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## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS

The School Board of the Ballinger Independent District met Tuesday afternoon. The most important business to come before the board was the electing of the teachers for the 1914-15 term, and the passing of an order authorizing the building and repair committee to make some improvements in the Central building.

The list of applications for positions in the Ballinger schools showed that all the members of the present faculty except Miss Wilma Beckwith had filed their application for re-election. We understand that Miss Beckwith has accepted a position in Dallas, where she so successfully taught before coming to Ballinger, and for this reason she did not apply for a place in the local school.

The board discussed the various applications, and the work accomplished during the term now drawing to a close, and their action in unanimously re-electing all the old faculty is conclusive evidence that the present faculty has given satisfaction. Perfect harmony prevails on the board, as well as in the school and with the faculty, and the board did not deem it wise to make any change.

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## RICHEST YOUNG MAN MARRIES

(United Press.)  
STATSBURG, N. Y., April 30.—Vincent Astor, son of the late John Jacob Astor and the wealthiest young man in this country, and Miss Helen Dinsmore Huntington were married today at Hopland. The ceremony was performed at 12:40 o'clock this afternoon.

W. M. Toliver Jr., who has been lousis, left from this point Wednesday afternoon for Woodmen, Colo. in the early stages of tuberculosis where he will enter the Modern Woodmen sanitarium for the benefit of his health. The Modern Woodmen Lodge of Ballinger bears the expense out of a fund contributed for that special purpose. The order is doing a noble work in this instance and many others.

D. W. Pane one of the successful farmers of the Vale community, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and reports a one-fourth inch rain at his place Monday morning and with the fine rain of the week before has put his land in splendid shape and the crops up looking nicely.

## TROOPS MAKE NO DISTINCTION

(United Press.)  
TRINIDAD, Colo., April 30.—"Federal troops will be absolutely neutral," stated Major Holbrook here when he arrived today. "We will make no distinction between strikers and mine guards."

Known dead in southern Colorado coal fields since the strike began 72, according to conservative estimate. Others run as high as 175.

At Ludlow 25 were killed, of whom 14 were little children and two were women.

At Chandler, Ebbire, McNally and other places 22 more have been killed. These are known deaths; secret assassinations may increase this total.

April 20.—Following the withdrawal of most of the militia a battle occurred at Ludlow, a strikers colony. Two women and 14 children were killed here when the tents burned.

April 21.—Bodies of Ludlow slain lay 36 hours unburied.

April 22.—Acting Governor Fitzgerald asks for truce.

April 24.—Troops under Chase leave for front. Strikers attack Empire mine after giving women and children safe conduct.

April 24.—Many state troops mutiny and refuse to go to the strike district.

April 24.—Empire mine relieved with three strikers dead and four defenders wounded. Gov. Ammons returns to Colorado and takes charge.

April 25.—Governor yields to demands of 1000 voting women of state and calls for Federal troops. Calls special session of state legislature to convene on May 4th. Strikers attack Chandler mine in Fremont county, near Canon City, formerly a peaceful district.

April 26.—Sunday afternoon at mass meeting on state house lawn in Denver 5000 denounced Gov. Ammons and John D. Rockefeller Jr. as "traitors" and accessories to murder. Chandler mine falls in hands of strikers. One guard killed.

April 27.—Militia take Chandler mine. Strikers capture McNally mine at Walsenburgh with reported deaths of seven mine guards. Fighting breaks out in northern Colorado field where strike has been on for years. Helch mine under heavy fire all night. Durham and Vulcan mines also fired upon.

April 28.—Federal troops ordered to strike zone to restore order. The troops that have been sent into Colorado are from Fort D. A. Russell, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. If additional troops are required they will be sent from Fort Riley.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE MARKET VERY DULL

The keeper of the marriage records is complaining on account of the fact that there is nothing doing in matrimonial circles. There has not been an application for a marriage permit during the week. It seems that Dan Cupid is taking an early vacation this spring are else is on a strike. Somebody must get busy during the next thirty days if we are to be blessed with any June brides.

Other business around the Temple of Justice—or perhaps we should say injustice, shows no cause for the great effort that some of our good friends are putting forth to become servants of the people. In fact the loneliness of the place gives it a "haunted air."

The county commissioners met Monday, just for a little call session, and they are holding forth way back in the east corner of the building with no one to trouble them while they check up and check in and check out on this and that particular officer. The biggest job that came before them was the annual "squaring up" with the tax collector. They did this and found everything in "apple pie order" so to speak.

Another matter that the court will perhaps bring to a focus and end one way or another is the little differences that exist between some of the county officers and the county's treasurer. It will be remembered that the recent grand jury had something to say about this matter, and made some recommendations that the commissioners will probably act upon. The commissioners will also pass on the annual financial statement showing how the county's funds have been handled, and this will appear in an early issue of the Ledger.

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
The real estate records show that a few people have been selling, buying, exchanging, etc., and is as follows:

F. G. Rogers and wife to R. B. Martin being lot 5, Calwell addition to Miles, consideration \$300.

J. B. Morehead and wife to John W. Smith, being a part of block No. 38, original town of Miles, being a part of the southeast one-fourth of the T. & N. O. Ry., Co. survey No. 86, consideration \$300.

Tom P. Cooper and wife to G. M. Yates and C. C. Brewer being a part of the T. & N. O. Ry. Co., survey No. 86, a part of block No. 47 Boykin addition to Miles, consideration \$1,000.

L. P. Gandy and wife to Sam Sparks, 182 acres of land out of the northwest portion of the H. T. & B. Ry. Co., survey No. 178, consideration \$2,500.

## FUNSTON TAKES CHARGE AT VERA CAUZ

(United Press.)  
VERA CRUZ, April 30.—General Funston has decided to occupy the quarters recently used by General Maas, who fled before the advance of the American Marines. Troops have been landing since seven o'clock this morning, and the formal turning over of the city to Funston will take place at two o'clock this afternoon. The city presented an animated scene as naval forces withdrew and infantry took their places about the city.

VERA CRUZ, April 29.—Establishment of civil government in Vera Cruz began today with the appointment of Robert J. Kerr of New York, as civil governor; W. F. Buckle, of Austin, Texas, as administrator of justice; Commander Stickney as inspector of the port, and C. H. Stewart of Indianapolis, as treasurer.

The four regiments of infantry, the Seventh, Fourth, Nineteenth and Twenty-eighth, comprising the Fifth Brigade of the United States army, have not landed here as yet. They are within the harbor, however.

## FIVE BODIES ARE RECOVERED TODAY

ECCLES, W. Va., April 30.—Shaft No. 5 mine was penetrated this morning and five dead bodies piled in a heap were found at the bottom of the shaft, death being caused by suffocation.

## RESIGNATION NOT IN HUERTA'S MIND

(By W. G. Shepard, Staff Correspondent the United Press.)  
VERA CRUZ, April 30.—Mexico's agreement to mediate was not made without reservations.

Mexico is to mediate up to a certain point. Dictator Huerta has not made up his mind how far he cares to go and resigning is apparently not in his mind.

The situation was clearly indicated to me in a telegram I received from Senor Portillo Rejas, Mexican Foreign Secretary, in which he states "Mexico accepts the principle of mediation only. When the details are known, I will be in a better position to discuss our attitude. Hope mediation will bring solution acceptable to the dignity of both governments."

Just what satisfying the dignity of the Mexican government carries with it is obvious, since Huerta is the Mexican government.

It is rumored here today that in seizing Vera Cruz, the United States may be made responsible for the interest on Mexican bonds which are due in August, as by contract with European holders, sixty per cent of the custom receipts of the port of Vera Cruz were to be laid aside for the purpose of paying the interests. During the blockade no customs have been collected.

Manzanillo Not Bombarded.  
(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The Navy department today denied the story that the United States warships had bombarded Manzanillo.



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EXTRAVAGANCE WILL GET IT  
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Friends are few. Those so-called fair-weather friends who borrow your money are in the same class with the schemer who tries to get you to invest it in wild-cat enterprise. The temptation to spend your money while you have it in your pocket is very great.

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## SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE REMODELED

At a meeting of the school board of the Ballinger Independent District held Tuesday, the building and repair committee was authorized to have the Central School building remodeled and made new from bottom to top.

It is not known exactly what the improvements to be made will cost, but it is estimated that it will require about \$5000. The entire interior of the old building will undergo a change. The partitions and floors will be torn out, and the new plans will call for a different arrangement of the rooms. A large study hall will be arranged, and the recitation rooms will be reduced in size. The building will be fully equipped with steam heat, making it much easier to heat the rooms with uniform heat, thereby making it healthy for the children.

A member of the board in discussing the plans stated that the building would be made new on the inside. The building is a substantial one, as it stands, being

## VILLA MAY ATTACK PORT OF TAMPICO

(United Press.)  
EL PASO, April 30.—The sudden departure of General Villa for the south with subsequent order that troop trains be concentrated at Torreon for southward trip gives rise to a report that Villa has determined upon an attack upon Saltillo and Tampico. It is stated that he desires Tampico in order to gain an open port for cotton shipments to Europe.

built of stone, and will do service for ages to come, but the arrangements of the rooms are not at all satisfactory and make it very inconvenient and unsanitary. The building was erected when Ballinger was a small town, and was not planned with a view to making additions to it. Several years ago two new rooms were added to the building. With the completion of the plans now outlined this building will be as modern and comfortable as the new building and will serve its purpose for many generations to come.

