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SAYS TEXAN BLOCKED INVESTIGATION

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Charges that R. B. Creager, Republican National Committeeman for Texas, exercised his "political influence with the postmaster general and with Attorney General Daugherty" for the purpose of stifling the inquiry into the land fraud cases in Texas, were made today in a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Heflin, Democrat from Alabama. Senator Heflin's resolution proposed for an immediate investigation by the Senate. The resolution declared that citizens in fifteen states had been defrauded out of millions of dollars, and that there had been misuse of the mails in connection with the operations.

Gas Explosion in Home Kills Fourteen People

C. W. Towler and family, of Wingate, were here Saturday visiting Mr. Towler's brother, J. F. Towler, and family.

A. P. Lockett was here Sunday from San Angelo visiting relatives.

(By Associated Press)
PAWTUCKET, Jan. 28.—It was announced this afternoon that probably fourteen lives were lost in the explosion which wrecked a house occupied by the Conway and Hamel families this morning, instead of eleven dead, as first reported.

The bodies of Conway and six members of the Hamel family have been found in the ruins of the building, and seven others are missing.

(By Associated Press)
PAWTUCKET, R. I., Jan. 28.—Eleven persons were killed by a gas explosion in a house occupied by two families at Manville, Rhode Island, early today. Mrs. Michael Conway was awakened by her young daughter

who complained of smelling a gas odor. Mrs. Conway got up and struck a match to light a lamp and an explosion which destroyed the house followed. Mrs. Conway and her two sons and daughter made their escape from the building, but her husband Michael Conway, was killed. In an adjoining section of the house a family of ten persons by the name of Hamel resided, and all perished.

37 BODIES TAKEN FROM COAL MINE

SHANKTOWN, Penna., Jan. 28.—Hindered by water, gas and other obstructions, mine rescue workers today are battling to reach a small group of miners who are still entombed in the Lancashire Mine of the Barnes & Tucker Coal Company, where an explosion occurred Saturday.

There is little hope that any of the entombed men are alive. Bodies of thirty-two men have been recovered from the mine chambers and five others have been located and four others are yet to be accounted for.

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Pearce's Cold Tablets

are the best on the market.

25c

Your money back if they do not give satisfaction.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

The Rexall Store
Oldest—Biggest—Best

WILL INSPECT RURAL SCHOOLS

H. F. Moore, rural school supervisor of the State Department of Education will arrive in Ballinger this week and begin at once a tour of inspection of the rural schools of Runnels county.

Mr. Moore will be accompanied over the county by Superintendent Bugg and the itinerary will cover more than a week in time, from six to eight schools being visited each day. Brief meetings with the trustees and faculty will be held at each school, and the condition of the schools of this county will be registered with the state educational department following the inspection.

Ledger want ads work for you

SPECIAL SOAP SALE

For a few days only we will sell the following Soaps at a very reasonable price: Colgate's Floating Bath, 4 bars for 30c
Violet Glycerine, 4 bars for 30c
Palm Olive, 4 bars for 30c
Jap Rose, 4 bars for 30c
The above soaps are good for hard water and are cheap at this price. Four bar assortment of any of the above for 30c.



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Let us demonstrate our cleaner and give you names of your neighbors who have used them—some of them 10 years, and are satisfied.

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Ballinger Electric Co.
Phone 7 8th Street

ONE KILLED; SIX INJURED; IN TRAIN WRECK

(By Associated Press)
PALESTINE, Jan. 28.—L. D. Hill, fireman on passenger train No. 3 which was in a collision near Overtown early today, died on a relief train while being brought here for medical aid. The man died from scalds received in the escaping steam.

LONGVIEW, Jan. 28.—L. D. Hill, locomotive fireman, was fatally injured and six other persons were hurt as the result of a collision between a work train and South bound passenger train No. 3 on the International & Great Northern Railroad three miles South of Overtown early today. None of the injured is in serious condition.

The collision occurred on a sharp curve, according to reports received here, and a number of the injured had narrow escapes. Fireman Hill, who was on the locomotive pulling the passenger train, was probably saved from instant death from scalding by being covered with mail sacks from a telescoped mail car. The other men on the two engines jumped before the crash came. Hill stood by his post.

