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OIL PRODUCTION BREAKS RECORD

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 31.—
Production of petroleum in the
United States broke all records
in 1923, according to incomplete
figures compiled and indicating
an output of 735,000,000 barrels.
The geological survey statistics
were made public today.
This is an increase of thirty
per cent over the production of
1922, and nearly forty million
barrels more than the total world
production in 1920. The report
said that the unprecedented output
was due to "flush yield" from
a number of highly productive
new fields in California, Ar-
kansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

H. F. Moore, state rural school
supervisor, arrived here Wednes-
day morning, and accompanied
by Superintendent J. J. Bugg, is
making a tour of the county for
the purpose of inspecting the
rural schools. The inspector and
Mr. Bugg will visit about six
schools each day until the total
of 46 schools of the county have
been inspected.

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MELLON FAVORS CUT IN INCOME TAX FOR 1923

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, January 31.—
Secretary Mellon favors the plan
of the republican House mem-
bers of the ways and means com-
mittee, to make the proposed in-
come tax revisions effective on
the 1923 payments, and he de-
clares that the plan is practical
and feasible.
Mr. Mellon says that the reduc-
tions can apply on the 1923 in-
come tax which the tax payers
will remit to the government be-
ginning on March 15th, and he
does not believe that the reduc-
tion would entail any difficulties
on the treasury department.

WASHINGTON, January 31.—
A reduction of the 1923 personal
income taxes, which are payable
this year on a basis of the demo-
cratic tax revision plan, which
would cut the normal rates two
per cent on incomes under \$5,000
and four per cent under \$8,000,
was proposed in a joint resolu-
tion presented to the House to-
day by Representative Garner,
democrat, of Texas.

SEEKS CHANGE VENUE IN FLOGGING CASE

(By Associated Press)
GEORGETOWN, Jan. 31.—
The defense today asked for a
change of venue in the case of
Dewey Ball, charged with the
use of prohibitive weapons in
connection with the flogging of
R. W. Burleson.

PROPOSES 100 YEARS LEASE ON MUSCLE SHOALS PLANT

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—
Henry Ford's offer for Muscle
Shoals would be placed under the
federal water power act, with the
exception that the lease would be
for 100 years instead of for 50
years, under agreement made to-
day to the McKenzie bill at the
executive session of the House
military affairs committee.

TO GET NEW TRIAL IN BOY MURDER CASE

AUSTIN, Jan. 31.—Bare hu-
man hands are not deadly wep-
ons and the charge of murder
based upon alleged choking there-
fore must show intent to murder,
the Court of Criminal Appeals
held yesterday in reversing and
remanding the case of H. G.
Twyman, formerly commandant
of the State Juvenile Training
School at Gatesville. Twyman
was convicted of murder in con-
nection with the killing of Dell
Thams, inmate.

JUNIORS HUMELE SENIORS

The Junior Class of the local
high school humbled the Seniors
Wednesday afternoon in a hard
fought basket ball tilt by the
score of 19 to 11. The game was
clean and well played although
hot rivalry exists between the
two classes. This afternoon the
Sophomores and Freshmen clash
in what promises to be the bitter-
est battle played on the local
court this season. Monday the
Juniors and Freshmen will com-
bine their forces in an attack on
the Senior-Sophomore combina-
tion.

STUDENTS HURT IN SCHOOL FIRE

(By Associated Press)
SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 31.—
Nine students were injured,
two of whom will probably die,
in escaping from a dormitory
during a fire at Wilber Force
University near Xenia this morn-
ing. The fire, which did much
damage, is believed to have been
of incendiary origin.

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



LAST DAY LULL IN TAX PAYING MINERS "BOO" AT CABINET MEMBER

The rush on the tax collector's
office let up on the last day of
the month, and instead of the col-
lector's office being crowded
only one man was in waiting for
his tax receipts at noon today.
Collector W. L. Brown reports
that about 5400 poll tax receipts
have been issued, with about 1500
remaining unpaid. It is probable
that the banks of the county are
receiving checks for quite a num-
ber of late payments and they
will come in later.
Counting the overs and unders
the total voting strength will be
around 6,000, the largest in the
history of the county.

BETHEL NEWS

The school has been getting
ready for the inspector. We want
to win the prize for the most sani-
tary school.
The Parent-Teachers Association
and the Debating Society met in
a joint meeting Friday night. W.
W. Killam gave an address both
for and against the League of
Nations. Then the president of
the Debating Society, John Lee
Simmons, took charge during a
short, interesting program ending
with a debate. "Resolved that
Texas Should be Divided into
Five States." The negative, sup-
ported by Fred Killam and Wil-
lard Richardson, won over the af-
firmative, which was supported
by Albert Koenig and Curtis Dav-
enport.
Walter Bigby, who has been at-
tending McMurray College, was
home for the week-end.
The young people enjoyed a
party at Grady Cotton's Saturday
night.
George Cotter and family are
back from a trip to Kerrville and
neighboring towns.
"BETHELINE."
Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Bridges
are at home from a ten days visit
to Corsicana and Ft. Worth. They
made the trip in their auto.
COPPERAS COVE—Franchise
for an electric lighting plant has
been granted to George W. Tad-
lock of Waco and construction
will begin at once.