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**METHODIST REVIVAL  
CLOSED SUNDAY**

With a strong sermon delivered in a practical way, and with an earnest appeal to sinners to repent of their sins and blot out their past record and live a clean record in the future, Rev. W. H. Mathews completed his work here Sunday night and the Methodist revival came to a close.

The revival has been in progress for ten days, and during that time two services each day have been held, with the exception of Saturday and Monday. As a result of the meeting the membership of the church has increased, there being about a dozen joining, and the older members have renewed their determination to make better members, and the revival spirit of the splendid services felt throughout the religious circle of the town.

Emphasizing the fact that each soul should have to give an account of the life lived here in this world—the deeds committed in the body, at the judgment bar of God, and that every one would have to face the record of his life on the day of judgment, Rev. Mathews brought home to his congregation of hearers great importance of living an honest life—honest with our neighbors, honest with ourselves and honest with God.

He referred to the life of man as a book of three volumes. In one we find the public record—the life that we live in public, in society, in business. Another he termed the home record—the life we live at home, our acts when we are shut in from the eye of the public, and surrounded by no one except the members of the family. He pointed out the hypocrisy practiced by those who appeared as perfect gentlemen and ladies when in public, as compared with the home life. The third volume that goes to make up our life's record the preacher called the secret volume—where is recorded the deeds that the world knows nothing about, and where only ourselves and the keeper of the record can read. The preacher pled with his hearers to make these records clean. He closed his sermon by quoting from the bible to show that while our records in the past might be dark, and would cause us to blush in shame if they were exhibited to the world, that through the love of God for a lost world, it had been made possible for us to repent of our sins and leave the dark record behind blotted out and forgiven, and live a clean life. He appealed to his hearers to do this.

**Child Cross? Feverish? Sick?**  
A cross, peevish, listless child, with coated tongue, pale, doesn't sleep; eats sometimes very little, then again ravenously; stomach sour; breath fetid; pains in stomach, with diarrhea; grinds teeth while asleep, and starts up with terror—all suggest a Worm Killer—something that expels worms, and almost every child has them. Giekapoo Worm Giller is needed. Get a box today. Start at once. You won't have to coax, as Giekapoo Worm Giller is a candy confection. Expels the worms, the cause of your child's trouble. 25c at your druggist.

**DEMENTED WOMAN  
LEAPS INTO SURF**

Galveston, Tex., April 25.—Spectators along the beach yesterday were amazed to see an aged, grey haired woman suddenly drop a suitcase and dash into the surf. Several men dashed after her and she was rescued with difficulty. After her life had been saved the woman broke down and wept. She was taken to the police station where letters found on her person indicated she was Mrs. Annie Doyle of Butte, Mont. She was amply supplied with funds but seemed certain she was in Butte and asked assistance to find the home of her son. Officers are communicating with Montana authorities in order to straighten out the case. She could not tell how she reached Galveston.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davenport and S. H. Mathis of the Hatchel country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

**CANDIDATES MUST  
FILE APPLICATION**

For the benefit of those whose names will appear on the election ticket in the July primary, County Chairman Wade says that all candidates must file their formal application with the committee before June 15th. The Terrell election law is so framed that if candidates do not make application for places on the ticket by that date their name cannot be printed on the ticket.

The executive committee will meet and make out the ticket, levy the assessment against the candidates to pay for holding the election, printing tickets, etc., and the law also requires that this assessment be paid in by a certain date. After the committee makes the assessment each candidate will be notified of the amount he must dig up, and if the money is not in the hands of the committee by a certain date, their names will be left from the ticket.

It cost something to run for office, and there is considerable red tape connected with the proposition. After the fun is over each candidate is required to make a sworn statement as to how much money he has spent in making the campaign and what he spent it for.

**For a Torpid Liver.**  
"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets off and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief," writes Mrs. E. H. Trabus, Springville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

**ROOSEVELT EXPECTED  
AT MANAOS**

(United Press.)  
MANAOS, Brizal, April 27.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, was expected to reach here today when he planned to form a junction with members of the various groups into which his South American expedition was broken up. A great reception has been planned for the former American President's arrival.

**To Prevent Blood Poisoning**  
Apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

**VISITOR TO BALLINGER  
MINUS \$35**

J. R. Arterburn, of Santa Anna, had the misfortune to lose \$35 while visiting in Ballinger Sunday. Mr. Arterburn is a contractor, and he has been at Santa Anna for some time at work on the new Methodist church at that place. He ran up to Ballinger Saturday night to spend Sunday with friends. When he retired Saturday night he placed his purse containing \$35 under his pillow. He forgot to get the purse when he left his room Sunday morning, and when he returned in the afternoon about six o'clock the purse was on the bed but the money was missing. Another man came in on the early train Sunday morning and occupied the room during the day, and departed under rather peculiar circumstances Sunday afternoon, and the officers are working on a clue that will probably land somebody in jail.

**Keep Bowel Movement Regular.**

Dr. King's New Life Pills keep stomach liver and kidneys in healthy condition. Rid the body of poisons and waste. Improve your complexion by flushing the liver and kidneys. "I got more relief from one box of Dr. King's New Life Pills than any medicine I ever tried," says C. E. Hatfield, of Chicago, Ill. 25c at your Druggist.

Miss Emma Meeks, of Talpa, was the guest of Mrs. J. L. Heath and family over Sunday and left Monday morning for her home. She also visited her sister, Mrs. I. A. Garrick and family of Winters while in our section.

Ernest Hoch, one of the pioneer citizens of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

John Greenhill and E. F. Kre, two of the successful young farmers of the Pony creek country, were among the visitors in Ballinger.

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**TELLS OF CONDITIONS  
IN MEXICO**

Alpine, Tex., April 25.—J. W. Moore, has just returned from a "pleasure" trip to Mexico. He was first imprisoned by constitutionalists and then by the federals and in each case he was arrested, he says simply because he was an American and the Mexicans refused to believe his story he was three simply on a "seeing Mexico" trip. Moore was given stale bread and water and the condition of his prison was nauseating and filthy to such an extent he was afraid to lie down. His arrests was before the breaking out of hostilities between Mexico and the United States. As is the custom Moore was robbed of all his cash and much of his clothing.

**For Sale**  
Registered Scotch Collie Pups, the best dogs for children, \$4.00 and \$5.00.  
T. A. MILLER  
Ballinger, Tex.

**ELECTED TO TEACH IN  
COVINGTON SCHOOLS.**

Miss Lucy Minor Crofford, who is here from Tennessee on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn, has been elected as a teacher in the city schools at Covington, Tennessee, so says the Covington Leader. Miss Crofford was teaching this year, but had to give up her school to undergo an operation for appendicitis. She will spend the summer in Ballinger.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
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**BRIBERY CASE CALLED.**

(United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 27.—United States Prosecutor Wilson expected today to call up the case of Peter G. Thompson, millionaire president of the Champion Coated Paper Company of Hamilton, O., charged with offering a bribe to a postoffice inspector.

**New Blacksmith Shop.**

I will open a blacksmith shop Monday, April 20, in the building between Jones-Walton Co., and Bateman Lumber Yard. Will do horse shoeing and general repair work. Will appreciate your patronage and guarantee satisfaction. H. F. DEMMER. 17-3w1d

**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL  
UNVEILED**

(United Press.)  
ARLINGTON, Va., April 27.—The handsome \$50,000 memorial monument erected in the Confederate section of Arlington, one of the nation's military burial grounds, today was unveiled and dedicated with solemn and impressive ceremonies. Col. Harvey H. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy in the second Cleveland administration, headed the organization which made the monument possible. Some sections of the monument were brought here from Rome.

S. W. Hood, of the Talpa country, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

**HEISKELL'S OINTMENT**  
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**INTERSTATE COMMISSION  
HEARS ROADS**

(United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today began hearing arguments in the Eastern railroads case for five percent increase in freight rates. This will close proceedings except for the inclusion in the record of data sought previously under time limit arrangement, by the Commission.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

R. D. Caldwell, of the Moro mountain country, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Luling, Texas, to be at the bedside of his brother who is reported seriously ill and not expected to live.

**WHENEVER YOU NEED  
A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S**

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Bilioussness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthening. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

**FREAKS OF PARCEL POST**

Postmaster Erwin handed us the following which shows the freaks that confronts mail carriers in their work.

Some features of the parcel post were recently remarked in Congress by Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, when he referred to a mail contractor in the northern part of his state who drove up to the postoffice in a two-wheeled cart, his usual vehicle for carrying the mail to a Montana postoffice 100 miles north, and was confronted with a parcel post mail made up of 2,400 pounds of flour, 1,000 pounds of sugar and several kegs of horse-shoes. Another carrier who had heretofore been able to carry the mail in his saddle bags over a rough mountain trail every day in the week but one, when he used a pack mule, "nearly had a fit one morning when the postmaster pointed out his parcel post—seventeen bunches of shingles, seven fifty-pound sacks of dried fruit, six boxes of crackers and cookies, three of soap and two large sacks of miscellaneous parcels."—Phoenix Gazett.

