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MRS. NAT WRIGHT HAS PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Falls and Breaks her Leg While out Fishing Near Town

Mrs. Nat Wright, in company with W. A. Talley and family and a number of others out fishing on long branch, near town, last Saturday, happened to a very serious and painful accident. The parties was walking up the creek bank when Mrs. Wright stepped on a rock that tilted over throwing her to the ground breaking her left limb just below the knee. It was a very peculiar accident, as there was no apparant danger to any of the party. The rock was a small one, and looked harmless in its slumberous condition. Unfortunately Mrs. Wright fell in just such a way it broke the limb. She was brought to town and the limb set and is getting along as well as could be expected.

Methodist Church.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Methodists to worship with us Sunday morning and evening.

Some of our Methodist people have not yet presented their certificates of church Membership, come Sunday and bring your certificates.

N. B. Also be sure to send the children to Sunday School, or better still, come with them.

To all friends and strangers a special invitation is extended.

Sunday School and Leagues at usual hours, and preaching morning and evening by the pastor.

E. P. Williams, Pastor.

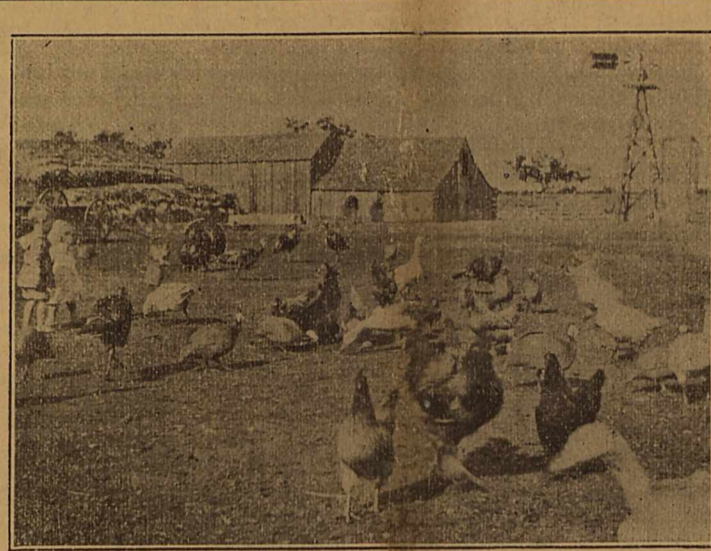
Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends for the many expressions of love and kindness shown us during our mother's illness and death.

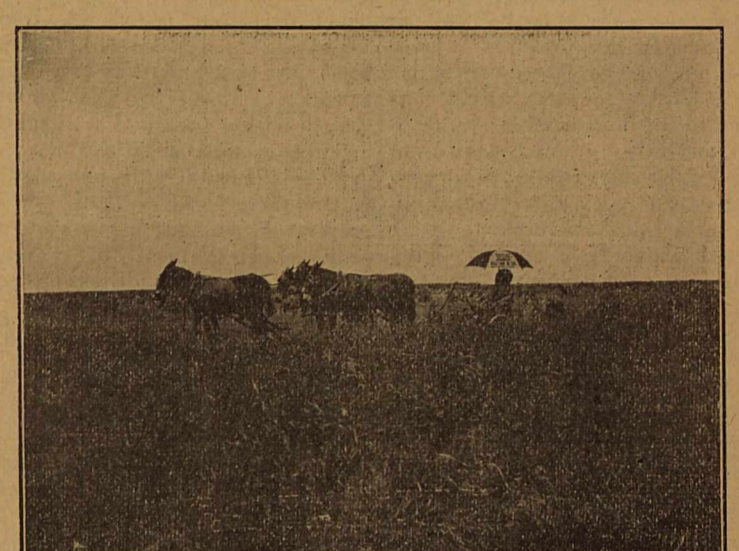
We trust that sometime we may be able to show more fully our appreciation.

Vina and Sam Behringer

TWO PROFITABLE RUNNELS COUNTY CROPS



A Runnels County farmer has marketed in Ballinger since the first of January, this year, over seventy dollars worth of eggs. He is not in the chicken-raising business, either, and is what you generally call a one-horse farmer.



