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CURTAIN DROPS IN BROWN MURDER TRIAL

Guilty is Fixed at Life Imprisonment Defendant Tells Story of Crime. Motion for New Trial Will Be Heard Saturday.

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The curtain dropped Wednesday morning at ten o'clock in the most sensational murder case ever tried in Texas when the jury in the Geo. Brown murder trial rendered the above verdict. The case was placed in the hands of the jury Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock and the jury rendered the verdict Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

Nature of Crime.
The crime for which George Brown had been convicted by twelve Bunton county men is one of the most brutal and heinous murders ever committed in Texas. It was for the murder of his wife while she lay asleep in the moon light on the porch of their home six miles south-west of Brownwood on the night of Sept. 9, 1911. The evidence in the case showed that the woman's brains were battered out in a most brutal way, blood, bone and brains being scattered over the bed, porch, and some on the ground at the edge of the porch where the bed stood. Brown's story to neighbors and those who arrived on the scene after he gave the alarm was to the effect that a burglar slipped upon the gallery and struck his wife a blow with the iron. He escaped to an adjoining room to find that the burglar had grabbed his pants and fled. He first stated that he only heard the burglar strike his wife one pick, but the evidence, physical facts showed that she had been struck at least five times in the forehead and face, and that she was murdered in a brutal way. The iron with which the crime was committed was found near the porch, and used as evidence in the case. It was an iron rod, commonly used by rail roads in bridge building, about fourteen



GEORGE BROWN. Convicted of the Murder of His Wife.



SALLIE BROWN. The Murdered Wife of George Brown.

inches long with two taps set on the end, and made an ugly weapon. Brown's action and the story told to the officers when they arrived on the scene about two hours after the crime was committed did not tally with the physical facts surrounding the case, and he was promptly arrested. On the night of the crime, there was no one at home except Brown his wife and three children. The killing occurred about ten o'clock and the three children were asleep. The older children had gone to Brownwood to attend a show.

The state in prosecuting the case proved that Brown and his wife had been getting along badly, had several quarrels, and separated. She moved to Brownwood where she remained four months and then moved back to the farm with Brown. They connected all circumstantial evidence so strong that the jury returned the verdict of guilty.

The defendant owned considerable property, was comfortably well fixed with this world's goods, and his brothers and other connections had money and employed the best counsel they could get to fight the case. The Governor employed private counsel to prosecute the case and it was one of the most stubbornly fought cases ever tried in Bunton county. The trial lasted ten days, and during its progress the court room was filled to overflow, and at many sessions the people could not find standing room. There were 135 witnesses in the case. Many of these were character witnesses and others whose evidence did not amount to anything were never placed on the stand.

The defense's efforts were to show that the woman was murdered by a mysterious man. It was proven that she had trouble with a former husband and efforts made to prove that the former husband had made threats to kill her and had followed her after they separated in an effort to obtain possession of a child. The defense proved strangers were seen near the home shortly prior to the night of the tragedy and one witness testified that he saw a man within two hundred yards of the house on the road side as he passed along about the hour the crime is supposed to have been committed. They also proved that Brown had lived a life of good character, honesty and uprightness for twenty-five or thirty years back. The state proved in rebuttal of their evidence that the former husband who the defense tried to connect with the crime was at another place on the night of the crime and was no way near the scene of the crime. Defendant said his wife sat up in bed and talked to him after she had been wounded, and they used expert testimony to prove this. The state used the physicians who were called in to see the woman, and who made the post mortem examination to prove that this was impossible. The case has attracted considerable attention and the town has been

confused and business hampered, and there is considerable feeling of relief that it has been disposed of, and the majority of those who heard the evidence seemed to be satisfied with the verdict of the jury.

Some Evidence in the Case.
The Geo. Brown murder case reached a climax of sensation when it became known Saturday morning that the defense would place the defendant on the stand to-day. Before putting the defendant on the stand quite a number of prominent citizens from defendant's old home in San Saba county, were used to prove the good character of defendant all his life.

Deputy sheriffs Nall and Chamberlain, of San Saba, testified as to uneasiness and fear of death from a mysterious man shown by deceased while she lived in San Saba, previous to her marriage to defendant.

The defendant made a better witness for the state than he did in his own behalf. He was nervous, at his lips continually with his tongue and frequently drank water. He talked fast and in a nervous tone that was hard for the jury to understand. He began with the early married life with deceased, telling of quarrels which were occasioned by quarrels among step children, but which according to witness never amounted to anything. Said he loved his wife, was good to her and always give her what she asked for.

On the night of the crime, said the witness, "we were seated on the porch before retiring and Pat (referring to his wife) placed her feet in my lap and asked me to pull her shoes off. I then placed my feet in her lap and she removed my shoes. My wife went to bed first. I had been taking some medicine had been up several times. Had not been in bed long was just dozing when I heard a noise like some one stepping upon the gallery. Thought it was a dog. Next I heard a pick and opened my eyes to see a man with arm raised to strack me. I dodged and he glazed the back of my head and hit the wall. I ran in the room to get my gun, looking back over my shoulders saw man grab my pants on chair and rug. I got my gun and returned to porch and found my wife setting up in bed saying, "Oh Lordy, Oh Lordy." I went to her asked what it could do for her, asked her three times. She said she had pain in her head and for me to get some water. I waked the children up and got a pan of water. One of the children got rag and I placed it on her head. I saw she was hurt bad and I phoned for doctor and for the neighbors. Wife was vomiting when I returned to her and blood was flowing on the floor. I got my underclothes bloody and stepped in the blood, and I washed the place where she vomited on the floor before the neighbors arrived. When the neighbors arrived I dressed hurriedly and did not take time to change my underclothes or wash my feet. That's the reason there were blood tracks on the floor. I was arrested that night and have not been with my

children since. Witness told of treatment to wife previous to homicide, of affections, and told of occurrence that took place ten days before the tragedy, when they were in bathing and his wife got in water over head after he went out of bathing and she was drowning and he jumped in and saved her life.

Cross examined.—Defendant said he became infatuated with Sallie Brown the first time he ever saw married. Met her at her millinery store where he went to buy hats for his children. Married in Brownwood January 4, 1910. Moved together on farm First quarrel was over children fighting. I did not threaten to knock my wife down We had several little quarrels. She moved with her children back to Brownwood. I gave her \$150 because I thought it was a separation. She remained in Brownwood four months. Wanted to come back I did not tell Clint Brown that some one had made her wise and that she would make it so hard for me that I would have to kick her out and give her support. He said that to me when I was telling him about a quarrel. I contributed to her support while she stayed in Brownwood. I visited her. Don't remember the last words my wife spoke before we retired."

Q. I will ask you, Mr. Brown, if you don't know that the last words you ever heard your wife speak before going to sleep that night were the last words she ever spoke and that she could not have possibly talked to you after being knocked in the head with that iron.

