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## COLONEL ROOSEVELT SHOT IN THE BREAST MONDAY NIGHT

Milwaukee, Oct. 15. — Col. Theodore Roosevelt was shot in the breast by an assassin as he entered an automobile in front of the Hotel Gilpatrick to start for an auditorium where he was to speak last night. He insisted on going to the hall, there quieted the crowd that heard he had been shot, spoke from 8:20 p. m. to 9:45 p. m. through apparently weak and then was taken to an emergency hospital.

The bullet struck a roll of manuscript of his speech delivered last night, and this probably saved his life. After an hour's questioning the assassin gave his name as John Schrank of 370 East Tenth Street, New York. From notes found in the prisoner's clothes it is evident he is demented on the subject of Colonel Roosevelt running for a third term.

The shooting occurred in the street in front of the hotel Gilpatrick. Colonel Roosevelt reached Milwaukee shortly after 5 o'clock and making his way through the crowd which had gathered at the station, entered an automobile and was driven to the hotel. He took dinner in a private dining room with the members of the party on his private car. After dinner, Col. Roosevelt went to his room on the second floor of the hotel and shortly before 8 o'clock he started for the auditorium. His automobile stood in front of the door and about it was a big crowd, waiting to get a glimpse of the Colonel as he started off.

With the Colonel were Phillip Roosevelt, a young cousin, Mr. Cochems Mr. Martin and Captain Girard.

ed in on the man and Martin and Captain Girard who had followed Martin over the side of the car, were caught with their prisoner in the midst of a struggling through of maddened men. It seemed for the moment that he would be torn to pieces, and it was Colonel Roosevelt himself who intervened on his behalf.

He raised his hand and motioned to the crowd to fall back. "Stop, stop," he cried: "stand back, don't hurt him."

Then men in the crowd at first were not disposed to heed his words, but at length fell back and permitted Martin and Captain Girard to carry the man into the hotel. After a short struggle, the assassin gave up and was carried without resistance out of reach of the crowd.

"Are you hurt, Colonel?" a hundred voices called out.

"Oh, no," responded he with a smile. "Missed me that time. I'm not hurt a bit."

"I think we'd better be going on," he said to the other members of his party, "or we will be late."

No one in the party, excepting Roosevelt himself, entertained the slightest notion that he, the Colonel, had been shot. He felt no shock or pain at the time and it was assumed that the bullet went wild. As soon as Colonel Roosevelt had assured himself that the assassin was safe in the hands of policemen he gave orders to drive on to the auditorium.

They had driven hardly one of the four blocks when John McGrath, another of Colonel Roosevelt's secretaries, uttered a sharp exclamation and pointed to the Colonel's breast.

"Look Colonel," he said. "there is a hole in your overcoat."

Colonel Roosevelt looked down, saw the hole, then unbuttoned the big brown army coat which he was wearing and thrust his hand beneath it. When he withdrew it, his fingers were stained with blood.

Colonel Roosevelt was not dismayed by his discovery.

"It looks as though I had been hit," he said, "but I don't think it is anything serious."

Dr. Scurry Terrell of Dallas, Texas, Colonel Roosevelt's physician, who entered the automobile just before it started off, insisted that the Colonel return to the hotel. He paid no attention to the suggestions, however, and he was driven on to the auditorium.

As soon as they reached the building, Colonel Roosevelt was taken into a dressing room and his outer garments removed. Dr. Terrell, with the help of two other doctors who were in the auditorium, came to the dressing room on a call from the platform and made a superficial examination. They agreed it was impossible to hazard a guess as to the extent of the Colonel's injuries and that he should by all means go at once to a hospital.

"I will deliver this speech or die, one or the other," was Col. Roosevelt's reply.

Despite the protests of his physicians, Colonel Roosevelt stepped out of the dressing room and on to the stage. A large crowd packed into the big building cheered loudly as he entered, and, without a word to indicate what had happened, went to his seat. For several minutes the crowd, no man of whom suspected that the Colonel bore a bullet in his body, kept up its cheering.

Then Mr. Cochems stepped to the front of the platform and held

up his hand. There was something in his manner which had its effect upon the crowd and the cheering died suddenly away.

"I have something to tell you," said Mr. Cochems, "and I hope you will receive the news with eagerness."

His voice as he spoke and a deathlike stillness settled over the throng.

"Colonel Roosevelt has been shot. He is wounded," he spoke in a low tone, but such was the stillness that everyone heard him. A cry of astonishment and horror went up from the crowd, which was thrown into confusion in an instant. Mr. Cochems turned and looked inquiringly at Colonel Roosevelt.

"Tell us, are you hurt?"

Men and women shouted wildly. Some of them rose from their seats and rushed to look more closely at the Colonel.

Colonel Roosevelt rose and walked to the edge of the platform to quiet the crowd. He raised his hands and instantly there was silence.

"It's true," he said. Then slowly he unbuttoned his coat and placed his hand on his breast. Those in the front of the crowd could catch sight of the bloodstained garments. "I'm going to ask you to be very quiet," said Colonel Roosevelt, "and please excuse me from making you a very long speech. I'll do the best I can, but you see there's a bullet in my body. But it's nothing, I'm not hurt badly."

The crowd gave an outburst of tumultuous cheering. Thoroughly reassured by the Colonel's action that he was in no serious danger, the people settled back into their seats to hear his speech.

Colonel Roosevelt began to speak in his firm voice, somewhat lower than its usual tone and except that his characteristic gestures were less emphatic than usual, there was nothing about the man to indicate his condition. After he had been speaking a few moments, however, his voice sank somewhat and he seemed to stand rather unsteadily. Dr. Terrell and Colonel Lyon stepped up to him and the doctor insisted that he stop.

"I'm going to finish this speech," said the Colonel emphatically. "I'm all right, let me alone."

Dr. Terrell and Colonel Lyon sat down again. The Colonel continued his speech, evidently with increasing effort, but he succeeded in making himself heard, and talked for more than an hour. Then he was rushed to his automobile and flashed through the streets to the emergency hospital. The operating room had been placed in readiness to receive Colonel Roosevelt and six of the leading surgeons of Milwaukee were waiting his arrival.

Colonel Roosevelt was undressed and placed upon the operating table, although he insisted he was not badly hurt, and that the doctors were taking it too seriously.

An examination of the wound showed that it had been made by a bullet of large size. It entered the fleshy part of the right breast half way between the collar bone and lower rib. The physicians found that they knew no more after their examination than before as to the location of the bullet, and it was decided to send for an X-ray machine to determine to what depth the missile had penetrated. While he was waiting for

the X-ray machine, Colonel Roosevelt sat upon the operating table and talked politics and joked with the physicians.

In the meantime, hidden in an emergency hospital, the police Col Roosevelt's assailant was being subjected to a rigid examination. He refused stubbornly to give an account of himself and would say nothing except that "I will tell you tomorrow."

After a long siege however, the police forced from him the statement that he was John Schrenk of 370 East Tenth street, New York.

Clippings found in the man's pockets showed he had studied Colonel Roosevelt's itinerary carefully with the evident intention of selecting the place at which he might accomplish what he had in mind.

It was said, at the Gilpatrick hotel while Colonel Roosevelt was at dinner, a short, dark man about 40 years old, made frantic attempts to gain admission to the dining room, being turned away each time. Those who saw him said that he bore no resemblance to Schrenk. From this circumstance, the report gained currency that two men were engaged in the attempt to take Col Roosevelt's life. The police last night were unable to gain any evidence to bear out the theory.

Mr. Martin, to whom Col Roosevelt perhaps owes his life, told the story of his adventure:

"I walked down stairs with the Colonel and out to the car," he said "and had taken my seat before anything happened. As Colonel Roosevelt was standing in the car waving his hat to the crowd, the flash of metal caught my eye. I did not stop to think what I was doing and before I really knew it, jumped over the side of the car and had my arm hardly around the neck of a man I had hardly seen. Every thing seemed to happen at once.

"There was a flash, a sound of a shot, and I was on the ground with the man. I threw one arm about his neck and held him fast.

At the same time I caught his gun hand with my free hand and wrenched the revolver from him. He struggled for a minute but, in spite of that fact that he was acting like a mad man, he did not keep up the fight long and with the help of Captain Girard, I soon had him under control. I picked the man up and held him where Colonel Roosevelt could see him.

"The poor creature," said the Colonel.

"I put the revolver into my pocket and began to drag the man out of the crowd which was struggling to get at the prisoner.

"The Colonel saw the man was in danger and it was his act which saved him. He told the crowd to stand back and they did. Captain Girard and I dragged him into the hotel and turned him over to the police.

"We came back to the automobile and started for the auditorium. As we were riding along, McGrath called the Colonel's attention to a hole in his overcoat. Colonel Roosevelt unbuttoned his coat.

"Why I'm bleeding," he said, but he insisted his wound was not serious and that he must not disappoint the crowd at the auditorium. So we drove on."