THE WEATHER—

Tonight and Friday generally
fair.
Roy Reeder was able to be
down town Thursday after a
week's illness. The young man
was quite ill for several days.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George are
at home from Dallas, where they
spent a week in the wholesale
house buying new goods for The
Hub. New goods are arriving
daily, big shipments coming to
this store from the Eastern mar-
kets.
Read Ledger "wants" column.

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Wylie Rainwater was in the
city from Winters Thursday. Mr.
Rainwater has just returned
from a motor trip to San An-
tonio and other South Texas
points.
Be Wise and Advertise—
Ledger want ads work for you

COOLIDGE CONFERS WITH LEADERS ON OIL PROBE

STATE SCHOOLS IN THRIVING WAY

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Jan. 31.—Generally
prosperous and thriving condi-
tion among the state institutions
was reported by Dr. H. H. Har-
rington, member of the State
Board of Control, who returned
here today after a ten days' in-
spection tour in the Northern
part of the state. In company
with W. T. Gaston, chief of the
budget division, Dr. Harrington
visited the institutions and col-
leges at Rusk, Terrell, Denton,
Corsicana and Waco.

MILES NEWS EVENTS

Special to The Ledger:
MILES, Jan. 30.—Bob Holmes is
here from Lubbock transacting
business.
G. W. Reeder, J. A. Reeder and
T. J. Motley were business visitors
to San Angelo Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Nix, of McAlester,
Oklahoma, arrived here Tuesday.
Mr. Nix has accepted a position
with the Cozy Cafe.
Sam Bowman, of Mereta, was
here yesterday en route to his
home from Ballinger, where he
has been undergoing treatment
for some time.
Ben Snyder was here from San
Angelo Tuesday.
Creath Goodwin with the San
Angelo water, light and power
company, was attending to busi-
ness here Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Amil Moeller left
today for Austin county, Texas,
to make their future home.
Henry Smith and F. M. Olds
were visitors here from Mereta
Tuesday.
John Wilson was here from Bal-
linger Tuesday on business.
A concrete walk is being built
from Main Street to the Methodist
church.
Among Rowena visitors here
Tuesday were: Frank Pohler, Paul
Hoensec, Ben and Emil Grosshaus,
E. S. Kubela and Joe Seidel.
E. S. Kubela, real estate man,
was in our city Tuesday to close
two land deals and contracted the
third one. Paul Hoensec became
the owner of a 120 acre farm;
Arthur Willberg owner of a 137
acre farm and Ben Willberg 177
acres of land. The land is all sit-
uated about a mile Southeast of
town.
Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Tracy left
today for Junction to visit a son.
On Tuesday evening the mem-
bers of the Senior B. Y. P. U. met
at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Scott
W. Hickey in a business session for
the purpose of electing officers for
the ensuing year. Although
many of the B. Y. P. U. workers
are away attending college or
working in other fields, through
the untiring efforts of Rev. Hickey
and Miss Mary Thiele this orga-
nization is growing and gaining in
membership. All the members,
both old and new, have taken the
B. Y. P. U. pledge and it is their
desire to have every church mem-
ber enlisted in the B. Y. P. U. The
following officers were elected:
Clyde Roach, president; Melton
Aylor, vice-pres.; Frances Thiele,
recording secretary; Mrs. Ella
Cooper, corresponding secretary;
Mary Roach, treasurer; Miss Mary
Thiele, Bible reader's leader;
Jesse Williams, pianist; Rev.
Hickey, choirster.

MINOR IMPROVEMENTS KEEP THE CITY MOVING

Currie Mercantile Co. is reno-
vating, re-arranging and install-
ing new display shelves in that
grocery store. More sanitary
methods of handling groceries,
and more convenient working
plans will result from the new
improvements.
T. D. Commander is coating the
interior of the building next door
to the Ballinger State Bank
white, and is installing new
restaurant fixtures. The new
feeding station will be pure white
throughout. Mr. Commander will
move in at once.
The Ivory is to be the name of
the racket store going in where
the Rho-Mae Cafe recently vacat-
ed, and A. S. Love & Co. are the
proprietors. The building is be-
ing equipped with shelving and
counters, and repainted and reno-
vated throughout. The Ivory
will move from the Eighth Street
location to the new place and the
name will be changed from the
Globe to the Ivory in moving.

The Ft. Worth Star-Telegram,

Daily and Sunday, till Dec. 1st,
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You have until midnight in which to pay your poll tax, provided the collector is willing to wait for you.