E. L. Rasbury is at home after an absence of two or three weeks, looking after business matters.

MANY DIE FROM SEVERE FREEZE

* ATHENS, Jan. 28.—Scores of persons have perished as the result of the unusually cold wave which prevails throughout Greece. Reports received here state that three soldiers and 156 civilians who were living in tents at Salonika died from exposure, and reports of others freezing to death are coming in from different points.

PLANNING CREDIT FOR NORTHWEST

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 28.—Plans to make federal loans available to stockholders for the recapitalization of banks in the stringent credit areas of the country, and especially in the Northwest, are being studied by President Coolidge as a means of bringing quicker financial relief to that section than would be possible through the formation of a private syndicate of bankers and financiers. Early action of some sort is expected soon, as Mr. Coolidge is known to have said that relief must be found quickly.

Coolidge to Prosecute Oil Lease Cases

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 28.—President Coolidge was in communication by telephone today with several attorneys with a view of engaging special counsel to prosecute the oil lease cases. Mr. Coolidge had said that he would push criminal charges against parties involved, if the facts justified it, and definite announcement is expected soon.

BANDITS RAID ON POST OFFICE NETS \$35,000

(By Associated Press)
BUTTE, Montana, Jan. 28.—Two masked bandits entered the Missoula postoffice today, held up two mail clerks in charge of the office and escaped with large booty. Local postoffice officials say the robbers got away with between \$30,000 and \$35,000 in currency which was consigned to a Missoula bank, and which was about to be delivered.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTO IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Jan. 28.—Juanita Constance, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fazakerly, was run down and killed by an automobile here last night. The child was the fourth person to be killed by being run over by automobiles on the streets of this city since Wednesday.

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GOOD NEWS

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On Sale Tuesday Morning 8:00 O'clock

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

P. S.—Ladies' New Spring Straps and Oxfords, just in—Glad to Show You.

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Tax dodging or auto dodging keeps most of us up in the air.

Don't let your husband or furnace go out on a chilly night.

Men's spring straw lid brims are so wide a few fill a street car and only nine make a dozen.

"Jazz is like measles," says a Kentucky University music head. But it is much more catchy.

While in Winters Saturday a Ledger man had the pleasure of meeting T. T. Duncan, of Roscoe, who with Mrs. Duncan was visiting relatives in the North end of the county.

D. W. Yeager was in the city from the Winters country Monday, and while here announced for commissioner of the Winters precinct and says he will be in the race for re-election.

TRAINED CANARY WHISTLES SONGS

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Nye Farley, a singer living in this vicinity, is said to have trained a 4-year-old canary bird to whistle popular melodies.

RAISES \$76.85 AT TOKEEN BOX SUPPER

The box supper which was given at Tokeen Friday night proved a great success. The neat sum of \$76.85 was raised from the sale of boxes.

At the conclusion of the sale of boxes, a voting contest was held for selecting the prettiest girl in the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For County Superintendent: ROBERT E. WHITE
For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN
For Tax Assessor: HENRY TODD
For Sheriff: J. P. FLYNT
For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMER
For County Treasurer: MRS. JENNIE KIRK
For Commissioner, Prec. No. 1.: R. J. DEENS
For County Clerk: W. A. FORGEY
For District Clerk: Miss GEORGIA SINGLETARY
For State Senate (25th Dist.): WALTER C. WOODWARD
For Representative, (92nd Dist.): O. R. SIMS

Tuesday Evening Club



SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR RADIO STATION

AUSTIN, Jan. 28.—Special wave-length privileges to handle market news by telegraph to shipping stations and newspapers has been granted the radio station of the University of Texas here, which co-operates with the State Market and Warehouse Department and the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the market news work in Texas.

MAIL TRAIN TO ARRIVE LATER

The Santa Fe is planning another change in the schedule of its West bound train, known as No. 77, and which arrives at Ballinger at 11:56 a. m. on the present schedule.

INCREASE REPORTED IN MILK COWS AND SHEEP

AUSTIN, Jan. 28.—An important increase of milk cows and sheep on farms and ranches of the United States is indicated in figures of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics released through the co-operative State and Federal Market News Service here.

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.