A. No, sir.
Q. If you were asleep, how could you hear the gentle tip on the

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Summary of Brown Case.
September 13, 1911—Brown was attacked and horribly beaten she lay sleeping on the porch the Brown home seven miles of Brownwood. Her husband George Brown was arrested and developments.

September 10, 1911.—Mrs. Brown died from the effects of her injuries. George Brown was committed to jail on a complaint charging with murder was filed against him. September 13, 1911—Brown was arraigned before Justice G. B. Crook in examination and inquest proceedings, and Saturday, Sept. 16 was denied bail.

Habeas corpus proceedings were instituted and evidence argued before Judge Goodwin, who likewise denied defendant bail. Appeal from this decision was taken, but the higher courts upheld the decision of the lower court and Brown remained in jail.

January, 1912—George Brown was indicted by the Grand Jury and a motion was made by attorneys for the defense for a change of venue, which was granted by Judge Goodwin and the case was sent to Runnels county. It went to trial April 2nd and after a motion for continuance had been denied.

April 10, 1912—The following verdict is returned. "We, the jury, find the defendant, George Brown guilty of murder in the first degree and assess his punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for life. T. E. DAVIS, Foreman."

Uncle Dies.
Mrs. John Weeks received the news of the death of an uncle, John Carroll, who died at Hubbard City Wednesday morning with meningitis. Mr. Carroll was sick about twenty-four hours.

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BALLINGER MAN VICTOR.

R. P. Kirk Says Tide of Immigration Has Turned Coastward.

R. P. Kirk of Ballinger, for 12 years sheriff and for 12 years sheriff of Runnels county, arrived in the city yesterday evening from Rockport. Mr. Kirk has been spending several days in this section on a prospecting trip and states that he is both surprised and pleased with what he finds.

"This is the coming country," said Mr. Kirk, "and will within the next few years show development. People from all sections are turning their attention to the Gulf Coast country and the tide of immigration in the state is no longer to the westward. I like it so well that I am going to locate at some point on the Gulf Coast."

Asked of the conditions in Central West Texas Mr. Kirk stated that not within the last 24 years has there been such flattering prospects for a prosperous year. "Conditions are ideal for crops and the people are in fine spirits out our way," said he.—Corpus Christi Caller.

RUNNELS COUNTY BOY

DIES AT TYLER.

J. T. Brown, Jr. died at Tyler last week, where he was taking a course in the Tyler Commercial College. He had only been in Tyler a short time, and his death was due to congestion, and came as a sudden shock to the family who reside at Winters.

Deceased was a son of J. T. Brown of Winters, and a brother to Willie Brown, now acting as county treasurer. He was a bright young man, and was preparing himself for the battle of life, by taking a business course in school. His death cast a gloom over one of the best families in this county.

Witness in Brown Case

Thanks Sheriff Flynt.

Ballinger, April 6, 1912. The undersigned citizens of counties of San Saba, McCulloch, Brown, Mills, being witnesses in the case of State of Texas vs. Geo. H. Brown beg to thank Jim Flynt, Sheriff of Runnels county, for the courteous treatment extended to the defendant Geo. H. Brown, our fellow citizen, while a prisoner in his charge.

And also, we beg to extend our appreciation to the citizenship of Runnels county in general for their seemingly fair and impartial consideration of the case. Signed:

- J. T. Hamilton, Hugh Miller, A. B. Reagen, W. N. Ellis, J. R. Wood, J. W. Favor, J. I. Beeman, J. J. Cates, Lawson Brown, John Brown, Jasper Brown, W. H. Gibbons, J. D. Esop, J. S. Neal, J. R. Beasley, U. T. Chamberlain, K. Davanpart, A. J. Harkey, T. A. Wilton, W. S. Adams, A. J. Walker, J. R. Polk, J. F. Abbot, J. McG Jones, J. W. Smith, J. W. Neal, W. N. Byrd, S. C. Linn, J. B. Nolls, Tom Gains, H. T. Speck, J. R. Chauning, Joab Brown, N. R. Sloan, R. E. Woods, W. F. Sullivan, T. S. Johnson, H. A. Hendrick, Wm. Coff, J. B. Hendrick, Hugh Armstrong, M. D. Oliver, S. M. Rewener, Joe A. Williams, Warren Hudson, H. S. Harris, S. E. W. Hudson, C. W. Lindsey, Ed Crowford, Joe P. A. L. Woods, T. A. Murray, H. C. Bennett, L. M. Roper, N. C. Brown.

Good Bread Delivered Daily.

The new firm composed of J. Y. Pearce, Geo. Holman and John Phillips, who now own the City Bakery, are replenishing the stock with fresh goods and in addition to the bakery will maintain an up-to-date confectionery. They will retain Joe Haddin, who has charge of the baking, and will deliver bread to any part of the city. Phone your order to 165. We guarantee the best bread.

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John Phillips, Manager.

YOUR JOB WORK.

The Banner-Leader will be pleased to get a part of your job work. We have a competent man in charge of this department who can please you.

Earnest LaMotte.

The remains of Earnest LaMotte arrived from California Saturday afternoon and after funeral services at the home of his father on Sealy Ave, conducted by Rev. Bion Adkins, his remains were interred at the City Cemetery attended by a large number of friends.

Two Ball Games.

The Ballinger High School is getting some real experience in playing ball these days. On Friday evening the Wingate team played the boys resulting in a score of 4 to 3 in favor of our boys, then on Saturday afternoon the Miles team came down and put a hard game, resulting in a score of 4 to 4, thus showing that the boys here are able to put up a good article of ball and before the season is over they will win their "spurs."

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New Candidate in The Field.

Rev. D. M. West, of Miles, was here Monday interviewing friends with a view of entering the race for state senator from this district. He had just returned from a trip to the eastern part of the district, visiting Dublin and Stephenville. He says he met with encouragement all along the line, and had just about made up his mind to get in the race. He will make his formal announcement in a few days if he decides to run.

Brown Deck.

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A. M. Estes, Manager.

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Editor P. E. Trilly of Coleman was here Friday visiting relatives.

Mrs. Preston McWinley and children of Miles are visiting relatives here.

Rev. E. V. Cox was in Winchell this week holding a meeting he makes a good report of the meeting.

Rev. Johnnie Dickinson of Fort Worth, after a pleasant visit with his brother and other relatives, left for home last Friday.

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C. J. Green Improving.

C. J. Green, of the Banner-Leader force, who was operated on for appendicitis last week, is getting along nicely, and will be on duty again in a few days.

Mrs. Geo Wright of Sweetwater is here visiting her father Wm. Doose.

Charlie Allen is now at home from Brownwood where he has been attending the Daniel Baker College.

T. S. Lankford and wife received word Friday of the arrival of a baby boy at the home of their daughter Mrs. Carl Guin of Brownwood.