We regret to learn that some farmers have checked out all the proceeds of their 1923 crop, and will start the new crop on a mortgage basis. Too much gasoline, perhaps.

In its report the committee appointed by the Senate to investigate the Teapot Dome scandal, should recommend that the name be changed from Teapot to "jack-pot."

The numerous convictions throughout the country lately for various crimes, and the infliction of severe penalties, indicate that the law is being enforced more rigidly than in many years.

Gas generated in a ship loaded with grain which was sunk by a German submarine in 1916 on the coast of Algeria, raised the vessel to the surface recently.

Fast life in high society was responsible for his daughter's suicide, according to W. P. G. Harding, former governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

Inquiries coming to the editor of The Ledger regarding a secret wedding in Ballinger recently convinced us that men have more curiosity than women.

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For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN
For Tax Assessor: HENRY TODD, MIKE C. BOYD
For Sheriff: J. P. FLYNT, R. E. McWILLIAMS
For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMIE
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 (of Coleman)
For Representative, (92nd Dist.): O. R. SIMS (of Concho County)

Praise-Criticism-Suggestions-Contributions Letters to the Editor

Editor Ledger:

There is a nation wide demand for a reduction in taxes.

Congress cannot longer ignore the appeal of the people for relief, and will at this session adopt the Mellon plan of tax reduction with perhaps slight amendments, which will be but small help, but we trust it is the beginning of national retrenchment in expenditures, followed by substantial reduction in taxes.

We people here at home can have no weight in congress, should every man in Runnels county petition Texas representatives at Washington for a more economical administration, our prayers would avail us nothing.

But we can and will be heard in our own State if we will only become sufficiently interested to see that men are elected to the Legislature who shall pledge their word of honor that they will as members of the next Legislature support a program of economy and efficiency.

With a Legislature composed of men pledged to economy and an honest, capable business man in sympathy with the Legislature as Governor, our tax burdens will be lessened.

The Legislature must cease hunting new resources to tax in order to have more money to spend. They should diligently seek the numerous leaks in the State departments through which the people's money flows, plug these leaks and restrict the building program to bare necessities, then in a short time the State will be free of debt and taxes reduced.

The last Legislature was disgracefully extravagant; as a consequence the deficit in the State Treasury at the end of the present fiscal year will be from seven to eight millions of dollars. Should the next Legislature be composed of the same general type of men as was the last, men with the same abundant disregard of the public's interest, the tax payer may then realize—if he does not now—that the voter must give more intelligent thought to the selection of our legislators.

I wish the voter to remember this: the responsibility of appropriating money for the maintenance of all the various departments of the State government, rests almost wholly with the Legislature. The governor is helpless. The candidate for governor who says he will use his prerogative to cut appropriations for this, that or any department so much, is ignorant of a governor's veto power or else is deliberately endeavoring to deceive the voter with statements that would appear popular to the uninformed.

The governor cannot veto any item in part; to illustrate, suppose the Legislature allows an essential department 20 clerks at \$1800 each per annum total \$36,000.00. The governor may rightly think that ten clerks are all that is needed, or he may believe that the twenty are needed but the salary should be reduced to \$1200 each. He has no authority to reduce the number of employees nor to reduce the salary fixed—the only thing he could do would be to veto the entire item, this of course would leave the office without a working force for an entire year, something no one would dare to do. We mention this to show the importance of selecting safe and sound men for both branches of the Legislature, and also as a warning against any candidate for governor, who, for the purpose of getting votes would attempt to ride into office by making extravagant statements as to how he would use the veto ax.

President Coolidge in a message to congress a few days ago, used these words: "There is scarcely an economic ill anywhere in our country that cannot be traced directly or indirectly to high taxes."

W. B. Storey, President of the Santa Fe system on Jan. 23rd, said: "Freight rates and passenger fares can not be reduced until taxes are reduced."

Jno. T. Smith, an Austin tax expert, reports that the people of Texas paid last year in direct State, County, City and School tax one hundred and eight millions of dollars, this does not count the national tax nor indirect tax.

One-eighth of the income of the nation goes for taxes. In accordance with funda-

mental economic law taxes are paid by the ultimate consumer.

Were I to ask the first fifty men I may meet, if they knew how much tax they paid for 1923—forty-nine of the fifty would reply, yes, without hesitation. They would think only of their income tax and sums paid to local tax collectors. These men would have forgotten their auto tax, occupation tax, franchise tax, dog tax, road tax, gross receipts tax, revenue tax of all kinds including picture shows and other places of amusement, besides that most deceptive of all taxes, that giant tax monster that reaches out from all directions and extracts from the pockets of the people unknown numbers of dollars in invisible taxes.

