may stir the anger of the revolutionists, but if Obregon can't quell the little racket after being supplied with U. S. guns and airplanes, he should step down and out and turn the job over to Texas.

Coolidge is going to represent the republicans in the grand final next November, but the democrats are due for a pretty good tilt before they can center on a leader. McAdoo and Underwood are creating the greatest noise, but either of these gentlemen will be a pretty bitter pill for many democrats.

Card of Thanks

We are deeply grateful for the many favors shown us during the recent sorrow brought upon us by the death of our husband and father. We appreciate more than words can express the many deeds of kindness and words of sympathy.

- Mrs. H. Conner
- Mrs. T. M. Rabb
- Mrs. Bob Roberts
- Mrs. Mary Gilbert
- H. C. Conner
- J. W. Conner
- P. H. Conner

The author who wrote "Where

Notice of Sale by Constable—Personal Property

By VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY vested in me by Article 7253 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and by virtue of a certain affidavit made by J. H. Crow before C. H. Willingham, Justice of the Peace in and for Precinct No. 1, Runnels County, Texas, wherein the said J. H. Crow made affidavit to certain facts alleging that on or about the first day of August, A. D. 1922, he impounded one bay mare mule, about 15 hands high, six or seven years old, branded with small "J" on left shoulder, which said animal was alleged to have been found roaming on and around his premises about 8 miles North of Winters, in Runnels County, Texas.

Therefore, by reason of the aforesaid facts, I will on Saturday, the 15th day of January, A. D. 1924, between the hours prescribed by law, to-wit, 9:00 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash, the aforesaid described animal, at the Court House door in Ballinger, Texas, and will apply the proceeds as the law directs in such cases made and provided.

C. B. ARMSTRONG,
 Constable, Precinct No. 1, Runnels County, Texas.
 1-2d-1-8

BETHEL NEWS

Whooping cough has come into the Bethel school and many of the children have it.

Grady Cotton's little son broke his arm by falling from a little merry-go-round.

The Bethel young people enjoyed a party at Mrs. Alexander's Saturday night.

Fern Killam gave a birthday party Saturday afternoon. Those present were Fay and Roy Muney, Gladys and Rowland Cotter, Herman and Pauline Crockett, Opal and Maurine Goodwin, and Dora Mae Smith. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Goodwin were also present. The children played out-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For County Superintendent: ROBERT L. WHITE
- For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN
- For Tax Assessor: HENRY TODD
- For Sheriff: J. P. FLYNT
- For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMIE

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1923, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 8th day of January, 1924.

| RESOURCES | |
|--|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral | \$118,879.04 |
| Loans, real estate | 2,250.00 |
| Overdrafts | 1,684.00 |
| Bonds and Stocks | 2,850.00 |
| Real Estate (banking house) | 20,000.00 |
| Other Real Estate | 44,786.81 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 6,288.55 |
| Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand | 146,765.95 |
| Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund | 5,897.58 |
| Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund | 8,522.22 |
| Acceptances and Bills of Exchange | 4,990.35 |
| Other Resources | NONE |
| TOTAL | \$362,885.13 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---|---------------------|
| Capital Stock paid in | \$ 60,000.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 4,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, net | 1,558.53 |
| Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net | 11,808.17 |
| Individual Deposits, subject to check | 265,685.04 |
| Savings Deposits | NONE |
| Time Certificates of Deposit | 6,716.19 |
| Demand Certificates of Deposit | NONE |
| Cashier's Checks | 13,117.20 |
| Bills Payable and Rediscounts | NONE |
| Certificates of Deposits, issued for money borrowed | NONE |
| State Funds | NONE |
| Bonds Deposited | NONE |
| Other Liabilities | NONE |
| TOTAL | \$362,885.13 |

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss
 We, R. W. Bruce, as President, and N. K. Freeman, as Cashier, of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. W. Bruce, President
 N. K. Freeman, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, A. D. 1924.
 (Seal)
 Rufus J. Wheeler,
 Notary Public Runnels County, Texas