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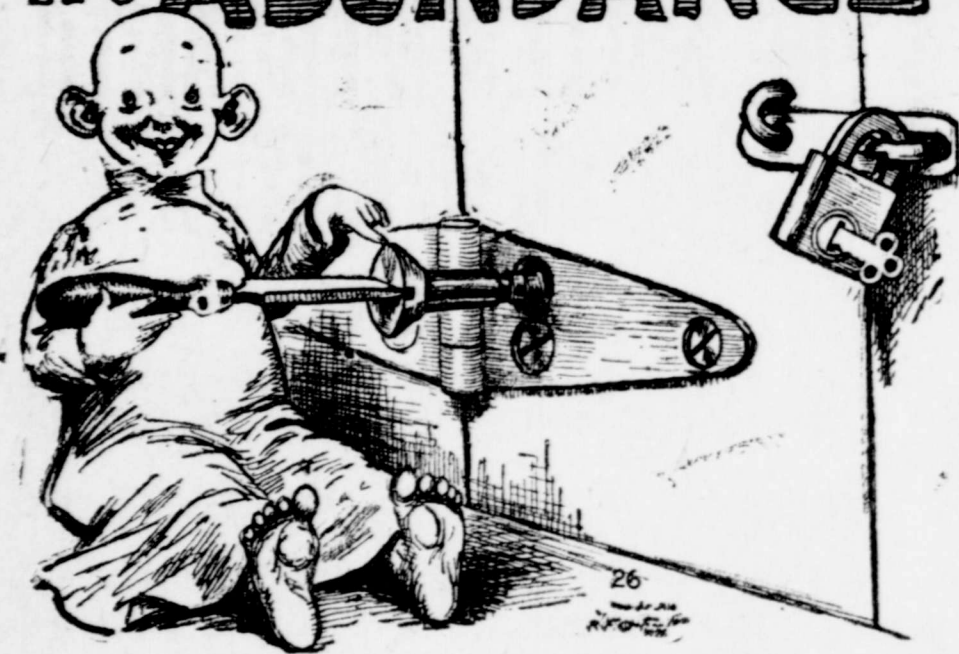


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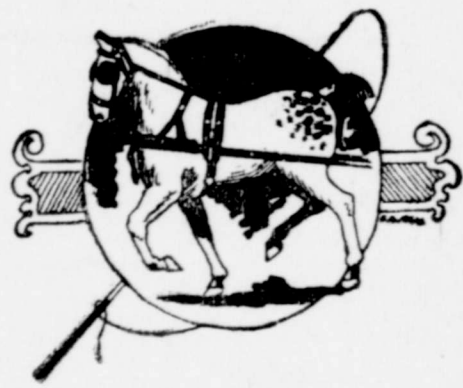
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And with it comes that longing for something good to eat--We Have it, for camping and fishing parties as well as the home. The Price, did you say? Well, we can convince you on that line. A trial order is all we ask to show you.

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The home formerly owned by G. B. Renfro. For terms address, Dr. J. F. Sniart, 82 Provident Building, Waco, Texas. 3T.

MONEY! To loan on Farms and Ranches. Long time. 33-4f. Lee Maddox.

Stands Ahead.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, aches and pains it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Yours very truly, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn. 25c and 50c bottles.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist. Over F. & M. State Bank. 11-4

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Neglected Cold Caused Complication, Promptly Restored by Peruna.



Mrs. Rosa Boyer, 1421 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill., writes: "If any one has reason to praise Peruna it is surely myself. Last spring I became so run down from the serious effects of a lingering cold, that several complications united in pulling me down. I could neither eat nor sleep well, and lost flesh and spirit. I finally tried Peruna and it did wonders for me. In two weeks I was like another person, and in a month I felt better than I ever had before. I thank Peruna for new life and strength. I send you two pictures, so you can see what Peruna has done for me."

No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by taking Simmons' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always.

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"What made you so late?"
"I met Smithson."
"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home to supper."
"I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble."
"Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?"
"Sure, that is what he needs." Sold by all dealers.

The very dress that you will want for Easter is at The Hub.

DO YOUR SPRING TRAINING AT

Mineral Wells

Excursion Tickets on sale all the time

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WONDERFUL WATERS and BATHS THAT BUILD UP

A. D. BELL Asst. Gen. Passenger Agent. GEOD. HUNTER General Passenger Agent. DALLAS, TEXAS.

HOUSTON BOOSTERS SPEND HOUR HERE

The Houston Trades Excursion arrived here at one o'clock Wednesday and the hundred or more business men from the bayou city spent an hour mixing with the local business men getting acquainted and talking business.

The visitors were met at the depot by a large crowd of citizens, and Judge B. B. Stone mounted a baggage truck and made a short address of welcome. He briefly told the visitors that no set program had been arranged and that the doors of the city were wide open for them, and to make themselves at home and call on us for anything they wanted. He was responded to by H. R. Eldridge, vice-president of the Fiat National Bank, of Houston. Judge Norman G. Kittrell followed Mr. Eldridge with a short talk and said that this county was named for the

only man that ever defeated Sam Houston for Governor, Hardin R. Runnels, and that the town was named for one of the best men and best lawyers Texas ever had, William Pitt Ballinger.

The excursionist had a splendid band and a number of pieces were played while they were here, and the wholesale houses of Houston will no doubt profit by the visit of their representatives to Ballinger.

Entertained.

Mrs. Stephens entertained at her home on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Irene Guion, who is to be an April bride.

The home was appropriately decorated with spring blossoms and the guests, while they chatted merrily, were busy with needle work which was later presented to the honoree. Dainty refreshments were served and the following were present: Misses Csrol Clark, Maggie Underwood, Winnie Trail, Ann Van Doren, Armor McGregor, Kathalene Francis, Neil and Kate Guion, Alva and Bertha Van Pelt, Maryette Smith, and Mesdames S. B. Raby, Geo. Aolman,

Harry Thomson, Clara Ransom, Dee McCaleb, Gu Vaughn and J. McGregor.

Straw hats sailor from \$1.50 to \$3.00 at The Hub.

The Raising and Marketing of Live Stock



THE TEXAS BARNYARD.

When Uncle Sam wants to bring all the nations of the earth to a full realization of their dependency upon him for their very existence, he takes them through his Texas barnyard—13,000,000 head of live stock—and when he opens the gate and turns our stock out in a pasture as large as the German Empire, almost as great in area as the thirteen original colonies, three times larger than Japan, it is the grandest sight in 20th century civilization.

The Texas Welfare Commission is inquiring into the raising and marketing of Live Stock. Col. I. T. Pryor of San Antonio is chairman of the sub-committee having the subject in charge.

New and Second Hand Store.

Under Opera House, Solicits your patronage. New and Second Hand Goods For Sale.