Permit me to illustrate how the invisible tax affects us. There are five turnovers in the average product which we buy from our stores. Mr. Farmer buys a plow, let him figure the tax he pays on this necessary implement of the farm—the mine operator who gets out the ore, the foundryman, steel mills, plow manufacturer, the jobber and finally the retail dealer, each in turn adds their taxes to the product handled by them, and in addition to the taxes paid by these concerns an additional sum is added all the way down the line as a part of the legitimate expense for the high wages paid to employes on account of the high cost of living or more properly the high cost of taxes. Now, Mr. Farmer we have a few more things to add to your plow tax, an increase in freight rates, higher rents for business property, every little thing used about factory or store has its proportionate part of high taxes fastened to it which will be passed on to the plow.

This illustration holds true as to everything the consumer buys—groceries, dry goods, furniture, drugs or lumber.

The manufacturer, jobber or dealer should not be censured for adding business taxes to their merchandise. This tax is a legitimate expense item, and the merchant that does not consider necessary expenses of conducting business as a part of the cost of goods is headed toward bankruptcy.

We repeat: the ultimate consumer pays the tax. The very rich men of the nation have invested largely their money in tax free bonds. The tax they pay is for food, clothes, shelter and luxuries, just the same as the poor man pays—if his living expenses are ten times more than the poor man, he pays ten times more taxes. The business and professional men and the skilled

workmen, all pass their taxes in excess of their own consumption on to the consumers.

Our people are of the class that carry the heavy tax load. We are producers of farm crops and live stock, the prices of these products are regulated by the law of supply and demand—at present the demand is curtailed by reason of the high taxes along the road over which our products of the soil must travel.

The stockman and farmer and those living in towns dependent upon the farm, form the terminal point for the mountainous tax highway. From this terminal goes forth our raw products of cotton, wool, sheep and cattle, to be returned to us later loaded down with accumulated taxes, and we have to accept the burden as this is the end of the line and we cannot pass it on to others.

Due to a fair cotton crop last year and abnormal prices on account of two short cotton crops in the South, the people of Runnels county are fairly prosperous now. But let the South produce this year fifteen million bales of cotton and another large crop next year, cotton will then sell for ten cents per pound. We will then be in the deplorable situation that the great wheat growing states are now in, with depression, stagnation in business, failures by the thousands; consider their condition and ask yourself if it is not high time to start the ball of reform in governmental affairs rolling.

I am not by nature a pessimist, nor am I posing as a reformer, but I do know that if the people do not do something to check the extravagant spending of public money, conditions will grow worse.

What I would have you do, is to request of your candidates, that they declare their position, through the papers of their district on this question of economy. We have now a candidate for the State Senate and one for the House of Representatives, both of them are honorable gentlemen and will stand by any pledge they may make to the people. What we want and must insist upon is that they will take a positive stand in the next Legislature to cut out governmental waste, incompetence, stupidity, politics and general rot and to reduce expenditures of the people's money to the minimum consistent with efficiency.

I would emphasize the word "politics" as used above. In the 37th—the one before the present Legislature, conservative men were almost in control, they at least had enough strength to resist the alluring influence of "politics," they rejected the demand of a considerable body of our citizens for a three million dollar sanatorium—they refused to create a great school for Texas-New Mexico, they did not approve of a great land mort-

gage irrigation scheme and numerous other things.

These things I have mentioned were fostered by certain groups of citizens and were to benefit—not the whole people—but certain classes or communities—regardless of merit; selfish interest was back of each one of them. It takes a man with courage to sit in our Legislature and resist that grasping self-interest that is always present during a session of the Legislature. "Politics" says give everything they want, then I will be a good fellow with the boys. It is so easy and tempting to hand out money from the public crib—especially when the donor knows it adds to his prosperity "back home."

The 37th Legislature pointed the State toward the road of reform, but the 38th, the present Legislature, not only turned the State backward but cast it into a slough of debt.

See to it, that our candidates for the Legislature are conscientiously opposed to "politics." No one knows better than I, the penalty that will be imposed upon the legislator who has the courage to stand only for those things that will benefit all the people alike and who refuses to listen to the pleadings of special interest.

My object in writing this ar-

ticle is: 1st, to remind my neighbors and friends of the dangers of high taxes; 2nd, that something I have said may create a desire in our people to take a deeper and a more intelligent interest in State government.

3rd, If you are in sympathy with my views, insist with me, that candidates for the Legislature publicly declare their views—and if they cannot consistently support such a program as here outlined, let them step aside.

I could perhaps have offered an array of statistics supporting my contention that taxes are too high; but statistics are dry reading and easily forgotten.

We are also familiar enough with the financial condition of the State to suggest some things that should be done.

