

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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## NEGRO BANDITS GET \$45,190.00 IN HOLD UP

(By Associated Press)  
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 11.—Five negro bandits held up the cashier and teller at the entrance of a Main Street Bank here today, and escaped with \$45,190 in currency.

## FORTY MISSING ON BRITISH SUB

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Eng., Jan. 11.—An object believed to be the British submarine L-24, which met disaster off the British coast near here yesterday in a collision with the dreadnaught Resolution, has been located off the coast at a depth of thirty fathoms, according to announcement by officials here today.  
On account of a heavy running sea it was impossible for divers to descend to investigate, and there is nothing to indicate that any of the crew of forty-three escaped from the ill-fated submarine. It is believed that all perished in the ship.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Forgey have moved in from the Hatcher country, and are now occupying their new home on 7th Street, near the home of their son, W. A. Forgey.

## BALLINGER CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Ballinger Club held its annual membership meeting Thursday night and elected directors and officers for the ensuing year, as follows:  
J. McGregor, president  
J. J. Beck, vice-president  
J. Whit Patterson, sec.-treas.  
J. McGregor, J. J. Beck, J. Whit Patterson, E. A. Saunders, J. E. Day and G. W. Dunlap, directors.  
The Ballinger Club now occupies the second floor of the Rape building, having moved from the old quarters to the present location a short time ago, when the club sold part of its furniture and fixtures to the American Legion and turned the old club hall over to the Legionnaires, and perfected plans whereby both organizations benefited. The membership of the social club was reduced in order that the American Legion club might have the larger hall and carry on their work successfully.  
Since going into the new quarters, the Ballinger Club has fixed up one of the nicest little club-rooms to be found anywhere, maintaining the pool and billiard tables and a domino room, reading room, etc., and the club is being maintained on a much less expense than the old club.

### Stop Coughing

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## MANY WITNESSES IN VANCIL CASE

More than twenty-five local citizens will leave Ballinger Sunday and go to Fort Worth in response to summons to appear in the district court of Tarrant county and testify in the trial of Ralph G. Vancil. Sheriff J. P. Flynn and his deputies were busy Thursday and Friday serving subpoenas on persons called as witnesses from Ballinger and Rummels county.

Among those who have been summoned from this place are L. P. Wood, N. J. Allen, W. C. Penn, R. T. Williams, C. R. Stone, E. L. Rasbury, R. G. Erwin, Rev. Alvin Swindell, Dr. W. W. Fowler, Jno. A. Weeks, C. P. Shepherd, A. W. Sledge, Dan Moser, B. C. Kirk, Dr. S. B. Raby, Jim Flynn, J. F. McMillan, George Holliday, Austin Williams, J. A. Williams, Troy Simpson, R. W. Bruce, Rev. W. H. Doss, and members of the family of the defendant and his wife, Price Maddox, of Maryneal; Jo Wilmeth and R. S. Griggs, of Fort Worth, former Ballinger citizens, and who have known Vancil all his life, are also listed as witnesses in the case.

The Ballinger youth is scheduled to go to trial at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning, January 14th, on a charge of murder in connection with the death of his eight-day-old baby on November 11th. Ralph Vancil and Miss Thelma Spann, two of Ballinger's most popular and prominent young people, were married in Ballinger on October 13th. Vancil was arrested about six weeks later when caught burning some baby wearing apparel near Lake Worth. After his arrest he led officers to a shallow grave where the infant had been buried. This led to his indictment on December 7th, on a charge of murder.

The state has summoned several witnesses, including the proprietor of the hotel where Mr. and Mrs. Vancil were stopping in Fort Worth, physicians and nurses from a Fort Worth hospital, and officers who made the arrest. The officers were watching for a car which they believed was hauling liquor to Fort Worth when they discovered Vancil burning the baby clothes.  
Dr. Swindell performed the ceremony when the couple were married in Ballinger, and he has been called as a state's witness in the case.

