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DENBY RESIGNS AS CABINET MEMBER

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Edwin Denby has resigned as Secretary of the Navy. President Coolidge immediately accepted his resignation. This was announced from the White House early Monday morning.

After repeatedly declaring that he never would quit the cabinet under the fire of those who have criticized his part in the oil leasing program, Secretary Denby this morning notified President Coolidge that he would give up his portfolio.

The navy secretary's decision to resign followed a telephone conversation between the president and Mr. Denby in which all the latest aspects of the situation growing out of the Teapot Dome oil leases were talked over, in the light of information passed on to the White House by the republican leaders in the Senate.

Mr. Denby has repeatedly defended his part in the oil lease controversy. He has declared publicly that he believed that the contracts were legal and that he would be willing to pursue the same course again should the matter be passed up to him.

It has been pointed out to the president that it might appear inconsistent on his part to have a member of his administration a cabinet member holding those views, while the administration itself, through its counsel, was moving in the courts to annul the leases on the grounds that they were made without authority of law.

The retirement of Mr. Denby has revived rumors that the resignations of Assistant Secretary of Navy Roosevelt, and Attorney General Daugherty would follow within a few days.

It is expected that the resignation of Secretary Denby will become effective on March 10th.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of navy, announced after a half hour's conference with President Coolidge today, that he would not resign as the result of the retirement of Secretary Denby.

"I have just been to see the president, and I am not resigning," said Mr. Roosevelt, as he left the White House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The organization of legal machinery to handle the oil lease suits was completed today by the Senate when the appointment of Owen Roberts, of Philadelphia, as special counsel, was confirmed in the Senate.

JUDGE SHOT DOWN IN COURT ROOM

(By Associated Press)
LINCOLN, Neb. Feb. 18.—Wm. Morning, age 56, a veteran district judge, was shot and killed today in his court room by Wallace Warlick.

After slaying the district judge Warlick turned his gun on himself and suicided.

Officers have been unable to assign a motive for the killing.

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CLAIMS FREIGHT IS IMPROVEMENT

As the result of a meeting of a number of livestock shippers and railroad representatives, which was held in the directors' room of the First National Bank Saturday afternoon, the recent change in the schedule for operating freight trains on the Ballinger branch of the Santa Fe, is to be given a tryout before further protest is made.

The meeting was called by several livestock shippers who did not approve of the change, and when the railroad officials learned of the purpose of the meeting they immediately arranged to have representatives at the meeting.

There were ten local livestock shippers present, and livestock agents of the Santa Fe and Frisco railroads. R. E. Buchanan, general livestock agent for the Santa Fe, represented his road. Other Santa Fe officials were present and the Frisco was represented. The advantages and disadvantages of the new schedule were discussed and those objecting agreed to give the new service a trial, and with that agreement the meeting adjourned.

Only the livestock shippers registered a protest over the recent change in schedule. Merchants and those who receive freight are apparently well pleased with the change. Under the old service the freight trains arrived at Ballinger from the East late in the afternoon, and too late for goods to be delivered the same day. Under the new schedule the freight arrives here about daylight from the East, and local and car lot consignments are delivered during the early forenoon, or twenty-four hours earlier than under the old schedule.

The East bound freight under the old schedule arrived here late in the forenoon, and stock shipped to market were loaded and carried to Brownwood, arriving in that city during the early hours of the night, where they were delivered to the Frisco which delivered the stock on the Fort Worth market the next morning. Under the new schedule the stock is loaded at Ballinger before daylight in the morning, and is carried all the way to Fort Worth via Temple over the Santa Fe, and arrive on the Fort Worth market the next morning. It is the early loading here to which the stockmen registered objection, but the representatives of the road contend that the advantages in the change to the general public are greater than the disadvantage complained of, and the new service will be tried out.

J. N. Winters came in from Fort Worth Saturday, reaching here in time to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Rebecca Conner, before she died Saturday afternoon. Mr. Winters formerly lived at Ballinger, being one of the pioneers who helped to convert this country into a farming section. The town of Winters is named for him.

POSTPONE NEW LIVESTOCK RATES

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The revision of rates on livestock shipments in Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas, which the Southern Pacific railroad proposed to make effective today, have been suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission until June 16 of this year. The railroad had planned to put the new rates in effect today.

Along the Concrete



LEGION SAYS SECY. MELLON IS JUGGLING BONUS

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The American Legionnaires were pushing their campaign for the ex-service men's compensation measure today with renewed vigor after a sensational spurt last night in which the treasury department was accused of "juggling" its estimates against the project.

Secretary Mellon was charged with "misleading" the late President Harding and President Coolidge. The charge of "juggling" the figures was made by Colonel Thomas Miller, Alien Property Custodian, at the bonus meeting here.

Representative Fairchild, republican of New York, accused Secretary Mellon of misleading the chief executives by anticipating a deficit in the treasury if the bonus was paid.

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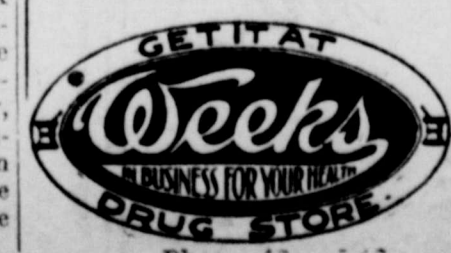
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The sub-committee appointed to investigate the charges of land fraud in Texas, which grew out of the Heflin resolution attacking Republican Committeeman R. B. Creager of Texas, includes Senators Moses, of New Hampshire, chairman; Edge, of New York; Oddie, of Nevada; republicans; and Senators Heflin, of Alabama; and Trammel, of Florida, democrats.