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New Crockery and Enamel-ware Just Received at

THE FAIR, L. L. Miller, Prop.

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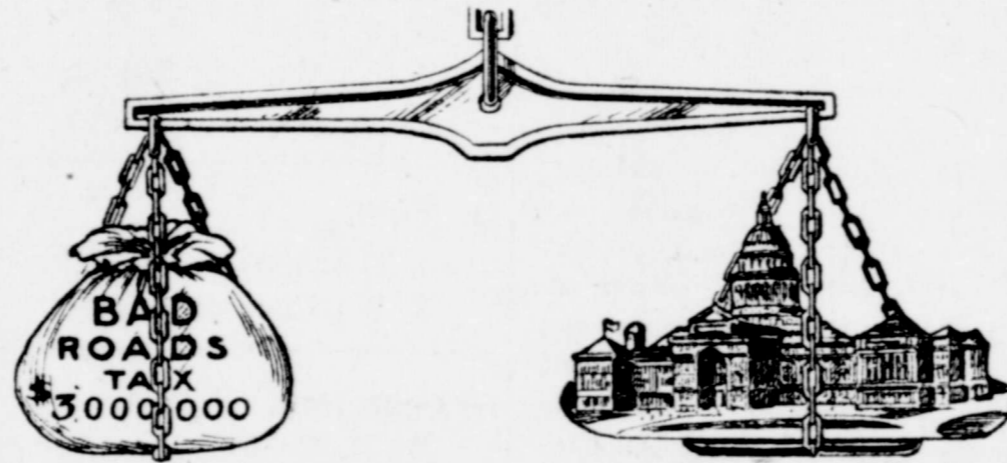
I have purchased the City Market and have taken charge of same. I solicit a continuance of patronage from all the old patrons of the business and I cordially invite new customers promising the best meats, prompt delivery and fair treatment.

W. T. (Tim) Ward

Ballinger,

Texas

GOOD ROADS



THE ANNUAL EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING MUD HOLES EQUAL TO ENTIRE COST OF STATE CAPITOL.

Familiarity is said to breed contempt, but the mud hole appears to be exempt from this rule, as most of our citizens have been intimately acquainted with it from infancy and we contribute \$3,000,000 per annum to maintaining it, as well as submit to a tax of \$8,000,000 per annum levied by the mud hole in reducing the capacity of the load. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link and the carrying capacity of a road is governed by its worst mud hole and steepest grade.

Improved public highways will do away with the mud hole.

SOMETHING TO EAT

IS A QUESTION THAT SHOULD INTEREST EVERYONE

We make a study of this question and try to supply our customers with the best the market affords. Prompt delivery and the best quality of goods is our motto. Give us a trial.

W. B. Wood & Son

Ballinger, Texas

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A good grain crop by not having HAIL INSURANCE

Protect your grain crop against damage from Hail. Liberal Contract. Reasonable Rates. Attractive Terms. Will also insure your building, household goods, implements and live stock against FIRE AND TORNADO.

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Absolute Protection at

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Ballinger.



Yes or No?

Did you promise to send your friends a portrait of yourself next time you wrote. Why disappoint them again? Make an Appointment with us, let us photograph you, and then you in give your friends a picture of yourself so artistically perfect a pose, light, finish and mounting as to delight and satisfy even the most exacting.

Wilbourn's Studio

We Want Your Cleaning and Pressing Come Around and Look Over Our Samples.

W. H. ROARK TAILORING CO. 815 Hutchins, Ave. Ballinger Phone 202

Millinery For All. We have hats at prices to suit all pockets and all faces. Give us a trial.

New Goods Arriving Daily.

Misses Gilliam & Poor. At The Fair

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c. per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers.

Texas Industrial dope. The San Angelo Water, Light and Power Company of San Angelo has filed amendment increasing its capital stock from \$225,000 to \$500,000.

An election has been ordered for May 11th to vote on \$75,000 bond issue for good roads in the Palmer district, Ellis County.

Ladies and gents low quarter shoes at The Hub in all styles widths and prices, they are beautiful better see them.

\$1

Will pay your subscription for a year for two good weekly papers and give you the local and general news. The regular subscription price of the Banner-Leader is one dollar per year, and you can't get it for a cent less, but we have made a deal whereby we can send to every subscriber who pays one dollar for one year in advance The Banner-Leader and the Kansas City Star---the 2 papers for the price of one. A combination that can't be beat. We don't know how long this offer will stand, get busy now and send us your

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WHEN YOU FEEL BAD

If you are bilious, languid, constipated, suffer from indigestion, sour belching, bloated feeling, bad breath, headache, wind in the bowels, dizziness, you need

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

The Great System Cleanser and Regulator.

A few doses will open and purify the bowels, tone up the stomach, stimulate the kidneys and liver and impart a feeling of strength and vigor. It transforms a tired, nervous, half-sick man or woman into one of bright, ruddy good health, energy and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT TEXAS.

A Commercial Club has been organized at Rio Grande City.

Cattle deals aggregating \$100,000 was recently closed at El Paso.

The Southern Pacific has commenced work on a new round-house at Beaumont.

Plans are being made at El Paso for a \$100,000 Temple to be erected by the Masons.

The office of the Long-Bell Lumber Company of Kansas City, has been moved to Beaumont.

The steamship, Frankfurt, recently arrived in Galveston harbor carrying 440 immigrants.

The Attorney General recently approved the \$150,000 road bond issue for Anderson County.

A Young Men's Progressive League has been organized at Rush, Cherokee County.

A charter has been granted the Viaduct Land Company of Houston; capital stock \$100,000.

Eighteen hundred, three and four-year old steers were recently sold at San Angelo for \$33 each.

A charter has been granted the Harlandale Realty Company of San Antonio; capital stock \$100,000.

A contract has been let for the paving of sixty-one blocks of street at Beaumont at a cost of \$130,000.

The American Iron and steel Company of Jefferson has been granted a charter; capital stock \$300,000.

It is reported that 40,000 mutton sheep will be shipped out of the San Angelo country in the month of April.

The State of Texas secured a total of \$110,517.45 from leases and rentals on State lands for the month of March.

The Commissioners of Abilene have ordered an election to be held May 6th, to determine the issuance of bonds to the amount of 17,000 to be used for purchasing additional fire equipments and for the building of a crematory.

Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, a broom factory and bottling works have been secured for Spur.

During the last few months 95,807 cases of Texas oil valued at \$95,556 have been received at the port of Madras, India.

The Union Trust Company of Phoenix, Arizona has been granted a permit to do business in Texas with principal office at Longview; capital stock \$100,000.

Plans are being made at La Pryor for the erection of a large irrigation and power plant. The plan is for the purpose of irrigating 10,000 acres of land which is to be colonized.