## CEMETERY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

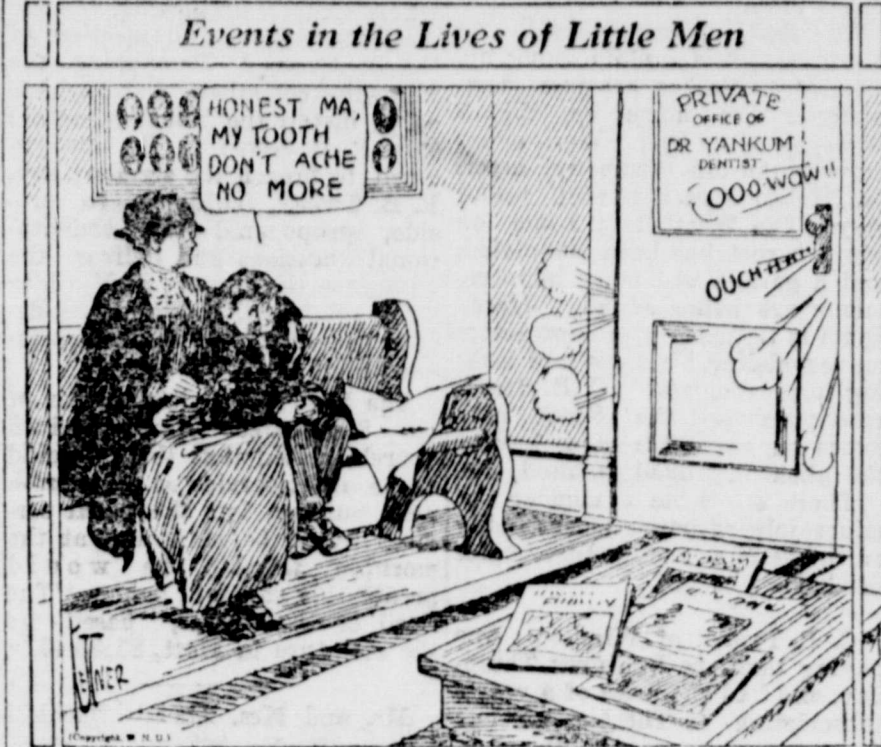
| Receipts                            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance, cash on hand               | \$ 316.56  |
| Taxes collected                     | 1,385.50   |
| Lots sold (13)                      | 320.00     |
| Space sold (5)                      | 5.00       |
| Open Graves (40)                    | 224.50     |
| Donations (not lot owners)          | 145.21     |
| Int. on Liberty Bonds               | 20.36      |
|                                     | \$2,417.13 |
| Printing, stationery                | \$ 42.90   |
| Postage                             | 14.00      |
| Express on trees                    | 4.76       |
| Hauling clay and gravel for streets | 216.90     |
| Extra hauling                       | 36.03      |
| Trees and shrubbery                 | 67.75      |
| Pipe                                | 151.98     |
| Pipe fitting                        | 31.63      |
| Labor (keeping property clean)      | 315.75     |
| Sexton's salary                     | 600.00     |
| Gasoline for pumping water          | 3.10       |
| Cement curbs and fountain           | 572.25     |
| Balance on hand                     | 360.08     |
|                                     | \$2,417.13 |

The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. SHEPPERD,  
President.  
Given under my hand and seal of office, this 11th day of January, 1924.  
(Seal)

R. G. ERWIN,  
Notary Public, Rummels County, Texas.

Read Ledger "wants" column



## Mayor Disapproves Purchase of Tractor for Street Work

"To the Hon. City Commissioners, Ballinger, Texas:  
Gentlemen:  
At your last regular meeting, January 8th, 1924, you presented and passed an order for the purchase of a Best 30-tractor for use on the streets at a total cost of \$3,800.00; the tractor company allowing you \$700.00 for the tractor now being used by the City; the remaining \$3,100.00 to be paid in cash and City of Ballinger Warrants, if I have understood correctly, \$500.00 cash payment now and \$500.00 a year with 6 per cent interest semi-annually until paid.  
By virtue of the authority in me as Mayor of your City I respectfully disapprove the passage of said order and the purchase of the Best Tractor with my reasons therefor as follows:  
FIRST—I believe the tractor now being used by the City is capable of doing all necessary work contemplated by the City. That the purchase of an additional high priced tractor at this time is unnecessary and a needless expenditure of the public money.  
SECOND—If this tractor is purchased at this time it will be necessary that you levy a special and additional tax to cover the same. I feel that the present tax rate, for all present purposes, is high enough.  
THIRD—As in your own affairs, so in the affairs of the City, different matters will be coming up that will demand your attention and will call for further expenditure of money. Some of these you have already set your seal of approval on and others will be coming up from time to time; for instance, the necessary improvement in our fire fighting equipment which you have granted. The coming into town of the new Highway is going to call for the securing of a right of way through a portion of the City. In justice to the people on 13th Street, that street and alley north of it should be opened. All of this calls for the spending of money—how much we do not know.  
For the first time in her history the affairs of the City are on a cash basis—she is paying her way as she goes and taking her cash discounts. I, as Mayor, take a pardonable pride in this fact, and am not willing at this time, and under present conditions, to place upon the city an unnecessary debt, for which we will have to issue warrants and increase our tax rate. I think it would be an injustice to the people who have to foot the bill. You understand it is much easier to spend money than to get it.  
I am very much in favor of improving and maintaining our streets and I am sure with a small outlay of money for street maintaining machinery combined with our present equipment we can, in a short time, have all of our streets in first class condition and would be in a position to maintain them. For example I cite you to the work being done on 8th Street. However, we are going to need something to keep it in shape.  
I would recommend the purchase of a STREET MAINTAINER—one that can be operated with speed and economy.  
Very respectfully,  
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## SHERIFF NAMES TERMS FOR PEACE