**To All of My Friends.**

You will find me at the City Barber Shop. I will be pleased to have you call and see me. None but first-class work goes out of this shop. J. R. WISEBAKER. 24-2tw

Jess Landers, one of the substantial citizens of the Maverick country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

**CLOSED BETHEL SCHOOL.**

W. J. Davis, of the Bethel neighborhood was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and informed us that the very successful school term of the Bethel school was closed Friday night and the management of the school under Prof. Tignor was appreciated by the entire community. A splendid program was carried out by the pupils of the schools and quite a large crowd attended the closing exercises. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening and a most sumptuous repast was enjoyed by all present and all left loud in praise of the splendid school work done during the past term.

**Chamberlain's Liniment**

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains, and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I have found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cents bottles. For sale by all dealers.

W. A. Schöbmann, one of the prominent and successful merchants of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

**Ford**  
THE UNIVERSAL CAR.

Today is always yesterday--tomorrow. The man who waits to buy a Ford until tomorrow robs himself of just another day's opportunity to enjoy life--The Ford way. The light, strong Ford is the car of today. Why delay? Buy now!

Five hundred dollars is the new price of the Ford runabout; the touring car is five fifty; the town car seven fifty—all f. c. b. Detroit, complete with equipment. Get catalog and particulars from

**R. L. HARWELL**  
Ballinger, Texas.

# U. S. RECEIVES NOTICE HUERTA'S ACCEPTANCE

"We Can Only Say We are Hopeful" Says Mediator--Skies Seem to be Clearing but We are Getting Our Nationals Out of Mexico, Says Bryan.

## Envoy Says No Mediation Possible

Washington, April 28--It was learned today from a high and reliable source that one of the envoys of the ABC combination which is advocating mediation, had already expressed himself as practically without any hope that the Mexican situation can be settled by mediation. No information could be secured as to which one of the three this was.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Official notice of Huerta having accepted the mediation plans was given to Secretary Bryan this morning by the Spanish Ambassador.

This is the first step in the mediation, and the second step will be the proposals and this will probably come today. The last step will be the reconciliation of the demands to be made, and this will be the one upon which depends the success of the plans proposed by the Brazil, Argentina and Chile Mediators.

It will be several days before any idea can be had as to what success the mediators will meet with, and in the mean time the United States will carry on its preparation for war. Now, that the war bill is a law, and appropriation made, all plans will be carried out which include the full use of state troops both at Vera Cruz and on the border.

President Wilson is said to have heard various committees, including Col. House, of Texas, Wm. F. McCombs, and these gentlemen reported that war with Mexico is unpopular with the people of the United States. There is natural aversion to war on the part of the administration and every means to prevent war will be exhausted before ordering hostile advance.

However, the administration has made it clear that the elimination of Huerta is the fundamental demand and must be conceded. The diplomats declare this will also of necessity force the elimination of Villa and Carranza and the finding of some strong Mexican around whom all factions can gather. So far the mediators have not found such a man. The only hope of peace rests on the success of their search.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 27.—strongest diplomatic combination in the history of the American continent is at work today to force order out of chaos in the Republic of Mexico. Practically all the Latin American nations are joined together to arrange an agreement whereby order may be restored south of the Rio Grande. On what Huerta does within the next forty-eight hours, depends the further actions of the United States army and navy.

President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan are reported to have expressed themselves as being very hopeful and profess to be lieve that Dictator Huerta is seeking a peaceful way out of the situation he created.

Leaders on both sides of Congress are doubtful if the temper of the country is such that it will accept any arbitration that includes concessions on the part of the United States.

It is believed that the people are demanding an entire settlement of the Mexican situation even if it requires the entire land. If the naval force is unable to bring it about, they are quoted as saying, that arbitration at the hands of the Argentina-Brazil-Chile group will not do it.

The attitude of handling developments is another cause of apprehension in Congress. Not a democratic leader in either house has been consulted with reference to the arbitration proposal. Underwood, Glass and various other powerful democrats have been kept ignorant of the plans of the administration. The sole source from which they have secured their knowledge of the developments has been from the newspapers. Persons consulted by President Wilson state that Secretary of State Bryan has been ranking members of committees of foreign affairs only. It is believed here that this feeling may handicap the administration when any mediation plans are brought to them for approval. Until Mediation plans have been tried out, the country will not make any aggressive move.

Secretary Bryan said today the

policy would be of "anxious watchful waiting."

### Foreign Countries Urging Huerta.

Washington, April 27.—The state department has announced it has learned that the English, German and French embassies are urging Dictator Huerta to make concessions to the United States and accept the mediation plans.

### Transferring Mexicans.

(United Press.)  
SAN ANTONIO, April 27.—Five thousand Mexican prisoners here are to be transferred to Fort Wingate, N. M., at once for safe keeping.

(United Press.)

VERA CRUZ, April 25.—In every city in the interior of Mexico many Americans are being held as hostages against possible attack by American forces. Huerta has prohibited any American leaving capital or entering the City of Mexico.

At Cocoda an American wearing a British flag was handed a note reading as follows: "Blissler, Erforda, Whitcomb and other Americans held in jail here. They want help."

When O'Shaughnessy left the capital many Americans at depot were pleading to be taken but the Mexican commander refused to allow any to pass out of the city. Charge O'Shaughnessy was helpless to act in the situation.

The statue of Washington was torn down in the City of Mexico according to reports reaching this city.

Huerta has deprived all Americans of guns in order to have them helpless against uprising.

Newspapers at the capital have issued wild extras. One advised the "chopping up of the American dogs."

On the railroad embankment near Vera Cruz, the transfer of Mr. O'Shaughnessy and his party took place. Colonel Carona, the Mexican in charge of the train, met Captain Huse, the American who was sent to meet the United States representative, under a flag of truce in an open space alone.

Captain Huse stated that he had

REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER OF ATLANTIC FLEET.



Declared Martial Law at Vera Cruz after Quibbling with Mexican Authorities Had Reached Its Height. Is Now Absolute Ruler of the Seaport.

a number of Mexican women under his charge, among the number being the wife and daughter of General Maas.

It was suggested that the passenger traffic between Vera Cruz and Mexico City be opened for the exchange of Mexicans for Americans.

Captain Huse consulted Colonel Carona at the meeting for some time.

"Admiral Fletcher desired that I turn over the wife and daughter of General Maas as soon as General Corona delivered two American women who are being held prisoners under Huerta's directions. The Mexican officer's manner changed suddenly but would not agree to the terms."

Today the O'Shaughnessy party is being hurriedly unloaded from the train which brought them into Vera Cruz. Among the baggage is one automobile.

The train will be hurriedly rushed away, the officer in charge declaring that he had authority to open negotiations to exchange refugees for Mexicans held prisoners. Two automobiles belonging to the American embassy are carrying the party to the Mexican officers.

### Colquitt and Garrison Exchange Telegrams

(United Press.)  
Washington, April 25.—Preparations for military activity along the Texas border was indicated here today by the exchange of telegrams between Secretary of War Garrison and Governor Colquitt of Texas.

It was also stated that Governor Hunt of Arizona was asking about the need of the state militia.

### American Women and Children Taken From Train.

(United Press.)  
Washington, April 25.—News has just reached here stating that one hundred and twenty-five American women, men and children were taken from a train early this morning between Yripata and San Juan Delrio and left on the ground with protection. They were not otherwise molested. They begged to be allowed to go on to Vera Cruz tonight, but the Mexicans refused.

### Heavy Loss at Nuevo Laredo.

(By United Press.)  
Laredo, April 25.—Americans who visited Nuevo Laredo across the river from Laredo today stated that the loss at that place equals more than half million dollars. The city was a mass of wreckage from fire and dynamite. In order to prevent the destruction of the International bridge last night a locomotive with an electric head light was placed on the railroad bridge and the Mexican approaches to the bridge were illuminated while sharp shooters in the cab of the engine stood ready to repel any further attempt to destroy the bridge.

The Mexicans announced before they left yesterday that they intended to burn every town between Nuevo Laredo and Monterey.

(By United Press.)

VERA CRUZ, April 24.—General Maas, who was driven from the city by American marines April 21st, is at Seledad with 1800 fresh troops and about 3000 men of his old command, threatening to attack Vera Cruz. Sniping broke out again during the night and American refugees were advised to stay on board the boats.

CHARLES J. BADGER, AT HEAD OF FLEET.



Whose Aeroplane Corps, Located the Troops of General Maas This Morning and Drew Plot of the Mexican Commander's Position.

All but normal conditions prevailed in the business section. However, the street cars are running and cafes are open.

### Colquitt Orders Out National Guards.

(By United Press.)  
Austin, Texas, April 24.—Colquitt today ordered out eight more companies Texas National Guards to Brownsville, where it is said the situation is acute. Gov. Colquitt states that he will also mobilize two additional regiments on the border, but has not selected the point to which they will be dispatched.

### Rebel Leader Refused to Join Federals.

(By United Press.)  
Douglas, Ariz., April 24.—General Obregon, rebel leader today refused an invitation to join with federal forces at Guymas. "We won't unite with your corrupted army," was the word sent back. Pro American sentiment here among the constitutionalists is very strong.