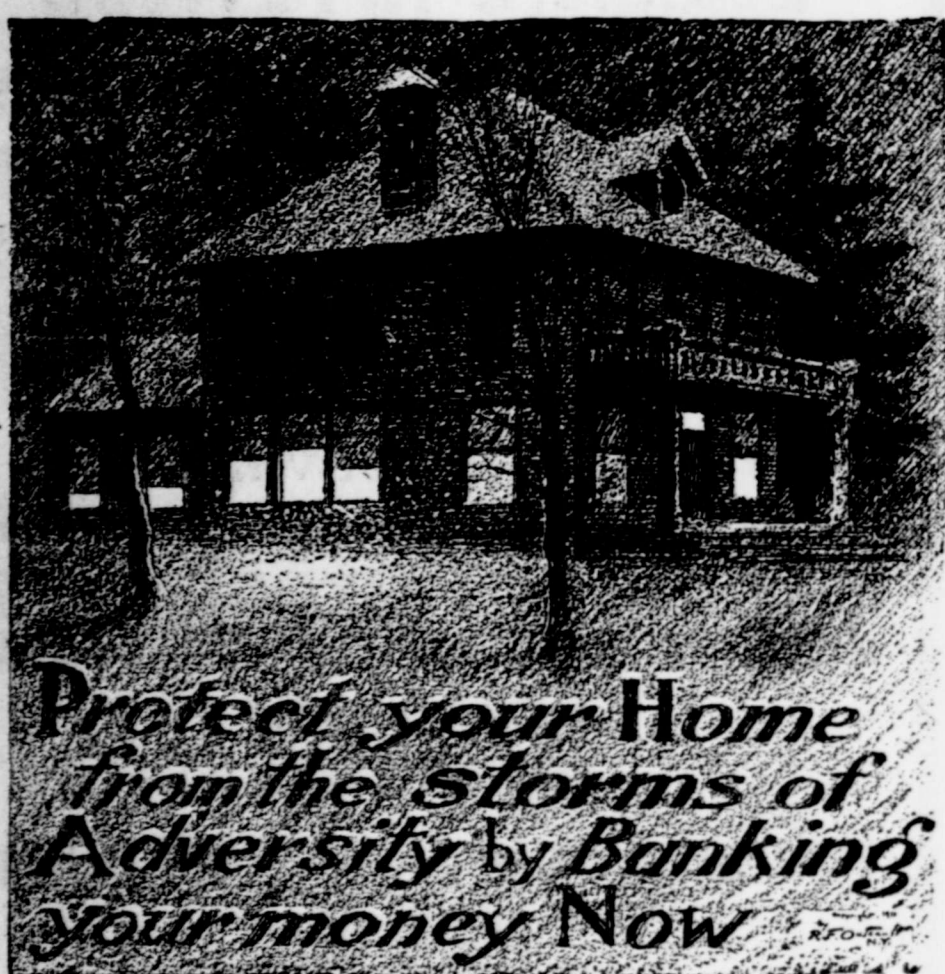
Martin exhibited the revolver which he had taken from the assassin. It was a large weapon, evidently newly purchased, of 38 calibre.

When Col. Roosevelt left the hospital, walking unassisted, there were only a few persons on the streets.

"How are you feeling, Colonel?" said one of the local committeemen.

"Fine," answered the colonel and as he passed along he had a pleasant word to say to those who greeted him in turn. The Colonel was said to be resting easily in his private car, "Mayflower," when he left.

Grazed Brain Directed Shot Milwaukee, Oct 15—A written Continued on last page.



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BALLINGER, TEXAS



Manado.—The season's first Japan rice was sold here this week for \$4.00 a barrel. The sale was made through the Southern Rice Growers' Association, Mon.

Gonzales.—At a mass meeting here recently, the Gonzales Association for Highway Improvements was formed. J. T. Parr was elected president and A. H. Fitzgerald, secretary.

Gainesville.—With a capital stock of \$2,500, a stock company will build a cotton warehouse here. The stock company is being organized by the Farmers' Union and the Young Men's Business Association.

Houston.—With a view of building a city on the Texas Coast, at the mouth of the Brazos River, a New York syndicate has bought 16,000 acres of land. The promoters are among New York's leading financiers. The syndicate expects to capture a part of the Panama Canal trade, and at the same time exploit the sulphur fields on their land.

San Angelo.—One hundred bales of cotton have been shipped from this place to Kobe, Japan. The cotton after being compressed at Sweetwater was consigned to the Japan Cotton Company, the Southwestern American office of which is at Fort Worth.

San Benito.—Eighteen thousand dollars are being expended in street improvement work here and a motor grader has commenced operations. The machine weighs twelve tons and plows and removes dirt at the same time at the rate of five miles per hour.

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Mrs. R. E. Truly and babe of Colemau came at noon Saturday on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory and family of West End for a few days.

Miss Louise Cooper who had been visiting relatives and friend at Hillsboro returned to Ballinger at noon Saturday and accompanied by her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cooper went out to home in the New Home neighborhood.

Judge and Mrs. C. O. Harris left at noon Saturday for San Angelo to visit their daughter and family a few days.

Jim Rin of Industrial Texas who had been visiting his cousin, A. J. Voelke and family of South Ballinger, left Saturday to visit at Hatchell a few days.

Miss Vera Brown accompanied Mr. and Mrs. McClain to Winter on a visit to friends and relatives over Sunday.

Mrs. J. V. Borders of the Maverick country, who had been visiting her brothers at Lampasas and Coryell countries returned to Ballinger Saturday and went out home in the afternoon.

Mr. B. C. Mann, of Sterling City who had been visiting friends in Ballinger the past day or two left Saturday for San Angelo en route home.

Mrs. L. H. Bacon and Mr. S. Louise Williams and two children attended the show at San Angelo Saturday

Miss Mattie Rider left at noon Saturday for Miles to visit a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Armfield returned home at noon Saturday from a visit to friends east.

W. O. Scltz the Concho stockman was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

R. S. Willis left Friday afternoon for Dallas to attend the fair and look after business affairs and will also visit at his old home at Crockett, Texas, before returning home.

J. A. Long and daughter left Saturday to visit at Rowena a day or two.

Miss Eunice Phillips left Saturday to visit at San Angelo a few days.

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## "STOP KICKING OUR DAWG AROUND"

C. W. Johnson was here this morning en route home at Baird from Ballinger where he has been visiting relatives and friends, and brings bad reports of conditions down that way.

Mr. Joheson says Ballinger, once the biggest cotton market in the world, will probably receive 5000 bales of cotton this season as against 56,000 of several years ago.

Crops are badly injured in Coleman county on account of the storm and people are hauling to buy water for domestic and other ordinary uses.

Mr. Johnson says Callahan county has made an average of half a bale of cotton per acre, and everything is lovely down there.—Abeline Reporter.

We presume the above as reoduced in the best of spirit but it is a bit overdrawn. And we are reminded that "people who live live in glass houses: should not throw stones," when we recall the fact that for the past several years Runnels County has far surpassed Taylor County in the production of cotton and Ballinger though only one-third as big a town as Abeline has been getting more cotton each year and its not a foregone conclusion that such will not be the case this year. As to our water supply we have not suffered, even a day.

Ballinger has more water for irrigating shrubbery and general use than any town in all West Texas, and this is more than Abeline can say. It is not often that we notice what people say about us, but of late so many stories are being circulated about the condition of this place and surrounding country that we are compelled to rise up and ask people to "stop kicking our dawg around."

## TAKE NOTICE

I will be at the following place on the following dates, please take notice and prepare yourself accordingly.

- Oct. 21 Maverick.
- " 22 Marie.
- " 23 Norton.
- " 24 Wilmeth.
- " 25 Pumphrey.
- " 26 Wingate.
- " 28 Crews.
- " 29 Tokeen.
- " 30 Truitt.
- Nov. 1-2 Winters.
- " 6-7 Rowena.
- " 8-9 Miles.

W. T. Padgett.  
Collector.

## BOX SUPPER

The Ladies Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church will give a box-supper on Friday night Oct. 18th at the Methodist Church in Hatchell. Every one is invited and bring your friends. Committee.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Ballinger Texas.  
List of letters Advertised, Oct. 12, 1912.  
Rilbo, Miss Lillian.  
Griffin, Miss Blanche.  
Huffman Mr. J. W.  
Nabry Mr. Jno. P. -2-  
Perry, Mr. A. R.

When calling for the above Letters please say "Advertised," and give the date of this list.  
After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

HENRY A. CADY, P. M.

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Livingston, Tenn.

## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FINAL ACCOUNT

of Runnels County—Greeting: M. L. Smith, Guardian of the Estate of Arthur Welch Wyatt, a minor having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Estate together with an application to be discharged from said Guardianship.

You are Hereby Comanded, That by publication of this Writ for twenty days before the return day hereof 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, there of, if any they have, on or before the November term, 1912, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the courthouse of said county, in the city of Ballinger on the 4th day of November A. D., 1912, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness O. L. Parish, clerk of the County Court of Runnels County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 25th day of September A. D. 1912.

O. L. PARISH,  
Clerk County court of Runnels County.

(Seal)  
A true copy, I certify: J. P. Flynt, Sheriff of Runnels county.

## OUR OFFER.

On another page in this paper appears a subscription offer that you can't afford to pass up, if you want cheap reading matter. Note on that page appears three combinations, one of which ought to suit you, if you are looking for the most for your money. The Banner Leader is enabled to make this unusually low offer because of special terms obtained by it with these papers, and we are always looking out for opportunities to save our readers money.

In combination we are offering one State Paper and the Leader for \$1.50; The Leader, Farm and Ranch, and Hollands Magazine for \$1.50; and then we offer four papers for \$2.25, viz: The Leader, any State Paper, Farm and Ranch, and Hollands Magazine.

If you are not a subscriber and receive a sample copy examine this offer and come in and subscribe. The offer won't last long. By paying up-to-date old subscribers may take advantage of this offer.

Dr. Gustavus returned home Saturday afternoon from Sterling City where he had been on professional business the past week.

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Mrs. Joe B. Johnson.  
Ballinger, Tex.

Miss Bertha Rasbury returned home Monday from a visit of several days to friends at San Angelo.

## BAPTIST PREACHER IS ARRESTED FOR ABDUCTION

New Orleans, La., Oct. 15.—Peter J. Hewitt, formerly a Baptist preacher at Beaumont, and who is under arrest here charged with the abduction of Alma Johnson, a pretty and youthful member of his former congregation in Knox county, Texas, will be taken today to Benjamin, Texas, to answer to the charge.

Hewitt had resigned his pastorate and the Baptist ministry several months ago, and was was here sauding for the Catholic priesthood.

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# THE TEXAS PENITENTIARY SYSTEM.

This is the first of a series of articles on the Texas Penitentiaries and prison farms, the law governing same treatment of prisoners, business management of the system, suggested improvements, etc.

BY WILL H. MAYES.

The greatest impediment to the progress of any government is the ignorance of the people. They may be ever so learned in other things, but if they lack information about the things pertaining to government their country. It is every citizen's duty to inform himself, as well as opportunity is afforded, in affairs of the state and nation in which he lives. Could that idealistic condition be brought about where every citizen knows every law, knows how the laws are administered, knows how the business affairs of his country are conducted, the government of that country would soon become all that could be desired.