(By Associated Press)  
HERRIN, Ill., Jan. 11.—Peace will return to Williamson county only when the citizens co-operate with Sheriff George Galligan in enforcement of laws, the sheriff asserted in a statement today. According to the sheriff there is a possibility that the troops will be withdrawn today.  
Galligan stated that he would probably request the governor to withdraw the troops.  
Troops were sent to this county at the request of the sheriff Tuesday, as the result of a war between the sheriff's department and citizens following wholesale raids made on bootleggers by the prohibition enforcement agent without the knowledge and assistance of the sheriff. A leader of the Klan forces in the county alleges that those taking part in the raids were deputized by federal prohibition officers.

County Farm Agent Roy W. Terry, and Mrs. Terry, of Paint Rock, were visitors to Ballinger Thursday.

## MAN BEATEN AND LEFT ON STOVE

(By Associated Press)  
GREENVILLE, Tex., Jan. 11.—Physicians held out little hope today for the recovery of Arthur Benjamin, age 60, who was beaten into unconsciousness, and his body thrown across a hot stove in his shack on the outskirts of Greenville last night.  
Parties passing the shack where the aged man lived heard faint cries, and were attracted to the house where they found Benjamin with his skull fractured, a jaw bone broken and a number of cuts on his body.  
Officers here believe that the motive for the attack was robbery, and the assailants left the man for dead.

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## KLAN EXPELS SIMMONS HEADQUARTERS MOVED

(By Associated Press)  
ATLANTA, Jan. 11.—The Atlanta Journal is today publishing what it terms as a "generally credited report" that "William Joseph Simmons, imperial emperor and founder of the Ku Klux Klan; and Edward Young Clarke, imperial giant; have both been expelled from the Klan for their opposition to the regime headed by Dr. Hiram Evans, the imperial wizard."

The Journal stated that the action in expelling the two high officers was concurred in and was agreeable to the grand dragons of the Klan, and was not ordered independently by imperial officers of the organization.

It is also rumored here that the headquarters of the Klan have been moved to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—W. F. Lent, district manager of the United States Veterans' Bureau office at New York, has been relieved by Director Hines pending complete investigation of the charges made against Lent.

It has been charged that liquor parties have been held in the district office at New York, and that liquor was carried to dinner at a hotel in a veterans' bureau ambulance.

WINTERS SCHOOL MAY LOSE AFFILIATION; SUPERVISOR CLAIMS

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Among conditions complained of were lack of adequate room, lack of adequate teaching force both in numbers and in training and qualification, indifference and lack of discipline among the student body, janitor service.  
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**BACK TO THE FARM**

The Abilene Reporter upholds the court for upholding the hog law in Ballinger, and remarks that "it is a good law." There are many families in Ballinger who no doubt would like to keep swine in the back lot to consume the scraps from the table, and at the same time be a very popular animal at hog killing time. But hogs are unsanitary and it is unhealthy to be unsanitary.—Ballinger Ledger.

There seems to be no valid argument for the keeping of hogs in town, not from a sanitary standpoint certainly. The place for hogs is in the country and if you feel that you just must raise hogs, the thing to do is to move to the country. Lots of folks ought to move back to the farm anyway; there's too many folks in the cities now and every once in a while you see something in the newspapers about how America is facing a dangerous situation because everybody thinks they have got to live in town, or they aren't much of anybody.—Abilene Reporter.

There is a back-to-the-farm movement on in this country which is creating a demand for agricultural land. Almost daily men are calling at the Ledger office looking for "farms for rent" advertisements. High priced cotton, and improved living conditions are rapidly eliminating the distance between the manless land and the landless man, and the only reason there are not more farmers in Rannels county at the beginning of this crop year is because the farms are not available.

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**Y. M. B. L. WANTS YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER**

The Young Men's Business League is an organization of business men and others who are organized to share their viewpoints and to promote the commercial, industrial and civic interests of Ballinger and Rannels county. The organization is based upon the well recognized principle that more can be accomplished by working together for a common purpose than by individual effort, therefore, if you are not a member of the Y. M. B. L. you are asked to become one.