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THREE SHOT IN RAID FOR BOOZE

Two officers and an alleged possessor of liquor were shot in a raid at Santa Anna Saturday night, and the latest reports from that city to The Ledger Monday stated that there were little hopes for the recovery of Deputy Sheriff Griffin, one of the victims, and Dave Rutherford, whose place the officers were raiding at the time of the shooting. The third injured man is Constable Bill Conley.

According to an account of the shooting, Joe Griffin, deputy sheriff at Santa Anna visited Rutherford's home and informed him that he was there to search for liquor. Rutherford immediately opened fire on the officer, and Griffin returned the fire. Both men were wounded, and neither of the two men are expected to live.

Constable Conley arrived on the scene just as the shooting between Griffin and Rutherford stopped, and Rutherford opened fire on Conley also, wounding him. The sheriff and five deputies arrived later and the wounded men were hurried to a hospital.

THE WEATHER—

Tonight and Tuesday probably rain; not much change in temperature.

J. J. Beck went to Brownwood Saturday afternoon for a visit, and to accompany Mrs. Beck and son home.

The June brides are checking over their prospect lists and making their final selection for a husband.

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OFFICER RAIDS NEGRO HOTEL

Charley Robertson, proprietor of the Brick Hotel, a local negro hostelry, is in the county bastille awaiting action of the strong arm of the law as the result of a raid made on the negro inn by Walter Watson, night police officer.

It is alleged that the proprietor of the colored hotel included in his menu things which conflict in contents with the Volstead act, and when the officer stepped in and found the chief cook in possession of "choo" beer, he was immediately removed from the job, turned over to the county officers, and given a berth in the local lock-up.

Robertson will probably be bailed out to await the action of the grand jury.

FIRE BOYS WILL VISIT WINTERS

Members of the Ballinger Volunteer Fire Company will motor to Winters Tuesday evening to be the guests of the Winters fire department. Several days ago the local fire fighters received an invitation from the Winters extinguishers asking them to be present at a social meeting and banquet, and the locals readily accepted.

Several weeks ago the Winters company visited Ballinger and was the guest of the Ballinger company, and the meeting was one of the most successful ever held. The social meeting was followed by a banquet. All the members of the local fire company are requested to be at the City Hall at 7:00 o'clock Tuesday (tomorrow) evening, as the program provides that they go in a body to our sister city.

A Perfect Lady---

He went to a fountain with Mary And met with an awful mishap; For he awkwardly emptied a glassful Of grape juice all over her lap! But Mary was gentle and gracious (For none is so tactful as she!) And smiling with perfect composure. Said sweetly: "The drinks are on me!"

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After standing pat a few
 weeks, Mr. Denby chose the near-
 est way out.

Did you ever notice how little
 rain it requires to make it wet.
 It is the good underground reason
 we are banking on.

The officers of several counties
 recently met in Coleman and
 resolved to co-operate in running
 down criminals. It seems that
 the yeggs have accepted the chal-
 lenge by continuing their nefar-
 ious work in this district.

A democrat has been appointed
 to prosecute the oil dome cases.
 Now, if there is anything corrupt
 in the republican ranks, it is up
 to the democrats to show it up.

BEGIN AT THE TOP
 From day to day in every way
 evidence brought out in the Teap-
 ot Dome oil investigation is
 more convincing that a number
 of the higher ups in the republi-
 can administration "cleaned up"
 when Sinclair and Doheny put
 over the big deal.

President Coolidge has refused
 to request the navy secretary's
 resignation, informing the Senate
 that the impeachment route is
 open to them if they want Denby
 out.

It can hardly be said that the
 president is undertaking to shield
 Mr. Denby, but evidence has been
 developed in the hearing to show
 that the secretary of the navy
 was asleep at the switch, if not in
 on the split, and then why put
 the Senate to the expense of im-
 peachment proceedings when the
 matter could be settled by a re-
 quest from Mr. Coolidge that his
 navy secretary step down and
 out.

The oil scandal is spreading
 like oil over the placid waters,
 and with the political coat of the
 Grand Old Party so badly be-
 smirched it begins to look like
 the people are going to have to
 begin at the top and do the house
 cleaning at the polls next Novem-
 ber.

ALL ROOSTER CROP
 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 mort-
 gage basis. Too much gasoline,
 perhaps.—Ballinger Ledger.