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce will offer prizes to the Taylor Co. farmer boys and girls for the best crop of cotton, kaffir corn, milo maize, and peanuts raised on two acres of land this season.

A charter has been granted the Manchester Corporation of Manchester, Harris County, with a capital stock of \$200,000. The purpose of the corporation is to erect and repair buildings, loan money and sell real estate.

The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce has just finished one of the most successful membership campaigns in the history of that organization. The membership was increased to 2,000 and over \$75,000 was secured for the use of the organization.

Another deep water port has been added to the Texas coast to the opening up of the Aransas Pass harbor. Last week the first ocean going steamer arrived at Rockport through the pass, which event placed Rockport on the deep water charts of the world.

Mr. E. P. Swenson of the banking firm of S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York is preparing to make extensive improvements in the new town of Freeport at the mouth of the Brazos. It is claimed that the largest sulphur deposit in the world is located at this place, and arrangements are being made to begin the shipment of sulphur by July 1st.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz: Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says: "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

TEXAS HOSPITALITY

We Shake Hands With 250,000 Tourists and Welcome 69,000 Immigrants Annually.

True Southern Hospitality abounds in Texas. We frequently visit each other at our homes, shake hands with 250,000 tourists and welcome 69,000 immigrants annually to their new Texas homes, and royally entertain many National conventions. We have many parks and public places for recreation and amusement.

We are equally as generous and hospitable to capital. We have given the right of way to railroads, factory sites to industrial enterprises, built a new town every thirty days, opened up 6,418 new farms per annum and looked after the comforts and conveniences of all forms of investments, in addition to cultivating 10,000,000 acres of cotton, 8,800,000 acres of corn, 1,252,000 acres of wheat, cut 1,310,000 acres of grass, gathered fruit from 25,000,000 trees, taken care of 13,000,000 head of live stock and manufactured \$178,179,000 of raw material, as well as run the errands of civilization. We are doing considerable construction work, and we offer no apology to visitors for our physical appearance, as our trash is the litter of the work-shop and our dirt the smudge of toil; but we are always glad to answer questions and never too busy to show visitors through our storehouse of opportunities; in fact, our liberality with our advantages has been the marvel of visitors and the opportunity of outside capital.

We Are Good People.

Texans have all of the nobler impulses of human life, and many of our virtues abound to an unusual extent. We entertain capital, and take care of a multitude of investors. We are perfectly frank in our statements and honest in our views and transfer the title of magnificent opportunities to fortunate purchasers without envy or jealousy.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists. 52 t

BLACK HAWK JACK.

Long Bill is a thorough bred Black Hawk Jack; is fifteen hands high and will make the season at my farm, 9 miles west of Ballinger on the Ballinger and Wingate road. Z. T. GRIGGS.

For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.



Storm Season is Here



You can't take your property to the storm house, but you can come to us and secure a policy, at a small cost, that will protect you from loss when the storm comes. Carry tornado insurance and be safe. Don't worry; let the company carry the risk.

FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!! If you have a policy in the M. D. Chastain & Co. Agency you need not worry when you hear the fire alarm. If your property is not insured you are in danger of great loss every minute. We fix it right. Get that insurance now.

Chastain & Company Ballinger, Texas

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District Office \$10.00
County Office 7.50
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Payable in Advance.

County Treasurer:
MRS. MATTIE C. (C. F.) DICKINSON.
W. L. (WILLIE) BROWN.
JOE. SPILL.

For Sheriff:
J. P. FLYNT.
B. W. (Chop) PILCHER

For County Judge:
W. D. Jennings.
MARCELLUS KLEBURG
A. E. WOOD

Representative, 11th. District:
R. S. GRIGGS

For Dist. Clerk:
MISS MARY PHILIPS

For County Attorney:
H. ZDARIL
C. P. SHEPHERD.

County Superintendent:
E. L. HAGAN

For Constable Precinct No. 1.
J. A. (Dad) DEMOVILLE

For County Clerk:
O. L. PARISCH.

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." Sold by all dealers.

Jewel Strong

My all-purpose Stal-lion will make the season at the Union Wagon Yard in Ballinger. Fee \$10, just half what I charged last season.

M. C. BRADEN

TO BREAK UP COLD
Some Advice That Will Save Time and Money.

Strong drink and quinine may relieve a cold, but it usually does more harm than good.

To break up a hard cold in ether head or chest thousands are using this sensible treatment.

First of all look after your bowels; if they need attention use any reliable cathartic. Then pour a scant teaspoonful of HYOMEI into a bowl of boiling water, cover head and bowl with a towel and breathe for 5 or 10 minutes the pleasant, soothing, healing vapor.

Do this just before going to bed: your head will feel fine and clear and you'll awake from a refreshing sleep minus a cold in the morning.

For colds, coughs, catarrh, asthma and croup HYOMEI is guaranteed. A fifty cent bottle is all you need to break up a cold and this can be obtained at The Walker Drug Co. and druggist everywhere.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. HERBINE is the medicine needed. It makes the active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Shoe troubles are never if you come to us for your foot wear. Higginbotham Currie Williams C

Go to The Walker Drug Co. and say I want a HYOMEI outfit—take it home—open the box—pour a few drops of HYOMEI from the bottle into the little hard rubber inhaler—breathe it for five minutes and not the refreshing relief—breathe it four or five times a day for a few days and catarrh and all its disgusting symptoms will gradually disappear.

HYOMEI contains no opium, no opium or other harmful drug, and is sold on money back plan for catarrh, asthma, croup, colds, coughs and catarrhal deafness. Complete outfit \$1.00—extra bottles if needed 50 cents at The Walker Drug Co. and druggists everywhere. Simple instructions for use in every package—you can't fail to banish catarrh if you follow instructions.

Are you obstructing the wheels of a Texas town? If you are, look out. You will get run over.

Go bury your hammer; join the commercial club; pay your dues; start to boost; get to work; learn to cheer.

Itching Piles.

I want you to know how much good your Hunt's Cure has done me. I had suffered with Itching Piles for fifteen years, and when I was traveling through Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got a fifty cent box and it cured me.—John Bradley, Caney, Kan.

This Space Belongs to
Arctic Ice & Fuel Company

IF IT IS LUMBER YOU WANT

The Ballinger Lumber Co is ready to fill your wants, at the same old stand, with prices that are right. We carry a complete line of building supplies and mill-stuff. Call on us.