The program of activities of the Young Men's Business League for 1924 includes many problems, and to improve conditions found to need improvement and to eliminate evils found to exist requires the full co-operation of all who are interested in the welfare of our town and county if the program is to be made effective.

While membership committees are endeavoring to call on you personally that you may have an opportunity to renew or become new members, however should you in some way have been overlooked, or something has detained the committee from reaching you, please telephone 39, the Y. M. B. L. office, and a membership card will be presented to you.

A list of members whose names have not been published are as follows:

Newt Wardlaw Jr., James Skinner, J. A. Reese, L. R. Tigner, A. S. Love, G. A. Ladwig, W. A. Holt, J. M. Simmons, C. P. Shepherd, Rufus J. Wheeler, A. B. Lankford, H. H. Carsey, Q. V. Miller, W. C. Penn, C. W. McKinney, Oliver Cochran, B. M. Brelsford, M. R. Smith, Ross Murchison, A. F. Brock, C. W. Thorp, N. K. Freeman, Jno. H. Castor, Troy Simpson.

The above list brings the membership to 124 with 176 yet to become members, as 300 or better is the goal set.

Be Wise and Advertise—

**THE BOHEMIAN**

By JANE GORDON

(© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

"All my life," said Sidney, "I have wanted to do something delightfully out of the ordinary. At home in Smethburg things are so humdrum. When you invited me here to visit you, Uncle Nolley, I was thrilled. Artists are all bohemians, are they not?"  
Noel Strange, illustrator, smiled whimsically. "My wife gives this disorder another name when she comes over to straighten up my work place. And if you expect a respectable married man like myself to be bohemian of taste, Sidney, you are to suffer disappointment. I had enough of bizarre cafes during my bachelorhood. However, if you must have a peep into the unusual, I'll take you over to the 'Yellow Gate' for luncheon."

"That will be lovely!" the young woman from Smethburg cried. "I was reading such a romantic story the other day; nothing truly romantic happens in our town. You meet a young man in the conventional way, and by and by you settle down in a regulation white house to wash his dishes for him ever after."

"Now, this story, Uncle Nolley: Two who met accidentally at a bohemian party, where famous people were assembled—and without any unnecessary introduction—had the loveliest mysterious romance. You see, they didn't know a thing about each other; at the party everyone called her Nance, while he was merely Jack. And they did not learn each other's proper name until the night before their wedding. Then she discovered that he was a great writer, while she was a noted singer. "If nothing will satisfy the longing for bohemia—big bohemia, we will have to give you your desire. Stop in at the studio after your shopping tour with your aunt and I'll take you over to the 'Yellow Gate.'"

Noel Strange was proud of his young relative as he presented her to a pretty young "scribbler," to whom the really good food of the "Yellow Gate" appealed.

"You will look after my niece, I'm sure, Miss Sells," he requested, "and I'll hurry back to work."

When the independent young scribbler—as it happened—was obliged also to hasten back to her office, Sidney decided to linger at the small yellow table and await—adventure. Her bright, eager, glancing eyes brought it promptly.

A tall young man, who had been noting the pretty stranger from the opposite table, arose and came with no pretense, other than his wish to meet her, directly to Sidney's side.

"How do you do, Miss Bluebell Eyes?" he remarked as he bent close to smile at her.

And, was not this the adventure she was looking for?

So, presently, with an assumption of coolness, she replied: "Oh, how do you do?—or, rather, what is it that you do?—write or paint, or sing."

"Paint," answered the young man. Think you could be persuaded to pose for me some time. My springtime girl requires just such blue eyes as yours. Sidney caught her breath. "I'd love to!" she exclaimed.

"All right." The artist's tone was matter of fact.

"Now, to seal the bargain and become acquainted, may I take you to a matinee?"

A little thrill crept down Sidney's back—the daughter of Smethburg's minister—at the theater with an unknown man! But was not this the mystery she courted?

"I will go," she agreed faintly.

"Have a good time with Miss Sells at the 'Yellow Gate'?" Uncle Noel questioned upon her return. Sidney blushed.

"A wonderful time," she said, which was true, in part. Don Grenville, artist, was like no man whom Sidney had known outside the pages of glorified romance. And she had promised another meeting at the "Yellow Gate" the following afternoon, which was but the beginning of meetings occurring regularly thereafter. Long ago she had recognized that love had come to her; also long ago—oh, a whole week ago—the young man had confessed gravely, and earnestly, and wildly, his love for her. And withal this miraculous granting of her wish, Sidney Smith was disturbed and troubled. To have wished to laugh with bohemia was one thing; to find your future husband a member of that gay, changing throng, was another. Now, in her serious love, Sidney longed that he might be even of the order of home-town young men. So, at last, she was forced to admit this reason of her gloom.