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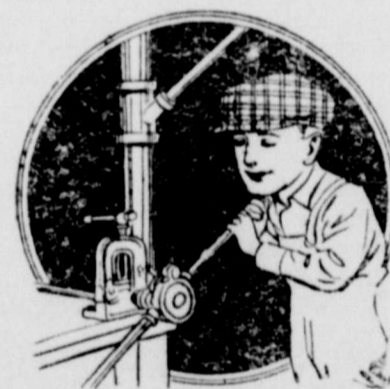
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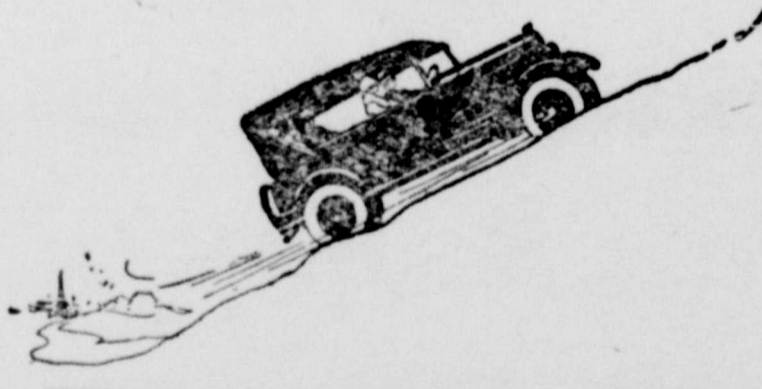
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USE FOR SULPHITE LIQUID

Alcohol and Fuel to Be Derived From Paper Mill Waste by New Process.

Waste sulphite liquid that now pours from paper mills into rivers will be utilized in manufacturing alcohol and fuel by means of a new chemical process recently discovered and thoroughly tested by chemical engineers.

This announcement, considered one of the most important in years in the paper industry, will be made before the cellulose division of the American Chemical Society by Prof. R. H. McKee, head of the chemical department of Columbia University, who was associated with Dr. Max Kahn, New York, in the discovery and preparation of lutanin, one of the two recently discovered substances that check diabetes.

"At present, for every cord of wood used in the paper mills the manufacturer obtains 1,000 pounds of pulp and 1,000 gallons of waste sulphite liquor, which flows into the rivers adjoining the plants, causing death of fish, disagreeable odors and other inconveniences so great that stringent laws have been passed in some states, and were they rigidly enforced, mills would have to close down," declared Doctor McKee.

"Under the new process this waste liquor will be fermented and a good grade of commercial alcohol obtained. Then after the alcohol has been distilled off, the residual material will be evaporated and may be used as fuel."—Milwaukee Journal.

LEADS IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS

United States Has Eighty-two Out of the Total of 445 in the World.

Out of an approximate total of 445 medical schools in the world, the United States predominates with 82 schools, according to a list prepared by the Rockefeller Foundation. Next come the British Isles with 43, followed by France with 32, Russia with 28, Germany with 25, China with 24, Italy with 22, Japan with 20, India with 18, Spain with 11, Mexico with 11, Brazil with 10, Canada with 9, Netherlands with 8, Poland with 5, Switzerland with 5 and Belgium with 5. Fifty-four other countries support from one to four medical schools each. Not only do standards differ greatly between countries, but even within national areas, notably in the United States, medical schools are of distinctly different grades as measured by personnel, equipment, resources and ideals. In spite of great variation in quality, however, all these centers of teaching are more or less directly dominated by the aims and methods of modern medicine. It is one aim of the Rockefeller Foundation, says the report, to hasten the development of international co-operation in medical education, by all available means.

New Sugar Beet Digger.

It is said that a machine for toppling and digging sugar beets promises to eliminate much of the back-breaking work of harvesting. The apparatus resembles a potato digger in general outline, but in front of the lifts that remove the roots from the ground is a revolving disk twenty inches in diameter, so adjusted by a spring and roller that it measures the cutting distance from the top of the beet instead of from the ground. Immediately behind the disk are two lifts that remove the beets from the ground and deliver them to an endless chain elevator that frees them of dirt and dumps them out behind the machine. As the top and head of the sugar beet contains an acid that counteracts the sugar in the rest of the root, a harvester must measure the beets and cut them at the right place.

Rearing Wild Furbearers.

Important progress has been made in investigations pertaining to the raising of wild fur-bearing animals in captivity, says the Scientific American. Fur farms are reported from 25 states where foxes, skunks, minks, opossums, martens, muskrats, squirrels and beavers are raised.

It is estimated that 500 ranchers are raising silver foxes in the United States, that they have between 12,000 and 15,000 foxes in captivity, and that the value of the investment is about \$8,000,000.

The discovery of the fact that martens breed the last of July and in August has solved the problem which has heretofore prevented the successful rearing of these animals in captivity and has opened up an important field to the fur farmer.

Again the Young Idea.

Two small boys were talking together on the beach. "I say, what's your father?" "He's an architect." "Huh; mine's not. He's a soldier." "My father was a soldier in the war, too." "Huh, anybody can be a soldier when there's a war."—London Daily News.

Tenshun!