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The Young Men

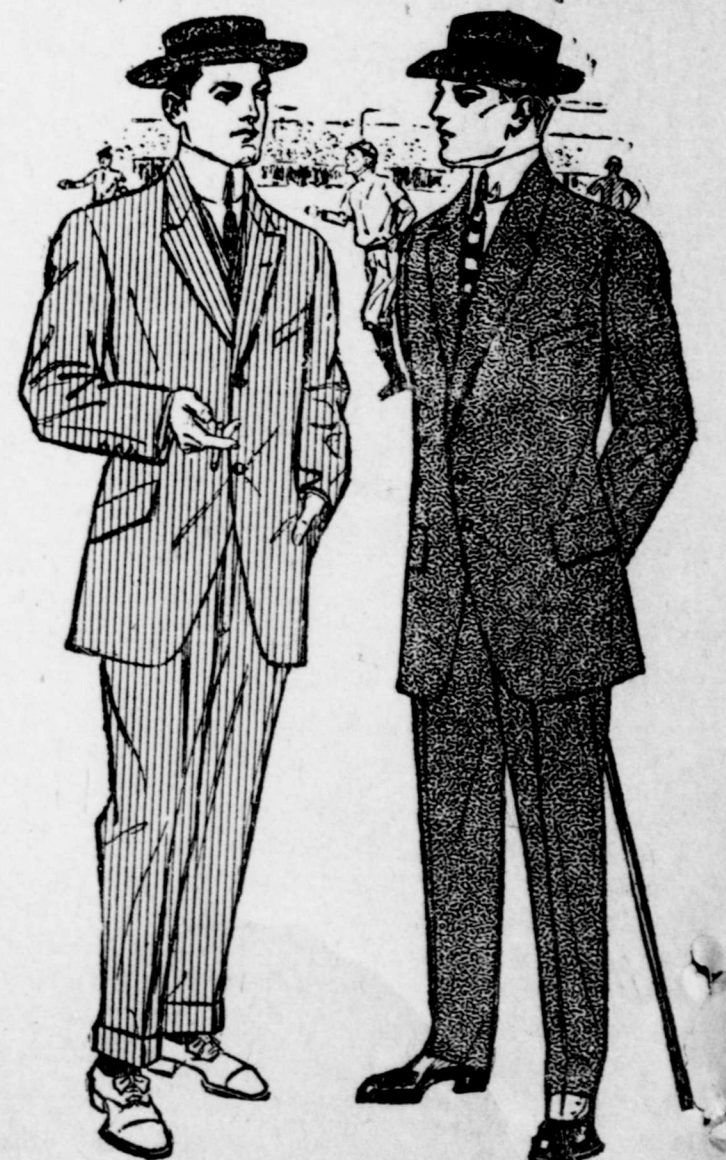
are right. They want good tailoring. They want it at a fair price. They want it to be so attractive that their critical friends will be disappointed and their sensible friends well pleased.

A. E. Anderson & Co.
Tailors—Chicago

supply just that kind of tailoring—tailoring that will stand the test of criticism wherever you go.

It must—for every feature of the business is handled by men who are experts, and who work under the best conditions.

C. C. GILLIAM
Representative, Ballinger, Texas.



Money For Farmers

We can save you from 25 cents to one dollar on each w point, and we can save you money on the plow exs for almost any make of plow including the Avery, nton, Casady, Case, Jno. Deer, Oliver and Rock Is-

VOLUME. COME TO US WITH YOUR PLOW TROUBLES.

Hotwensboro Wagons and Buggies

We can save you \$25 on a buggy or wagon and at the me time give you something that will give good ser- ce. We guarantee this. The Owensboro is guaran- teed to stand the test in wear and tare.

BUY AN OWENSBORO AND SAVE DOLLARS.

Blacksmithing and Blacksmith Supplies

We carry in stock a complete line of blacksmith sup- plies, wood material, etc., and can furnish you such goods at a big saving. We are equipped to handle your lacksmith troubles by giving you prompt service. D(all on us.

F. F. Moore & Co.

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For Best Grades and Lowest Prices on Building Material, buy from—

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HAULING!

Give me a part of your haul- ing. Promptness is my motto.

W. R. BUSHONG

Phone No. 401 Ballinger, Texas

GET IN THE CONTEST WITH A J. I. CASE.

"10,000 in hard cash is to be given in prizes this year by the Texas In dustrial Congress, at Dallas. Com- petition is open to every farmer in the state for best results with crop rotation, foarge crops, milo maize, kaffir corn, etc. Big prizes for boys and girls. Write them at once for full particulars.

"Now remember that J. I. Casee implements are made to suit your soil. You'll need them to win. You may want advice too. The J. I. Case Plow Works has an expert far- mer employed for that purpose.

Ask for his name and address. Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Company.

Mrs. W. W. Lewis was on the sick list this week, but is conva- lescent now.

Quite a large crowd of young men attended the Picnic on Bluff creek Monday night and all report a good time.

Miss Clara Davis, daughter of W. S. Davis, was brought to the San- itarium here Monday afternoon and on Tuesday was operated on for appendicitis and last reports she was doing fine.

You will look a good while before you find a better medicine for coughs and colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only gives relief—it cures. Try it when you have a cough or cold, and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt cure which it will effect. For sale by all dealers.

WOODROW WILSON IS THE STERN CENTER

The one man of whom the pro- fessional politicians are afraid is Woodrow Wilson. They are all turning their batteries and their small guns on him. They recognize in him a formidable rival, and they know that if they defeat him they will have to make the fight of their lives. He stands for the people against the schemes of predatory wealth. He has the courage of his convictions. He is a genuine reformer. He knows that our present tariff system is a public robbery, and that for years it has built up the fortunes of the rich and the powerful corporations at the expense of the poor man and the toiling millions. His enemies see in him a menace to this robbery and debauchery of the public weal. Wilson wants pure politics, and Wall street, the colossal cormorant of the commercial and financial war is alarmed because of the growth of his popularity. That monstrous organization of greed and oppression which has for years of Republican misrule dominated the business interests of this Government does not want Wilson to succeed. It knows that it will have no standing at Washington if he goes into the White House.

Here in Texas the Harmon people are afraid of the primary. They know how the people will vote if they have a chance, and the Har- mon politicians are afraid of the people. They want to manipulate the ward and the precinct con- vention. They feel that their schemes will stand a better show under such circumstances than if the people vote their honest senti- ments. Hence they are doing their utmost to prevent a Presidential primary. Four years ago we had a very different set of men on the State Committee. They represented the people, and they did not hesi- tate to let the people vote in the contest between Bailey and John- son for delegate-at-large to the National Convention. But now we have a narrow-minded set on that committee, and they propose to sit down on the people and try to turn the manipulation of the Presi- dential preference over to the poli- tical ringsters instead of the people. And if they succeed in de- feating the primary, then the Wil- son supporters will have to do their utmost to meet them in the prece- ding convention and contend for their rights. Let the people arouse them- selves and get to work, for the fight is on. Shall the people or the poli- ticians rule in this fight?

MUST BELIEVE IT.

When Well Known Ballinger Peo- ple Tell It So Plainly.

When public endorsement is made by a representative citizen of Ballinger the proof is positive. You must believe it. Read this testimony. Every backache sufferer, every man, woman or child with any kidney trouble will find profit in the reading.