Not all gasoline. A lot of it
 for groceries and stock feed. Run-
 nels county had a good cotton
 crop last year and got a nice
 price for it. But when one cash
 crop has to be used in getting
 ready to produce another, the
 cash part of it melts away like
 mist in August. Undoubtedly
 there are some farmers in Run-
 nels who are not spending all
 their cotton cash on things that
 might have been grown on their
 own ground. In every cotton-
 raising community there are a
 few heady men who raise a
 smaller cash crop than their
 neighbors and larger consump-
 tion crops. The result is that they
 get along prosperously, accumu-

- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- For County Superintendent:
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W. L. BROWN
 - For Tax Assessor:
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MIKE C. BOYD
 - For Sheriff:
J. P. FLYNT
R. E. McWILLIAMS
 - For County Judge:
PAUL TRIMMIER
 - 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 Commissioner Prec. No. 3:
J. D. SMITH
 - For State Senate (25th Dist.):
WALTER C. WOODWARD
(of Coleman)
 - For Representative, (92nd Dist.):
O. R. SIMS
(of Concho County)

lating property and maintaining
 a comfortable cash reserve. In
 that position they can sleep rest-
 fully at night and look the world
 straight in the face next morn-
 ing. They don't have to go a-
 round seeking credit or favors.
 This is not saying that cotton
 isn't a good crop. It is saying
 that cotton is a good crop only
 when grown in company with in-
 dispensable crops. A rooster is a
 noble bird, but a poultryman who
 should undertake to confine his
 business altogether to roosters, to
 singleshoot on roosters, to raise a
 great acreage of roosters and no
 hens, would have to spend all his
 rooster money for eggs, to supply
 his table and set for hatching.
 The all-cotton farmer is in the
 same class. He believes in roos-
 tering his operations. If he
 denies it, ask him where his cot-
 ton profits are on last year's crop
 when he has laid by this year's.
 Ask him, but don't undertake to
 fight him if it makes him mad.
 Nor is it necessary to lose a sub-
 scriber by suggesting that Wall
 Street and the Federal Reserve
 System are not to blame for any-
 body's bad judgment.—State
 Press in Dallas News.

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**FAIL TO REDUCE
 U. S. WAR DEBT**

(By Associated Press)
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—
 The American government's war
 debt policy remained unchanged
 after a conference today of the
 debt commission. The commis-
 sion failed to act on the proposal
 that debtor government's principal
 be reloaned. The United
 States is awaiting the funding
 proposal by the entente before
 taking any action.

**BAVARIAN MILITARY
 DICTATOR RESIGNS**

(By Associated Press)
 MUNICH, Bavaria, Feb. 18.—
 Doctor von Kahr, Bavarian mil-
 itary dictator, has resigned. Gen.
 von Lossow, commander of the
 Bavarian Reichswehr, has also
 tendered his resignation.

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**USES BATH TUB
 FOR MASH HOPPER**

(San Angelo Standard)
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 ly products of fiction, but a resi-
 dence has been found in San
 Angelo that approaches the most
 luxurious in baths as nearly as
 the liquid will permit, according
 to officers who state that they
 made a raid Friday and found
 150 gallons of mash in a bath-
 tub.
 The officers would not give an
 opinion on whether the tub was
 put to this novel use from one
 Sunday morning until the follow-
 ing Saturday night. Neither
 could the report be verified that
 this arrangement was the latest
 in the conservation of the energy
 of furniture and fixtures.
 Chief of Police Callison and
 Sheriff Duckworth made the raid
 and said they arrested Mason
 Compton in the house at Pecan
 and College streets, where the
 tub full of mash and a still of
 about 50 gallons capacity were
 found.

**OXIEN GIRLS WIN
 OVER CREWS TEAM**

The girls' teams of the Crews
 and Oxien communities played a
 game of basket ball Friday after-
 noon, in which the Oxien quintet
 came out winner. The final score
 was 21 to 0, the Crews team fail-
 ing to count, according to a re-
 port given The Ledger.
 A great deal of interest is be-
 ing manifested in cage contests
 in the rural districts of Runnels
 county this season, and some
 good games are being played.

**MAY EXTEND HIGH
 LINE TO PAINT ROCK**

Representatives of the light and
 power company which operates
 the high line from San Angelo to
 Ballinger and Winters were in
 Ballinger Saturday, having visit-
 ed Winters in the interest of the
 company. While here it was an-
 nounced that the representatives
 of the power company also had
 under consideration a proposal to
 build a high tension line into
 Paint Rock. The line will prob-
 ably be extended out of Rowena
 or Ballinger.

This would give the Paint Rock
 people day and night current for
 all purposes, and we understand
 the citizens of that town are en-
 couraging the move.

Mrs. E. A. Trail and daughters,
 Misses Winnie and Jessie, re-
 turned Sunday from a visit to
 Brady and Houston. They visit-
 ed their son and brother at
 Brady, and their sister and aunt
 in Houston.

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**YEGGS BLOW SAFE
 AT BROWNWOOD**

Sheriff Flynt received a phone
 message at 2:30 o'clock Monday
 morning calling him out of his
 warm feathers to help head-off
 safe-blowers, who a few minutes
 before had touched off a charge
 of nitro in the passenger station
 of the Santa Fe railroad at
 Brownwood which wrecked the
 safe, doing other damage and re-
 leased considerable cash for the
 yeggs to escape with.

According to the message to the
 local sheriff the safe crackers had
 just completed the Brownwood
 job and made their escape in an
 automobile. The safe was cracked
 about 2:00 o'clock Monday morn-
 ing, the usual method being fol-
 lowed in opening the safe and
 getting the contents. It could not
 be learned late in the day Monday
 how much cash the yeggs got
 away with, but the passenger busi-
 ness Saturday night, Sunday and
 Sunday night was good, and if
 the agent had not used precau-
 tion and transferred the cash, it
 is believed the yeggs made a good
 haul.