### More Soldiers For Texas.

(By United Press.)  
Washington, April 24.—It is almost certain that many regulars of the United States army will be sent along the Texas border within the next few days, and that the force at El Paso will be reinforced.

### Consul Calls for Warships.

(United Press.)  
San Diego, Cal., April 24.—The ships Monitor and Cheyenne are rushing from here to rescue American Consul Guyant and other Americans who are reported in consulate, besieged by Mexicans. A message received from Consul Guyant at day break today read, "Taken refuge in consulate. Situation critical. Please send warships. Guyant."

(United Press.)

VERA CRUZ, April 23.—The editor of El Imparcial, the leading newspaper in Mexico City, here today stated that he talked with Dictator Huerta Sunday night. Huerta declared to the editor that he would never resign.

"If you call this war," said Huerta to the editor, "just wait until the Americans get into the interior. I'll never resign regardless of the threats of the United States.

Refugees here declare that Mexicans are tearing up Mexico City railroads fast as possible. They also stated that Huerta has a number of American newspaper men imprisoned at Saltillo, among these being Holliday Witherspoon of the Boston Herald, and Paul Davis of the Los Angeles Times.

Vesco has reached Mexico City. He reported to Huerta that he was defeated at Torreon when he ran out of ammunition.

### Maas Located With Troops.

(United Press.)  
Vera Cruz, April 23.—Badger today located General Maas through Aviator Bellinger. Maas was located with 1000 federal troops in camp beyond Soledad. The out posts were strengthened at once by Admiral Badger.

### "Skies Seem to Be Clearing."

(United Press.)  
Washington, April 23.—"We can only say we are hopeful," is the substance of a statement made

# REBEL CHIEFTAN SAYS THEY WILL UNITE AGAINST U. S.

Wires Spain Press Associations that Huerta Will Be Joined By Rebels Along with 17,000 Spaniards

(United Press.)

MADRID; Spain, April 25.—General Carranza wired the Madrid Press Association to-day declaring, "I protest most energetically against the invasion by Americans. Mexicans will unite and fight invaders to last breath. 17,000 Spanish residents of Mexico will cooperate with them."

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 25.—THE REPORTED EXECUTION OF AMERICAN REFUGEES, THE UNCONFIRMED WHOLESALE ARREST OF AMERICANS IN MEXICO CITY AND OTHER PLACES, HELD HOSTAGES AGAINST ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN MEXICO CITY, THE ATTACK UPON TAMPIOCO BY REBELS AND THE APPARENT REFUSAL OF VILLA TO UNITE WITH HUERTA ARE LEADING FEATURES OF THE MEXICAN SITUATION THIS AFTERNOON.

That four Americans have been killed in Mexico City as reported, seems almost certain. Mexican newspapers at Vera Cruz are running stories today to that effect.

In an official statement there also came today from Consul Canada a report that seven Americans were taken from Charge O'Shaughnessy from the train and placed under arrest by the Mexicans. These were J. Starr Hunt and family, Burton Wilson. Canada also reported that a Mexican mob entered the Porters Hotel insulted the guests, and broke the furniture.

by the Argentine, Brazil and Chile mediators today. "Skies seem to be clearing, meanwhile we are getting our citizens out of Mexico," is statement from Secretary Bryan.

(United Press.)

Brownsville, Texas, April 23.—The State troops from Orange, Beaumont, Houston, Galveston, and Austin, were sent to Mission, San Fordyce, Mercedes, Harlingen today as border guards. The cavalry from Houston and Justin was sent to Rio Grande City.

## SITUATION MUCH EASIER IN CAPITAL

(United Press.)

Vera Cruz, April 27.—Reports here are that the situation in Mexico City is much easier and that refugees are in no danger of loss of life at present. Trainload of refugees may come through from the capital to this city today, it is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tinsley who had been out in the Leaday country passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route east. Mr. Tinsley is the agricultural agent for the Santa Fe and was out in the Leaday country in the interest of silos.

left him. Mr. Farris orders the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing nine months.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Eason of the Wingate country, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farris returned home first of the week from Lampasas where they had been at the bedside of her brother the past week and we are sorry to learn her brother was not much improved in health when they

Roy Sharp representing the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., left Monday afternoon for Dublin to attend a meeting of the clothing men's department of the Higginbotham's stores over this section.

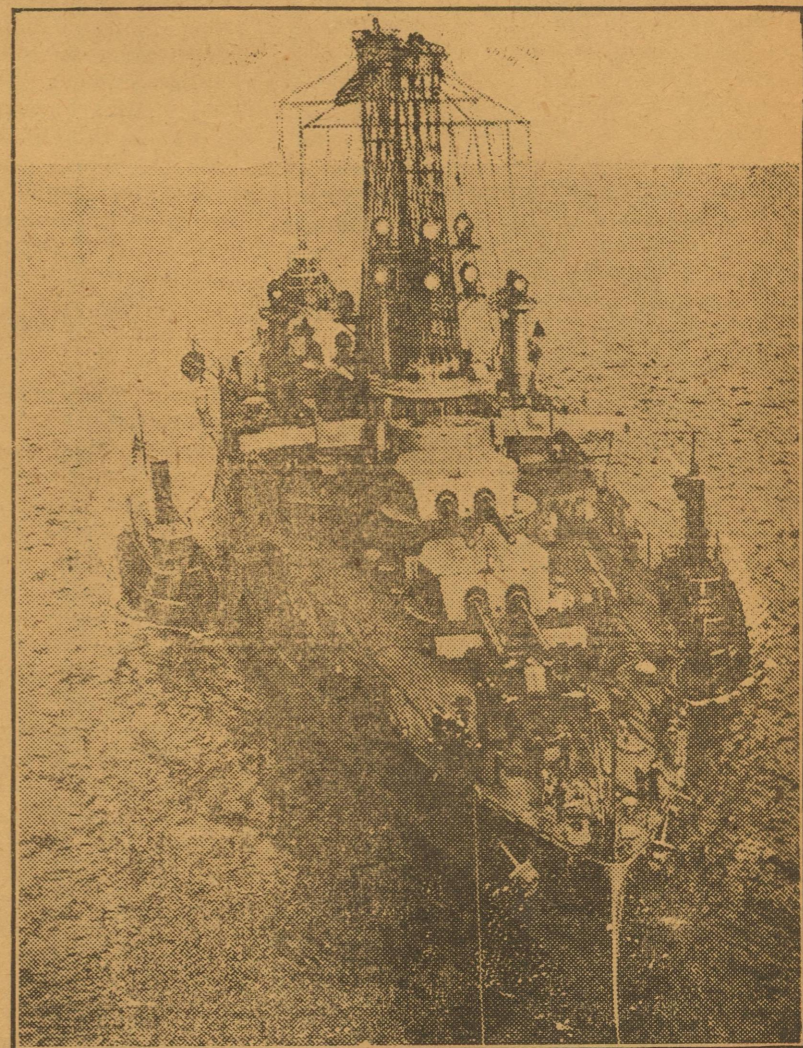


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"War is hell," but some people  
seem to laugh at the fruits of  
hell.

As long as there is a fly buz-  
zing you should not be idle. Swat  
'em.

The wag of a dirty tongue is an  
evil influence for the coming gen-  
eration of young men. Control  
your tongue.

A good laugh will often cure  
you when a dose of medicine will  
prove fatal. Be sure that your  
case is properly diagnosed.

The fly is buzzing just a little  
too fast in Ballinger for the best  
interest of the baby's health.  
Don't let him get the start on you.  
Swat 'em now.

We are trying to find out if  
there is another daily paper in a  
town in Texas as small as Ballin-  
ger that carries a telegraph news  
service. Do you know of one?

With the Mexican situation at  
high tension point the candidates  
for governor have got to say  
something very unusual to get  
front page position in any pa-  
per.

There is no doubt but what  
Josh Billings was talking about  
politics when he said: "We can  
never have an honest race until  
we have an honest human race."

When President Wilson said,  
"Huerta, salute my flag," there  
was approximately 22,500 soldiers  
in Texas, and they have been rap-  
idly increasing every since Huerta  
said, "nothing doing, Woodrow."

Max Winkel has 50 acres of cot-  
ton on his farm near the Win-  
kel crossing of the Concho River.  
We hope the winter is over and  
that Max's will make a bale to  
the acre.—Paint Rock Herald.

While the gentle showers are  
falling over Central West Texas  
floods are doing damage in North  
Texas. Just another reminder  
that there is no room for the  
knocker to get in his work here.

Yes, Runnels County is coming  
back, and some of the quitters are  
coming back too. The man who  
left here to look for greener fields  
has discovered that the fields here  
are about as green as the green-  
est, all things considered.

The United States has afloat  
thirty-two battleships, carrying a  
total of 657 big guns and 16,517  
men. Turn that bunch lose with  
plenty ammunition and they will  
wipe out any seaport in the world  
in less time than it takes to kill a  
cover of quail.

The man that deprives himself  
of the pleasure afforded in read-  
ing the news while it is news, and  
deprives us of his encouragement  
and support in our efforts to  
give the people a good paper, is  
not practicing economy. There is  
another name for it.