WINTERS NEWS ITEMS

Special to The Ledger: WINTERS, Jan. 28.—A rather unique event occurred in Winters last night when the Men's Business Class of the First Baptist Sunday school staged a banquet at a local cafe.

Miss Erma Eason who recently was operated on for appendicitis is getting along quite well. Dr. Griffis, who recently had a dental office in Winters, but who is now in San Angelo as headquarters, was shaking hands with former friends here.

D. Dillingham, of Ranger, is here inspecting his plant, preparatory to making improvements. Secretary Watts attended the meeting of the secretaries of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Colorado, Tuesday.

Died in the home of R. A. Lewis, the two-year-old son of A. D. Fulton. The little fellow was brought here from near Merkel in the hope that he might be relieved by an operation, but he was found too far advanced to undertake it.

The Antelope community has displayed a fine spirit when it was exemplified by united efforts in bridging Bluff Creek five miles North of Winters. The major part of the money was raised by subscription.

Will also figure on all kinds of home building contracts. All kinds of Cabinet work done. J. H. PRICE, Contractor and Builder.

SIMMONS TO ENLARGE PARRAMORE FIELD

ABILENE, Jan. 28.—Parramore Field, the Simmons College athletic ground, will be enlarged and extensive improvements made immediately, to afford the best track facilities in this part of the state.

Abilene on May 8 and 9 with Simmons College and Abilene Christian College, the newest member of the association as hosts. Work will begin at once on a regulation quarter-mile cinder track and new bleachers will be constructed.

When you want a drink come to the City Cafe and try a delicious cup of Hot Chocolate.

Join the Y. M. B. L. and help build Ballinger.



See us for FREE building help—plans—material list—and accurate cost estimates

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

Would a Ballinger Citizen Think He was in Mississippi Because He Lives on the Banks of a River?

Of course not! We, here in Ballinger, live on the banks of the Colorado River, and that's the object in naming rivers—to tell 'em apart.

Well, it's the same thing with bread. That's the reason we named our's CONNELLY'S BREAD—none genuine without the name on the wrapper.

Ring 25 and Order One or a Dozen Loaves

Ballinger Steam Bakery

Home-Made Wills Are Often Faulty

Everyone owes it to himself and his heirs to make a WILL. It is the only means of insuring the disposition of your property in accordance with your own wishes and desires.

To make sure that the WILL is properly drawn—conforming to every requirement of law and custom—it should be prepared by a capable lawyer.

When executed deposit in a safe place. We suggest a SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX, the place for WILLS, NOTES, INSURANCE POLICIES and other valuable papers.

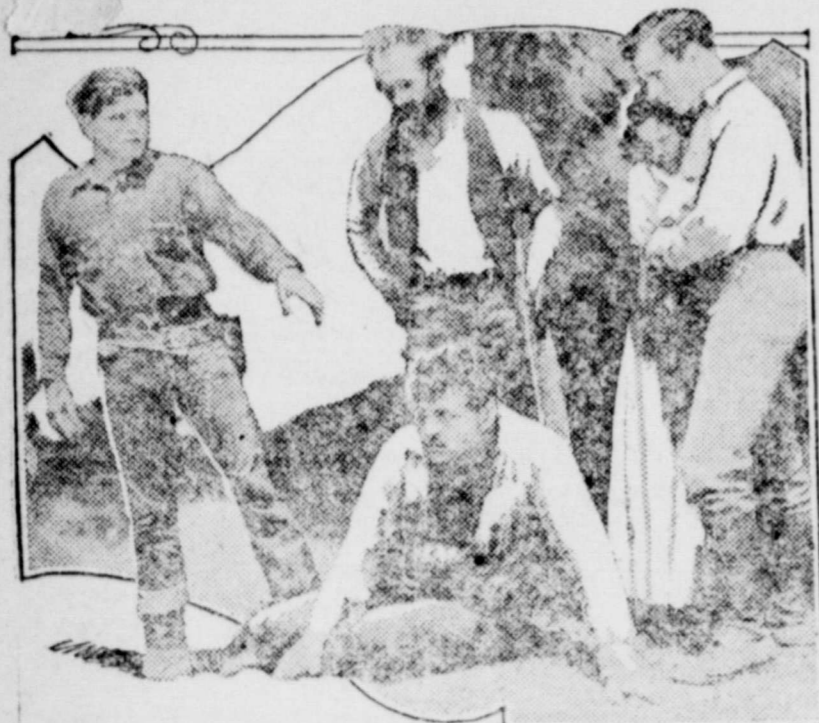
Rental only \$3.00 per year. Private Boxes Individual Keys