The officers are somewhat puzzled
 to find a clue which will
 assist them in running down the
 crooks which have been operat-
 ing here for several months. The
 recent robberies at San Angelo,
 Rowena and Ballinger, together
 with the robbery at Brownwood
 Sunday night, apparently is the
 work of the same gang, but so far
 the officers have not been able
 to pick up a clue upon which to
 make an investigation.
 The method pursued by the
 yeggs leads the officers to believe
 that they are professionals, and
 are well organized.

**SONORA TAKES THE
 DISTRICT TITLE**

By defeating Millersview, 18 to
 15 in the final game of the dis-
 trict tourney at San Angelo Sat-
 urday, Sonora won the basketball
 championship of District 12 of
 the Interscholastic League, and
 the right to compete in the state
 meet at Austin.

Miles High School, champion of
 Runnels county, won its first
 contest which was with Rankin
 by the score of 34 to 2, but Mil-
 lersview eliminated Miles by a
 count of 17 to 15.

Coach Kellam, of San Angelo,
 refereed all of the games and his
 work pleased all of the contest-
 ants.

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 pena reaches him.



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Poisonous Snakes Are Pets of Zoo Keeper

At Port Elizabeth, South Africa, attached to the natural history museum and aviary, is a large "snake garden" where poisonous reptiles live in perfect freedom, among their natural surroundings, says the New York World. The garden is, of course, cut off from the rest of the world by a concrete wall.

Its keeper is a negro who has worked in the snake garden from the days of his childhood and has actually succeeded in building up a real friendship with his charges. Protected only by gauntlet gloves and leather puttees, with his other clothing merely the regulation uniform of the museum, he fearlessly enters the enclosure and freely handles his pets.

When one considers that the majority of the snakes in the garden are of the most deadly varieties—the African cobra, the puff-adder and the fer-de-lance among others—one would think twice before offering to swap jobs with the keeper of the reptile house.

Poisonous snakes are popularly believed to be untamable, but the negro keeper at Port Elizabeth seems to prove that, if not actually affectionate, they can be persuaded by kindness to tolerate human companionship.

The snakes in the Port Elizabeth garden are not used for display purposes only. Their venom, extracted, is used in the preparation of serums and antidotes for snake-bite.

Auto Driving Making Pigeon-Toed People

As a result of continual automobile driving, Americans are becoming pigeon-toed, according to the statement of Dr. Carl Hunt of New York city, after extensive research to determine the cause of a marked tendency to "toe in" on the part of a large percentage of the population in large cities. Complaints of pains in the right foot, which are becoming common, also are attributed by him to the same cause.

"Automobile drivers are developing a new form of foot trouble that in many cases becomes actual deformity," says Doctor Hunt. "Ever since the advent of the foot accelerator, my examining patients, in ever increasing numbers, have complained of pains in the inner side of the middle third of the right foot, particularly when walking. In most cases I have found that with correction of the position of the foot on the accelerator, manual manipulations, simple exercises, and properly fitting shoes, the trouble has disappeared."—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Bug That Stabs Potato Bug

Against the devastating potato bug, the United States Department of Agriculture is marshaling an army of enemy soldier bugs, popularly known as "stink bugs."

Every time a potato parasite clashes with one of these deadly antagonists, potato plants are just one bug safer. For the soldier bug usually wins. Advancing to the attack, he jabs a spear-like beak into a soft spot in his prey's armor. Barbs at the tips of the jaws keep the spear inserted. The doomed potato bug at first feigns death; then begins a frantic scrambling over obstacles to shake off its assailant. Exhaustion finally leaves the potato bug at the mercy of the soldier bug's appetite, which sates itself on the blood and juices of the victim.—Popular Mechanics.

Mammals of California

There are 2,000,000,000 mammals in California. Half of these are burrowing rodents, such as ground squirrels, kangaroo rats and gophers, which give farmers much trouble. Dr. Joseph Grinnell of the University of California, however, has a good word to say for gophers and such. Fossils show that they have been in existence at least 200,000 years and he has figured out on one tract of land that if that time gophers have given the soil the equivalent to 5,400 plowings to a depth of six inches. It is all right to keep them off artificially cultivated land but in other areas, the plowing and fertilization furnished by them is invaluable.

Why Bread Becomes Stale

Dr. Katz, a Dutch inventor, has been trying to discover what makes bread grow stale. He has found, it is reported, that low temperature is the chief cause. Bread kept at 130 degrees Fahrenheit was quite fresh at the end of 48 hours, but when the temperature was reduced to 122 degrees the bread began to grow stale and continued to increase in staleness down to about three degrees below the freezing point. Beyond that staleness grew less until at the temperature of liquid air the bread had again become perfectly fresh. It is suggested that bread can be kept fresh by placing it in a business cooker immediately after it is removed from the oven.

Penalized

"Why do you always use 'whilst' in place of 'while'?" asked the city editor of the new reporter.

"Because I think it's a nicer word."

"All right," said the editor. "I think you'd better work in the janitorial department for a while."—Boston Transcript.

"Never Told Her Love"

His fiancee—Yes, thus, I loved you when I first met you.

Titus Curley—Why'n time didn't you say so then? Here I've gone and wasted \$425 on 'n' you.

BIG INCREASE IN OUR WEALTH

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The wealth of the state of Texas at the end of 1922 was \$9,850,896,000.00, showing an increase of 56.40 per cent in the last decade.