CORRECT—ATTEST:
 C. P. Shepherd, Sam Baker, N. J. Allen, Directors.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Merchants State Bank

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1923, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published in Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 8th day of January, 1924.

| Resources | |
|--|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral | \$361,264.31 |
| Loans, real estate | 13,000.00 |
| County, School and City Warrants | 18,472.01 |
| Bonds and Stocks (Liberty Bonds) | 100.00 |
| Real Estate (banking house) | 25,000.00 |
| Other Real Estate | 5,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 5,000.00 |
| Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand | 343,540.82 |
| Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund | 8,466.04 |
| Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund | 6,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$785,843.18 |

| Liabilities | |
|---|---------------------|
| Capital Stock paid in | \$100,000.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 40,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, net | 4,464.57 |
| Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net | 167.29 |
| Individual Deposits, subject to check | 606,158.09 |
| Time Certificates of Deposit | 27,611.50 |
| Cashier's Checks | 7,441.63 |
| TOTAL | \$785,843.18 |

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss
 We, G. G. Odom, as president, and J. L. Chastain, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. G. ODOM, President
 J. L. CHASTAIN, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D. 1924.
 E. SHEPPERD,
 Notary Public, Runnels Co., Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST: J. F. Currie, E. D. Walker, J. A. Zak, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

| Resources | | Liabilities | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$392,836.32 | Capital Stock | \$100,000.00 |
| Real Estate, Banking House and Fixtures | 30,000.00 | Surplus and Undivided Profits | 67,253.80 |
| Other Real Estate | 5,000.00 | Circulation | 25,000.00 |
| Depositors' Guaranty Fund | 8,466.04 | Dividends unpaid | 6,000.00 |
| Guaranty Assessment Fund | 6,000.00 | Rediscounts | NONE |
| Cash and Exchange | 343,540.82 | Bills Payable | NONE |
| TOTAL | \$785,843.18 | Deposits | 849,860.02 |
| | | TOTAL | \$785,843.18 |

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31st, 1923.

| RESOURCES | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c) | \$583,403.30 |
| Total loans | \$583,403.30 |
| 2. Overdrafts, unsecured | 168.70 |
| 4. U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OWNED: | |
| a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value) | \$25,000.00 |
| b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums if any) | 5,546.13 |
| Total | 30,546.13 |
| 5. OTHER BONDS, STOCKS, SECURITIES, etc.: | 6,525.00 |
| 6. Banking House, Furniture & Fixt., \$6,535.00 | 26,995.00 |
| 7. Real estate owned other than banking house | 17,500.00 |
| 8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank | 58,909.95 |
| 10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks | 294,509.60 |
| 11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in items 8, 9 and 10) | 519.24 |
| 13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 12) | 12,283.94 |
| Total of items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 | 307,312.78 |
| 14. a. Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city of reporting bank | 4,337.12 |
| b. Miscellaneous cash items | 11,165.84 |
| 15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer | 1,250.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,048,113.82 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 17. Capital stock paid in | \$100,000.00 |
| 18. Surplus fund | 50,000.00 |
| 19. Undivided profits | \$12,753.80 |
| b. Reserved for Unearned Interest | 4,500.00 |
| c. Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid | 17,253.80 |
| 20. Circulating notes outstanding | 25,000.00 |
| 22. Amount due to national banks | 57,226.08 |
| 23. Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in items 21 or 22) | 2,452.86 |
| 24. Certified checks outstanding | 333.50 |
| 25. Cashier's checks outstanding | 3,248.12 |
| Total of items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 | 63,209.56 |
| 26. Individual deposits subject to check | 767,082.27 |
| 27. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed) | 5,600.00 |
| 28. State, county, and other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond | 12,317.19 |
| 30. Dividends unpaid | 6,000.00 |
| Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 | 790,999.45 |
| TIME DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice and postal savings): | |
| 32. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) | 1,600.00 |
| Total of time deposits subject to Reserve Items 32, 33, 34, and 35 | 1,600.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,048,113.82 |

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss
 I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1924.
 (Seal)
 HARRY LYNN, Notary Public.
 CORRECT—Attest: D. M. Baker, J. McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, Directors.