To her astonishment, Don Grenville's answer was to clasp her in his arms. "Why, Sidney," he murmured, "my true little Sidney whom I have found at last, I'm the most domestic, home-loving man in the world. This theatrical playing bohemian stuff was all a fake. I was busy behind the curtain in your uncle's studio the day you voiced your wish for mysterious romance. And later he and I framed up my meeting with you at the 'Yellow Gate.' If you were out for that sort of thing, we agreed I'd better be there to see that you found the right kind of mystery. I'm studying with your uncle. And I guess we've found the right kind of romance—my Sidney."

The Eternal Feminine.

Fond Father—I think the baby is going to be just like her mother.

Friend—In what way especially?

Fond Father—When she sees a dollar in my hands she goes and gurgles until she gets it.

**MUCH BUILDING IS UNDERWAY HERE**

More building and improvement is going on in Ballinger at this time than for many years, and both new houses and remodeling of older houses is creating a demand for carpenters, painters, and paper hangers, and causing a good trade in the building material lines.

The G. G. Odom residence on Ninth Street is rapidly going up. Rev. M. C. Golden has just completed a nice home on Eighth Street in West End. Work of removing the old Connelly house on Eighth Street is well under way. The Weathersby home on Sixth Street has been completed, and a garage and other improvements are being added. Harry Lynn is figuring with contractors on remodeling his home and making improvements. C. R. Stone, who purchased the Scott residence on Ninth Street, is having the place improved, painted, etc.

There are quite a number of minor jobs of improvement going on in the city, and other homes are being planned.

C. P. Pruitt, of Wingate, was paying taxes in Ballinger Thursday, and had the price of a year's subscription to The Ledger left after squaring up with the government. Mrs. Pruitt accompanied Mr. Pruitt to town and visited friends.

Clarence Routh returned home Thursday at noon from Fort Worth, where he went to market a shipment of calves. He reports a fairly good turn-out from the shipment.

J. F. White, of the Truitt country, was among the tax payers who visited Ballinger Thursday.

Rollie Reese, son of John Reese, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever for about a month, is holding his own pretty well, but is reported to be still seriously ill.

The state of Texas entered the new year only \$5,000,000 in debt. That's just a notice to the tax payers that somebody is going to have to dig up.

You can now write it 1924, but you should write it in such a way that you will not be ashamed of the record when the calendar of time moves up another notch.

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.

There is a big demand for farm land in Rannels county. There are more renters than farms. This should encourage breaking new ground.

**WILL INSTALL WINTERS PASTOR**

The Rev. Hal F. Smith will be installed over the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Winters Sunday night, January 13th. Rev. Smith has been serving the church at Winters as Stated Supply for several months and has endeared himself to the whole church and entire community. At the fall meeting of the Brownwood Presbytery the following committee was appointed to install the Winters pastor: Rev. R. R. Rives, D. D., Brownwood, to preach the sermon; Rev. R. B. Twitty, Ballinger, to preside, propound the constitutional questions and deliver the charge to the pastor; and Elder T. S. Lankford, Ballinger, to deliver the charge to the congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Twitty, pastor of the 8th Street Presbyterian church, stated that there would be no night service at his church next Sunday, but the usual services would be held, and at the morning worship he would preach, his subject being "The Peril of Uselessness," based on the scripture in Matt. 25:35-46.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barnhill left for Marlin Thursday afternoon. Mr. Barnhill will go under treatment in Marlin for rheumatism. He has been confined to his home and bed for two months, and is not able to get about without the aid of crutches.

**MOTHER!**

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**RESOURCES:**

|                                 |                       |
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| 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            |
|                                 | <b>\$1,048,113.82</b> |

**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            |
|                               | <b>\$1,048,113.82</b> |

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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.

Rev. P. T. Stanford, of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Thursday en route to Temple, in response to a message stating his father was seriously ill.

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**He Made It Watertight**

By MORRIS SCHULTZ

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HAVING shot Evans through the heart, Anderson put the pistol in the limp hand, stepped back, took off his rubber gloves, and made a careful survey of the scene. Yes, he was satisfied that he had left no clue behind.

He had entered Evans' house through the window, aimed carefully, shot him with a silencer attachment. Nobody else was in the house. No one had seen him enter. At that moment he was supposed to be in his apartment, a mile away. He had descended the fire escape at the back in pitch darkness.

Everything was perfect, and Anderson felt real satisfaction at the job. Why not? Evans had deserved to die, for he had sold secretly out of the pool that had been formed, and ruined him.