The per capita wealth of Texas at the end of 1922, according to the government figures made public today was \$2,010, or an increase of 30.40 per cent in a decade.

All classes of property increased in value in Texas from 1912 to 1922, except livestock, which shows a decrease from \$394,904,000 to \$227,007,000, or 17 per cent. In classes the increase in property value shows that autos hold first place. Privately owned transportation equipment, other than railroads, shows an increase of 123.9 per cent. Real estate shows a 68 per cent increase; farm implements and machinery, 70.5 per cent; manufacturing machinery and tools, 89.6 per cent; railroads and their equipment, 23.3 per cent; stocks of goods and merchandise, 41.8 per cent.

In making these estimates the department followed in general the methods employed in making the estimates for 1912, though in some respects it is claimed that the work in 1922 was more thorough.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce returned Monday at noon from Florida, where they went a short time ago to spend a month or two. The absence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearce, who were recently called to South Dakota on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Frank Pearce's mother, cut short the visit to Florida.

Cecil Thorp left Monday afternoon for Dallas, where he goes to buy goods for the Thorp & Wardlaw gents' furnishings department.

Mrs. E. O. Keeton, of Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory, and family, over Sunday.

New Mint Plant for America

In Mentha citrata, a plant belonging to the mint family, the United States Department of Agriculture believes it has introduced a new crop which, under suitable conditions, may bring an acreage return equal to that now obtained from other cultivated mints. During the past year the crop was grown at Arlington farm, near Washington, on a scale large enough to give definite indications of its possibilities. The yield of oil from the plant when distilled was at the rate of 30 pounds to the acre. The oil itself is very fragrant and when fractionated yields 50 per cent of linally acetate, a compound extensively used by manufacturing perfumers.

Huge Output of Pig Iron

The output of pig iron in the United States in 1923 was nearly 40,000,000 tons, an amount that surpasses even the war-time production of 1916; yet the experts of steel and iron were much lower than they were in 1913, and the lowest in the history of the industry in America if compared with the quantity produced. How long will it take American blast furnaces, keyed up to war-time pitch, to supply the demands of home consumption? Or has home consumption so increased that it can keep this great industry going at its present gait?—Youth's Companion.

Plans Hothouse for Humans

Human hothouse plants will be more than a figure of speech if a Chicago engineer can carry out a project that he is urging. He wants to build in some city a residential section perhaps half a mile square, put a glass roof over it and have one central heating plant for it. He promises to produce an Hawaiian climate all the year round, roses in winter, no rain on wash days, and other alluring advantages. He thinks that the cost of the superstructure would be offset by the lower cost of building inside the enclosure and by the lessened expenditures for heat.—Youth's Companion.

Clerk Sought to Please

Father, accompanied by his little flock, walked into a bench hotel and sought speech with the clerk.

"Can you arrange for accommodations?"

"House very full, sir. Best we can give you is a telephone booth."

"Don't spring that old gag on me. My wife and two daughters can't live in a telephone booth."

"Oh, as to that, we can give you four booths and will also insert a paragraph in the society papers to the effect that you have engaged a suite."

THEATRES MOVIES

FILMING NIGHT SCENES STOPS PUGS PUNCHING

Fights in the American Legion Stadium of Hollywood were rudely disrupted by Hoot Gibson and his merry men, when they filmed the big run of fire engines down Hollywood Boulevard for "Hook and Ladder," his new Universal fire department play, showing today and tomorrow at the Fo-to-sho Theatre. It took too many lights to film the picture, leaving no "juice" for the gladiators in the ring.

Edward Sedgwick, director, ranged the street with arc-lights and a battery of cameramen focused on the street. The alarm was given, and the big fire trucks led by Gibson, acting as the fire chief's chauffeur, dashed down the streets.

On flashed the lights on the boulevard. But—unspeakable damage occurred at the ringside. The lights in all the buildings, including the stadium, went out.

A fighter would be preparing to plant a hay-maker on his opponent, then the stadium would be plunged into darkness and the battlers couldn't even see, let alone fight each other. Shouts and cat-calls rivaled the shrieks of the fire sirens outside. Then the lights would go off on the street, and on in the stadium.

"We'll take her again," Sedgwick would order.

The fire picture disrupted every fight at the stadium. There were four bouts and four scenes taken on the boulevard outside.

All Hollywood went out to watch Gibson's sensational fire runs. The streets were lined with movie celebrities wildly cheering Hoot as he stazed his new thriller, supported by Mildred June, Edward Davis, Frank Beal, and Philo McCullough.

WOODSMEN CHEER ACTOR: FIGHTS WOLVES WITH AXE

Strange offers have been made to motion picture actors as the result of certain roles they portrayed, but some of the strangest have been made to Lee Shumway, who recently played the heroic part of Peter Coe in "Braven of the North," the latest Laurence Trimble-Jane Murfin production starring Strongheart, for First National, which is being shown at the Maeroy Theatre today and tomorrow.

In one sequence Shumway was compelled to keep a pack of timber wolves from attacking a

mother and three month old child on the snow covered wastes of a desolate mountain country. His sole weapon was an axe. Numbers of the natives, among them many who made their living on the bounties they received for the heads and hides of predatory wolves, gathered to watch the actor in action.