The purpose of this series of articles is to acquaint the people of Texas with the laws pertaining to the management of its penitentiaries, with the penitentiary system of the state, with the method of handling convict, with the financial affairs of the system and with the difficulties that are in the way; and possibly some suggestions may be made as to improving the physical and financial conditions of the system. These articles are written after a week spent with the Governor of State and others on a personal inspection of the penitentiaries and state farms. I am frank to admit that before seeing the system for myself, though I had heard much and read more, I was perhaps as ignorant about penitentiary affairs as the average citizen. I shall endeavor faithfully to give such of you as care to read what I shall write what I have recently seen and learned, and I believe that if you will follow the articles closely you will profit by them, and be somewhat better informed citizens.

It is the policy of the state, clearly defined in the law which

took effect in January of last year in the operation of its prison system, to so manage and conduct the same that these convicted of violating the law and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary, shall have humane treatment and shall have opportunity, encouragement, and training in the matter of reformation. Briefly stated, the purpose of the state is three fold; to punish the prisoner for his wrong doing, to place him where he cannot injure society, and to reform him. The idea once prevailed with prison management, and it existed in this state was to confine and punish the prisoner, and reformation was largely lost sight of. There arose a class of reformers, when in their feeling of outrage at the mistreatment of prisoners lost sight of the demand for the punishment of convicts, and regarded imprisonment as merely an opportunity to educate and improve them. Those who believed in making prison life as severe a punishment as it was possible to inflict upon erring persons appearing to loose sight of the humane side of life, while the prison reformers went too far the other way and wanted to treat prison as industrial colleges that would not only board and instruct a prisoner for nothing but would give all of his earnings to him or his family. It hasn't been a month since I noticed the suggestion that all prisoners should be paid wages commensurate with the salaries they could earn outside the wall and that these sent to their families. Such treatment would tend to make the state the guardian of every man without a job or too trifling to support his family.

But the Texas law steps in and effects a compromise that insures punishment of the prisoner, and helps him, if so inclined, to make a better citizen and

a better wage earner when once he is freed. Humane treatment, training, reformation, and sound business judgment are the combinations that the State of Texas is now endeavoring to properly adjust. To understand how this is to be brought about it is necessary to know something of the laws pertaining to penitentiaries.

The management of the prison system of the state is vested in a Prison Commission, composed of three men appointed by the Governor, their terms expiring in eight, sixteen and twenty-four months, respectively. A constitutional amendment is now before the people and is to be voted on at the November election, making their terms of office two, four and six years, and making them either elective or appointive, as the legislature may decide. These commissioners are paid \$300.00 each per month and all traveling expenses actually incurred when travelling on business for the prison system. They are also furnished houses in which to live, rent free and must reside in Huntsville. Let's say right here that the salary is a very reasonable one, considering the necessary qualifications, the business acumen needed, the responsibilities and duties. It is necessary in order to get able men.

One member of this commission is chairman; one has direct supervision of the finances of the system, one supervises the work of all the officers and employees of the prison system and has supervision of the paches. The individual work of each is, however, under the personal supervision and direction of the entire board to which he must make regular reports. Each member must devote his entire time to the discharge of the duties of his office, not engaging in any other business, and under penalty not being allowed directly or indirectly, to be connected with or interested in any property or thing which may be made during his term of office and in which either the state or the prison system is interested. This Prison Commission, under

the advice of the Governor, is vested with the exclusive management of the prisoners, and is expected not only to carry out the letter but the spirit, intent and purposes of the laws and rules governing the system. It also has the authority to discharge officers and employes for reason or when it may deem it best for the interest of the service.

The Commission has the authority to purchase or lease with the funds at its disposal lands, buildings, machinery, tools, and supplies for the welfare of the state and the prisoners, land purchases being made with the approval of the Governor of the state.

It is the policy of the present laws to work all prisoners within the prison walls and upon farms owned by the state, and it made the duty of the Prison Commission to acquire sufficient land no later than January 1st, 1914, or sooner if practicable, to enable all prisoners hired out or employed on share farms, or contract farms, and who are not otherwise employed by the state, to be employed directly on farms belonging to the prison system. The state has hitherto operated several share farms with prison labor and has hired out many of its convicts to farmers and railroads, this leading to abuses that will be pointed out in future articles.

The Prison Commission has authority to issue such orders and prescribe such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the law, as it may deem proper, with a view to carrying out the general policies of the state, furnishing all officers, employee and guards with copies of the laws, rules and regulations and requiring examination from time to time as to their knowledge of the prison laws and rules.

It is made the duty of some member, or members of the Commission to spend at least one whole day each month, without notice, at each prison, camp or farm where prisoners are kept or worked and to carefully inspect the same with reference to the food, clothing and gen-

eral treatment of the prisoners, the general sanitary conditions existing at each place, reporting upon the conditions, the efforts at reformation, the general conduct of all officers and employes, and the punishment administered for prison discipline, making report to the full Board.

A full inventory of the lands, machinery, tools buildings, live stock, and all property of every description belonging to the system, the book value and actual value placed opposite each item, so as to afford an easy comparison with former years, must be made annually on the first of January.

A separate account is required to be kept with each industry and farm, and for the system as a whole, showing the profits, losses and net earnings of each industry and farm, and an annual report must be made to the Governor, which the Governor is required to have printed in sufficient numbers to give general publicity to such report.

An auditor is appointed by the Comptroller, the Attorney General and the State Treasurer, holding office for a year at a time. It is his duty to admit all accounts, vouchers, pay roll and all other business transactions and to check all property, materials and supplies received and supplies received and disposed of by or through the prison system he is required to make a full report to the Governor on the first of January of each year. The auditor is paid a salary of \$200.00 a month and necessary travelling expenses.

The Prison Commission is authorized to fix the salaries of system except where they are fixed by law, upon such basis as the labor and ability of each entitle him to receive, the guards being paid \$35.00 a month and board and lodging free, which may be increased to an amount not exceeding \$40.00 a month for meritorious service.

Guards must be 21 years of age, of good moral character, able to read and write, have a fair knowledge of the English language and such other qualifications as the Commission may

prescribe. No person may be employed as a guard who is addicted to the use of alcoholic or intoxicating liquors, and all must familiarize themselves with prison rules and regulations and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution.

Officers and employees of the prison system who convert to their own use any food, clothing or other property belonging to, or under the control of, the prison system, are punishable for theft. Any officer, agent or employee who in any way becomes financially interested in any contract for the purchase of supplies or property for the prison system or who shall knowingly and fraudulently sell or dispose of any property belonging to the prison system below its market value is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years.

The next article in this series will treat of the rights, privileges and duties of convicts, and the laws to insure them humane treatment.

Paris, Texas, I the undersigned, take pleasure in stating that I have used Cheatham's Chill Tonic, and a few doses broke a severe case of Chills and fever on in about six weeks ago, and I have had none since. I consider it the best medicine for the purpose I ever used.


Yours truly,  
J.E. Kay.

We regret to report that Ewing Taylor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor is very low with typhoid fever and his recovery is doubtful.

Alfred Luckett of Milles is one of the grand jurors this week and is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Mrs. S. P. Stone left last Sunday afternoon for Ft. Worth on a visit to her daughter, whose husband, Mr. Walter M. Abernathy has just undergone an operation, and his friends here will be glad to learn he is doing very nicely at the present.

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Pay your poll tax and vote the Democratic ticket. o-o-o

Let's forget the past and build to the future. o-o-o

It is difficult to determine which has held the greater interest the past week, the World's series of Baseball or the scrap for the presidential nomination. o-o-o

The demand for poultry continues to increase and the price the hungry consumer must pay is almost prohibitive. Mr. Farmer, why don't you raise chickens? o-o-o

Travel on the railroad is good and you would never suspect that there were any hard times if you would notice the incoming and outgoing trains as they are packed and jammed. o-o-o

Everything is moving along in Old Runnels pretty well, everything considered, crops are turning out better than was expected, the price is good, everybody has work at good prices, there is nothing the matter with you or the country. o-o-o

Be it said to our shame, the American is the gambler of the age, and the money that changed hands on the recent championship series ball games between New York and Boston would run the National government and furnish a good slush fund for the anti in the next state-wide prohibition fight. o-o-o

Will some of our "bugologists" please come to the front and tell us what is causing so many fleas in this country. There seems to be a general complaint, farmers from the various sections of the county reporting that fleas are so bad around their barns and feed sheds that live stock will not eat unless fed away from the barn. o-o-o

The health of the county seems to be in good condition, free from every epidemic, and our people should use every precaution to keep down disease. If we remember correctly we were considerably trouble last winter on account of scarlet fever, and people throughout the country were in a state of constant fright on account of meningitis. o-o-o

It seems to us that some of the Ballinger merchants are not reaching out for the far-away trade with an effort that would attract it. This is a season of the year when people are doing their shopping for the winter and all the effort on the part of the merchants might do a great deal towards increasing their sales. Try it. o-o-o

Tuesday was show day in Ballinger and it seemed that old man "hard times" was away on a vacation, and everybody and his girl was here to see the elephant. The streets were crowded and trade was good in all lines during the day. It was a pretty good indication that the country is not in as bad condition as some would have you believe, and in much better shape than a year ago. o-o-o

It seems that our people are inclined to trust to providence for another crop and those who are so fortunately situated as to get the real benefit from the irrigation system are not giving it their support and encouragement. With a crop failure next year the country will be in such condition that it will be hard to start this work, or take any steps toward development along any line. Now is the clean up and make war on germs, time to strike while the iron is hot. o-o-o

The City schools of Ballinger are moving along well under the splendid direction of Supt. Fleming, and everyone is down to good hard study. During the past week the Superintendent has had on exhibit a lot of pictures for inspection at the Library Building so that some might be purchased for the Public School. This is a good move, as it furnishes inspiration for "Little Johnnie" or "Little Mary" as they study their lessons to have some fine picture to look at, while poring over their books.