| RECAPITULATION | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| RESOURCES: | LIABILITIES: | | |
| Loans and Discounts | \$482,114.88 | Capital Stock | \$100,000.00 |
| Overdrafts | 168.70 | Surplus and Undivided Profits | 67,253.80 |
| U. S. Bonds | 30,546.13 | Circulation | 25,000.00 |
| Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc. | 6,525.00 | Dividends unpaid | 6,000.00 |
| Banking House, F. & F. | 26,995.00 | Rediscounts | NONE |
| Real Estate | 17,500.00 | Bills Payable | NONE |
| Acceptances (Cotton) | 101,288.42 | Deposits | 849,860.02 |
| Cash and Exchange | 382,975.69 | | |
| \$1,048,113.82 | | \$1,048,113.82 | |

doors, but the most fun was blowing out the twelve candles on the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham, of Dry Ridge, with Mrs. Higginbotham's sister, Mrs. Batchelor, were at Bethel Sunday morning.

The Parent-Teacher Association and the Mission Study Class were put off last Friday because of the cold weather. They will meet in the school house next Friday.

"BETHELINE"

R. L. Bates, of the Novice section, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Bates says another week of sunshine and farmers will be able to get in the fields. The pioneer farmer

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says it is the first time he can recall when he was kept out of the field for three months on account of wet weather.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO WOMEN

Tells of Mrs. Vogel's Terrible Suffering and How She Was Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



Detroit, Michigan. — "My troubles were severe pains in my back and terrible bearing-down pains in my right side, also headaches and sleepless nights. I first began having troubles when I was 15, and they have increased as I grew older. A little booklet was left at my door, and I read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for women and decided to try it. After the first week I could go to sleep every night and I stopped having that nervous feeling and got a better appetite. The doctor had always said that an operation was the only thing that would help me, but I never had any faith in an operation. Since the Vegetable Compound has started helping me I do not suffer the severe pains, feel stronger, and am able to do my own work. I am more than glad to tell my friends that it helps where other medicines have failed. — Mrs. GUS VOGEL, 6638 Pelouze Street, Detroit, Michigan.

NEW FARM AGENT READY FOR WORK

"The the Farmers of Runnels County:

"Since I am a stranger to Runnels county and not acquainted with the different sections of the county and the needs and requirements of individual farmers of the various sections I take this means of offering my service to you.

"My motto is 'Service without Choice.' I want to work with all the farmers in every section of the county and in order to get the best results I hereby request that you let me know at once what phase of County Agent's work you wish to have done on your farm at this time of the year.

"Don't wait until I come to see you, but write me a card, phone me or come to see me at the office so we can work out a workable plan and start operations at once.

"This is the season of the year for terracing, contouring and laying off rows, drainage work and other phases of farm engineering work.

"This is also the time to organize Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs and I hereby earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the schools of the county in putting over this phase of the work.

"Now is a good time to organize Community Centers in order to foster and develop community interest.

"I am planning to visit the various communities in the county at the earliest possible date. In the meantime let me know your wants in order that I may be able to serve you properly. Yours for service.

"C. W. LEHMBERG,
County Agent, Runnels Co.,
Office at Court House."

MOTHERS-
Don't you know you can turn a distressed, feverish, coughing child into a comfortable and happily smiling one simply by giving
CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY
No Narcotics

ROBSTOWN SHIPS SPECIAL TRAIN OF PLANTING SEED

ROBSTOWN, Tex., Jan. 7.—What is believed to have been the first solid trainload of cotton planting seed ever shipped by a single Texas breeder to one particular section of the state, was made from this point during the past week, and was consigned to points in the lower Rio Grande valley. This shipment was made by S. Masfon Nixon, local breeder and grower of Blue Wagon staple cotton seed, and consisted of a special train of seventeen car loads of his products.

The heavy movement of special staple planting seed shipped by local dealers to all sections of Texas and Oklahoma during the past season indicates that cotton growers are awakening to the merits and value of seed bred and multiplied in the famous Robstown district, where the per-acre yield is phenomenally high and the fields entirely free of "dead" cotton.