The camera records of these scenes are, in themselves, evidence of the actual danger that confronted Mr. Shumway. Manoeuvring adroitly and rushing in with lightning speed, each wolf, apparently acting on his own initiative but in reality under the thorough direction of Mr. Trimble, tried to get at Mr. Shumway to injure him.

The northwoodsmen have an opinion of their own as to any man's mental qualifications who would try to stand off a pack of wolves with an axe. They traveled miles to see it done and having seen it, while in no way did they lose respect for the wolves, they did increase their respect for Mr. Shumway.

As a result, Shumway has been offered numerous opportunities to take part in expeditions to go into the wildest parts of the wolf country to gather pelts for their bounties. Other offers from those who watched him work included participation in mining ventures, exploring parties and occupations characteristic of this wild country.

"THE COVERED WAGON" DEPICTS PIONEER LIFE

The story told in "The Covered Wagon," the leading motion picture production of 1923, begins with a caravan of covered wagons at Westport Landing, now Kansas City, and portrays as vividly as the cinematic art will allow, the struggles, the joys and sorrows that the early emigrants encountered in conquering the "unknown" West.

The late Emerson Hough is the author of the novel from which the screen epic was adapted. Mr. Hough is said to have drawn largely on actual history in all of his works, and he probably portrayed the life of the pioneers better than any other Western novelist. "North of Thirty-Six" was one of his last novels and this story told of the first cattle drives that were made from Central West Texas to the Kansas markets.

The Lyric Theatre, of San Angelo, announced Saturday that "The Covered Wagon" will ap-

pear there February 28th and 29th and March 1st. A special 12-piece orchestra will accompany the film to San Angelo, according to announcement by John D. Jones, manager of the Lyric, and former owner of theatrical property here.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the voters of Commissioners' Precinct No. 3, of Runnels County:

In offering myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, I do so believing that I can be of some service to you. My previous experience as most of you know, would enable me to perform the duties of this office more efficiently in the future, should you choose to elect me, than in the past.

I believe in the improvement of all roads, as far as the money will go, but I believe that the main traveled roads should receive first consideration, as they benefit all the people. I believe in concrete culverts, as they are the best and most economical in the end.

I believe that all men legally subject to road duty should either work the required time or pay the required amount of money provided by law into the road fund, and if elected I will try to enforce this measure—to the letter.

I believe in a just equitable rendition of all property, both real and personal, so that every man will bear his just proportion of the tax burden.

If elected to this important office, I will put my full time and very best effort to the performance of all duties connected therewith, and will try to always consider public interests at all times.

I served you five years as commissioner and made a record with which you are all familiar, and I am ready to stand or fall on my record as your county commissioner. I am one of you. This is my home and it will continue to be, and I shall always stand and work for those things which are for the best interests of my county as a whole and my precinct in particular.

If you see fit to elect me I will strive to give you an economical and business like administration.

J. D. SMITH
18-1td-1tw*

Trouble with setting a thief to catch a thief is you may have to hunt for both of them.

Let our want ads work for you

WINTERS TO HAVE HOME-MADE ICE

It was announced here Saturday that a contract for an ice plant at Winters had been let, and work would begin at once. O. D. Dillingham, a former citizen of Winters, and fuel and ice dealer of that city, is behind the proposition, and has promised to give the Winters citizens home-made ice as soon as the plant can be built and put in operation.

This will give Runnels county three ice plants. The demand for ice in the rural districts through the summer season, and the increase in population of the county has created a greater demand for ice, and while only a few years ago all the ice consumed in the county was shipped in, it now appears that it will require three plants running on full time to supply the people through the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Tindall came in from Shamrock Saturday, and are here on a visit to Mr. Tindall's father, J. M. Tindall. They were married at Shamrock Friday evening and left at once for Ballinger on a bridal visit.

The singing Pullman porters are with us. Travelers can join in on "Where are my wandering shoes tonight?"

Cleaning up the cities is a fine thing, but once we had a maid who swept the dirt under the beds.

AFTER YOU'VE TRIED — ALL OTHER KINDS

OH—BOY!!!!
AIN'T IT A
GR-R-R-R-AND
AND EL-L-L-LORIOUS
FEELIN'?



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SUDDEN SERVICE SHOE SHOP
Quality Shoe Repairing.
Where Quality Counts We Win!
We Call For and Deliver.

NEW DRY CLEANING PLANT

We have installed an up-to-date Dry Cleaning Plant with every thing complete, consisting of Dry Tumbler, Cleaning Machine, Extractor, Underground System and Gasoline Still-with Pump.

Your clothes are never cleaned in the same gasoline twice, as we distill the gas and have fresh gas every day. Our underground system takes care of three hundred gallons of gas as storage.

This plant was put in with the expense of approximately three thousand five hundred dollars and will say that you will not find a more up-to-date Dry Cleaning Plant west of Fort Worth, Texas, as we feel safe in saying that this plant is as good as you will find any where in West Texas.

"We will give you personal service from here on as Carr has charge of the Cleaning Plant and Mr. Hardin the Press. Every garment you send to us will be personally looked after and in that way we feel like we will turn out a class of work that our customers will appreciate.

We want to thank every one of our customers and friends for the business that we have enjoyed in the past, had it not been for you we could not have put in this plant, again we want to thank you and invite you to come and look our Dry Cleaning Plant over as we will be glad to show you.