The big guns of the Socialist party were here last week and told a few voters who were present to hear their tale of woe how the country could be saved. If they converted a single voter that voter failed to let it be known. Woodrow Wilson will be elected president on the 8th of next month and the Socialist party will gradually pass into oblivion. Be a Democrat. o-o-o

The editor of the Banner-Leader is in receipt of a letter from Roy Gilliam, who together with Clarence Routh left here about a month ago for Utah. Mr. Gilliam writes from Provo, Utah, where he says he will be until Jan. 1st, and orders the Banner-Leader to come to that address. He says in his letter that rain had been falling for twenty-four hours in the valley where he was and that it was snowing on the mountain, one of which they did not need. His friends will be glad to know that he is getting along all right. o-o-o

It is not a question as to how this county, or Texas will go in the general election, but it is a question as how many votes will be polled. Remember that our representation in the various conventions is based on the number of votes cast in the general election for governor. This county has never been able to send the number of delegates it could have if the people had turned out and voted in the November election. Make the sacrifice of the time and go to the polls this year and vote. Let's give Wilson the largest popular vote a Democratic candidate for president ever received. o-o-o

Judge John I. Guion remarked to the writer that he was never more impressed with the change and development of this country than when he gazed down upon the vast throng of people, estimated in numbers at twelve to fifteen thousand, in attendance upon the Barnum & Bailey show at San Angelo last Saturday, they called to mind the fact that when he settled in this country there were not one thousand people within a radius of seventy five miles. Judge Guion has witnessed many changes in the development of this country, and it is through the untiring and patriotic efforts of such men that this country stands to-day in the forefront of Texas development. o-o-o

Old people, or people of mature age; in other words parents, are inclined as a rule to be impatient with their children. Do you ever stop to reflect back on your childhood days and realize that at one time you too were a child and possessed just such a disposition as is pictured in the children of to-day. It is human nature for them to want to see, want to go, want to know this and that, do this and that. We were forcibly impressed of this by hearing a little fellow pleading with his father and mother, to take him to the show just after the parents hurry home and not re. No doubt it was important that the parents hurry home and not remain for the show, but the little fellow could not see this, and we wonder if that father did not remember the show days of his boyhood time. Be patient with your children and perhaps you will save heartaches in days to come. Remember they are children and do not see the serious side of life as you do. They must be educated in everything. o-o-o

## COLLECTING BACK TAXES.

In certain counties of the State an effort has been in progress to collect back taxes, upon thousands of dollars' worth of vendors' lien notes which had not been assessed. Assistant Attorney General Funderbunk holds that the authorities can not reach back more than two year for taxes do not become due until there has been an assessment, and the law does not permit of an assessment further back than two years. We wish to repeat a suggestion that we have heretofore made to the effect that the law ought to be amended so as to permit of no assessment whatever of notes or mortgages. It is wholly impracticable to bring about uniformity in the taxation of such objects, and it is therefore unjust to collect taxes upon them from the few individuals who have suf-

ficiently sensitive consciences to cause them to render the same. Moreover, notes and mortgages are not really property, but, instead, the shadows of property. They are alternative orders for delivery of property in certain contingencies, and are not more fit objects of taxation than are deeds. The property for which they call is taxed, and when they, too, are subjected to taxation the property is doubly taxed, the under dog bearing the burden.—Dallas News.

This opinion may cause another question to come up, and that is where back taxes are thus collected through threats of law suits, can they be recovered from the state and county?

It is strange that men and boys will leave to seek work when it is right at their very doors. This week several men and boys left for Wichita County to pick cotton and men were scouring the town of Ballinger to find pickers at a good price. W. C. Jones still has more than thirty bales to be picked and many others are seeking help to get out their crop. It seems that there is a fascination over in another county and men love new scenes, whether it is profitable or not.

## Contract for Artesian Well.

Coleman, Texas, October, 14.—The City Council has signed a contract with S. J. Hindman of Harris county, Texas, to put down an artesian well at this place. Under the terms of the contract Mr. Hindman is to begin operations on this well within ninety days from the date of contract, and to complete the well within seventeen months, and to turn over to the city a well of the capacity of 25,000 gallons per day, and in the event he does this the city is to pay him \$25,000 for the well plus one acre of land around the well. This part of the state has always been considered as out of the artesian belt, and the result of this well is looked forward to with considerable interest.

## Ballinger Well Represented At Angelo.

The Santa Fe ran an excursion from Ballinger last Saturday to accommodate those who wanted to attend the Barnum & Bailey show at that place. About 130 tickets were sold and five or six autos, loaded with people made the trip and it is estimated that at least 150 Ballinger people added to the crowd that saw the big show. The show was up to the standard in the circus line and the Cleopatra feature recently added was good and something new to the boys from the forks of the creek that had never witnessed anything of the kind. It is estimated that ten thousand people witnessed the afternoon performance and the crowd at night, while not so large, made the show people feel that this country was not bankrupt by any means. The admission price was 50 cents, and 50 cents for reserve seats, and with all the extras and rake offs, it is safe to say that the show pulled the large crowd for an average of one dollar per head. Not bad for a "busted" country.

## MUD CREEK DUST.

Kind Editor:—We have had pretty weather this week for picking cotton. Some farmers are about through picking. With another week fair weather there will be very little staple left in the field. Health of the community is very good at present.

Miss Essye Sims was operated on for appendicitis last Friday at the Halley-Love sanitarium. Her many friends of this community are glad to know she is getting along well, and hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Charley Waldrip of Long Branch was the guest of W. M. Brister Saturday night and Sunday. Mrs. Willie Faubion and Miss Viola Brister went to Ballinger Sun. There seems to be an epidemic of Third Party fleas in this country. Several farmers say their horses will not eat when fed near the barn or shed.

Miss Susie Allcorn is visiting at Mr. Sims' this week. Mr. Will Pearce was in this country Monday buying cattle. W. M. Brister and family were visiting at M. C. Brister's Monday. Several of our young people attended preaching at Crews Sunday and Sunday night. "Parrott"

## FOR THE SEASON ONLY



Lulu—You were engaged to that fellow over there last year, weren't you?  
Anna—Yes; and if he hadn't made a fool of himself and tried to renew the acquaintance last winter, he could be engaged to me again this summer.

## PUNISHMENT



Summer Girl—What do you think you deserve for kissing me like that?  
Youth—Well, say you might marry me!

## INTERESTED IN HIM



Natica—You aren't thinking of marrying Reggy, are you?  
Evelyn—Of course I am. Hasn't he a future?  
Natica—Yes, to be sure. But why jeopardize it?

## NATURALLY



Hix—Wigson looks so sheepish lately.  
Dix—No wonder. He's raising mutton chop whiskers.

## IN SOCIETY'S REALM



Mrs. De Style—Is she fond of her baby?  
Mrs. Smith-Jones—Fancy, yes. Why she's almost like a mother to it.

# HAVE YOU A GREEN PATCH FOR YOUR MILK COW THIS WINTER?

It is also a good thing for your buggy horse, or your chickens to have some green grazing in the winter. It is wonderful how much green stuff will grow on a small patch. Plant Rye, Barley, Winter Oats, or Wheat. They are all good, and will bring \$\$\$ in eggs or milk. Now is the time to plant. For anything in seed, phone

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**Itching Piles.**

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John Bradley,  
Cane, Kans.

Madams J. O. Roots and C. R. Stephens left Sunday for Waco where they go to attend the Eastern Star meeting which convenes in that city Tuesday. Mrs. Roots will visit at her old home at Sulphur Springs before returning home.

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, arms, or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt it all at that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

**APPLES APPLES APPLES.**

We have on the G. C. & S. F. track a car of New Mexico apples, as fine as you would want, will sell in bulk or as you want them. Come and get yours.  
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Shorter limited tickets on sale at lower fares.

For detail information see Santa Fe agent or address W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston, Tex.

Mrs. W. O. Schultz of the Eden country, came in and left Saturday evening for Ft. Worth and Dallas to attend the Fair and visit relatives and friends a few days.

W. E. Chambers, of the Ballinger Lumber Company, spent Sunday with home folks at Brownwood.

Mrs. Rhodes and son of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Saturday afternoon enroute to Dallas to attend the Fair and visit relatives a few days. She was the guest of her uncle, Mayor W. H. Weeks and family while in Ballinger.

Mrs. Max Zechong came in and left Saturday afternoon for Bracken to attend the funeral of her father at that place.

J. H. Wilbourne, the photographer returned home Monday from Dallas, where he attended the State Photographers' Association for the past week. He also enjoyed the State Fair a day or so while in that city.

Attorney A. E. Wood returned home at noon Monday from a short business trip to Winters.

**SHORT CROP SALE.**

Do you know about the Big Short Crop Sale at Zappe's?

Mrs. Daniels and children of Talpa, came in at noon Monday on a visit to her sister Mrs. Will McGarver and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks and Miss Maurine, and Mayor W. H. Weeks and wife went over to Paint Rock Sunday in Mr. Weeks' auto and spent the day with relatives and friends.

Capt. A. B. Hutcherson of Midland, is visiting relatives in our city, and will also visit his old home near Norton while in this section.

**GROCERIES, GROCERIES!**

Call at A. J. Zappe's for Short Crop Prices on Groceries.

Mrs. Sharp of Winters, came in at noon Friday on a visit to her father, Gus Johnson and family east of Ballinger.

Dr. Thos. A. Rape, the Hatchell druggist was a business visitor to Ballinger last Friday.

M. W. McGinnis of Sweetwater, came in at noon last Friday to look after business affairs in our city a day or so.

Mrs. A. T. Rider and children of Winters, passed thru Ballinger last Friday to join Mr. Rider in South Texas, where they will make their future home.

T. G. Marburger left last Friday for Shiner, Texas, on a short business trip.

Frank Gresselt left last Friday for Roswell, N. M., where he will visit his son, Farrar, a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Duncan of Winters, were among the visitors in Ballinger last Friday.

Here is a woman who speaks for 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 cough there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

"Just make yourself comfortable. I'll be ready in a minute." That's the way a photographer spoke the other day after seating his subject in the studio.

A few seconds later he said: "I think those will be very good. Will mail proofs to-night."

Clever photographers and fast plates and lenses have made having your picture taken a rather pleasant experience these days.

There's a photographer in your town.

Wilbourn's Studio

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan and children of the Norton country, came in and left last Thursday for Waco, where they will make home for the present.

Prof. U. S. Daniel of the Norton county left last Friday for Belton, where he will conduct the singing for a revival meeting at that place.

Mrs. Gray of Taylor Texas, who had been visiting relatives at San Angelo came in last Friday morning and is the guest of her brother-in-law, Jack McGregor and family.