THEATRES MOVIES

GLADYS WALTON IN COMEDY ROLE GIVES UP HER MANICURING

A chapter of life's social code is pictured at the Fo-to-sho Theatre in "The Near Lady," a Universal feature in which Gladys Walton is starred. This attraction will be seen for the last exhibition in Ballinger tonight.

The story has as a basis a plan whereby a family well planted in the Blue Book of society could retain its rating when the bank account dropped below par and whereby another family of weak social rating but with quantities of newly acquired wealth could attain the upper rounds of the social ladder.

The idea is developed from a comedy angle, made particularly funny by the titles, and has unusual entertainment value.

Miss Walton is very attractive as the little manicurist who deserts the barber shop for the golf course when her dad's sausage machine makes a million dollars. The cast is well balanced. Kate Price and Otis Harlan being especially good in the roles of the parents of the manicurist. Their action is virtually light comedy. Jerry Gendron does good work as the leading man.

"Westbound Limited" is the title of the next big special offering to be shown at the Fo-to-sho. Ralph Lewis, Ella Hall and others of note depict leading parts. Wednesday and Thursday are the dates for this production.

Hot, fresh Barbecue at City Market every day. 7-3d

WILLIAM FOX HITS HIGHEST MARK IN "SILENT COMMAND"
There was probably not a disappointed person among the

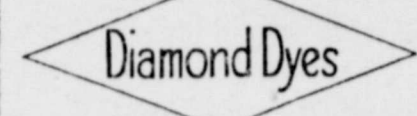
spectators at the Maeroy Theatre last night when the Wm. Fox spectacular melodrama, "The Silent Command," was given its first showing in Ballinger. Tonight will conclude the engagement at this theatre.

It is a big picture from every point of view, a special feature with every right to the name. It is cleverly written, masterly directed by J. Gordon Edwards and superbly acted. The cast includes Edmund Lowe, Alma Tell, Martha Mansfield, Betty Jewel, Bela Lugosi, Carl Harbaugh, Gordon McEdward and Byron Douglas.

The story is built around an attempt of a band of international spies to blow up the Panama Canal. Captain Richard Decatur of the United States navy is assigned to work his way into the game on both sides is a desperate one. Decatur wins through his quick brain and his iron

WOMEN! DYE OLD THINGS NEW

Sweaters Waists Draperies
Skirts Dresses Gingham
Coats Kimonos Stockings



Each 15-cent package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple any woman can dye or tint any old, worn, faded thing new, even if she has never dyed before. Choose any color at drug store.

nerve. A beautiful woman is employed to compromise him and is temporarily successful. The officer's wife is made to believe that he is unfaithful. He is drummed out of the service for disloyalty, but is vindicated and all ends happily.

The spectacular effects that are introduced during the action of this dramatic story are immense. There are scenes on the high seas, including a wonderfully realistic shipwreck, that have hardly been equalled.

OLD RECIPE OF SAGE TEA DARKENS HAIR

You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost over night if you'll get a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old famous Sage Tea Recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, are sold annually, says a well-known druggist here, because it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied.

Those whose hair is turning gray or becoming faded have a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful.

This is the age of youth. Gray-haired, unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound tonight and you'll be delighted with your dark, handsome hair and your youthful appearance within a few days.

MODERN BUNGALOW TO REPLACE LAND MARK

The house now owned by W. V. Connelly, and located on the corner of Eighth Street and Phillips Avenue North of the Carnegie Library, is to be wrecked at once to make room for a new modern five-room bungalow. Mr. Connelly has let the contract for the work to Jess McDonald, and

the contractor has placed some of the material on the ground and will begin work of razing the old building as soon as Mr. Connelly can vacate. Mr. Connelly will probably move his family to down-town rooms and live on the short-order plan until the new home is completed. He says he "ransacked" the city for a residence, but cannot find a house or suitable rooms for a temporary home.

The old house which is about to be wrecked is a landmark, and one of the first residences built in this city.

It pays to advertise.