Treachery loves company. The man who had joined Evans in betraying him, had later betrayed Evans; ruined him, too. Evans' death, therefore, might very well be ascribed to suicide. No one knew that Anderson bore Evans a grudge. Outwardly the two men were the best of friends; and Anderson had never let Evans know he was aware of his act of treachery.

Anderson went home, slipped up a deserted side street, resounded the fire escape, and went to bed.

In bed, however, he lay brooding. Every murderer was supposed to leave behind him some clear evidence of his crime, some foolish, simple thing that he overlooked. What was it he had done?

He went over every scene of the night, and could remember no omission. No, it was watertight.

But suddenly he sat up with a gasp. His rubber gloves! He had left them behind! And he had bought them at a local druggist's! The druggist had commented on the fact that Anderson took an unusually small size for a man! Fatal error!

In a moment Anderson was dressing again. Again he descended the fire escape and made his way to Evans' house through the falling rain. Fearfully he climbed through the window. He switched on the electric light, which he had foolishly switched off on leaving. God, another mistake! How could a suicide kill himself in the dark?

Evans lay just as he had left him, except that the body was a little more collapsed, and the revolver, clutched in the stiffening hand, pointed straight upward. Anderson was satisfied with this, however. He looked about for his gloves, careful not to put finger marks on anything. They were nowhere to be found.

In despair he raged about the room, looking under the table, even in the drawers of the desk. He plunged his hands into his overcoat pockets. There they were! They had been there all this time!

He pulled himself together. He had escaped by a miracle. Once more he left stealthily through the window, this time leaving the light on. There were no houses across the way; no one would see him; it was an almost deserted street. Again he made his way back to his apartment, ascending through the fire escape.

It was fortunate he had returned after all. That absence of light would be suspicious.

Suddenly a cold sweat broke over him. Had he used the handkerchief in turning on and off the light?

He lay quaking for half an hour; then dressed once more and again set off upon his journey. Again he entered through the window. The dead man sat as he had sat before, leaning forward on his desk; he seemed to leer at him grotesquely. Anderson took his handkerchief and rubbed the electric button vigorously.

At half-past two in the morning he was in his apartment for the third time, and this time he fell asleep from exhaustion.

He was aroused by a ringing at the bell. He opened the door, to admit the chief of the local police. His heart seemed almost to stop.

"Sorry to disturb you, Mr. Anderson," said the police chief, "but I've bad news for you. Henry Evans shot himself last night."

"Good God!" muttered Anderson thickly.

"The reason I came to you was that he left a note saying he apprehended some injury from you on account of business rivalries."

"He must have been off his head," said Anderson.

"Oh, yes, insane, of course," replied the other. "You never were business opponents?"

"Never in the world," said Anderson. "In fact we were in partnership—both lost heavily—"

"Yes, it's a clear case of suicide. Sorry to have troubled you," replied the other, taking his leave.

And in the reaction Anderson knew that only his conscience remained to struggle with for the rest of his life; the murder had been watertight.

Wild Flowers in Alaska.

Residents of the United States have a wrong idea of Alaska. A visitor to Fairbanks, Alaska, was surprised to see vegetable gardens, bird boxes on the lawns, and wild roses and bluebells blooming in the fields. A writer described a Fourth of July celebration in Alaska, saying the fireworks illuminated the night. The fireworks were all right but the night was all wrong. Alaska has no night in July. Folks go home from the dance of the "movies" in broad daylight.

**THEATRES MOVIES**

**NEW VIOLA DANA FILM EXCELLENT**

For some time we have classed Viola Dana in the front ranks of film comedienne, but since seeing her this afternoon in matinee at the Fo-to-sho Theatre in her latest Metro vehicle, "Her Fatal Millions," we have decided that classing her in the front ranks is not quite enough. She needs a special little niche all her own. Her charm, her vivacity, her rollicking fun are distinctive. She's like no other actress on the screen.

We can hardly imagine any other actress we know playing the role of Mary in "Her Fatal Millions" with such verve and realism. Viola Dana is Mary Bishop and Mary Bishop is Viola Dana. This story has to do with a girl who posed as a millionaire for an hour. She even told her old sweetheart, who had stopped off in his private railway car to see her, that she was the wife of the town's richest man. Of course, accidents didn't figure in Mary's plans, but accidents will happen. Mary's borrowed limousine was wrecked, and naturally Fred took her to the home of the man she said was her husband. Then the "husband" came home. But that was only the beginning of the varied complications.

It is a delightful story. Its author, William Dudley Pelley, has provided plenty of thrills and amusing situations, nor is it lacking in dramatic power. William Beaudine, the director, has handled the story in excellent fashion.