If some men would take their  
wives out riding as often as they  
did before they were married it  
would be the means of bringing  
more sunshine in the homes. A  
home without sunshine is first  
cousin to the name Sherman gave  
war.

Commissioner Jayrow, of the  
Crews precinct, was here Mon-  
day. He says he must keep up  
with the war situation and order-  
ed a daily paper for six months.

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Its an ill wind that does not blow  
good to some one, and the news-  
paper is in demand.

It is to be hoped that our city  
administration will not forget that  
cleanliness means more to Ballin-  
ger than any other matter that  
they may be called upon to deal  
with. Cleanliness means good  
health, and good health is more to  
be desired than great riches.

Remember that we remind you  
that a big crop in this county  
would increase land values. If you  
ever expect to own a home, you  
had better begin to lay up enough  
money to make the cash payment.  
There is a day coming when it  
will require more money to make  
the cash payment than the pur-  
chase price of the land amounts  
to today.

Some people are having a good  
deal to say about the horrors of  
our soldiers having to go to war.  
We are living under a govern-  
ment where no man is forced to  
fight. Up to this good hour a  
sufficient number have volunteer-  
ed to defend their country. The  
boys who are defending us are  
doing so through a matter of  
choice. It will be a long time  
before Uncle Sam will be compelled  
to use the conscript method.

Preparing for war in time of  
peace is going to prove to be the  
proper thing for Uncle Sam in  
dealing with Mexico. During the  
past two years our government  
have been doing every thing pos-  
sible to avoid a conflict with  
Mexico, but at the same time the  
war department have been mak-  
ing ready for any emergency that  
might arise.

While there is some complaint  
at the falling short of the oat  
crop, let us remember that they  
have afforded a splendid pas-  
turage through the winter, and  
that other crops—cotton, and feed  
crops are coming up to a good  
stand. It was only a couple or  
three years ago, that we were  
watching the clouds in April and  
May and wondering when suffi-  
cient water would fall to bring up  
the crops. We have it this year.

Our county administration  
might take a lesson from the city  
and issue a few thousand dollars  
in script to help carry on public  
road work this summer. The  
banks and merchants have ex-  
pressed a willingness to help take  
care of this script. This would  
give the commissioners sufficient  
funds to operate on in building  
roads that will be worth the price.  
Permanent and not patch work is  
what pays.

We had 12,000 at Texas City,  
5000 at Galveston, 2000 at Fort  
Bliss, 1300 at Laredo, 1300 at  
Eagle Pass, 300 at Brownsville  
and 600 at Fort Sam Houston. The  
boys are now on the move, and  
the present forces will be argu-  
mented with those who are ready  
to go at a moments call. Uncle  
Sam is figuring on moving the  
six thousand Mexicans he has  
been herding down at Fort Bliss.  
We suggest that he bring them to  
Runnels County, the farmers will  
try to make them earn their board  
picking cotton this fall.

The Concho Herald, published  
at Paint Rock, says, "We are re-  
liably informed that a renter in  
the Eden section banked off of  
last year's crop \$1000. And it was  
not a good year for farming either."  
We have no idea who the  
renter is, but we go a South Bal-  
linger watermelon to a grape  
juice that he plants something be-  
sides cotton, and can be caught in  
town almost every week with a  
load of eggs or something else to  
convert into cash. That farmer  
may be a renter for a few years,  
but he is going to be a home own-

er, is another guess that we will  
make

Press reports give the account  
of the moving of the soldiers  
from Galveston to Mexico, and  
while the troops are being load-  
ed on the transports, boats are  
also being loaded with coffins to  
accompany the soldiers. When we  
stop to think of the horrors of the  
conflict that seems to inevitable,  
it takes away that craving for  
something sensational. War with  
Mexico has already cost the lives  
of some mother's boy, and that  
mother is today heart-broken. Yes,  
the coffins will be needed, take  
them along, and if possible give  
our boys a respectable burial.

And now it looks like Wilson  
and Bryan are going to take back  
water and use their "grape shot"  
policy in dealing with Huerta. We  
realize that war is all that Sher-  
man claimed it to be, but Mexico  
has been giving Americans a  
double dose. It is possible to set-  
tle the trouble between the two  
nations without war, but it is  
hardly probable as long as Huerta  
is at the head of the Mexican  
government. And we think delay  
is not only dangerous, but very  
costly under the present circum-  
stances.

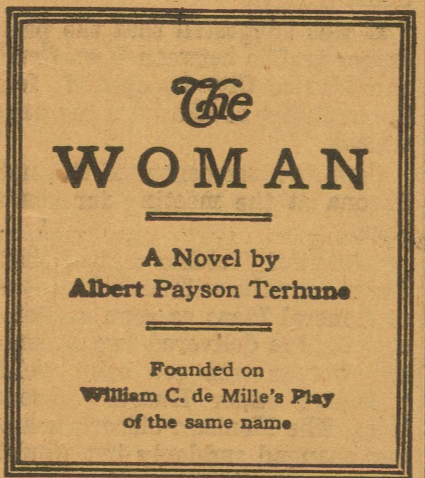
Booker T. Washington, who is  
trying to educate negroes up at  
Tiskogee, has launched a move  
against separate coaches for  
white people and negroes, and he  
has issued an appeal for the ne-  
groes to set aside June 7th and  
8th as special days upon which to  
meet and register their protest  
against the Jim Crow law and the  
discrimination on account of  
color. We have always given  
Booker credit for being a pretty  
level headed negro, and in times  
past he has given his people some  
good advice, but he is handling  
dynamite now, and it is just as  
sure to explode as the Jim Crow  
law is to stay on the statutes and  
that some sure.

There is little doubt but what  
the various county officers of Tex-  
as are to be placed on a salary and  
the fee system abolished. Both the  
candidates for governor have gone  
on record as favoring such a law,  
and the demand seems to have  
reached the point that will make  
the law one among the first to be  
passed by the next legislature.  
There is no question but what a  
fixed salary for each office, com-  
mensurate with the duties perform-  
ed, would be a great improvement  
over the present way of paying  
officers for their work.

In a speech at Tyler Saturday  
Ferguson attacked Ball from a  
dozen different angles, and if  
what Ferguson said is true Ball  
is going to have quite a lot of ex-  
plaining to do before he becomes  
governor of Texas. And if it is  
not true—well, somebody else will  
have to do some explaining.  
Among other things Ferguson  
said one of the leading saloon  
men in Houston had contributed  
\$2000 to Ball's campaign fund.  
He also said: "It had probably  
not occurred to some of you good  
prohibitionists that you were real-  
ly running a high toned saloon  
man for governor." He said Mr.  
Ball was in the liquor selling busi-  
ness because he was a member of  
a club that sold whiskey on Sun-  
day. He says Tom Ball can go  
to the club on Sunday morning  
while the good prohibitionists  
are supporting him go to  
church. Ball will no doubt be  
heard from, and if the campaign  
does not develop into a mud  
slinging campaign there is nothing  
in signs.

Take a walk through the ceme-  
tery alone and you will pass the  
resting place of a man who blew  
into the muzzle of a gun to see if  
it was loaded. A little further  
down the slope is a crank who

tried to see how close he could  
stand to a moving train while it  
passed. In strolling about you  
see the monument of a hired girl  
who tried to start the fire with  
kerosene, and the boy who put a  
cob under a mule's tail. That tall  
shaft is over a man who blew out  
the gas. It casts a shadow over  
the boy who tried to get on a  
moving train. Side by side is the  
pretty creature who always has  
her corset laced to the last hole  
and the intelligent editor who  
rode the bicycle nine miles in ten  
minutes sleeps unmolested. At  
repose is a doctor who took a dose  
of his own medicine. There, with  
the top of a shoe box driven over  
his head, is a rich old man who  
married a young wife. Away over  
there reposes a boy who went fish-  
ing on Sunday, and the woman  
who kept strychnine powders in  
her cupboard. The man who stood  
in front of the moving machine to  
oil the sickle is quiet now and  
rests besides the careless brake-  
man who fed himself to the seven-  
ty-ton engine. Near by may be  
seen the grave of the man who  
tried to whip the editor.—Horn-  
ishes Monthly.