J. A. Maxwell, farmer, 100 Twelfth St., Ballinger, Texas, says: "I con- sider Doan's Kidney Pills an ex- cellent remedy and I always recom- mend them to others for the bene- fit. I have received from their use. My back had been paining me for some time and as Doan's Kidney Pills were endorsed by people I knew, I decided to try them and procured a supply. I was greatly bene- fitted after using the first box and continued use disposed of my trou- ble. I am now in good health."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

The young Men's Progressive League of Beville will hold a trade ex- change throughout that city's trade territory, April 12th.

The National Exchange Fire In- surance Company has been organ- ized at Waco with a capital stock of \$300,000.

April 5th was the Silver Anniv- ersary of the Garland News. A ver attractive edition was issued to cele- brate the occasion.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Largest and Best Druggists for
Chichester's Diamond Brand
Pills in Red and Gold metallic
boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon.
Take no other. Buy of your
Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S
DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25
years known as Best, Cheapest, and
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

RUNNELS COUNTY GETS BIG BOOST

Visiting News Paper Man Returns Home and Devotes Page in His Paper to Telling of This County.

J. O. Smith, of Elgin, Texas, ed- itor of the Elgin Courier, one of the best edited and most popular Weekly newspapers in Texas, re- cently visited Ballinger, and was the guest of C. A. Dooze for a couple of days, being here with a view of investing in lands in this section. While here he obtained a number of views of Ballinger and farm scenes, and made notes from what he saw, and when he returned home he devoted a page in his paper to telling of the wonderful re- sources of this country. Mr. Smith visited here twenty-six years ago, and he tells of the wonderful change brought about during the twenty six years, and among other things says, "instead of shacks and tents, there is blocks after block of sub- stantial two and three story rock business houses; instead of the thundering hoofs of the cow pony and yell of the cowboy there is a hustling rush of men on the streets busily pursuing their business in va- rious marts of trade and commerce; where the prairie dog and coyote (then made their homes) now are handsome and costly residences of the most modern architecture.

The Ballinger of today is the county seat of Runnels County, is located in the forks of Elm Creek and the Colorado River, the stream on which our State Capitol is lo- cated, on the Gulf, Colorado & San- ta Fe and Abilene & Southern Rail- roads, having a population of 6- 000 inhabitants."

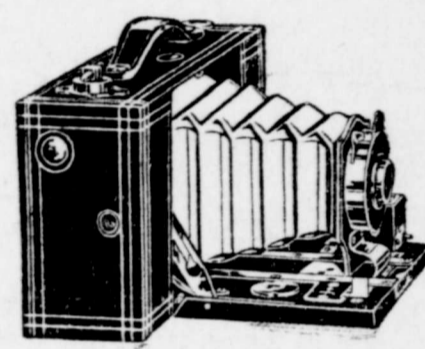
Mr. Smith also says quite a good deal about the live awake real estate firm of C. A. Dooze & Co., and gives them a boost that will no doubt result in bringing some new blood to Runnels county. This firm has an immigration agent in the person of P. H. Charnquist, at work in South Texas, and they ex- pected to locate some substantial farmers in this section. At present they are pushing the settlement of the Loomis land in Concho county.

BROWNIES

Frankly, the original Brownie idea was to make a small camera on the Kodak prin- ciple that would teach the youngsters to take pictures. This meant making many cameras and making them simply, but mak- ing them so good that their owners would be enthusiastic.

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Abilene is to have an amusement park to cost \$25,000.

A company has been organized with a capital stock of \$50,000 to erect a brewery at Victoria. The trade territory to be covered by the bre- wery will run as far south as Brownsville and the adjacent coun- ties.

The J. M. Guffey, loading with oil from the Port Arthur refineries, sailed recently for New Orleans.

The Texas Hardware Jobbers' As- sociation will hold their annual meeting at Waco, April 16th, 17th, and 18th.

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CURTAIN DROPS IN BROWN MURDER CASE.

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porch?
A. Was not asleep, just dozing.
Q. If you were not asleep, why was it you did not hear but one lick when your wife's brains were battered out by several licks?

A. I ran to get my gun; was getting out of the way.

Q. Why did you leave your wife in the hands of that desperado, the hands of that desperado?

A. The man was striking at me and I dodged and he glazed the back of my head.

Q. Is it not a fact that the scuffle you had with your wife in killing her is what waked the children?

A. It is not a fact. I did not kill her.

Q. Mr. Brown, had you ever seen that piece of iron before?

A. No, sir.

Q. Didn't you go out in the field and get that iron after your wife retired and before the murder?

Beattie Case Brought In.

The witness denied placing his pants out in a field near the house where they were said to have been left by a burglar, and placing his gun on a gallery by the bed and then taking an iron and killing his wife while she lay asleep.

"Had you been reading the Beattie case?"

Defense objected and the court sustained the objection.

Attorneys for the state said that they expected to prove the defendant had been taking a great interest in the Beattie case, and that this crime occurred just about the time the Beattie case went to the jury. The state showed points of similarity between the two cases.

Q. Why didn't you ask your wife who hit her when you returned from the room with the gun and found her sitting up on the bed and she talked to you?

A. I didn't know who hit her.

Q. Why didn't you ask her?

A. Supposed she didn't know.

Witness was considerably confused as to action just previous his arrest.

The defense introduced local physicians as expert testimony to prove that a person could act and talk when wounded in the manner described. Dr. S. W. Remmer of Austin was called by the defense and testified that he waited on the deceased when she lived at San Saba and related a conversation he had with her in which she stated that she was afraid of her former husband, Lee Brown, would kill her, and that he had threatened to do so. This was previous to her marriage to the defendant.

Interest in the case was kept at white heat until the final close and the last three days the court room was crowded to standing room and many at different sessions of court were turned away.

During the month of March Dallas issued building permits to the amount of \$435,473.

T. S. Lankford attending presbyter of the Presbyterian church at Santa Anna, this week.

The attorneys in the Brown murder case returned to their homes Tuesday, Judge Wilkinson and Scot going to Bryonwood, Snodgrass to Coleman, and Favor to San Saba.

Mrs. Geo. W. Fender and Mrs. Dougle Cameron went to Santa Anna Wednesday to attend the Brown wood Presbytery of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Crews returned to their home at Winters Tuesday. They spent a week here the guests of Judge and Mrs. A. E. Wood, and attended the Brown murder trial.

R. P. Kirk returned first of the week from a trip on the Texas coast. He visited Rockport and Corpus Christi. He was very favorable impressed with that section and says the coast country is developing very rapidly.

Jas. B. Harris, at one time a member of the Banner-Leader staff, came in from Galveston, first of the week and is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Harris. Mr. Harris is now with the Galveston News and holds a good position.