COLDS

Break a Cold Right Up with "Pape's Cold Compound"

Take two tablets every three hours until three doses are taken. The first dose always gives relief. The second and third doses completely break up the cold. Pleasant and safe to take. Contains no quinine or opiates. Millions use "Pape's Cold Compound." Price, thirty-five cents. Druggists guarantee it.

Be Wise and Advertise

In Finance, When a Man Says "Now or Never" --- Tell Him 'NEVER'

It doesn't pay to hurry when parting with your money. You can easily lose in a minute the savings of a whole year.

Once in a while you may lose a real opportunity for investment by waiting until tomorrow, but in the long run you will have more money and fewer regrets.

We will gladly share with you our experience in investment matters.

BALLINGER STATE BANK AND TRUST CO.
Guaranty Fund Bank



Hammermill Bond Cabinets

None Better for Business or Personal Correspondence

The Ballinger Printing Co.

Exclusive Agents

Telephone 27

Break Colds With Vapors

Absorbed and inhaled, Vicks VapoRub gets right to congested air passages with the penetrating oils and antiseptic vapors of Camphor, Menthol, Eucalyptus, Thyme, Turpentine and other healing agents. The easiest, quickest and safest way to knock out cold troubles. Preferred by mothers because it saves dosing the children. Fine, too, for skin cuts, bruises, stings and itches.

Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly



SOCIETY

Six O'Clock Dinner

An attractive affair of recent date was a six o'clock dinner given by Misses Marthyle Bridwell and Mildred Holliday, at Mrs. Nash's, in celebration of New Year's Day.

The table appointments were suggestive of the holiday season, and each cover was marked by a basket of confections in the season's colors. After the dinner hour the guests enjoyed a theatre party at the Maeroy.

The guests included Misses Marthyle Bridwell, Mildred Holliday, Minta Smart, Margaret Kirk, Felda Cathey, Zadie Kincaide, Lucibelle Taylor, Hyla Chapman; Messrs. Pace, West, Wooley, Fritz Charlette, Hubert Zappe, Reik Hannor, Jno. Castor, and Mr. and Mrs. Lethal O'Kelly.

A Good Thing - DON'T MISS IT.

Send your name and address plainly written together with 5 cents (and this slip) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial, "flu" and whooping coughs, and tickling throat, Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for stomach troubles, indigestion, gassy pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation; Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin affections; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.

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-Imo.d.*

Garland Dickinson is at home from a visit to Fort Worth and Cleburne. He denied going on the mission for which some of his friends accused him.

ASPIRIN

Beware of Imitations!



Demand

Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians over twenty-three years for

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| Colds | Headache |
| Toothache | Lumbago |
| Neuritis | Rheumatism |
| Neuralgia | Pain, Pain |

Accept "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" only. Each unbroken package contains proven directions. Handy boxes of twelve tablets cost few cents. Druggists also sell bottles of 24 and 100. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylic acid.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gray are entertaining a new boy baby at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crager are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter at their home last Saturday.

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

MODERN WOODMEN INSTALL OFFICERS

State Deputy R. J. Vidler, assisted by District Deputy C. W. Van Dyke, and B. L. Bert, special deputy, was here last Saturday night and helped the Ballinger camp in initiating a fine class of husky candidates.

The hall was filled with anxious waiting neighbors to witness the impressive ceremonies and share in the fun. After the new members had been initiated the visiting deputies assisted in installing the new officers of the lodge, and the following officers were installed:

H. S. Yeager, V. C.; Dee Oliver, P. C.; W. E. Middleton, advisor; H. F. Demmer, banker; Joe Thomas, escort; Ed Pape, watchman; Frank Corder, sentry; E. J. Cathey, manager; Dr. E. R. Walker, physician.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies a banquet spread was served.

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 RENT—Two or three room apartment; also good garage. 403 Broadway. Phone 287. 8-2td

LOST—Child's fur piece, between 4th and 10th streets. Phone 540. 8-1td

FOUND—Fountain Pen. Owner can get property by paying for this notice. 1td

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms completely furnished. Phone 179. 31-1fd.*

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. 26-1fd.