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(Continued from last week)

Here, in my wife's presence. You  
know our cards. Show yours."  
Standish's gaze strayed, as if by  
chance, to Grace's ghastly face.  
"Well?" urged Mark. "Speak up!  
We're waiting!"  
At sight of the mortal terror in  
Grace's eyes, Standish checked the  
words that were on his lips. Turning  
away from the domineering man who  
so truculently confronted him, he mut-  
tered:  
"I'll choose my own time!"  
"I thought so!" scoffed Mark.  
"You're licked. This is your last fight.  
From tonight you're a dead man, polit-  
ically. And if we have to hunt out a  
woman or two to keep you dead, we'll  
do it."  
Van Dyke had glanced from the tele-  
phone list to his watch.  
"We've just time enough to catch  
the last editions of the morning pa-  
pers," said he. "I told Jennings to  
hold a wire ready."  
"What?" exclaimed Standish. "You'll  
go ahead without the Woman's name?"  
"Yes," answered Van Dyke. "Since  
we've an absolute certainty, now, of  
getting it. We can afford to do that  
and publish the name tomorrow. Tell  
Jennings to send out the story. Tell  
him we're holding the Woman's name  
and that we won't give it out unless  
Standish denies the story. By the time  
he can get his denial in print we'll  
have the name."  
"Good!" asserted Robertson, catch-  
ing up the telephone. "Hello! Give  
me—"  
"Mark!" begged Grace. "Oh, I im-  
plore you—don't—"  
"4400 Main."  
"No, no!" reiterated Grace wildly,  
turning from him to Blake. "Father!  
You won't allow this? Please! For  
my sake—"  
"Hello!" Mark was calling into the  
transmitter. "That you, Jennings?  
This is Robertson. Is that Standish  
story ready? All right—can you sure-  
ly get in for the morning papers?—  
Last editions, eh?—All right—Yes—  
In the big cities—What's that?"  
"Mr. Standish!" appealed Grace  
brokenly.  
"Blake!" exclaimed Standish. "You  
don't dare publish that story without  
the Woman's name."  
"In less than five minutes," retorted  
Blake, glancing at the clock, "it'll be  
too late for the morning papers. We'll  
take a chance."  
"Remember!" answered Standish  
with sudden vehemence, "I warn  
you—"  
"What's that, Jennings?" Mark was  
calling over the wire. "Yes. I tell you  
I am Robertson and I am speaking for  
Mr. Blake. What do you say you want?  
I can't catch it?"  
"Blake!" continued Standish. "I  
warn you I'll deny the story. And if  
you get the Woman's name you'll—"  
"Deny it, will you?" drawled Blake.  
"Hell! You haven't time to get a wire  
before they go to press. The story'll  
be all over America before your denial  
can leave Washington."  
"I tell you," Mark was roaring into  
the transmitter, "that I'm speaking on  
Mr. Blake's authority. Oh, all right,  
then! Hold the wire, Jim." he went  
turning to Blake, "Jennings says  
voice. He says if you'll tell him, over  
the phone, that it is all right, he'll go  
ahead. Hurry. There's only about a  
minute left."

He handed the instrument across  
the table to Blake.  
"Father!" entreated Grace, seizing  
Blake's arm. "For my sake, you  
mustn't—"  
"Grace!" snapped Blake. "I'm plumb  
ashamed of you. You're acting like a  
sick schoolgirl. Go to your room.  
Hello, Jennings! This is Blake—  
Hello—"  
"Hold on, Blake!" ordered Standish.  
"I'll give you her name. She—"  
"Wait!" screamed Grace, beside her-  
self with pain and fear.  
"Hello!" Blake was calling wrath-  
fully. "Hello! What in blue blazes  
is the matter? You've cut us off, cen-  
tral. Wire won't work? Tell you it's  
got to work!—Hey?—What's that?—  
"Out of order?—And I haven't sixty  
seconds to wait! I must!—What?—  
Oh, a lot of good your being sorry  
does!—Say!—Who am I talking to,  
anyway?—Miss Kelly? Well—I'll  
be—!"  
Blake dropped the receiver on to its  
hook and set down the instrument  
with the most profane bang ever  
heard. "A damn without words," Nel-  
igan afterward called it. Jim glanced  
again at his watch.  
"Gentlemen," he announced with  
dangerous calm, "we're too late. Miss  
Kelly has seen fit to interfere. They'll  
have gone to press by now."  
"Mr. Standish," cut in Van Dyke's  
suave voice, "you were about to  
say—?"  
"I've changed my mind," replied  
Standish, with a covert glance at  
Grace, who was leaning for support on  
a corner of the desk. "Good night,  
gentlemen."  
He left the suite. Grace, more dead  
than alive, made her way blindly  
across the library to the door leading  
to her own rooms.  
The others stood staring at one an-  
other. Downstairs Wanda Kelly smiled  
beatifically to herself and fluffed out  
a strand of her hair that had strayed  
over her forehead.

**CHAPTER XVII.**

**Preparing the Grill.**

In the dumb disappointment that  
fell over the group in Mark Robert-  
son's library, the men's eyes gradually  
turned as by common consent upon  
Jim Blake. Unruffled, he stood there,  
master of them all and even master of  
himself.  
"Gentlemen," he drawled at last,  
"we've got our work cut out for us.  
We've missed the morning papers.  
Now, it remains to get our story on  
the floor of the house tonight. To  
force adjournment. That will give us  
time."  
"But," objected Van Dyke, pointing  
to the duplicate telephone list, "we  
can't get those numbers traced until  
tomorrow. And we've got to get the  
name before we dare spread the story  
in the house. It was different with  
the newspapers. But—"  
"We shall get the Woman's name  
in the next hour," Blake assured him.  
"How?"  
"Through the only person left who  
can tell us what the right number is.  
The phone girl who interfered with  
our wire just now. Neligan, go down  
and tell Perry I want to see Miss  
Kelly up here at once. Bring her up,  
yourself. Now, then, Mark," as Nel-  
igan departed on his errand, "it's up  
to you. If the house knows we've got  
the goods on Standish, fully twenty  
men like Gregg, here, will weaken  
and vote for us. And then we can jam  
the bill through. Get this Woman's  
name. Find the number we want.  
You've got the reputation of being  
the best cross-examiner at the New  
York bar. Show you deserve that  
reputation. Take this telephone girl  
and turn her brains inside out. She  
knows the number that will lead to  
the Woman. You've got to get it from  
her. Don't handle her with gloves or  
be afraid of making her cry. It's life  
or death for us to know that number."  
There was a knock at the door.  
Gregg answered it. Neligan entered,  
all but shoving Wanda Kelly in ahead  
of him.  
"Here she is," he reported.  
Leaving her standing there, he  
turned and ostentatiously closed the  
door behind him.  
The girl looked about at the faces  
that confronted her on every side.  
Then she smiled. It was the peaceful  
smile of the kitten that has just  
emptied the cream jug. In her throat  
her heart was hammering to strangu-  
lation.  
Mark Robertson, from his place at  
the head of the table, was the first to  
speak. His voice was quiet, his man-  
ner courteous.  
"This is Miss Kelly?" he asked.  
"Yes, sir," replied the demure Wan-  
da in her most respectful—and unnat-  
ural—shop-girl accents.  
"Miss Kelly," resumed Mark, "you  
are the telephone operator, down-  
stairs?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"You were at the switchboard a few  
minutes ago?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Sit down, my dear girl!" beamed  
Blake tenderly, as he indicated the  
chair that had been placed for her.  
"We would like to ask you a few ques-  
tions, if you don't object."  
"Yes, sir."  
Midway between Blake and Robert-  
son, Wanda sat—waiting. And, on the  
other side of the closed door leading  
from the farther recesses of the suite,  
Grace listened, breathless.

**CHAPTER XVIII.**

**The Third Degree.**

"Miss Kelly," began Mark, after a  
full minute of a silence that bit into  
Wanda's very nerves, "you say you  
were at the switchboard downstairs  
a few moments ago?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"While talking to the Asso-

**CANDIDATES**

This paper is authorized to an-  
nounce the following candidates  
for the offices named, subject to  
the action of the Democratic Pri-  
mary to be held in July:

- For County Superintendent:  
E. L. HAGAN.  
J. N. KEY.  
S. C. HARRIS.
- For Sheriff:  
JOHN D. PERKINS.  
J. A. DEMOVILLE  
MARSHALL SIMPSON
- For Tax Assessor:  
MIKE C. BOYD.  
WILL L. STUART.  
C. C. SCHUCHARD.  
SAM H. McPHERSON.  
JIM McWHIRTER.  
R. L. (Bob) SHAFFER.
- For County Judge:  
M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer:  
W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk:  
O. L. PARISH.  
C. C. COCKRELL
- For District Clerk:  
JOHN THOMASON.  
GEO. M. STOKES.  
Miss MARY PHILLIPS.
- For Tax Collector:  
T. L. TODD  
M. D. CHASTAIN.  
EDWIN DAY.  
W. T. PADGETT.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 4:  
E. M. SETSER.
- For County Attorney:  
C. P. SHEPHERD.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:  
FEB McWILLIAMS.
- For Constable Precinct No. 1:  
B. F. ALLEN.  
CHARLIE EISENHUTH