Miss Dana has been surrounded by an exceptionally fine cast. Huntly Gordon plays the part of Fred Garrison; Allen Forrest, Edward Connelly, Peggy Brown, Kate Price and Joy Winthrop im-

personate other characters. "Her Fatal Millions" was adapted by Arthur Statter and photographed by John Arnold.

**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.

**HATTONS WRITE SCRIPT OF JONES' LATEST FILM**

Fred and Fanny Hatton, playwrights whose works have been accorded critical acclaim, have directed their first screen efforts to producing a suitable star vehicle for Charles Jones, the well-known William Fox player.

Formerly the adjective prolific was prefixed to their name. Now, with distinguished evidence of their scenario capabilities, another adjective must be imposed,

namely, versatile. "Upstairs and Down" was their outstanding dramatic success. New York hasn't yet recovered from the rib-cracking situations that marked that marvelous comedy.

To review the sumptuous imagination and lavish thrilling situations of "Big Dan," which Chas. Jones has already starred in, is to recognize at once the superb dramatic intelligence of these extraordinarily gifted story-tellers.

"Big Dan" is being shown today and tonight only at the Macroy Theatre, and concerns the roped arena and its picturesque intimates. Charles Jones performs the title role as only an athlete who has been associated with all phases of sport from earliest childhood can.

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J. D. Smith, of the Pumphrey country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday. Mr. Smith is a candidate for county commissioner from the Wingate precinct, but he stated that he had been too busy closing up last year's work and getting things started for the new year to devote any time to politics. "I am in no hurry," said Mr. Smith, "for my friends know I am a candidate, and there is plenty of time yet to make my announcement in the paper." Mr. Smith served several terms as commissioner and retired without being defeated, and he says his old friends have pledged him their support again.

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

**MILES PERSONALS**

Special to The Ledger: MILES, Jan. 10. — Howard Moore, of El Paso, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Moore. Howard has a position with the United Cigar Stores Inc., of El Paso.

Jack Drobin, of San Antonio, and Miss Eva Short were Ballinger visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Sheriff Frank Duckworth, of San Angelo, was here Wednesday.

Joe Seidel, of Roma, was here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Collin Sayner

were here from Tennyson Wednesday.

Mrs. M. T. Middleton, of Lubbock, is visiting her children here.

J. L. Fowler returned from Valera Wednesday, where he went on business.

**INDIANA SENATOR IS NOT A CANDIDATE**

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. — Senator James Watson, of Indiana, announced today that he would not be a candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

Mrs. Will Pearse is reported to be seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia.

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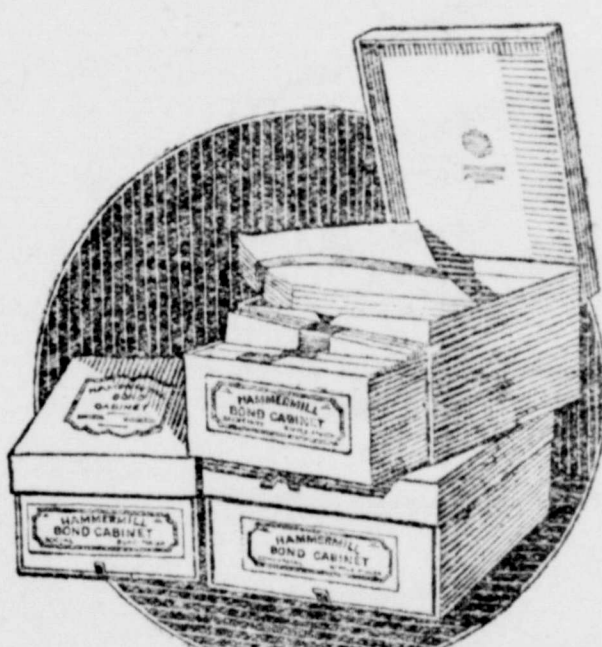
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Therefore, by reason of the aforesaid facts, I will on Saturday, the 19th day of January, A. D. 1924, between the hours prescribed by law, to-wit, 9:00 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m., sell the highest bidder for cash, the aforesaid described animal, at the Court House door in Ballinger, Texas...

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Attention Royal Arch Masons Regular meeting of Ballinger Chapter No. 184, tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Matters of importance for attention. All members requested to be present.

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### Yes, Perfect Harmony

By CLARA DELAFIELD (©, 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

AND you will try to be nice to Courtney, while we're away, won't you, dear?"

"I won't eat him," growled Peter Gurney. "Guess I won't see much of the feller, though."

"Peter, dear, I want you to do your very best to be pleasant to him, for Mildred's sake," said Mrs. Gurney.

Here is how it happened. Peter Gurney had retired at fifty-five, with the biggest chain of groceries in the East. His wife was bitten by the social bug and had forced him to buy a huge mansion on Park avenue.