R. P. Stone went to Talpa between trains last Friday to look at a bunch of cattle with the view of buying the same.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry and children of Miles, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Cordill and family, here, left at noon Friday for their home. Mr. Perry informed us that he would move to Sweetwater in about ten days, and would again take charge of his paper there.

Prof. W. S. Fleming was in Brownwood last Friday where he delivered an address on educational interests before the County Teacher's Institute which was in session in that city.

**SHORT CROP SALE.**

If you want to save money on your Dry Goods bills. Come to the Big Short Crop Sale at Zappe's.

Joe Clark of San Angelo, was transacting business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

J. N. Harris returned home Monday morning from Miles where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Stephens, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seige of Baird, came in last Sunday to be at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Mullins, who is quite ill at her home.

**SHORT CROP SALE.**

New Goods Arriving Every day for the Big Short Crop Sale at Zappe's.

**POULTRY LEAVING BALLINGER.**

W. B. Wood & Son are shipping out the poultry these days in large quantities. One of the members of this firm informed us that they had shipped out over five thousand dollars worth in the past thirty days. There is no reason why this industry should not be enlarged and made an important feature in our future development.

**MUNCY-FANNIN.**

Rev. W. Bion Adkins spoke the words Wednesday afternoon of last week, at his residence, that united in marriage, Mr. Andrew B. Muncy with Miss Minnie Fannin.

Mr. Muncy is one of the prosperous farmers south of Ballinger and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Fannin, of the Bangs country and is known and highly esteemed by a host of friends in this section. The Banner-Leader joins friends in best wishes for the happy young couple over life's matrimonial sea.

**WANTS PAPER.**

McGregor, Texas, October, 12 1912.  
Mr. C. P. Shepherd,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I enclose herewith check for \$1.00. Please send to my address The Banner Leader. If convenient please send me this week's paper also.

Yours truly,  
V. Minshew.

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Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headaches will disappear. For sale by all dealers.

**A FIERCE BATTLE WITH RATTLES**

Reptiles at Large in Express Car Give Messenger a Night of Horror.

**ESCAPED FROM BOX**

Car Also Contained Three Dead Bodies and Half Dozen Crates of Chickens—The Snakes Perched on Coffins and Ate the Fowls.

New York.—Just to show the public that the ship newsmen haven't a corner on real live tales, the Jersey City correspondents of New York newspapers went down to meet the train the other day to see if there was any news from the west. And what do you think! As No. 4 rolled into the station at Pavonia avenue at 8:45 a. m. out of the baggage car leaped a pale, haggard man, who was none other than William Konklin, express messenger, who makes the run from Salamanca, N. Y., to Jersey City.

Bill fell into the arms of bystanders and was carried over to a baggage truck. Along came Andy Patterson, baggage man on the train, also much the worse for wear.

Both, let it be written down right here now, are total abstainers. "Keep everybody away from that express car!" Bill gasped. "It's full of snakes!"

Terrified, everybody ran to look into the car to see the snakes. They couldn't see any, and returned to hear Bill's story.

There are four rattlesnakes in that car as big as box constrictors—almost," said Bill after he had been propped up and handed a strong glass of chocolate ice cream soda. "I fought 'em all night in the dark. Andy, he helped me."

Andy nodded confirmation. "It was this way," Bill explained. "I took the express car at Salamanca and when I got aboard the messenger I relieved got receipts from me for—among other things—three bodies, four rattlesnakes in a box and half a dozen crates of chickens."

"We were boom'n' along early this morning before daylight, and the first



Rattlesnakes Above and Below.

thing I knew I looked up and there were four rattlesnakes twisted around the bracket that held the lamp.

"I was scared. I can ride along with a body without feelin' squeamish, but nix on the rattlesnakes. I picked up a small package, the first thing I got my hands on, and heaved it at the snakes."

"Ker-smash went my only light, and there was I in the dark with four rattlesnakes. And the train was goin' so fast that I did not feel like jumpin' and, besides, I had to deliver 'em. I lighted matches and got hold of my gun, and started after them."

"But," interrupted one of the crowd, "were you going to kill these snakes?"

"Sure, if I got a chance," said Bill fervently. "I did not have any contract to deliver live snakes. Snakes, that was all the bill of lading called for. Dead or alive, the express rate is the same."

"So I chased 'em around the car. They were kind of afraid and ran."

"Ran?"

"Ran all around the car, and finally perched on top of the coffins, just as cute as could be. I was goin' to shoot, then I remembered the coffins were hermetically sealed, and that I mustn't put a bullet in 'em."

"Then I began shooting for help. The bullets went through the roof. Andy, he came from the next car, and he solved the problem."

"What did he do?" asked the reporter.

"He chased the snakes into the chicken crates and they began eatin' chickens. You never see chickens go so fast. The snakes must have eaten a dozen apiece."

"Yes, yes," from the eager reporter.

"What then?"

"We lay down and went to sleep."

"But the snakes! Weren't they still dangerous?"

"Not a bit," said Bill. They ate so many chickens that they couldn't get out of the crate."

**TEXAS CATTLE BREEDING.**

The keeping of blooded livestock, except horses, in this country, is comparatively a new vocation. Up to a few years ago, most of our stock was of the scrub variety, and when interest in blooded stock began to be widespread, breeding animals had to be imported, and largely are today.

The time has arrived when the farmers of this country should go into the breeding of blooded livestock and on a much larger basis, and in communities of interest, so that one man will not have one strain and his next door neighbor another, and so on through all the breeds. By communities of interest and co-operation, all of one section would have the one breed, and much better, stronger and better progress could be made thereby.

Of all the sections of the United States, none are more favorable than Texas, and the state should get in on the ground floor of what will be a line of industry of great magnitude to this country within another score of years, especially now that blooded stock have been found much superior for market as well as for dairying.

Why should not Texas supply the great number of blooded stock which will be needed in other states and in the Latin-American countries, instead of letting the business go to other sections of the country?

The experiments with Asiatic cattle to secure a breed exempt from tuberculosis, cattle tick and other diseases, a very commendable work for our government bureaus, and it is hoped that success may be met with, to that our great livestock and dairying interests may not be hampered in growth. The production of butter in this country has for many years been much below consumption, even at the high prices which have prevailed, giving just the chance desired by slaughterers to work in oleomargarine, buttermine, process butter and the many imitations.

Several foreign countries, among them Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Russia and Ireland, have been exporting butter to this country to help out our scant supply. This is certainly a travesty on the shortsightedness of the American farmers, and is worse than carrying coals to Newcastle.

**FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTS AT PLAINVIEW.**

Plainview, Texas, October.—Eastern capitalists have invested \$1,500,000 in land in this vicinity which will immediately be subdivided into small farm tracts. The land involved, covers an area of 60,000 acres and is considered part of the best farm lands in the shallow water belt surrounding this city. The purchasers here arranged for the services of an agricultural expert who will devote his entire time to the development of the property. It is reported that 10,000 acres of fruit will be planted as soon as consistent, while 20,000 acres will be given to alfalfa. The balance of the farm will be devoted to truck products.

—ga.—Oil was brought in from a well three miles from here this week at a depth of 800 feet.

Taylor.—All previous records for cotton sales here was broken Saturday when 1,175 bales were marketed.

Quannah.—A Quannah firm was awarded the contract for furnishing cement, plaster for the Federal Hotel which will be built at Panama. The first shipment of 800 tons will be made from Quannah this week. The Texas firm bid against the big King Company of New York, which has the advantage of an all-water rate.

Paris.—Pile-drivers are at work on the Paris and Mount Pleasant extension from Bogota. Track-laying has begun on a portion of the road.

Velasco.—The Honduras arrived from New York and Baltimore this week, bringing two thousand cases of canned good for Texas merchants.

Wichita Falls.—At a cost of \$135,000, the First National Bank of this city will build a five-story bank and office building on the corner of Eighth street and Indiana avenue. The lot, 25 by 150 feet, was acquired at a cost of \$36,500. This will be Wichita Falls' third five-story office building.

**PROOF ENOUGH**



Mrs. Love—Yes, Fred's love is cooling.

Mrs. Dove—What makes you think so?

Mrs. Love—When we were on our honeymoon he broke two teeth trying to eat my biscuits. Now he soaks them in hot tea for half an hour.

**GUN AND AN EXTRA ACE STOPS GAME**

"Lucky" Stranger's "Show-down" Brings Rain of Bullets and Players Flee.

**HOLDS 4 ONE-SPOTS**

Kentuckian's Ire is Aroused When Another Falls From Sleeve, and Five Men Are Wounded—Chair is Also Used in the Melee.

Hammond, Ind.—Barring the fact that five men were wounded, all the furniture was broken up and bullets flew like hail, Victor Barrens' little poker party at his roadhouse in West Creek, near this city, the other night was a decided success.

All those present held good hands. In fact, such a lot of good poker hands being dealt at the same time was almost unheard of by most of the players. Moreover, they noticed that two players seemed to have a happy faculty of holding the best hands when there were many "big" hands dealt.

This fact might not have been commented upon, however, had not James Phillips, a lanky Kentucky visitor, noticed another peculiarity of the game.

One of the "lucky" players had opened a pot and drawn three cards. Phillips drew one card and filled a flush. He bet half of his pile of chips and, to his consternation, was raised by the "lucky" stranger.

"Let's see what you've got," said Phillips, "seeing" the raise.

"Four aces," said the "lucky" player, exhibiting his hand. But that was not the most remarkable feature of the hand. Two of the aces were hearts.

"Got any more aces?" asked Phillips, dryly.

The possessor of four aces angrily waved his arms to show that he could not be trifled with in that way. The movement was an unfortunate one, however, for another ace flew out of his sleeve.

That was enough for Phillips. He picked up a chair and threw it at the



"Got Any More Aces?"

"Lucky" man. Then he kicked over the table, smashed the chandeliers and threw a cut glass pitcher through a small buffet.

Edward Brooks, a horse trader, was disappearing through a smashed window when Phillips drew a revolver and fired at him. Brooks' right leg was broken. Several revolvers were drawn and five men were wounded before the fight finally was concluded.