The First National Bank

Of Ballinger The Old Reliable Since 1886

Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR Forecasting A Tremendous Spring Demand 739,626 more Ford cars and trucks were produced last year than the previous year, an increase of over 50 per cent. In spite of this tremendous increase in production, it was impossible to meet delivery requirements during the spring and summer months when orders for 350,000 Ford Cars and Trucks could not be filled. This year winter buying for immediate delivery has been more active than ever before—and in addition 200,000 orders have already been booked through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan for spring delivery. These facts clearly indicate that the demand during this spring and summer will be far greater than ever, and that orders should be placed immediately with Ford Dealers as a means of protection against delay in securing your Ford Car or Truck or Fordson Tractor. Ford Motor Company Detroit, Michigan A small deposit down, with easy payments of the balance arranged by your enrollment under the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan, will put your order on the preferred list for spring delivery. See the Nearest Authorized Ford Dealer

THEATRES MOVIES



Scene from "THE RED WARNING" Starring JACK HOXIE
A UNIVERSAL ATTRACTION

CANYON SCENE IS OBTAINED BY A DESCENT BY ROPE

An adventurous spirit on the part of a motion picture director is responsible for a location site of such scenic beauty that it furnishes the background for some of the most attractive scenes in a photoplay of unusual pictorial merit, featuring Jack Hoxie.

The director is Robert North Bradbury and the picture in question is "The Red Warning," the Universal Western drama, which is being shown today and tomorrow at the Fo-to-sho Theatre.

The Hoxie company was on location for the picture in the Sierra Nevada mountains South of Los Angeles. The entire production staff was on horseback, and the cameras and camp equipment were being freighted in on pack mules.

The roar of a water falls attracted the attention of the company and Bradbury and Hoxie, and "Lucky" Humberstone, business manager for the company, rode off the trail to investigate.

They dismounted and looked around for a place to get down into the canyon, but found none. The rocks offered no foothold, so Bradbury suggested that they tie

their ropes together and he'd go down.

He made the investigation and also discovered a way of getting down without having to play fireman. A camp was made on the ledge above the canyon and three days were devoted to "shooting" in the canyon. The cameras and sun reflectors were let down by rope.

"HER REPUTATION," STARRING MAY McAVOY AT THE MAEROY

"Her Reputation," Thomas H. Ince's new picture drama which deals with the power of the press in vividly picturesque fashion, is a screen adaptation of a novel of the same name which was written by Bradley King and Tabbot Mundy, and which has been published recently by A. L. Burt & Co. The picture is to be seen at the Maeroy Theatre two days—today and Tuesday.

The story, which is laid in New Orleans and later shifts to the Pacific coast, is the first tale of American life to come from the pen of Mundy, who has a string of "best sellers" to his credit. The author of "King of the Khyber Rifles," and other famous stories of Africa and India, Mundy has acceded to the demand of book "fans" that he write a story of Americans told against an American background by producing this story in collaboration with Miss King.

It was in the mind of Miss King that this tale of a ravishing little Southern beauty, who is despoiled of her fortune and her good name on her wedding day, originated. It was written into book form by Mundy, with her aid, and already has attracted nationwide interest as one of the first stories to deal fearlessly with the power of the modern day press.

The picture, taken from the adaptation of the novel prepared by Miss King, is one of the most brilliant productions which has come from the Thomas H. Ince studios.

Under the direction of John Griffith Wray, a splendid cast, headed by May McAvoy and Lloyd Hughes, has "put over" unusually fine characterizations. A startlingly realistic flood of the Mississippi River; gay cafe scenes; a police raid; a forest fire exciting scenes in the press rooms of a great daily newspaper, and an auto smash-up keep interest at fever heat from start to finish of the production.

The supporting cast includes Casson Ferguson, Eric Mayne, James Corrigan, Eugenie Besserer, Louise Lester and other well known celebrities of the film world.