The above will be a familiar scene in Runnels County for the next few weeks. The small grain crop promises to be the best for many years past, and harvest hands will be in demand.

FORMER BALLINGER BOY KILLED BY PASSENGER TRAIN

Jesse Simpson is Run Over and Killed by the West Bound Passenger Wednesday Night.

Jesse Simpson, a former Ballinger boy, but who has been living at Brownwood for the past two years, was run over and killed by the west bound passenger train three miles east of Bangs Wednesday night, about ten o'clock. Reports of the killing are somewhat conflicting. It was reported that the young man was riding on a freight train and was killed, and another says the man was asleep on the track and was run over by the passenger train.

The train was in charge of Conductor Campbell, and as soon as the train was stopped and the engineer told him what had happened the train crew went back and picked up the dismembered body placing it in a sack and carried it to Bangs and turned it over to the local officers, and Conductor wired the following report to headquarters:

We struck a man about 20 or 22 years of age, three miles north of Bangs. Fireman C. F. McConkey, says the man was lying in the middle of the track with his head to the north. We run over him before we could stop lacerating the body badly. McConkey said as soon as the train stopped, 'We run over a man.' I ran back about the distance of two telegraph poles to bridge No. 3220 and found him in the middle of the track. I felt of him the first thing and found him cold. This was three minutes after we struck him. I brought the body to Bangs and turned it over to the authorities. Signed.

"Campbell No. 75"

The inquest was held by the Bangs justice of the peace and a verdict rendered stating that the young man met his death under the wheels of the passenger train.

The unfortunate man was in Ballinger Wednesday evening, and it is supposed he left here on the freight train that went east

some time in the early part of the afternoon. It is reported that he got off the freight train at Coleman Junction and walked in to Santa Anna, while the freight went on to Coleman. Nothing further is heard from him until he reaches Bangs and eat supper at a restaurant at that place. He stated to the restaurant man that he was going to his home at Brownwood, and asked the restaurant man what time it was. It was then 8:45. This was the last that was seen of Simpson until the engineer of the passenger train saw him lying between the rails and was too close to stop the train. The body was badly cut and torn when picked up. The upper portion of the head had been crushed off, the eyes crushed out. The right arm was cut off just below the elbow and one foot was cut below the knee, some of the fingers and toes picked up scattered along the track near the body. It was a gruesome sight and made those who viewed it shudder. B. W. Pilcher came in on the train the next day after the accident and got off at Bangs and saw the body, and he said it was a horrible sight.

Jesse Simpson was a son of Sanford Simpson, who formerly worked for Contractor drew, being an expert rock mason, and who is now living at Brownwood. Jesse worked in the Globber market as delivery boy, and was an industrious boy and at that time promised to become a fine meat cutter. He moved with his father to Brownwood, and visited here several times since leaving about two years ago.

Judge W. E. Sayle, Tom Massey and C. A. Parker left Tuesday evening for Burleson to attend court as witnesses in the Gaskill damage suit case. It will be remembered that Mr. Gaskill was injured by being struck with a box car at the compress during the fall of 1906.

A BUSY NIGHT FOR FIRE BOYS

Small Residence and Large Boarding House Destroyed by Fire Sunday Night. Fire Company Does Good Work

A fire alarm was turned for a residence belonging to A. F. Morrow, located on 13th street, about seven thirty o'clock Sunday evening. The fire company made splendid time and saved part of the building, and kept the fire from spreading to adjoining houses.

Mr. Morrow is connected with the Higginbotham Currie Co., and holds a position in the lumber department of that firm. He purchased a home several weeks ago, and was living comfortably when within less than an hour he and his family were made homeless. The family had just stepped out for a little walk leaving a lamp in one of the rooms burning, and it is supposed that a curtain blew over the lamp and in this way the fire started. Only a few of the house hold goods were saved as the fire was under good headway when discovered by some of the neighbors.