ciated Press office?"  
"How can I tell, sir?" she asked with  
smiling helplessness. "You know  
we're not allowed to listen to conver-  
sations over the wire."  
"But you connected me when I  
called up 4400 Main just now?"  
"Oh, yes, sir."  
"H'm! You remember that, do you?  
Well, that is the number of the Asso-  
ciated Press office. I called up Jen-  
nings, the manager. I talked with him  
a minute. Then he wanted to speak  
with Mr. Blake."  
"Yes, sir?" asked Wanda, who had  
been following his recital with the  
wide-eyed delighted interest of a child  
listening to a wondrous fairy tale.  
"Mr. Blake took the telephone in-  
strument from my hands," pursued  
Mark, unheeding, "and spoke into it."  
Wanda turned slowly and gazed up-  
on Blake in pleased amazement that  
he could have performed so sensatio-  
nal a feat as Mark had just described.  
Then she looked back at Mark as  
though unwilling to miss a single word  
of such an enthralling narrative.  
"But," continued Mark, "when he  
tried to speak to Jennings he found  
the connection had suddenly been  
severed."  
"Oh!"  
There was a world of sympathetic  
regret in her exclamation.  
"He was told," said Mark slowly,  
"he was told—by you, Miss Kelly—  
that the line was out of order."  
"Oh, yes!" she cried brightly. "And  
that must have been why the connec-  
tion was cut off. What a shame! Just  
when he wanted to talk, too!"  
"I suppose," said Mark carelessly,  
"if the line had got out of order, the  
manager's office would know of it by  
this time?"  
"Oh, yes."  
"Very good," reaching for the instru-  
ment. "I'll call up the manager and  
ask about it."  
"Oh, no!" she exclaimed, momen-  
tarily off guard. "It's—it's probably  
all right again by now."  
"Very likely," was Mark's dry as-  
sent. "Then you don't want me to call  
up the manager?"  
"Don't bother to do that," she fal-  
tered in confusion. "I—I might pos-  
sibly have knocked out the plug—by  
accident."  
"And you might possibly have done  
it on purpose," retorted Mark.  
"I?" she asked, astounded. "Why  
should I do such a foolish thing as  
that?"  
"That's what we're going to find out."  
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R. G. Erwin, cashier of the First National Bank, who deserves credit for working up the concentration of large quantities of wool here during the past two or three seasons, and assisting the wool growers in realizing the most money possible out of their clip, is on the job again this spring. He informs us that arrangements has been made to give the wool growers free storage this year, and that the growers who store wool here will only have to pay the cost of weighing and drayage. Free storage will be given, an no commission charged for handling the wool either in coming in or going out. Buyers will be brought here and bid in competition for the wool when the growers get ready to turn loose, and they will not have to pay a commission.

The concentration of large quantities of wool here during the past two seasons has proven very profitable to the sheep men of this section. The Ballinger Wool Growers Association is now a permanent organization, and the most prominent sheep men in this section of the state make up its membership, and they are co-operating for the benefit to be derived from such plan. Those who own sheep, and will have wool to sell, be it a small quantity, are invited to become members and co-operate in the work. Mr. Erwin will give you any information you may want, and assistance you may need.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Rannels.  
By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District court of Rannels County, on the 3rd day of April, 1914, by the clerk thereof, in the case of Mrs. Lee C. Fulton, a feme sole, vs. Orient Milling Company et al, No. 1602 on the docket of said court, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1914, it being the fifth day of said month, before the court house door of said Rannels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit:

Situated in Rannels County, in the State of Texas and being the J. B. Childress pre-emption survey No. 36 of 160 acres, patented the 26th day of February, A. D. 1896, patent No. 353, volume No. 28 levied on as the property of Chas. Bogart, B. F. Bogart, J. T. Dawson and W. F. Whitaker, to satisfy a judgement amounting to one thousand one hundred and six (\$1106.80) and 80-100 dollars in favor of said Mrs. Lee C. Fulton and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of April, A. D. 1914.

J. P. FLYNT,  
Sheriff, Rannels County, Texas.  
10-17-24- May 1

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Rannels.  
By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District court of Rannels County, on the 3rd day of April, 1914, by the clerk thereof, in the case of J. M. Edwards vs. Jo Wilmeth et al No. 1528 and to me as sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in May, 1914, the same being the 5th day of May, 1914, before the court house door, of said Rannels County in the town of Ballinger, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

Situated in Rannels County, in the State of Texas and being the David Tabor 160 acre survey No. 14, abstract 805, patented to David Tabor, situated in the north east portion of said Rannels County and more fully described in deed from J. M. Edwards to Jo Wilmeth of record in volume 70 page 306, deed records of Rannels County, Texas, to which reference is here made levied on as the property of Jo Wilmeth to satisfy a judgment amounting to the sum of \$2340.50 in favor of J. M. Edwards and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of April, A. D. 1914.

J. P. FLYNT,  
Sheriff, Rannels County, Texas.  
10-17-24- May 1

C. J. Blackwood, of the Winters country, was a business visitor to Ballinger Monday.

### RIGGINS WANTED FOR BOOTLEGGING

W. J. Riggins, who was arrested a few days ago, an account of which appeared in this paper, was carried to Georgetown Friday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Pearl, of Georgetown.

Mr. Pearl arrived here Friday at noon and returned on the four-thirty train with his prisoner. He stated that Riggins was wanted in Williamson county for bootlegging and that there were eight cases against him, and he was out under bond waiting the action of the higher court in passing on a case in which he had been convicted.

Riggins was arrested in Ballinger about two weeks ago for being drunk. He paid his fine and was released, but later while he was fixing to board the train to leave here he was arrested by Sheriff Flynt upon suspicion, of having in his possession a description of a man that fit Riggins. The Williamson county officers were notified of the arrest, and given a description of the man in custody. They claimed him as their prisoner and came after him as above stated.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Rannels.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District court of Rannels County, Texas, on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1914, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of S. W. Young vs. L. G. Strawn and J. W. Payne, No. 1604 on the docket of said court and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff Sales, on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1914, it being the fifth day of said month, before the court house door of said Rannels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit:

Situated in Rannels County, in the State of Texas, and being 167 1-4 acres of land more or less, out of the southwest quarter of E. T. R. R. Co., survey No. 123 abstract No. 143, certificate No. 91 levied on as the property of said L. G. Strawn and J. W. Payne to satisfy a judgement amounting to two thousand four hundred eighty seven (\$2487.25) and 25-100 dollars in favor of said S. W. Young and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of April, A. D. 1914.

J. P. FLYNT,  
Sheriff, Rannels County, Texas.  
10-17-24- May 1

#### DISCOVERS NEW TREATMENT FOR TOBACCO HABIT

Houston, Tex., April 25.—The "cigarette hospital" is extending its sphere of usefulness. The municipal juvenile court began the movement to cure young boys of the habit by a treatment of nitrate of silver but men in large numbers are now applying for assistance. Two women also asked for the treatment and it was given to them. City Pathologist Slataper asks each applicant to stick out his or her tongue and then with a few deft strokes the tongue is coated with something that makes tobacco have such a horrible taste that even those addicted to the habit are compelled to turn from cigarettes and cigars in dread.

#### SILO FACTORY FOR SAN ANGELO

San Angelo, Tex., April 24.—The West Texas Lumber Company has completed arrangements for the erection of a silo factory in this city and work will commence on the new industry immediately. The company will manufacture an interlocking concrete stave silo and will employ twenty-five men. Farmers and cattlemen in this section are enthusiastic over the proposition and have placed advanced orders for a number of silos. The plant will begin operation within a short time.

Tom Tomerlin, of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from Putman. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Barbee while in our city.

Prof. L. D. Hartwell, principal of the Wingate school, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to San Angelo on a short business trip between trains.

## COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

### And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

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Write for Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-66

### EASTERN STAR SELECT 1915 MEETING PLACE

(From Daily Ledger of Friday.)

The School of Instruction Order of Eastern Star for the Southwest Texas District will complete its work in Ballinger tonight. The meeting has been one of the most successful gatherings of the kind ever held in Texas, so says quite a number of those who are here attending the meeting.

The order met at nine-thirty yesterday and went into secret session and carried on their work throughout the day. At noon the visitors were tendered a luncheon at the City Hall by the local chapter, the ladies of the Ninth Street Baptist Church having charge of the serving of the luncheon. The order convened again afternoon yesterday and carried on their instruction until five o'clock when they adjourned and the visitors were in the hands of the entertainment committee for the remainder of the afternoon.

At the night session last night two new members were initiated, the local chapter having charge of the work. After the work last night the entertainment committee again took charge and entertained the visitors and members of the local chapter with refreshments.

At the morning session this (Friday) morning officers were elected and a place of meeting selected for next year. San Angelo was chosen as the place of meeting for 1915, and the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Louise Everhart, San Angelo, president; Mrs. Fannie Stephen Ballinger, vice president; Mrs. Nan McCollum, Paint Rock, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Edith Findlater, San Angelo, instructor.

In all there were about seventy-five delegates registered at this meeting. The name of the school of instruction was changed from that of the Southwest Texas to the Concho-Colorado School of Instruction. The delegates here represented twelve chapters.

The work of Friday afternoon's session was in the hands of the San Angelo chapter and initiatory work was carried out.

The chapters of the adjoining counties were well represented at the meeting. Quite a number of delegates came in late Thursday and early Friday to attend the last day's session, and those who were here seemed to be delighted with the splendid entertainment accorded them by the local chapter, and Ballinger's citizenship has been benefited by having this convention in the town.

#### WILL ESTABLISH HOPE HALL IN TEXAS

Houston, Tex., April 24.—Although Mrs. Maude Ballinger Booth announced in Waco that the location of the Hope Hall in Texas is a secret, it has become known she intends to erect the institution in Houston. Capt. W. H. Liff has been assigned to take charge of the project here. Hope Hall will be used as a place of refuge for released prisoners, a place where they can eat and sleep and find comfort until they obtain employment.