FAIR QUESTION BEFORE Y.M.B.L.

The organization of a county fair association is now in the hands of a special committee, appointed by the Young Men's Business League at its regular meeting Monday morning.

It is up to this committee to work out a program for organizing a fair association, and provide plans for holding the 1924 Rannels County Fair. It is expected that the plan as agreed upon at a mass meeting of citizens last fall will be carried out and permanent fair grounds, exhibit sheds, etc., provided for.

The committee appointed to perfect the organization is composed of E. Sheppard, J. McGregor, E. D. Walker, R. W. Bence, R. G. Erwin, C. W. Lehmburg and O. L. Parish.

At the Y. M. B. L. board meeting Monday morning the regular routine of business was transacted, financial report passed on, and plans for completing the financial budget for the year discussed. The budget committee will meet Monday night to levy assessments, make assignments, and work out the budget in detail. The membership committee reported 165 individual members, with a possible 200 before the campaign closes, and with books open at all times for receiving new members.

MILES NEWS NOTES

Special to The Ledger:

MILES, Jan. 26.—In the two basket ball games played in Ballinger Friday afternoon between Miles and Hatchel and Miles and Ballinger, Miles won from Hatchel by a score of 22 and 0; but lost to Ballinger by a score of 14 to 8. This is the first game the Miles boys have lost this year.

The Senior girls of M. H. S. were defeated in a snappy game of basket ball by the Norton girls by a score of 24 to 10, at Norton Friday afternoon.

The Junior girls team defeated

Of Interest to Santa Fe Patrons

Have you compared after-the-war prices of what you buy and sell with those of a pre-war normal year—say, 1922 with 1915?

Santa Fe System Lines have made such a comparison, and you will be interested in the result:

The Santa Fe System sells transportation only, but buys steel, fuel, lumber and all kinds of building and construction material; and is a very large user of labor.

The Santa Fe System received in 1922, \$1.45 for hauling the same amount of freight the same distance that it received \$1.00 for in 1915, and \$1.60 for hauling a passenger the same distance it received \$1.00 for in 1915. Or, combining freight and passenger, it received \$1.50 for the same service it received \$1.00 for in 1915, the increase being 50 per cent.

The Santa Fe System paid \$2.11 for the same quantity of fuel that \$1.00 paid

for in 1915; \$1.77 for the same quantity of materials and supplies, other than fuel, that \$1.00 paid for in 1915; \$2.22 for the same number of hours of labor worked in 1922 as \$1.00 paid for in 1915. Aggregating all operating expenses, it paid in 1922, \$2.05 for the same number of hours worked and same quantity of materials and supplies as it paid \$1.00 for in 1915. It paid \$2.90 in taxes in 1922 for every \$1.00 paid in 1915.

Santa Fe System employees received an average annual compensation in 1922 of \$1.81 for every \$1.00 received in 1915, and the cost of living of such employees was \$1.62½ in 1922 for every \$1.00 in 1915.

Freight rates and passenger fares cannot be reduced until taxes and the cost of operation are reduced.

Cost of operation cannot be substantially reduced until the price of labor and material is reduced. And the price of labor and material cannot be reduced until the cost of living is reduced.

W. B. STOREY, President
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System

the Mereta girls by a score of 12 to 10. This is the first game the Juniors have played.

Jun Hale was here from Tennyson Friday.

Miss Sarah Thomas, teacher in the Crows Nest school left Friday afternoon for Comanche to visit relatives.

Joe Seidel, editor of the Rowena Review, was here Friday evening on business.

Stuart L. Williams was here from Ballinger Friday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hess were here from Mereta Friday.

O. D. Weston is a business visitor here from San Angelo.

Cecil Arthur, of San Angelo,

was a visitor here Friday evening.

Mrs. B. E. Baugh and daughter, Miss Eldera, and Miss Beulah Tracy were San Angelo visitors Saturday.

Miss Nettie Mills, Mrs. T. S. Johnston, Mrs. Alice Hines and Mrs. Sarah Smith were in San Angelo Saturday.