"You are not listening to me," complained Jane Muchmore at breakfast the other morning. "I didn't know you had said anything, dear," returned the meek Mr. Muchmore. "I haven't, but I expect to," said Jane.—Howard Courant.

Proverbially Spaking.

"The Chinese are proverbially honest." "People of all races," observed Miss Cayenne, "are consistently honest in their proverbs."



NEW STAR AT FO-TO-SHO THEATRE TOMORROW

When a new and handsome screen hero is announced it is the signal for movie fans to come early, sit late and take in all of the good points of the actor in question. Alfred Lunt is the name of the star of the legitimate stage who will make his first appearance before patrons of the Fo-to-sho Theatre tomorrow, Friday only, in "Backbone," the big special of the Distinctive Pictures Corporation which is being distributed thru Goldwyn.

Lunt is reputed to be the handsomest actor on the stage today. He is twenty-eight years old, six feet, two inches tall, broad-shouldered and dark. When he played the title role in "Clarence" on Broadway three years ago he became famous overnight.

In addition to Lunt, Edith Roberts is the cast of "Backbone," along with William B. Mack, Frank Evans, Marion Abbott, George MacQuarrie, James D. Doyle and Charles Fang.

"Backbone" is by Clarence Budington Kelland, who wrote it for the Saturday Evening Post. Edward Sloman directed it. The story deals with the fulfillment in the Twentieth Century of a romance which was shattered generations before. There are almost as many complications in the lives of the modern lovers as there were in the lives of the two in ancient times, but they succeeded despite all obstacles.

WHOOPIING COUGH

Hard on child—hard on parents. Control dreadful whooping and coughing, help to quiet sleep with CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY. Every user is a friend.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Democratic Voters of Runnels County, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In presenting myself again seeking re-election as your county clerk, I do not come as a stranger, having filled the office the past three years, and I want first to assure you that I am filled always with the fullest appreciation of your action in placing me in this responsible position.

You have placed me here and I have done my best to merit the confidence placed in me by giving my whole time and whatever talent I may have to the discharge of my duties as your official.

If you see fit to again place me in this position I shall accept it with the same deep appreciation and, profiting by experience already gained, I shall strive to more fully merit your good will and approbation.

As the office requires all of my time it will be impossible for me to see each and every one, therefore I take this method of soliciting your vote and influence.

The office is yours and I your servant so long as I fill it, so I want you to feel free to use me in whatever official capacity I can serve you. Call on me when in Ballinger, write me or telephone me your needs about the office and I will ever be ready to respond.

Thankfully yours, W. A. FORGEY.

Zane Gray's latest story, "The Thundering Herd," beginning in February issue of Ladies Home Journal now on sale by Underwood News Co. Ltd

\$1,000,000 DAM FAST BECOMES WORTHLESS AS LAKE FILLS WITH SILT

AUSTIN, Jan. 25.—The great new dam on Lake Austin at Austin, Texas, built in 1913 at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000, is rapidly coming to be worthless because of the filling up of the lake with silt, according to a statement today before the State School of Waterworks Engineers by Dr. T. U. Taylor, dean of engineering of the University of Texas.

So rapidly does the silt pile up in the Colorado River that the depth of the lake at the dam has decreased in ten years from 53 to only eight and one-half feet. Eighty-four per cent of the capacity of the lake has been taken up by silt, said Dean Taylor.

In engineering terms this was expressed by Dean Taylor as follows: "The water capacity of the new lake in 1913 was 53 feet on a square mile base and in 1922 the capacity had been reduced to only eight and one-half feet." This silting caused by the Colorado River is unique among lakes of Texas, Dean Taylor said.

Whether the dam is a "white elephant" depends upon whether the city can insure its stability, he declared. The dam had never been accepted by the city because it was charged the contractors had not fulfilled the specifications.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Commissioners' Court for the improvement of the Hatchel Road in Runnels County, will be received at the office of the County Judge, at Ballinger, Texas, until 10:00 o'clock a. m., February 12, 1924, and then publicly opened and read.

Description of Work—Constructing earth grade and concrete structures on 9.36 miles of Highway No. 30, on which the following are the principal approximate quantities: 16 acres clearing and grubbing; 42147 cubic yards borrow excavation; 1173 cubic yards

solid rock; 3374 cubic yards loose rock; 43480 cubic yards roadway excavation; 168357 pounds reinforcing steel; 1375 cubic yards concrete.

Detail plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the County Engineer at Ballinger, Texas and at the State Highway Department, Austin, Texas.

A certified or cashier's check for 5 per cent of bid price, made payable without recourse to the order of Paul Trimmer, County Judge of Runnels county, must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that the bidder will

enter into contract and make bond in accordance with requirements of the specifications, if his proposal is accepted.

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals or to waive all technicalities.

The right is reserved to let the contract or grading separately from the concrete structures.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked, "Bids for the construction of the Hatchel Road."

JAS. E. PIRIE, County Engineer.