Phillips made his way home, threatening to kill anybody who tried to stop him. He gave himself up half an hour later, however, when the sheriff reached there from Kankakee.

**FRENCH ARMY TESTS OUT**

Percentage of Illiteracy is 2.79 and 6,540 in Service Have University Degrees.

Paris.—The result of the annual investigation into the degrees of education possessed by men serving in the French army has been published.

The class of 1910, at present with the colors, numbers 301,467. Of these 8,412 can neither read nor write, 3,712 can read but not write, and 77,759 can do no more than read and write. Those possessing a more extensive primary education number 179,714, and there are 6,540 with a university degree.

The proportion of illiterates remains the same as in the previous year—namely, 2.79 per cent. The department of the Nord sends the greatest number of illiterates—947, as compared with 751 in the previous year; while Haute Savoie sent only five illiterate men into the army.

Price of Shaves Advanced. Pittsfield, Mass.—When J. Pierpont Morgan departs into the Duclos barber shop in Lenox for his annual shave by the Lenox barber in September, the financier will be told that the high cost of living has sent the price of shaves from ten to fifteen cents. Duclos has been shaving diplomats and millionaires for ten cents a shave for thirty years, but he advanced the price the other day.



## SECOND WEEK OF DISTRICT COURT.

Few Cases Tried, Jury Dismissed Wednesday Afternoon.

The Criminal Docket has held the attention of the District this week considerable effort was made to get something up for trial, but it failed. There were some cases disposed of as follows:

State of Texas vs J. A. Suggs, continued; State of Texas vs C. H. Adams, continued; State of Texas vs Will Spairs, indictment quashed and held for action of grand jury; State of Texas vs Bloomeritt, aggravated assault and battery, plea of guilty fined \$50 and cost; State of Texas vs Simon James, forgery, guilty and sent to the penitentiary for two years; State of Texas vs Ed Averett, aggravated assault and battery, guilty, fined \$25.00 and cost; State of Texas vs H. S. Fowler, continued by agreement.

The jury was dismissed for the week and only a few civil cases will be tried the balance of the week.

The civil jury docket will be taken up next week.

### GO TO JEANS

For fine fruits, vegetables pure apple cider and vinegar, it

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Simpson, of Catulo, came in last Tuesday night and will make Ballinger their home for the present. Mr. Simpson is here to look after the irrigation proposition now before our section.

Arthur Willingham came in Tuesday night from his school land in Crane county, to visit his family and Ballinger friends a while.

Mrs. J. K. Hutton left Tuesday afternoon for Dallas to attend the fair and will also visit relatives and friends at Honey Grove before returning home.

### GO TO JEANS

For fine fruits, vegetables, pure apple cider and vinegar. It

Judge Jno. I. Guion left Tuesday afternoon for College Station to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the A & M. College and will then go to Victoria on legal business.

### GO TO JEANS

For fine fruits, vegetables, pure apple cider and vinegar. It

Mrs. Arthur Dooe and babe of Falpa, came in at noon Monday to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a day or two.

Mrs. Walter Parker left Tuesday afternoon for Goldthwaite to be at the bedside of her father, who was dangerously hurt by a horse falling with him. She was unable to get the particulars of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Grantham, of the Norton country were among the number who left from this point Tuesday afternoon to attend the Dallas Fair.

### RETURNS HOME

J. Y. Pearce returned home noon Wednesday from St. Louis where he purchased Christmas goods for his business in this city.

He had also been to Illinois where he joined Mrs. Pearce and attended the funeral of his father-in-law, Mr. Geo. Baker, of Bunkerhill, who died a few weeks ago. Mrs. Pearce came on a far as Mineral Wells where she will spend a few weeks before returning home.

## TRADES MERCHANDISE FOR LAND

R. Rutherford traded to M. W. McGinnis, this week, his racket stock which had been located under the Opera House for a half section of land near El Paso.

Old timers in Ballinger will be interested to know that Dr. Tom O. Luckettis located in El Centro California where he expects to practice his profession. He spent five years in the Tropics, then tried Portland, Oregon, Los Angeles, California and has finally located in El Centro. This is a thriving little city in the Imperial Valley in southern Cal. and farming done altogether by irrigation.

### HORTON WELL REPRESENTED

An investigation of the High School Rolls discloses the fact that there are nine boys and girls from that community in the High School at this place. This shows that there is a sentiment for Education out there. Supt. Flemming informs us that they are fine students and he is proud to number them among his school. Each community should be as well represented as is Norton if the proper interest could be aroused and a little interest effort next summer would do the work.

### RECEIVES INJURIES LOSES GOOD HORSE

Dr. W. W. Fowler had the misfortune last Friday to lose a Good horse. The horse with the thers was hitched to a harrow when the driver went off and left them and while gone the horses took fright and ran away. In the runaway the horse was so badly cut that he died in a few hours. Dr. Fowler while working with the horse received a severe kick on the face, but we are glad to state that he is able to be on the street again.

### NORTON NEWS

A good rain fell last week and the small grain is beginning to show up nicely.

Messrs R. E. Long, Archie Smith and Tice Ford attended the fair and big show at San Angelo. Mrs. J. R. Holloway and children spent Monday and Tuesday in Ballinger this week.

E. G. Bowden, E. T. Witt, Jim Good and O. Lilly attended the colt show at Bronte Saturday. E. G. Bowden receiving a \$15.00 prize for his German-Coach colt. Miss Ollie Taylor visited home folks Friday and Saturday returning to school Sunday.

Mr. J. T. Morgan and family left Thursday for Waco where they will make their future home. Carn Sharp and wife and Fred Bell Mrs. Sharps brother left for Arkansas Wednesday. Queen of The Prairie.

### FENDER LECTURE

On last (Thursday) night Rev. Fender gave the first of his series of lectures at the Library to a large and appreciative audience. His lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views and brought you face to face with the scenes of the old world. There will be three others, and you will miss a treat if you fail to attend.

### ALLISON HOME A TOTAL LOSS

About 8 o'clock Wednesday night a fire alarm was turned in and the fire located on North 11th street at the home of Calvin Allison, and the fire was under such headway the building and contents were almost a total loss before the fire boys arrived.

The family were away from home at the time of the fire and the origin of the fire is not known but supposed to have caught from a defective flue.

The building and its contents were valued at about \$4000.00, but we were unable to learn the amount of insurance carried.

## EVEN IRRIGATION OF SOILS

Where Land is Light Loamy or Sandy Nature It is Great Problem for Farmer to Deal With.

To evenly irrigate light loamy or sandy soil is a problem that most irrigation farmers must contend with. Of course, there are irrigated areas where the soil is clay and not easily cut away by the water, but generally where irrigation is practiced a large part of the soil is of a light character, easily washed and cut away. Thereby are not only the plant roots exposed to the sun, but they are deprived of a root hold.

To irrigate such land the most economical method is the use of the bordered strips and checks. If a pump is relied upon to furnish the irrigation water, this system is the cheapest way to irrigate any kind of soil.

Erect ridges, usually by plowing, so as to border flat strips of land, so arranged that the water may be discharged into one end of the strip and so that it will flow flat by the ridges that border it.

The ridges should be from 30 to 50 feet apart, depending mainly upon the amount of water and the slope of the land.

Some irrigators manage to throw up their ridges at one plowing by back-furrowing, but, of course, this method leaves a deep double furrow between the ridges that makes leveling more difficult. The quicker way in the long run is to plow the entire tract as level as possible, and after dragging it with a good drag plow up the ridges about three or four furrows wide.

When you get the strip as near level as you think necessary, it is well on new land to turn in the water, and if there are any irregularities they will show up and can be leveled later.

For grain such great care in leveling is hardly necessary, but for alfalfa time spent in leveling means time saved in irrigation later.

Of course, the soil next to the ridges is likely to be soft and easily washed out. To prevent this small dikes two or three feet long should be hoed up, extending from the ridge out into the flat. This backs up the water and helps spread it to the center of the flat. Some garden or orchard crops are better irrigated by ditch irrigation, but the flat culture, as has been here described, offers less surface for evaporation and facilitates cultivation.

## CULTURE OF WINTER EMMER

Where Irrigation is Practiced Give Grain Good Soaking and Water Land Before Planting.

Improved winter emmer will grow anywhere that winter wheat can be produced, and it requires the same kind of soil and treatment. I advise the preparation of a good seed bed long enough before planting so it will become somewhat settled and compact. Sow with a drill and in the west use a press drill if it is to be had, writes B. C. Buffum of Wyoming in Orange Judd Farmer. This grain has large studding power, and to get a start with the new grain I advise planting at the rate of one bushel of 40 pounds per acre. Sow in September or October, so the grain will come up before freezing weather sets in. Where the season is short, sow earlier than where it is long.

If you irrigate, give the grain a good soaking before it goes into the winter, and the better plan is to irrigate the land before the grain is planted. In the spring one or more good harrowings will help the crop. It will be ready to harvest late in June or early in July, and should be cut before it gets too ripe and dry. It may be threshed either from the field or stack. Do not be discouraged if it looks thin on the ground in the early spring.

The best formation of the heads occurs where the soil is rich and the plants have plenty of room. On good soils and with the right kind of treatment you should get from 80 to 100 or more bushels per acre.

## DAIRY NOTES

Have salt where the cow can get it every day.

Palatability is an important feature of good dairy rations.

Facilities for handling milk are giving an impetus to the market.

Don't let the cows out in the storms to stand around. It doesn't pay.

It is rather a difficult task to dry up a cow when in full flow of milk.

One of the great mistakes in dairy farming is in having too much land.

No farmer can afford to have a cheap, inferior make silo on his farm.

In feeding a milk cow a corn ration, reduce the ration at first indication of fattening.

Cows should be in prime condition at time of freshening. Therefore feed grain if necessary.

The best time to dehorn an animal is when it is only a few days old, by using caustic potash.

Roughage for calves should first be fed at 2 or 3 weeks of age, when the calf begins to eat grain.

If a heifer is to make the best dairy cow, she should freshen when she is from 2 years to 30 months old.

Simply because a calf is given her ration of milk each day, it does not signify that she does not need water also.

A pure-bred bull on the farm will double the value of a scrub or low grade herd of cattle in a very short time.