J. L. Hunt and family have moved into their new bungalow just completed on Groves Street. Wallace Hunt is visiting friends in Sonora this week-end.

the arrival of Dennis Gray Freeman on December 6th. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman are certainly to be congratulated and we hope the new arrival will live up to his middle name in sturdiness, economy and dependability. In a year or two we'll expect some "leisure" stories of his achievements as a Gray salesman.

—Detroit, Michigan, Gray Matter.

Join the Y. M. B. L. and help build Ballinger.

Mrs. J. F. Currie returned Saturday night from San Antonio, where she had been for the past ten days visiting relatives and friends.

OLD DOC BIRD



The teeth of our laws are not the only ivory part.

—but the "part" we have to do is to see that you always get the most value for your money—when you spend it with us.

If the shoes that we have repaired could talk, our reputation would be nationwide. Many a pair of old run-down shoes that was ready for the rubbish man, has found new life in our shop.

Let us make your "shoe troubles" vanish. We can do it at a small expense to you, while giving you the highest type of work.

Our shop operates on an economy basis for our patrons' benefit.

Coy Drennan

Trees

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San Angelo, Texas

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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.

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Hot Chocolate, the drink you will like. Made right with the very best chocolate. City Cafe. 26-3rd

The scientists' announcement that fish isn't a brain food is indignantly denied in the home of the bean and the cod.

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1. A reduction in the cost of Kentucky Burley tobacco and in package materials, as well.
2. The consolidation of three of our big plants into one. (Mr. Ford may not be in the tobacco business but he is right about consolidation.)

You know that it is the desire and policy of The American Tobacco Co. to extend to its customers the maximum of service.

Reducing the price of a great favorite like Tuxedo is our idea of delivering this service.

Tuxedo is always FRESH. Every package is—

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20% PRICE REDUCTION

CODE OF MEN IN GOLD FIELDS

No Miner Was Permitted to Hold More Land Than He Could Work.

The mining code devised by the men first in the Western gold fields—whether by unwritten agreement between partners or less formal conclusions of a miners' convention—was most "democratic," says the Detroit News. The universally recognized principle allowed every man the usufruct of as much land as he could work to advantage, and the dimensions of a claim varied from 10 to 100 feet square, according to the quality of the "dirt," the difficulty of working and the number of miners in the field. The discoverer of the bar was, however, entitled to first choice to double the usual portion.

A man's title held only so long as he worked the claim. A certain amount of earth must be taken out each week, and an absence of five consecutive days might entail forfeiture. The claim, if proved valuable, was staked out and a notice of ownership posted. But a tool left on the spot was sufficient evidence of occupation. Originally no man might hold more than one claim, but purchase made possible the ownership of considerable tracts.

OLD LIBRARY IN NEWPORT

Redwood Institution, That Was Founded in 1747, One of the First in America.

One hundred and twenty-seven years ago the Pilgrims landed on the "stern and rockbound coast" of New England and Redwood library was incorporated. The idea of this library had its inception in the Philadelphian society, organized in 1790, of which Bishop Berkeley was the leader. A similar society of Philadelphians, known as the American Philosophical society, was, according to Benjamin Franklin, its founder, the mother to all North American subscription libraries, says the Detroit News. The Philosophical society at Newport developed into a library through the generosity of Abraham Redwood, who placed at the disposal of the society \$500 for the purchase of standard books in London.

At the time the Redwood library was organized there were only two similar institutions in America, the Library company of Philadelphia, already referred to, and the Loganian library in the same city. Part of the present building, completed in 1750, was the second library built in the country, and is at the present time the oldest library building in use in the United States. It was designed by Peter Harrison, the first professional architect in America.

Village Smithy in Africa.

Working in iron is an art practiced in Angola, or Portuguese West Africa, from time immemorial. The rude bellows consist of terra-cotta chambers, covered loosely with goatskin, with long upright sticks attached to the middle of the skin for handles, says the Detroit News. Connection with the charcoal fire is made through a separate terra-cotta pipe and a considerable blast is produced by a rapid movement of the goatskin covers up and down. Sometimes even ore is melted in this way.

The natives have a few rough tools and use the rocks for anvils, but manage to turn out very good work in knives, bush hooks, hoes, tomahawks, etc., and metal to repair their flintlock guns.

Fast Work.