Hardin and Carr
We are at Your Service
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His Greatest Action Romance



Thru a Sea of Seething Flames for the Sake of the Girl He Loved!

Carl Laemmle presents
HOOT GIBSON in HOOK AND LADDER
A Universal Gibson Production

Pal, the Wonder Dog in
"Don't Scream"
A Century Comedy

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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 unfurnished rooms. Apply 200 Thirteenth Street. 18-4td.*

FOR SALE—Very cheap, two Premier Electric Cleaners, complete with attachments. If interested, call Mr. Wood at the Nash House. 18-1td.*

WANTED—White girl or woman to live in home and do light housework. Write Mrs. Stuart L. Williams. 18-6td-1tw

FOR RENT—House, corner Hutchings and Fifth Street, close in. Phone 355. 16-3d.*

FOR SALE—White Wyandotte Eggs, \$1.00 for 15 or \$4.50 per 100. Phone 6903, Mrs. W. F. McShan. 16-8d-8w.*

FOR SALE—Good team horses, gentle work and ride, weight 1200, A. R. West, Sealy Avenue. 16-1td.*

NOTICE MASONS

There will be a special service by the Masonic Lodge Tuesday night, February 19th, in memory of George Washington, the Mason.

Rev. E. W. McLaurin will be the principal speaker, subject, "Equality of the Law."

All members of the Lodge and sojourning members are requested to attend this meeting.

By order of the Grand Master, C. R. CREWS, Secy. 18-2td

EXPRESSION CLASS PLAY WAS SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

The expression class of Miss Minta Smart, Ballinger High School was successful in its presentation of the four-act play, "A Bunch of Fun," at the Carnegie Library Saturday night. The play was for the benefit of the High School Library and was financially and otherwise a success, it was said.

The acting was "above par" for amateurs and favorably reflected the training which the players have received this term. Sam Dunlap and Carl Black were especially amusing with a comical skit in the third act.

Dreamy eyes are all right in their way, but they can't make good biscuits.

LOSING THE CAPITAL HELPED

Philadelphia's Growth Showed Moving of Government Was a Benefit on the Whole.

Would Philadelphia have been a greater or lesser city had it remained, as it was for a quarter of a century, the seat of congress?

It was the capital of the republic under the Constitution for ten years.

Pennsylvania was quick on the trigger to capture the national capital, says Girard in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Hardly had the ink of the signers dried upon the original copy of the United States Constitution before Philadelphia and Bucks county together offered to give the nation a block of land ten miles square.

That offer to the country made in the name of Pennsylvania was presented to congress.

The federal government was to have exclusive jurisdiction over that territory, but the city of Philadelphia itself, as it then existed, was to be excluded from the offer.

To further the move and make this the permanent national capital, Pennsylvania, which then owned Independence hall—always called state house in that day—offered congress the use of that building. It was then the state capital.

Congress took it for ten years. In the meantime Hamilton and Jefferson indulged in a political game of chess.

Hamilton swapped votes to remove the capital south to the Potomac and Jefferson yielded votes in favor of the government's assumption of state debts.

Seeing that Philadelphia has exclusive jurisdiction over that territory, but the city of Philadelphia itself, as it then existed, was to be excluded from the offer.

BANDITS FOILED BY A GIRL

How a Landlord's Daughter in Soissons, France, Trapped Gang of Italian Robbers.

A large number of southern Italians are employed on reconstruction work in Soissons, which was within the area occupied by the Germans. The authorities have had little difficulty with them until the other day, when a band of six held up the customers of a local cafe.

The six entered separately, ordered drinks, then appeared to quarrel. In their quarrel they drew knives. Thereupon the proprietor ordered them to settle their dispute outside. His intention evidently was the awaited signal, for he was overpowered and his customers ranged against the walls, while two of the band stood guard at the door. Thereupon they began to relieve everybody of valuables, and when resistance was shown a sharp prick of a knife followed.

The bandits had reckoned without the landlord's daughter, who, on the first signs of the robbery, slipped out a back window and aroused the neighborhood. When the bandits emerged with their spoils they were met by a discharge of shotguns. Four of them dropped in their tracks. The two survivors surrendered and were taken to jail.

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

MILES NOTES

Special to The Ledger:

MILES, Feb. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marler left Friday for Sweetwater to visit relatives.

Floyd Luce and sister, Miss Ella Louise, were visitors here from Mereta Friday afternoon.

Calvin Slaughter was a visitor here from San Angelo Friday.

Earnest Pleser of Rowena transacted business here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bryant and Mrs. W. E. Bryant were San Angelo visitors Friday.

Mrs. Hulby Clarke and Mrs. S. E. Combs were in San Angelo Friday.

S. R. Young attended to business in San Angelo Friday afternoon.

A. R. Cook and son, Austin, were here from Rowena Saturday.

B. C. Franklin of Goldthwaite, was here Friday on business. He stopped at the Childress Hotel.

Amos Garlitz and Oscar Brown were here from Mereta Saturday.

Mrs. H. B. Sewell and baby and Miss Mays are visiting relatives in Abilene.

Miss Matilda Erker of San Angelo, passed thru Miles Saturday en route to Bartlett.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

Is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over Forty Years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Students in Indianapolis decide war has lost its glamor. Then it has lost everything it had.

A bald man with wire-like whiskers can't see anything so very wonderful about nature.