## PROFIT IN SOY BEAN

Apply Water Before Seeding to Prevent Crust Forming.

Plant is Legume and is Therefore Nitrogen Gatherer for Soil—Rabbits and Gophers Particularly Fond of the Plant.

(By REX E. WILLARD.)

Some difficulty has been encountered in some localities in the production of soy beans. The first important feature in the production of this crop is good seed, and considerable difficulty is encountered in securing it. The seed, therefore, should be tested by placing in a pan of damp soil in a warm place to determine how much will germinate. If less than 80 per cent good seed is found, either better seed should be secured or a larger amount in proportion to the quality should be planted.

The seed bed should be in the best condition, for the sprouts of soy beans are very tender and any obstacles such as lumps, stones or crust on the surface of the ground will materially impede the growth. Seed should be planted from one inch to one and one-half inches deep in the heavier soils, and two or two and one-half inches deep in sandy soils. Water should be applied before planting, so that a crust will not form after the seed has been planted. This is important.

Soy beans may be planted in rows two and one-half to three feet apart, or may be drilled or broadcasted. Planting in rows and cultivating will



Soy Bean Plant.

give the best result in seed, but for feeding purposes, the entire ground may be covered. When planting in rows, about sixty pounds per acre will give good results. If planted broadcast, considerable more, about 150 pounds, should be sown. The roots of soy beans are not deep, usually not more than thirty inches, so that frequent shallow irrigations are preferred to heavy irrigations and at longer intervals. This is usually true if the crop is planted on the sandier soils.

It will be found exceedingly beneficial to cultivate the soy beans when they are planted in rows. This should be done two or three times during the early part of the growing season, both to break a crust that may form and to keep out weeds. It will be found most beneficial to cultivate as soon as the soil is dry enough after irrigation.

The soy bean plant is a legume, and is therefore a nitrogen gatherer for the soil. If properly handled it should leave the soil in better condition than before. This is particularly true of sandy soil, which is generally somewhat deficient in nitrogen. The crop usually does well on the lighter soils as compared with the heavier soils.

Soy beans mature in from 90 to 115 days. They may be planted any time after the danger of the last killing frost is passed. Slightly more than thirty bushels of seed to the acre were produced on soil where the seeding was about sixty pounds to the acre in rows three feet apart.

Rabbits and gophers are particularly fond of the young beans, and if there is danger from these pests, it will be well to plant enough for yourself and the pests also.

### Uniformity in the Flock.

The progressive farmer will not think it very profitable to keep a mongrel flock of birds when he realizes that with the same care they will vary greatly in productiveness. Some will be overfed and some underfed. Some will get the lion's share, and some go without. Thus many will not lay during the winter and he will be keeping a lot of birds to no profit. A uniform lot of birds of some particular variety will do better and be more productive than the mixed lot. The day has passed for mixed breeds of cattle or poultry.

### Introducing New Blood.

Replenish your stock occasionally with good unrelated birds. Keep your best birds yourself; sell only the culls. To close, don't let the poultry department run itself, but watch the flock and you will stand an excellent chance of getting eggs when they are 50 cents a dozen, instead of when they are selling for 20 cents.

### Extra Food for Egg Material.

The first purpose to which food is devoted is to supply wasting tissues and support of the body. All over that amount goes to the manufacture of eggs, providing the feed is of such a nature as to cause fat.

## FUSARIUM OF POTATO

Too Much Water and Heat Cause of Disease.

Exact Conditions Have Been Disccovered by Expert of Colorado College—Preventive to Be Placed Within Reach of Raiser.

The exact conditions which cause "fusarium," the disease which caused a loss of more than \$20,000,000 to the potato crop in the southernmost potato-raising states from Colorado to Ohio and Pennsylvania last year, have been discovered by Prof. C. L. Fitch, potato expert at the Colorado Agricultural college. Experiments to determine what these conditions are have been under way in a greenhouse at the college here for the past 100 days and are just coming to a close. The results sought—just what combination of soil temperature and water supply cause the disease—have recently been made manifest.

The result is that Prof. Fitch has obtained data by which he will be able to advise the potato raiser as to what measures to adopt to make the disease less likely to affect his crop. A cure, however, has not yet been discovered; for, after the disease appears there is no means of stopping it. But the result is that means of preventing the disease, to a very great extent, will be placed within the reach of the potato raiser.

"Fusarium" is not a new disease. It is an infecting of the potato plant which makes itself manifest in very hot, dry seasons, like last season.

To secure the data mentioned Prof. Fitch created in one of the greenhouses at the college the very same conditions that exist in the potato field in the summer. The temperature in the four cabinets where the experiment was carried on was kept at 50, 55, 60 and 65 degrees, and the moisture was regulated at 10, 20, 30 and 40 per cent. When the plants reached the proper stage of development samples from each cabinet were placed in the 95 degree cabinet and enclosed in glass and, by means of electric lights, the temperature was raised to between 90 and 100 degrees—such temperatures as are found in a potato field on a moderately hot summer day.

This glass cabinet was so arranged as to supply proper circulation of air, as nearly as possible imitating the average summer breeze. The moisture was raised on half the hills to 30 and 40 per cent, and the final test was on.

The plants were put in the glass cabinet on a Monday morning. Wednesday morning fusarium developed. The plants were decidedly "stuck" and before night it was evident that they were dying. The experiment had been successful and Professor Fitch had cause to rejoice.

The plants which had been supplied with 30 and 40 per cent of moisture showed the effects of the disease sooner and died more rapidly, while those which had been supplied with 20 per cent withstood the test longer, but finally showed signs of the disease. Those which had 10 per cent are still healthy.

From these experiments Professor Fitch had determined that, to irrigate potato fields past 20 per cent of moisture when the temperature of the soil is above 80 degrees, will certainly produce "fusarium" and also produce "fusarium" to take hold.

He also found during the experiment that a soil temperature of about 70 degrees, with an application of 20 per cent of moisture, supplies almost ideal conditions for potato raising.

Of course the results of the experiments do not mean that the problem has been solved, for there are yet to be devised methods of putting the information to practical use and of doing what may be done to cool the soil.

A special thermometer for the farmer's use in testing the soils is one of the needs. With this he can ascertain just at what time it will be safe to irrigate his fields. All these new facts approve the practice of careful old farmers who think that during the hottest period of the summer it is wise to irrigate at night.

Professor Fitch believes that, under the most adverse conditions, the temperature will be so lowered by midnight that it will be safe to apply the water at that time, and that before the heat of the next day is cast upon the fields this water will have done its work in supplying the plants and will have soaked away into the soil so that the heat will not cause the disease.

Another feature which will prove valuable is the method of preparing the seed bed and pushing the plant to early growth. It is believed that by applying sufficient moisture to the seed bed to dampen it deeply without soaking and pushing the growth of the plants as rapidly as possible early in the season, before the hot weather comes, the plants themselves will furnish a shade to the soil which will be the chief aid in the battle against the disease.

The importance of this work may be judged by the loss to Colorado alone, estimated to have been not less than \$8,000,000 on last season's crop, based on average prices.

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W. C. Reeves left Saturday afternoon for Dallas on a short business trip.

Jonn Lewis of the Crews country was among the visitor in the city Monday.

Wiley Cathey, of Wingate, is here this week as a juror in the District Court.

Lem Cresswell of Leaday, was among the court visitors in the city Monday.

D. J. Humphrey, of the Pony creek country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Dr. F. M. Hale, of Temple, a former citizen of Ballinger, came in at noon Monday and will remain in our city for a week or so looking after business affairs and settling up his old business.

W. J. Wilke returned home Saturday night from Abilene where he had been looking after his show business the past week.

Walter F. White, of Winters, passed thru the city Monday en route to San Angelo.

Dick Oliver, of Asherton, Tex. came to at noon Monday to look after business affairs in our city a week or ten days.

Charlie Corder and Will Street left at noon Saturday for San Angelo to buy a carload of horse which they will ship to East Tex.

Mrs. Rosa Scott who had been to San Marcos and San Antonio on business the past week or ten days returned home today.

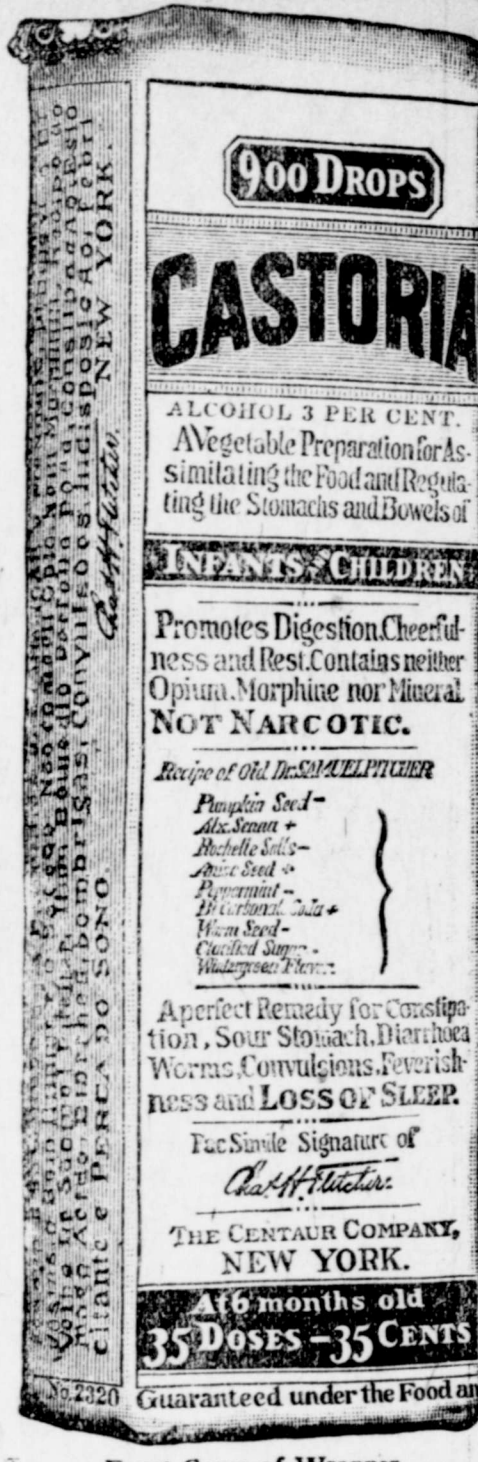
Charlie Parker of Killeen was among the visitors in Ballinger yesterday.