"I love you," said he.
"Bosh. You never saw me before this dance," said she.
"After the dance is over will you give me a kiss?"
"I don't mind that."
"Marry me, girlie."
"Look here," said the girl, now thoroughly aroused, "you're a fast worker. But if I'm gonna marry you we'll have to be properly introduced."

Oh, He Made Good.

Willis—How is the efficiency expert coming on at your office?
Gulls—Fine. He was such a success for the boss that we employees hired him for a week.
"Did he make good?"
"Did he?" He showed us a new way to beat the time clock, taught us a lot of brand new excuses for being late and how to hook the boss' cigars without being caught."

Her First Taxi Ride.

It was the dear old lady's first ride in a taxi, and she watched with growing alarm the driver continually putting his hand outside the car as a signal to the traffic following. At last she became angry. "Young man," she said, "you look after the driving and watch where you are going. I'll tell you when it starts raining."

Not When He Wanted It.

An aged colored man, clad in two or three suits of old clothes and an swag of ancient lineage, was feebly braving his way against the winter's chilling blasts.
"Wind," he was heard to apostrophize after a particularly ferocious gust, "wind, whar wuz yo' las' August?"

A Public Barometer.

Flatbush—He is a high exponent of that old adage, "One good turn deserves another."
Yonkers—And is he in business?
Flatbush—Yes, owns a couple of

Two Plead Guilty to Charge Stealing Chickens Off Roost

Two men, one giving his name as William Slaughter, his home Abilene; and the other going by the name of John Hanskin, his home Hawley; are in the Ballinger jail paying the penalty for stealing chickens. Slaughter is about thirty years old and Hanskin says he is twenty-three.

When placed under suspicion at Winters Saturday morning, and charged with stealing chickens, the two men at first refused to talk. Later they plead guilty and told the officers a brief story of their raids on back yard chicken roosts in the city of Abilene Friday night.

The two men appeared at a produce house in Winters early Saturday morning and sold twenty-six chickens for which they received \$19.03. After the poultry buyer had purchased the poultry he became suspicious, and went out to tip off the officers and start an investigation. The two men were soon located at a restaurant where they were caught splitting the proceeds of the sale on a fifty-fifty basis. The officers, acting solely on suspicion, detained the chicken peddlers for investigation, and when they refused to talk—tell who they were—where they were from—and what business they were in—the officers brought them to Ballinger, and it was here they fell in a talkative mood and told the story which reserved for them a berth in the county jail, and probably work on the court house park—unless relatives or friends come to their rescue with funds amounting to \$30 in each case.

According to the confession of Slaughter and Hanskin, they drove thru the outskirts of Abilene Friday night, and sacked chickens from back yard fences. After pulling twenty-six domin-

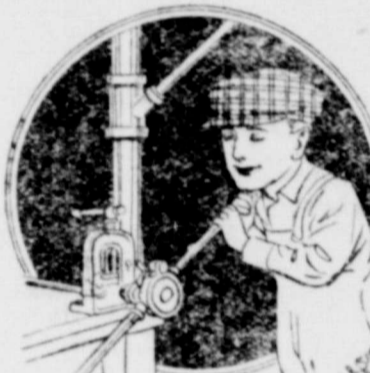
ekers from the roosts, they motored to Winters and made the sale. The self-confessed thieves do not know from whom the fowls were stolen, and as far as it is known here the owners of the poultry have not missed the chickens.

Two days in jail, and one dollar in fine, was assessed against each of the men, and with the trimmings about \$30 has been charged up against them. Slaughter says he is broke and requested a pauper's oath that he might lie in jail at the rate of three dollars a day until the fine was paid. The authorities declare that they are short on foms for making such oaths and informed Slaughter that he would be given work at the rate of fifty cents a day until the penalty was liquidated. Hanskin says he has a brother, and will call for help, obtain the cash and pay his way out of jail.

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The husband rushed to the home of his mother for aid, and when he returned Mrs. Barfield was found lying across a bed, clutching an automatic pistol, and her forehead torn away by a bullet. A coroner's verdict attributed death to suicide.

Mrs. Barfield left no clue to indicate what prompted her to take her own life. Several times recently she had expressed a request that she be buried by the side of her mother at Robert Lee, and that request was complied with, the funeral being held Sunday morning.

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