Mr. Morrow had \$300 insurance on the house and \$250 on the house hold goods' in the Alexander agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Currie, the nearest neighbors' tendered Mr. Morrow's family the use of their home until another could be provided, and Mr. Morrow will very probably build again.

Henderson House In Ashes

After returning from the fire on 13th street' and just having time to get snugly to bed and snoozing, the fire boys were called to the Henderson Boarding House on Hutchings Ave. The alarm was turned in a few minutes before eleven o'clock' and in less than an hour that popular boarding house was in ruins.

For twenty-two years this house has furnished shelter for the man without a permanent home. It was erected by S. M. Dunlap, father of Wm. Dunlap when Ballinger was only a few days old, and was owned by Dunlap estate up to within two

or three years ago when it was sold to Mrs John Hoffer who later sold it to Mrs. Ella Henderson. The building was one of the oldest in town and its burning takes away an old landmark.

The fire started from the explosion of a lamp in the room of one of the boarders, C. W. Johnson. Mr. Johnson had not retired, and stepped out of his room for a few minutes and when he returned he found the entire room in a mass of flames. The doors were open leading out into other parts of the house and the fire spread very rapidly, and while the fire company responded quick they could only save one wall of the building and adjoining property. Fortunately the fire did not occur at a later hour, or it is is very probable that lives would have been lost. The house was well filled with boarders, but only a few of them had retired, it being Sunday night the boys had been to church and a number were out calling on their girls As it was some of the guests had very close calls. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelley, who were rooming on the second floor were cut off from the stairway and escaped by sliding down the front gallery post. Lee Duncan got out with nothing but his night clothes, while others hardly had time to dress.

The house was well furnished and the loss is very serious to Mrs. Henderson, as well as with the boarders who lost their entire belonging. Mrs. Henderson carried insurance on the house to the amount of \$2000 and \$750 on furnishing both policies in the Hartford with the Lee Maddox agency

Among the boarders who lost heavily is Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelley, Mrs. Bertha LaRu, Miss Elva Parker, C. W. Johnson, Ed S. McCarver, Dick Thorpe, Lee Duncan, J. P. Martindale, Elmer Shepperd, J. T. Lawrence, A R Byrd, Jeff Jones.

Cyclone In Oklahoma.

A cyclone passed over Woodward county and adjoining counties destroyed six or seven little towns and killed about a dozen people on last Monday. The storm was accompanied by a tremendous rain and much hail almost totally destroying the crops in that country.

Woman Ends Life

Despondent and tired of life "Mildred," an inmate of one of the houses in the red light district, on last Saturday decided that she would put an end to her existence and accordingly took thirty grains of bi chloride of mercury. It became known that she had attempted to take her life and physicians were called and succeeded in prolonging the agony and keeping her alive for a time, but the deadly drug was destined to do its work, and about noon yesterday the woman passed away. It seems that the medicine could never be gotten out of her system and the fact that she lingered six days is rather unusual.

The story of this life and the death that has ended it all is a sad one—less than a year ago the young woman came to Brownwood from a nearby city, she was young and altogether unused to the life she was leading. She had been here but a few weeks before an elderly lady wearing a troubled look on her motherly face, came to town and began a systematic search for the girl who called herself "Mildred." The search finally ended in a meeting between the two. The mother, for it was learned that she was her mother, begged her wayward daughter to return home with her, but she declined, saying it was too dull and uninteresting there for her.

The result was the mother appealed to the officers and with their assistance the girl was persuaded to accompany the mother home. Next heard of "Mildred" she was back in Brownwood a few months later, and the story goes that even in her degraded condition she became enamored with a man who tired of her and after a time cast her off. She grieved in silence for a while, and having nothing to live for decided to end the disgraceful life she was leading.

Such cases are not out of the ordinary in this world, but the touching scenes disclosed causes one to stop for the moment and wonder if such tragic scenes are really enacted in our very midst and if a kindly word here and a caution there would not prevent the wrecking of a life and the heartaches that must surely follow.—Brownwood Bulletin

Paint Rock News

Walter Boswell will leave for Temple next week to be operated on for appendicitis.