By dint of adroit worming, that excellent lady had forced her way into society. Peter had been happy in the old days, when, in his shirt sleeves, he was the life and soul of the Fourth district political club. In the big house, surrounded by flunkies, he felt ill at ease.

Particularly he hated Dobson, the English butler. Dobson's fawning servility, and yet arrogant aloofness, made Peter want to plant his boot upon the immaculate surface of Dobson's pants.

Then there was Courtney—the Honorable Courtney, son of an English earl, whom Mrs. Gurney had captured. Courtney—the Honorable Courtney Blaise—was to marry Mildred in a month's time. The earl had cabled his approval and inquired privately about settlements.

And here were Mrs. Gurney and Mildred called away by the sudden serious illness of a sister and aunt with a fortune of her own. There was no help for it. They had to go.

Would Peter jeopardize the marriage by insulting the Honorable Courtney in their absence? The Honorable Courtney had been coming to the house every night. He couldn't stop. He and Peter would dine together under the supervision of Dobson, and Peter would restrain his desperate impulses to load his knife with peas and drink out of his soup plate.

Courtney and Peter had never arrived at any human basis of understanding. Peter scowled at Courtney and Courtney regarded his future father-in-law with patient respect. Peter thought the Honorable Courtney a fool. What the Honorable Courtney thought of Peter was never recorded.

What added to Peter's bitterness was the thought that he had worked hard so many years for this—for his wife's social airs, for this son-in-law! And Mrs. Gurney had impressed upon Peter that he must do nothing to disgrace them in Courtney's eyes.

There they sat, dining together under Dobson's watchful eyes.

"Ee—it's getting warmer," suggested the Honorable Courtney.

Peter grunted. Five minutes later the Honorable Courtney said: "I see your President is likely to obtain the renomination at the next—aw—elections."

Peter deliberately put his knife in his mouth. A spasm passed over Dobson's face.

"I see," said the Honorable Courtney five minutes later, "that the monthly imports have decreased two per cent ad valorem—or—don't know what it means, by Jove!"

"D—n!" yelled Peter Gurney, rising. "Are we men or are we fishes? Dobson, were you created in the likeness of your Maker?"

"I 'opes as 'ow He his, sir," answered the startled Dobson.

"Did you ever play stud poker?" demanded Peter ferociously.

"Why, He He've 'eard of hit, sir," responded the butler, now convinced that his master had suddenly gone insane.

"And you, you fly-faced white flower of fashion, how about you?" demanded Peter.

"How, try me, try me!" answered the Honorable Courtney briskly.

"I do hope your father and dear Courtney have got on well together," said Mrs. Gurney, as she opened the front door, having unexpectedly returned with Mildred. "Why, what in the world—?"

Sounds of strange revelry reached their ears. Hurrying into Peter's den, on the ground floor, they saw a sight that made them dumb.

Peter, in his shirt sleeves, with a glass of his private stock before him, and his feet on the arm of his chair, was dealing a hand round the Honorable Courtney's neck, which he was fondly embracing. The Honorable Courtney had his head on Peter's shoulder. Dobson, with both arms on the table and a most unbecoming expression, was just sweeping up the contents of the pool.

"Wh—what!" stammered the horrified lady.

"Pup—pup—perfect harmony, my dear, pup—perfect harmony," hic coughed Peter, as he imprinted a kiss on the Honorable Courtney's manly forehead.

Key to the Problem. A concert had been arranged by the workers of a certain mill in Blackburn, and all the local "stars" were booked to appear.

"Miss Handloom," the favorite soprano, was announced to sing, and before she began, apologized for her cold. Then she started:

"I'll hang my harp on a willow tree—e-ehem!"

"On a willow tree—e-eh!"

Her voice broke on the high note each time. She tried twice more. Then a voice came from the back of the hall:

"Try hanging it on a lower branch, lass!"—Pearson's Weekly.

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### Citation on Application for Probate of Will

No. 789. THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Texas, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To all Persons Interested in the Estate of T. L. Eubank, Deceased:

Alice L. Eubank has filed in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, an application for the probate of the Last Will and Testament of said T. L. Eubank, deceased, filed with said application and for Letters Testamentary of the Estate of T. L. Eubank, deceased, which will be heard at the next regular term of said court commencing on the 1st Monday in February, A. D. 1924, the same being the 4th day of February, A. D. 1924, at the court house thereof in said county in

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Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in the town of Ballinger, said Runnels County, Texas, this 9th day of January, A. D. 1924.

W. A. FORGEY, Clerk, County Court, Runnels County Texas. 11-18-d

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