TREES—I am now ready to take your order for all kinds of Trees and Shrubs. Roses and Pecans a specialty. Mike C. Boyd, Phone 237. 26-2td

OLD DOC BIRD says



Anyway you can have a lot of fun counting your chickens before they are hatched.

—and you can count on us to turn out the finest kind of

SHOE AND HARNESS REPAIR WORK

You can't afford to buy a new pair of shoes or new harness every time your present ones begin to show signs of wearing out.

We repair them the Right Way—and that means using the highest grade of leather and the highest type of workmanship.

If we fail to satisfy you in every detail of our work, we make no charges.

Give us a trial.

Coy Drennan

LUMBER TRADE PICKS UP HERE

Runnels county is experiencing the best building boom that she has had since the palmy days of 1900 when new homes were springing up all over the county, and when thousands of acres of land were turned under and planted for the first time.

Farmers who have been planning improvements around their country homes for several years, are now on the job, and wagon loads of lumber can be seen leaving the city daily, and the demand for carpenters throughout the county is somewhat of an index to the building activities. New rooms are being added to many homes in the county, new roofs are replacing leaky ones, new barns, new garages, new poultry houses, new yard fences, etc., has created a better demand for building materials.

The building in Ballinger has been gradual during the last year, but regular, quite a number of new homes having been completed. Many jobs of minor improvement have been made in the city, and such work is still under way, and new homes are in the course of construction and being planned.

Winters has experienced somewhat of a building boom during the last twelve months, many

new homes having been completed in that city, and several houses are now being constructed in that city, and three new business houses are going up at that place.

At this time there is not a vacant residence in Ballinger, or in any other town in the county, and there is a demand for farms, many renters seeking places to make crops this year. The county can increase in population only in proportion to the preparations made to take care of the increase, and more building in the only solution to the problem. There are many more families in the county at this time than there are homes for them. They are doubled-up two, and in some instances more, families in one house.

Good crops for the last two years, coupled with the good price paid for cotton, has made it possible for the farmers to carry out building programs, and has created a demand for additional homes.

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

S. E. Willis, of Miles, had business at Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

IF JESSE JAMES were a bandit today and wanted to make a valuable haul he'd hold up the owner of tickets calling for seats to see



An Emory Johnson Production

Fo-To-Sho Theatre

Starting Tomorrow

Admission 30 Cents and 40 Cents

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Dec. 31st, 1923

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| RESOURCES: | |
| Loans and Discounts | \$482,114.88 |
| Overdrafts | 168.70 |
| 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 |
| Rediscounts | NONE |
| Bills Payable | NONE |
| Deposits | 849,860.02 |
| | \$1,048,113.82 |

We Carry No State, County or Municipal Interest-bearing Deposits.

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.

BARGAIN TYPEWRITERS

\$3.00 down, balance like rent. Abilene Typewriter Exchange, Royal and Corona Agents. 5-4td.*

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.

Hot, fresh Barbecue at City Market every day. 7-3d

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

Theford's

BLACK-DRAUGHT

Liver Medicine

(Vegetable)

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.

THORP & WARDLAW

The Men's Store.

FO-TO-SHO THEATRE

"Where the Best Pictures are Shown"

TODAY

Gladys Walton

in

"The Near Lady"

A whirlwind romance of gay society life, high speed love and merry moments.

A Universal Attraction

Billy Engle in

"Back to Earth"

Century Comedy

Admission 10c and 25c

TODAY MAEROY THEATRE TODAY!

SHOWING THE PICK O' THE PICTURES

William Fox presents

"The Silent Command"

A Stirring Drama of

Love, Intrigue, and the High Seas

Uncle Sam's mighty fighting forces seen in battle maneuvers during the action.

NOTE: This picture was made through the cooperation of the navy and endorsed by the government.

A Mighty Picture in Ten Reels.

Also "MOVING" a comedy

Come early owing to the length of the show, there will not be two full shows.

Admission . . . 10c and 30c

TOMORROW—"The Half-Breed"