Arch and Will Bengel sold 390 head of muttons to T. F. Bengel for \$3.60 per head, who contemplates shipping to Kansas City with Fort Worth privilege about May 15th.

We understand that Godfrey Massey has leased his ranch to Southers & Callan and will leave Tuesday for his old home in Ireland, where he will spend some months visiting. Jim Milwee will still stay on the ranch.

Will Currie was in the city this week and says the twins are growing fast, and that they will soon be large enough to vote for Bailey. Uncle Dock says Will has seven rooms to his house, but is going to build another room or two.

The ball game here last Saturday between Paint Rock and Ballinger teams was a one-sided affair from start to finish, as the Ballinger boys were badly outclassed. At the end of the game the score stood 21 to 2 in favor of Paint Rock. Will Coor and Fred Fuller acted as battery for Paint Rock; W. J. Tomerlin, umpire. The Paint Rock boys will be ready to play ball in a week or two, but as yet have not organized their team and also, as yet, have had no practice.—Paint Rock Herald.

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Prison For Lowden

Dallas, April 30—Advices were received today by United States District Attorney Atwell to the effect that the application of J. G. Lowden for a rehearing has been denied by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans. The notice came from Clerk Lebnun of that court.

Lowden was convicted of misapplication and abstraction of funds and making false entries of the American National bank of Abilene, to the comptroller and on the bank's books. His punishment was assessed at five years confinement in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. Today's decision disposes of the case unless the matter is carried to the supreme court of the United States.

The case will be taken, as a final resort, to the supreme court of the United States.

Judge Miller, attorney for Lowden, made this statement Thursday morning, after he had been advised that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals had rendered an opinion adhering to its former decision in sustaining the verdict of the lower court in which Lowden was convicted and sentenced to serve 5 years in the penitentiary at Atlanta. A petition for a writ of certiorari will be filed Monday, May 4, with the supreme court of the United States at Washington. The motion for this petition will be heard two weeks after its filing, which will be May 18.

This is the court of last resort for Mr. Lowden. After hearing the motion for the issuance of the writ, the supreme court may if it sees fit, grant it, which action compels the court of appeals to certify to the supreme court of all the evidence in the case for review by the highest court of the land. The supreme court, after review, may either discharge the petitioner altogether, remand the case for a new trial or affirm the decision of the lower court.

In the latter event, or in the event that the writ of certiorari is denied the petitioner will be compelled to submit to the decision of the trial court.

—Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. Behringer Dead

For some time it has been known that Mrs. L. V. Behringer could not live long, and the end of this good woman's life came at 7 o'clock last Saturday morning. All that skilled physicians and loving hands could do only served to console those who are left behind to mourn her death.

Mrs. Behringer was a widow 37 years old. Two children a daughter, Miss Vina, and a son Sam, both grown are left to grieve the death of a loving mother. Deceased had been a resident of Ballinger for a long time, and had many friends, which was evidenced by the large funeral procession that followed the remains to the last resting place. A true christian woman, realized that death was near, and some time before she died issued a card of thanks to those who had been so kind in administering to her wants.

Arrangements were made for the funeral service Saturday and Sunday a large crowd followed the remains to the Runnels cemetery where her Pastor, W. P. Crow, conducted the services and the last sad rites were performed.

Whooping Cough.

"In February our daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane, of Hartland, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said, and can recommend it to any one having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. A. Goss, of Durand, Mich. For sale by Walker Drug Co.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sorrow we learn of the death of Mrs. G. Steinlein, which occurred October 7, 1907, at Ballinger, Texas, after an illness of a few months. Her death was unexpected and was a great shock to her family and friends.

Mrs. Steinlein was Miss Mabel McConnell, of this place, and was known and loved by all; for "to know her was but to love her, and to name her but in praise." She was married at Gainesville, Texas, January 13, 1906, and was only twenty-eight years of age at the time of her death. She leaves a devoted husband and little son, two brothers and a sister to mourn her loss.