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JUDGE RAMSEY HERE MAY 2ND

Candidate for Governor to Address Voters at Ballinger on Thursday May 2nd.

A list of speaking dates have been given out from Ramsey headquarters which throws the prominent candidate for governor in Ballinger on Thursday May second. It was the intention and desire of the committee in charge to have Judge Ramsey speak in Ballinger on 1st Monday in May and an effort will be to get him to change his date accordingly. Letters have been addressed him to that end, but until you hear otherwise you can figure on hearing the speaker here on May second.

Judge Ramsey is starting out with a platform that is hard to go around and his campaign against Gov. Colquhoun promises to be a warm one. Watch for the date of his speaking and be in Ballinger that day. It will be worth your while. Following are the dates made for this part of the state:

Amarillo, Thursday, April 18th; Dalhart, Friday, April 19; Canadian, Saturday, April 20; Childress, Tuesday, April 23; Wichita Falls, Thursday, April 25; Weatherford, Saturday, April 27; Abilene, Monday, April 29; Sweetwater, Tuesday, April 30; San Angelo, Wednesday, May 1; Ballinger, Thursday, May 2; Brady, Friday, May 3.

Help. Help. Help.

Most every enterprising community in Texas is crying aloud for help to develop its magnificent resources. It may be farms, mines, factories, railroads, industrial enterprises, of whatever character that is needed, but the cry for help reverberates throughout the length and breadth of our state. It is heard in the Council Chambers of every Commercial Club, echoed in the columns of the press, and is talked across the fireside.

Every dollar of Texas money that cares to labor is hard at work, and we have borrowed nearly a billion dollars of foreign capital, yet the work of development has scarcely begun. We need ten billion dollars more invested in Texas enterprises to bring Texas into her own, and this money must come from outside the state.

HAN ROLLS ON CAMPFIRE AND IS IN A HOSPITAL.

San Angelo, April 8.—Franklin George is in a San Angelo hospital dangerously burned as the result of rolling into a campfire while asleep. George was camping out Thursday on the Santa Fe track. He awoke to find himself on top of coals and his clothes on fire. His coat and bag were burned almost to a crisp. His hair was also burned.

Sheriff Thanks Jury.

I wish to thank the jury that served on the Brown case for the kindness and courtesies shown me during the time I was associated with them in the performance of my duty as guard. Especially do I wish to thank them for paying my board and not permitting me to go to the extra expenses in being away from home.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff.

Arrested For Petty Theft.

Sheriff Flynt was called to Truitt Wednesday where he arrested two young men, prominent in that neighborhood, for stealing. They had been accused of stealing extras from plows in fields, and other articles of small value. Flynt caught them with the goods and they will be punished accordingly.

Civic Improvement.

Professor W. S. Fleming is a believer in civic improvement and he is having the yard of the Alfred Luckett place where he resides filled up this week with a view to planting grass thereon. He also expects to try his hand at flower culture, believing that the exercises taken in running the lawn mower and weeding flowers to be absolutely necessary to his well-being and the maintenance of his good health.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting.

H. R. Kimbler, administrator of the estate of Ija Kimbler, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Ija Kimbler, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the county of Runnels you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate to file their objections thereto if any, they have on or before the May term 1912 of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the Court house of said county in the town of Ballinger, on the first Monday in May the same being the 6th day of May 1912, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness O. L. Parrish, Clerk of the county Court of Runnels County Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the town of Ballinger this the 10th day of April 1912.

O. L. Parrish, Clerk of the County Court, Runnels Co.

City Meat Market.

Tom Ward purchased the City Meat Market the latter part of last week from Messrs Lewis Martin and Stanley Cameron, and will continue business at the same old stand. Messrs Martin and Cameron made quite a reputation as dispensers of good meats while they were the proprietors, and Mr. Ward promises to sustain this reputation by continuation of same. Look up Mr. Ward's ad and trade with him.

Patients Doing Well.

We are glad to report the patients in the Hally & Love sanitarium all doing nicely. There are several in the sanitarium who were recently operated on for appendicitis. Will Dunlap is reported to be doing as well as could be expected.

Looses Fine Mare.

Dr. Baskins had the misfortune to lose his fine buggy mare last Saturday, also the colt. This was one of the best animals in Ballinger and the doctor is feeling the loss keenly.

Frank Lamott came in from Crane county last Saturday to attend the funeral of his brother Earnest.

Howard Pickins is here to be with his mother who is sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. E. Butler.

Mrs. W. L. Ray and children arrived from North Carolina Tuesday to join their father and husband and make Ballinger their home. Mr. Ray is assistant post master. He has rented the Mrs. Mattie C. Dickinson place. We welcome this family to our town.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting.

C. R. Crews, Administrator of the Estate of Jno. O'Neal, Deceased together with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

You are by Commanded, That by publication of this Writ for twenty days in a Newspaper regularly published in the County of Runnels you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the May Term, 1912, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the City of Ballinger on the 6th day of May 1912 when said Account and Application will be considered by said Court.

Witness O. L. Parrish Clerk of the County Court of Runnels County. Given Under My hand and seal of said Court, at my office, in the City of Ballinger this 11th day of May A. D. 1912.

O. L. Parrish, Clerk C. C. Runnels Co.

J. P. Flynt, Sheriff Runnels Co.

PREMS OF INTEREST TO HOME MISSION WORKERS.

"Holiness is an infinite compassion for others. Greatness is to take the common things of life and walk truly among men.

Happiness is a great love and much serving. It is astonishing how large a part of Christ's precepts is devoted solely to the inculcation of happiness. How much of his life, too was spent simple in making other people happy."

On Monday evening, April 15, at Mt Vernon Church Washington City at the Council meeting, Bishop E. R. Hendrix will set apart ten young women to the work and office of deaconess. When these young women are consecrated it will make 99 deaconesses who have been set apart since the creation of the deaconess work in the M. E. Church South.

Last year there were 70 deaconesses in active work, as follows, 18 at work among foreigners, 10 in cotton mills, 25 in city slums, 2 in school.

The Retirement and Relief Funds are raised to aid our Deaconesses and missionaries, who after giving years of service, become disabled or broken in health, each member is asked to contribute ten cents a year to this fund.

"The Conference Expense Funds" is the money raised for defraying the necessary expense of the conference Society, each member of an H. M. Auxiliary Society is asked to pay twenty five cents per year to this fund and it should be paid the first quarter ending March 31.

The Ballinger H. M. Society of the M. E. Church South, met in business session Monday afternoon. The fourth Vice President reported a number of visits made by each member of the society to the sick and to strangers and substantial aid given to the needy. Next Monday afternoon the Society will meet with Mrs. Cox. Mrs. John Currie will have charge of the program an interesting meeting is expected. Each member of the society and all other interested are cordially invited to be present.

Press Reporter, H. M. S.

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