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Is an effective system regulator and bowel tonic. Persons of a constipated habit find it to be just what they need to re-establish regular bowel movements and to correct the evil effects of the disorder in the skin and blood. It drives out the impurities that have accumulated in the system. Removes sallowness, bad breath, pimples, skin eruptions, and restores the ruddy hue of health to the complexion.  
Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.  
Price \$1.00 per Bottle.

**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.  
Telephone Number 65

**SANTA FE TIME TABLE CHANGES**  
The following changes in schedule of Trains will become effective 12:01 a. m. August 18th.

	North Bound	
No. 70	Ballinger	9:34 a. m.
No. 78	Ballinger	4:40 p. m.
	South Bound	
No. 77	Ballinger	12:07 p. m.
No. 75	Ballinger	12:36 a. m.

**A. H. WIGLE, AGENT**  
**SANTA FE RAILWAY**

**BIG CAR LOAD BUGGIES JUST ARRIVED**  
**THE OWENSBORO**  
Easy to Buy, Easy Riding and Built to Last  
You can get the best buggy good material can make and save \$25 on the price, if you buy an Owensboro. We sell them and guarantee every one we sell. Remember we sell blacksmith supplies and do a general blacksmithing.  
**F. F. MOORE & COMPANY**

**GO TO THE DAY GIN**  
For Good Close Ginning.  
**NEW SAWS TO CUT YOUR COTTON CLEAN**

**YOUR FIRE INSURANCE**  
Is an Important Item In Your Business  
I represent six first class old line companies and can write you either Fire or Tornado Insurance to protect your property. THE UNEXPECTED is what happens and your property may go up in flames. Let me figure with you.  
**Miss Maggie Sharp**  
Office in old Fidelity Credit Co's old location.



### Col. Roosevelt Shot in Breast.

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proclamation found in the clothing of the man who did the shooting reads

"September 15, 1912:

"September 15, 1901, 1:30 a. m. in a dream I saw President Mc Finley sit up in monk's attire in whom I recognized Theodore Roosevelt. The president said: 'This is my murderer, avenge my death.'

"September 12, 1912: 1:30 a. m. while writing a poem, someone tapped me on the shoulder and said: 'Let not a murderer take the presidential chair. Avenge my death.'

"I could plainly see Mr. McKinley's features.

"Before Almighty God, I swear this above writing is nothing but the truth."

Another note reads:

"So long as Japan could rise to the reatest power of the world, despite her surviving a tradition more than 20000 years old, as General Nogi so nobly demonstrated, it is the duty of the United States of America to uphold the third term tradition. Let every third-termer be regarded as a traitor to the American cause. Let it be the right and duty of every citizen to forcibly remove a third term. Never let a third term party emblem appear on the ballot."

"I am willing to die for my country. God has called me to His instrument, so help me God.

Signed)

"Innocently Guilty" (written in German) A strong tower is our God."

### RADFORD GROCERY CO. ENLARGING.

The Radford Grocery Co are widening out. They have leased the double building heretofore occupied by R. A. Risser & Co. and are filling same with stock. This will help the looks of 8th Street, besides affording this firm larger facilities to handle their trade.

Rev. R. M. Hammock left for Austin, Wednesday where he went to attend Synod.

Mrs. Wade, Mother of J. B. and Isham left Wednesday for Tennessee to make her home.

Lawson O. Daily of San Angelo, Cousin of Mrs. C. P. Shepherd was here Thursday.

C. S. Miller came in middle of the week from Salt Lake City, where he had been to attend the National Irrigation Congress. He is well pleased with his trip.

Major Formwalt of Grandbury after visit here with his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Allen, returned to his home Thursday.

S. P. Dawson and wife of Moberly, Mo. after ten days visit with Mrs. Dawson's brother, J. N. Mason on Valley Creek, returned home Wednesday.

T. Jones Webb of the Maverick country, one of the prominent and pioneer stock men of Runnels county was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

G. W. Clayton of Benoit, Dr. Boon of Wingate and Ed Gentry of the Norron country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

### FOR SALE

Upright folding bed at a sacrifice—Ring 321.

### APPLES APPLES APPLES.

We have on the G. C. & S. F. track a car of New Mexico apples, as fine as you would want, will sell in bulk or as you want them. Come and get yours.

A. L. Spann  
Ballinger, Texas.

Lee Gentry, of San Angelo was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

J. A. Suggs, of Winters, was here Monday to attend district court.

Constable Lee O. Aller, of Granger, Texas, noninee of his county for sheriff, was here Monday on a short business trip.

Frank Maddox left Saturday for Benjamin and other points in that section on a short trip.

J. D. Norwood came in last Sunday from the east where he had been looking after business the past several weeks. J. D. says Ballinger and Runnels county looks better to him each time he leaves and gets back, in fact we are in as good shape as any section he visited while gone.

Miss Young, of Itasca, who had been visiting her friends, Misses Katie Bell and Mamie Gregory left Saturday for Hermleigh, where she will teach the ensuing year.

B. F. Guin, of Hatchell, passed through Ballinger at noon Monday en route to San Angelo where he will be with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill at that place where they are beginning the season's run today.

Dr. R. E. Walker the city health officer released Sandlin and family last Monday from the quarantine in which he had held them on account of Scarlet fever and he says all danger is now over.

### ITS GOOD ALRIGHT.

A tenderlion steak for your dinner and it is cheaper than cured meats, too, and a great deal more appetizing. We handle the very best meats that are sold on the Ballinger market and we can convince you if you will give us a trial. The City Market. Tim Ward Proprietor.

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

### Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist.

Over F. & M. State Bank. 11-4

T. J. McCaughn, the Norton merchant, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

J. "Red" Allen, a former citizen of Ballinger, but now of Yoakum, came in from San Angelo Sunday to spend a day or two with Ballinger friends enroute home.

Louis Jameson of the Talpa country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. A. K. Doss and babe of Winters, passed thru the city at noon last Monday enroute to San Angelo, to visit with friends a few days.

G. W. Haij left at noon Monday to look after business affairs at San Angelo a few days.

Bert Spann had business at Miles between trains Monday.

Ed W. Busch, the gin man of Wingate, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Arfield left at noon Monday on a short trip to San Angelo. Mrs. Arfield to visit friends and he to look after insurance business.

W. S. Syler of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger on Monday.

Stop coughing! you rack the lungs and worry the body. BAL-LARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP checks irritation, heals the lungs and restores comfortable breathing. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 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 Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers.

### Stand Ahead.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it 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.

Very truly yours,  
T. J. Brownlow,  
Livingston Tenn.

25 and 50c bottles

### BABY NEEDS WATCHING IN SUMMER TIME.

Their Little Stomachs Get Out Of Order Easily in Hot Weather.

Mothers should watch closely the condition of the children's bowels, babies especially. Keep the bowels regular and much of the illness to which children are most susceptible in summer can be prevented.

The most prevalent symptoms are constipation and diarrhoea. When waste from the stomach congests in the bowels and makes your little one feverish and fretful, with a feeling of heaviness, or languor, try giving it a spoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at bedtime. By morning this pleasant, mild laxative will act gently, yet positively, and restore normal conditions. This simple, natural remedy is also invaluable in checking summer diarrhoea. By thoroughly cleansing the bowels, the foreign matter and poisons that irritate and inflame the tissues are eliminated. Don't torture the child with harsh cathartic, purgative or astringent remedies, that upset the whole system, and at best only relieve temporarily. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, while positive in its effect, acts gently and without griping or discomfort, restoring normal conditions.

In using Syrup Pepsin for children the mother can feel perfectly safe, as it contains no opiates or narcotic drug, being a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin. By carrying off the dislodged tissues of mucous membrane that inflame the nasal passages it will quickly break the "summer cold" that is so annoying. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold by druggists for fifty cents a bottle—the larger family size, one dollar. A free trial bottle postpaid, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 406 Washington St. Monticello, Illinois.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill? For sale by all dealers.

# If You Do Not, WHY DON'T YOU?

Make Every Dollar You Spend buy the  
GREATEST VALUE POSSIBLE

## --Higginbotham Currie Williams Co.--

Have in Full Swing a Great Fall and Winter Campaign Sale that is saving Hundreds of people in Runnels and adjoining Counties Money. A little investigation will convince you that this is the place that your dollars go farthest.

# We Are Not Going to Leave Ballinger--- Not Closing Out

Just saving the people some money on what they have to buy. There is plenty of HOT AIR FLOATING AROUND, but prices talk. The proof of the pie is the eating of it. Come in and let us show you---You'll be glad you did.

# Higginbotham Currie Williams Co

A Safe Place to Trade

Ballinger, Texas

Mrs. J. J. Justice received the sad intelligence on Tuesday that her father was dead at Grace, Fla.

D. G. Arrant of Norton was here Tuesday doing some tradine.

G. W. Mathis left Monday afternoon for Dallas, where he goes on cotton business and will meet with the directors of the Southern Cotton Co-operative Association, which convenes in that city today.

A new girl arrived at the home of H. O. Rhodes and wife on last Monday night.

Dr. T. E. Butler left Monday afternoon for Bayside where he goes to look after business interests for some time.

Mrs. Hirman Chrisman, left Monday afternoon for Austin where she goes to place her little daughter in school. She was the guest of Miss Vina Berringer while in our city.

Miss Webb, who is assistant church worker to Rev. Cecil Seaman was here several days doing some organization work. She organized a Sunday School last Sunday.

R. P. Kirk has accepted a position in the tax collector's office and will be found at that place during the winter. Mr. Kirk is familiar with the details of that office and Mr. Padgett is fortunate in securing such valuable assistance.

Charlie Dean of Gainesville who had been here to attend the funeral of his father, W. H. Dean last week, returned home Monday afternoon.

D. H. Hierman, came in last Monday from Austin, en route to his home at Imperial, Texas. His wife and children are here on a visit to her father H. G. Stokes and family and Mr. Hierman will spend a few days in our city.