Some queer people even ask about the motor of a sport model.

DEATHS

Mrs. Rebecca Conner

After an illness of several months, Mrs. Rebecca Conner, wife of Henry Conner, deceased, died at her home near Benoit at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Death had been expected for some time, and while it brought sorrow to friends and relatives it did not come as a surprise.

Mrs. Conner was born June 13, 1850, and died Feb. 16, 1924, being 73 years, 8 months and 3 days old at the time of her death. She was indeed a pioneer of Runnels county, having moved to this county several years before the town of Ballinger was established.

She and her husband first settled near old Fort Chadbourne, at that time a far outpost of civilization, and for more than forty years they have lived in this county, a greater part of the time residing in and near old Runnels, former county site of the county. Mr. Conner died only a few weeks ago, and at the time of his death it was announced that Mrs. Conner was at the point of death. She was seriously ill when Mr. Conner died suddenly, and she has lingered at the point of death for more than a month.

Mrs. Conner is survived by several children, and her brother,

J. N. Winters, who was here to attend the funeral of Mr. Conner, and who remained several days, returned last week to be with his sister, and was at her bedside when the end came. A good wife and mother, who lived more than three-score years and ten, has passed out. She was a mother to the cowboys of the early days who came to this country and helped to make it safe for civilization. She did her part towards making Runnels county a good county.

A large crowd gathered at the home near Benoit Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and followed the remains to the old Runnels cemetery where they were laid to rest by the side of her husband, who had crossed over

the divide only a short time ago. Rev. E. W. Bridges, pastor of the Methodist church of Ballinger, conducted the funeral services.

CUTS-SORES
Cleanse thoroughly—then, without rubbing, apply—
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

Real booze recently arrived from Scotland labeled "Canned Goods." Ah, the canny Scot.

Slowly the Chinese evil Mah Jongg is doing its work. One player calls his fliwver "Mah husband, who had crossed over Jonk."

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Between these dates we will offer a Soap bargain that will attract everybody. Look at this value:

17 bars Crystal White	-----	\$1.00
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Some people are willing for an opportunity to break the door down and come in.

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Modern methods, plus our experience and skill, will convert your old pair of worn-out shoes into valuable footwear. Our work not only makes them last longer, but it gives them a new-like appearance.

Furthermore, we do our work in such a manner as to merit your full satisfaction. What we do, we do well!

Coy Drennan

IN

San Antonio Gunter Hotel

DIED HARD

—on or about June 12th, '23, when we opened this Garage, one fellow known as LIST PRICE.

We notice in this paper where he offers to Sacrifice two of his young sons, known as RED TUBES, that he might live again, but his last prayer was that tires be sold at these prices.

Federal Tires	List Price	Federal Tires	Our Price
33x5	\$58.10	ONE 33x5	\$33.50
32x4½	46.65	TUBE 32x4½	28.00
33x4	37.20	FREE 33x4	24.00

ALL OTHER SIZES IN PROPORTION

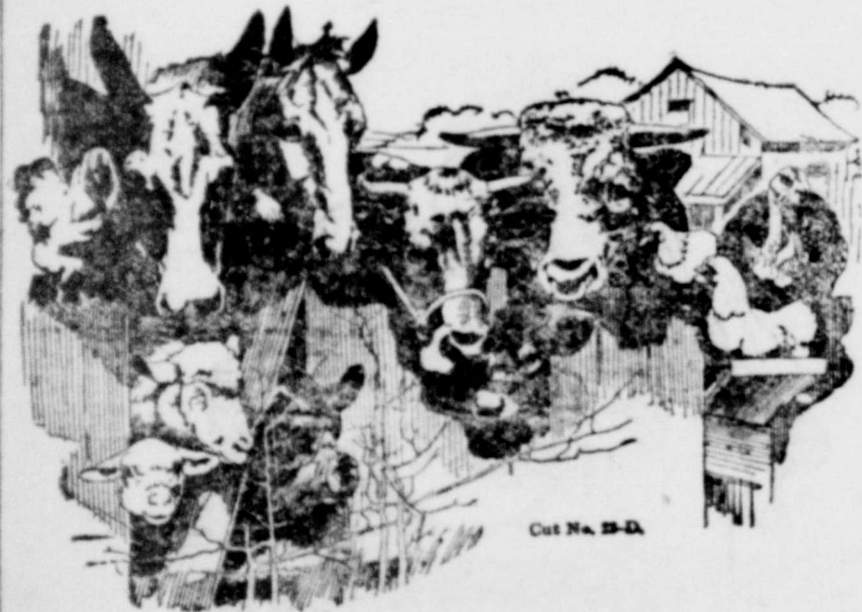
If you will note the difference in our prices and list you will see that this extra young son is quite an expensive addition to the family.

LIST PRICE IS DEAD, BUT THERE is a bird named OSTRICH who buries his head in the sand so that he cannot see, but we never heard of an Ostrich Farm around Ballinger.

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This Jury Says:

"It is our verdict that every farmer who raises livestock should provide his animals with comfortable, storm-proof shelter to protect them from the weather, promote their development, and make it possible for them to show maximum returns for their 'board and keep'."

The jury is right of course. Every practical farmer knows that livestock can be reared most economically and profitably only when properly housed in bad weather. And such shelter pays larger returns now than ever before.

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