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. We are mighty proud of our product, it is the best that it is possible for you to buy. It is good for grown-ups and little folks too. Fine for toast sandwiches, etc.

Ring 25 and Order One or a Dozen Loaves

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Good For a Host of Daily Ills

Over 17 million jars used yearly! Nearly every home has its jar of Vicks and uses it constantly for head colds, chest colds, cuts, burns, bruises, bites, catarrh, sprains and skin eruptions. It certainly is a family stand-by.



Wallace Hawkins was in Ballinger Wednesday on route to Austin after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hawkins, of Winters. Mr. Hawkins has been with the attorney general's department for three or four years, and while here Wednesday he announced that he would leave that department about February 15th and would move to Houston, where he will be associated with one of the most prominent law firms of that city. Judge Campbell, former mayor of Houston, is a member of the firm with which Mr. Hawkins is about to become a member. The young Runnels county lawyer's friends will be glad to know that he is succeeding in the practice of law.

Makes Cold Chills Come

Folks simply can't help showing that pimply, blotchy or rough faces are unpleasant for them to look at, much less associate and become intimate with people who are so careless about their appearance as to let these skin blemishes rule their destiny. No wonder it seems like "cold chills" run down their backs as they pass by you.

Not long ago Black and White Ointment was introduced in this country to remove such skin disfigurements, and the way it quickly gets rid of them is responsible for its instant popularity and tremendous sale of nearly two million packages a year. Your dealer has it and can supply you. It is economically priced, in liberal packages. The 50c size contains three times as much as the 25c size.

Judge A. O. Strother, of Winters, was a visitor to Ballinger Wednesday, spending a few hours here looking after business.

BROWNWOOD—Extensions and rebuilding by the West Texas Telephone Company in this territory planned for this year will amount to a large sum and great improvement of the service in this section.

BISHOP, Tex.—Business firms in this city have arranged for awning lights on all fronts in the business section of the city.

CLARKSVILLE—Construction of a new sewer plant for this city has been started.

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 furnished rooms for light housekeeping, to couple. Or, one furnished bedroom. 800 Broadway, phone 164. 31-31d.

FOR RENT—or Sale—Rock business house next door to Park Hotel. See George Kerley. 30-6td.*

FOR SALE—4-burner, Perfection oil stove with oven, good as new, used very little. E. C. Moor, City Cafe. 26-tfd

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms completely furnished. Phone 170. 31-4td.*

Kingsbury Got Even

K. R. Kingsbury, president of the Standard Oil company, on a recent trip to New York, was presented with a bag of onions at every important stop—the thoughtful gift of Herbert Fleischacker, the millionaire banker. Kingsbury took the onions, and kept quiet until Fleischacker had a birthday.

On arriving at his office, Fleischacker found several large cages of birds awaiting him, gifts from Kingsbury. In the morning messengers arrived with cages of white rats, mice and parrots, while at luncheon the waiter brought another cage of birds. In the afternoon rabbits arrived by the dozen.

The climax came at night when a truck drove up to his home and left two water buffalo, brought from India. All gifts bore Kingsbury's card.—Los Angeles Times.

Goose Had Viking Gold

According to a Reuter dispatch from Bergen, a small boy, living at Rogaland, Norway, was recently the hero of an adventure which reads like a fairy story.

The youngster had driven a flock of geese to the village pond and was on the point of herding them back to his father's farm when he noticed a glint of gold in the beak of one of the birds. He caught the goose and removed from its craw a beautiful brooch of very curious design. This he took to the conservator of the Stavanger museum who pronounced it an unusually rare and beautiful specimen of the goldsmith's art, dating, he declared, from the era of the Vikings.

Loose but Harmless

An Englishman was paying his first visit to Scotland. He arrived at a small town and began to question the porter. "I suppose you have a probosc here?"

"Aye," said the porter.

"And does he have insignia like our mayors?"

"Have what?"

"Insignia—well, for instance, does he have a chain?"

"A chain?" said the astonished porter. "Na, na. He gans loose; but dianna he feared, he's quite harmless."

To put the Golden Rule in operation would require that the human race toe the mark at the same instant.

If weeds cannot be made useful in any other way, why can't they be made to bear flowers? Barbank could do it.

Ledger want ads pay.

RUB CHEST COLDS AWAY: STOP PAINS

Pain and congestion is gone. Quickly!—Yes. Almost instant relief from chest colds, sore throat, back ache, lumbago follows a gentle rubbing with St. Jacobs Oil.

Rub this soothing, penetrating oil right on your chest and like magic relief comes. St. Jacobs Oil is a harmless liniment which quickly breaks chest colds, soothes the inflammation of sore throat and breaks up congestion that causes pain. It never disappoints and does not burn the skin.

Get a 35 cent bottle of St. Jacobs Oil at any drug store. It has been recommended for 65 years.