We, her friends, would that all could know her as we did. No tongue, no pen could do justice to her noble character, her tender, loving heart, her true friendship, her deep love for her husband and child, and love for all that was pure, good and true. The tender care of brother and sister was left to her when only a child. No sacrifice, no deed too great for those she loved. Her long suffering she tried so bravely to hide. A true sister, noble, sweet wife, and loyal friend. Her happiness was in trying to make others happy—her life, her thoughts always first for those she loved.

In the words of a friend, no one could say enough in praise of her. Her pure, beautiful spirit shined out of the dear eyes—the windows of the soul. To know her made you feel better, nearer to God.

We, her friends, offer this slight tribute to her memory, deploping her loss and tender the bereaved husband and family our sincerest sympathy. And while we ask why this should be, why one like her should be taken from our midst, we only bow in humble submission to the will of the Almighty, knowing death is inevitable and she has only paid the debt we all must pay.

Death, like an overflowing stream, Sweeps us away, our lives a dream— An empty tale—a morning flower Cut down and withered in an hour.

She is now where there is no more sorrow, no more pain. But some day there will be a joyous greeting—she has only gone before and is waiting for us until God bids us come.

May our lives, like her's, endure unsullied to its spotless close, and bend to earth as calm and pure as ever bowed the pure, white rose.

HARRY H. RICE,
MRS. S. RICE,
MRS. HATTIE RUSSELL,
MISS BESSIE DYER.

Henrietta, Texas,
April 30, 1908.

Henry Eldridge is in receipt of a letter this week from his friend G. Steinlein, dated at Ballinger, Texas, and we are deeply grieved to learn of the recent death of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Steinlein resided here a short while after their marriage, and in the brief time she made many friends who will regret to learn or her death. Mr. Steinlein has a son nine years old left to him who should be a great solace in his deep bereavement.

Mrs. Steinlein was a Miss Mabel McConnell of Henrietta, Texas; G. Steinlein was born and raised here. His father, Moses Steinlein, was one of Jefferson's oldest citizens and was prominent in commercial circles until the latter years of his life, when misfortune came upon him and reduced his fortune. But his honor and integrity were never blighted. He was a confederate soldier and served with distinction through the war, going from here with the 13th Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinlein were most devoted to each other, which makes the separation the more painful; but let the survivor imbibe the sentiment of those tender words, "The fairest flow-

ers that we love are the first to fade away."

We, his friends at the old home, tender deep sympathy to our friend in his sorrow and bereavement and trust that some comforting source may lighten the burden of his grief.—Jefferson Jimplecute, Jefferson, Texas, Friday, April 24, 1908.

United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

April 18, 1908.

Mr. G. Steinlein,
Ballinger, Texas.
My Dear Sir:

Your letter is just received and I was gratified to hear from you, though regret to hear of the great misfortune that has befallen you, in the death of your wife.

Human sympathy is, I know, without avail in such cases, and yet I want you to know that you have mine in your bereavement.

Naturally, your letter recalls your father and mother to me. They were friends of my parents at Jefferson in the long ago, and I look back with pleasure to the many kindnesses shown me by your father when I was a boy.

I sincerely trust that you will be given strength to bear your burden and that you will particularly be impressed with your duty to your child.

Yours very truly,
C. A. CULBERSON.

In love to my darling wife, and feeling that we were strangers among you, being recently in receipt of the above, I print them at this late day.

I wish also to again thank all for their help and kindness during my dear wife's illness, for which I shall always hold them in grateful remembrance; and for the hand of friendship extended to us in the past, and since to myself and child.

Respectfully,
G. STEINLEIN.

School Picnic at Crews

Quite a number from town attended the picnic at Crews last Saturday, given in honor of the patrons of the school and their friends. Those who attended report it one of the most successful picnics ever held in this county. A large crowd attended,

and enjoyed the splendid spread of good things to eat, and heard the speaking by Rev. M. E. Hudson and a number of candidates. An entertainment was given at night, and an interesting program rendered. Prof. E. L. Hagan was the speaker for this occasion and delivered an address on education.

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