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 nation-wide. 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

DEATHS

Mrs. Lizzie Wanoreck
Mrs. Lizzie Wanoreck, wife of Ed Wanoreck, age 24 years, 2 months and 29 days, died at her home in the Dry Ridge community at 6:00 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Deceased had been living in the country South of Ballinger for several years, her husband being a son of Joe Wanoreck, one of the pioneer citizens of the Rowena-Offen country.

The King-Holt Undertaking Co. embalmed the remains and they are being held pending arrival of relatives, and funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Offen cemetery.

CUT PRICES FOR BARBER WORK

Effective at once you can get a shave for 15 cents and haircut for 30 cents at Gus Cook's Barber Shop in Zappe building. We guarantee to please our patrons.

GUS COOK.
24-6td-1tw.*

GILMER, Tex.—An electric transmission line is being built between this city and Big Sandy by the East Texas Utilities Company.

BEAUMONT—Extensions of the telephone service in this city are to be started at once which involve increased service to the entire North part of the city and 1,200 additional telephones.

Ledger want ads pay.

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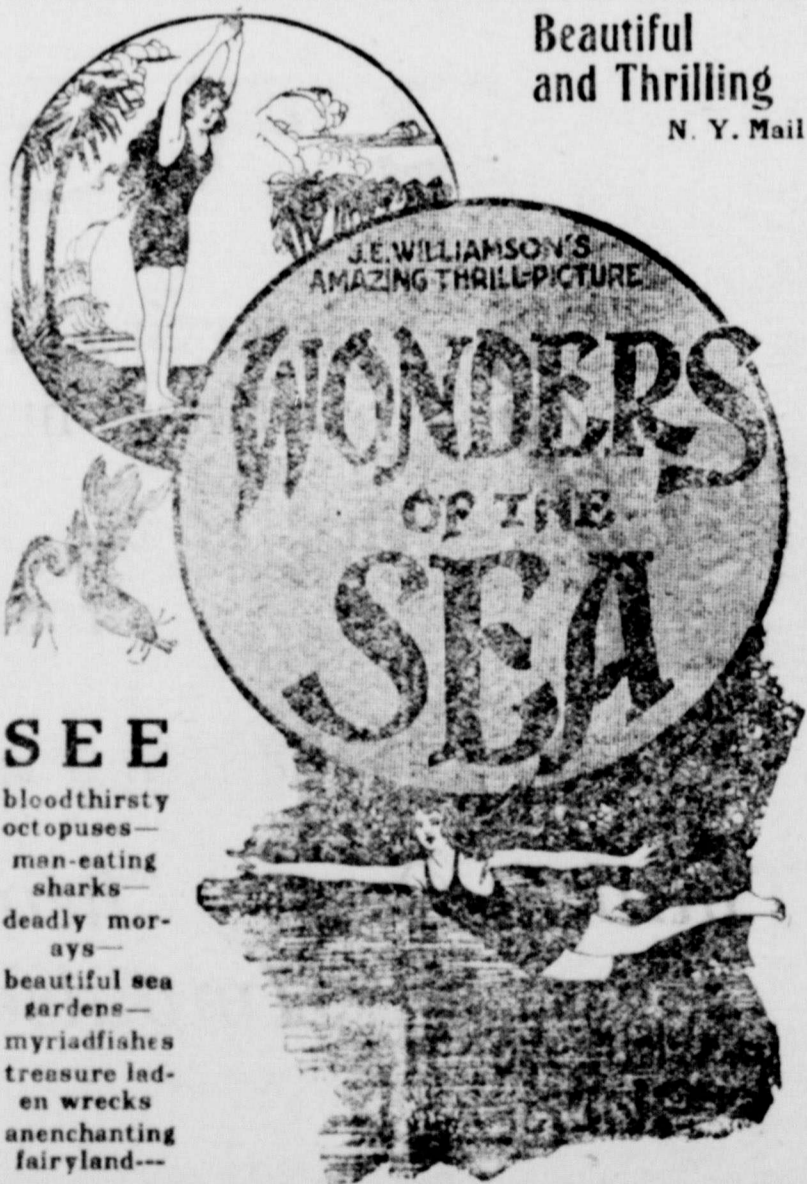
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Louisville, Nebraska.—"I was married twelve years before my boy was born. I had a lot of female troubles and had been treated by a physician for them but they continued much the same. Then I read your advertisement in the newspapers and thought I would give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a good trial, for if it had helped others, why not me? I have taken 36 bottles of the medicine and am never without it in the house. My baby boy is three years old now and I sure am happy since I got relief from my troubles. When any one has troubles like mine, or any ways like mine, I am always glad to recommend the Vegetable Compound so that they will get the right kind of medicine."—Mrs. JON NOVAK, Box 602, Louisville, Neb.



In a recent country-wide canvass of purchasers of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, 98 out of every 100 report they were benefited by its use. For sale by druggists everywhere.

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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.



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