### POINEER RANCH HOUSE BURNS

At two-thirty Thursday afternoon fire destroyed the old rock ranch house on the R. A. Smith ranch ten miles South of Ballinger. The house was occupied by E. W. Gray. News of the fire reached Ballinger late in the afternoon. Friday morning Chas. S. Miller and John Hopkinson autoed out to the scene of the fire to render aid to the family that lost everything they had in the way of household goods, clothing, food, etc.

At the time of the fire Mrs. Gray was at a neighbor house visiting and Mr. Gray was in the field at work. The children were at school. It is thought the fire originated from the flue, as the noon meal was prepared on the stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray had recently been to Ballinger and done their spring trading and laid in a supply of groceries. All this together with their year's meat was lost and none of the property was insured.

The loss falls pretty heavy on Mr. Gray, and neighbors and friends in Ballinger will aid in replacing the lost as best they can. This was among the oldest houses in the county, and was used for many years as a ranch house before the land in that section of the county was ever broken with a plow.

The house was owned by Mrs. R. A. Smith.

#### TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trasspass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.

GODFREY MASSEY,  
wtf Concho county, Tex.

#### SHIPPING CORN TO TEXAS.

Galveston, Texas, April 24.—The largest single shipment of corn will reach Galveston from Argentine in about two weeks. The shipment is being carried aboard four ships and consists of nearly 1,000,000 bushels. The grain is consigned to Texas elevators. It is understood other big shipments will follow.

E. H. Voelkel, J. H. Neas and Charlie Hanz, prominent Rowena citizens, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to South Texas with the view of inducing prospectors to come to our section.

**Is Sickness A Sin?** A Sin of Commission or a Sin of Omission? Or Both? We transgress Nature's laws, the Liver strikes, then we omit or neglect until we ache or sicken. Loosen the jammed-up bile. Keep it loose with the old time-tried May Apple Root, (Podophyllin.) Podophyllin with the gripe taken out is called

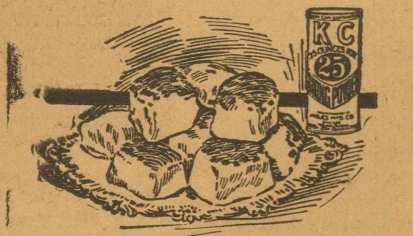
**PODO-LAX**

### Baking Powder Biscuits

Light as a Feather

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine

Baking Powder Biscuits made by this recipe are so far ahead of ordinary baking powder biscuits that, if once tried, you will never use any other recipe. Try it the next time you run short of bread. Save this recipe.



K C Baking Powder Biscuits

Three cups flour; 1/4 to 1/2 cup shortening; 3 level teaspoons K C Baking Powder; about 1 cup milk or water; 1 teaspoonful salt.

Sift three times, the flour, salt and baking powder. Work into the flour the shortening, using lard or butter for shortening. Then mix to a very soft dough with the milk. The softer the biscuit enters the oven, the lighter it comes out. Never knead baking powder biscuits; press the dough into shape and roll lightly. Cut in small shapes and bake on a sheet or very shallow pan in a hot oven. In placing biscuits in the pans place well apart, not allowing edges to touch. Small biscuits are better than large ones. Large biscuits do not have the proper amount of time to raise and bake.

Have you seen the new K C Cook's Book brimful of appetizing recipes that simply must be successful every time if the few simple directions are carefully followed. You would gladly pay 50 cents for this valuable book, yet we send it absolutely free upon receipt of the colored certificate packed in every 25-cent can of K C Baking Powder, JAMES MFG. CO., Chicago. Small cans do not have Cook's Book certificates.

### ALL STORES AND 13 RESIDENCES DESTROYED

STAMFORD, April 28.—The citizens of Stamford are raising funds today to be sent to the people of Peacock the little city 12 miles northwest of Asperment on the Stamford and Northwestern railroad, which was blown away Sunday afternoon. Eighteen residences and every store in the town were completely demolished, stocks of goods being destroyed. J. M. Smith was seriously hurt. The people need flour, bacon, lard, meal, potatoes, and groceries suitable for camp life. They also need cots and quilts.

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### HATCHEL COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

Prayer—Rev. H. Jeff Pritchard. Song—"Yesterday and Tomorrow," duet. Eighth Grade Representative—Miss Ollie Sides. Song—Small Children. Ninth Grade Representative—Miss Edna Sides. Song—"Here's a Welcome Glad For You." "Lost Opportunity"—Miss Florence Guin. Solo—Miss Della Walker. "High School for Hatchel"—Miss Susie Reams. "Texas Deficient in Educational Matters"—Miss Edna Guin. Song—"At Parting." Address—"Education"—Mr. C. W. Hearon, Abilene, Texas. Music—By Band.

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### NORTON NOTES.

A nice little shower fell Monday morning which was some benefit to the young feed crop, but not enough for the grain. Mrs. Hattie Williams visited relatives Sunday and Monday. Mr. J. D. Good returned home Saturday from Rossville, Ga., after a two weeks visit with his father.

Mesdames Ganaway, Mitchel and Taylor attended the school of instruction of the Eastern Star at Ballinger last week.

Norton school closed Friday and Saturday they all enjoyed a picnic on Oak creek.

Miss Myrtle Willis spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks. Misses Pearl and Mary Kelly who have been teaching in the Norton school left for their home in South Texas Monday.

Mrs. Brown of Sterling City who was here to give instruction in the Eastern Star lodge left for her home Wednesday.

"Queen of the Prairie."

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### HATCHEL.

Hatchel is still on the map with everything looking good and "pursuing the even tenor of its way." Farmers will about finish planting cotton this week with moisture enough to bring it up. Our school will close Friday, May 1st. An entertaining program will be carried out. Diplomas to two graduates will be presented. Misses Edna and Florence Guin are the names of the graduates, who will receive their sheepskins. The Rev. Mr. Heron, pastor of the First Methodist church of Abilene will be with us and deliver an address on educational matters.

We have had a most successful term of school under the able management of Mr. H. G. Secrest ably assisted by his assistant teachers. There is to be a debate on Friday night, May 8th at the Baptist church here. Subject, resolve that Women should have the right of suffrage.

Messrs. Hartwell and Suggs of Wingate for the negative. Messrs. Secrest and Taylor for the affirmative.

Mr. J. N. Lewis of Lynn county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Davis and family. Miss Ollie Sides was suddenly stricken with appendicitis and was hurriedly taken to the sanitarium where a successful operation was performed. She is doing nicely at this writing. We miss Miss Ollie and hope she may soon come back to us. "X"

H. B. Halfmann, of the Olfin country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

### READY TO FIGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY

"I heard that the United States had called for volunteers, do you know anything about it?" said a young man, as he walked into The Ledger office Tuesday. The young man stated that he was anxious to go and that he knew of several in his neighborhood that would offer their service to Uncle Sam just as soon as the opportunity was offered.

The honors of war does not seem to be a consideration for the average young American, and we believe that Colquitt was not far wrong when he said that Texas alone could muster enough soldiers to handle the Mexican situation.

### Skin Diseases Cured

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### NOTICE OF HEARING To Appropriate Public Waters THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that J. M. Mackey, whose postoffice address is Marie, Texas, did on the 14 day of April A. D., 1914, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate . . . . . acre feet of water per annum, or 1 3-4 cubic feet of water per second of time for the period of . . . days in each year, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from Oak Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River in Runnels County, Texas, by means of a concrete dam to be constructed across said Oak Creek and a pumping plant, all located on Bryan and Wall Survey No. 272.

You are hereby notified that the land proposed to be irrigated consist of 52 acres out of survey No. 272, lying on the east side of said Oak Creek, in Runnels County, Texas.

A hearing on said application of the said J. M. Mackey will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 18th day of May A. D., 1914, beginning at 10 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 15 day of April, A. D. 1914.

JOHN WILSON, E. B. GORE, Board. W. T. POTTER, Secretary. 1-8-15-22. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bean, of Winters, who were the guest of Mrs. Beans sister, Mrs. Jo Hardin and family the past day or so, returned home Wednesday.

### SPRING HILL NEWS.

Health in our community is good at this writing. Mrs. Parr is able to be up a little after being laid up some time with a badly scalded foot.

Crop conditions are very favorable. We had a light rain Monday forenoon that was some help but we need a good soaking rain. Cotton is coming up, Maize is up and most instances a good stand. Small grain needs a good wetting and that would about mature the crop.

Mrs. Henkhaus is visiting relatives in South Texas.

Aug Vogelsang has returned from San Antonio. He was visiting his sister and while there attended the Battle of Flowers, which he describes as a most beautiful and wonderful sight.

Miss Stella Hix closed this term of school at Spring Hill last Friday with a picnic in Mr. Aycock's pasture. There was no prescribed program but nearly all our community people were present for this joyous occasion to help the young people celebrate his freedom. Unpleasant trifles were forgotten and everybody come to have a big time, the little folks boat riding and the older people discussing the scrap down in Mexico.

Mr. Schuchard, Mr. Clampitt, Mr. Day, Mr. Wilmeth, Prof. Hagan and others from Ballinger were present. Mr. Schuchard said he couldn't go down to settle the difficulties in Mexico as he was a candidate for a county office and if he left he would sure get left.

At the noon hour great big baskets and boxes were brought forth and snowy white linen was spread under the wide spreading branches of a big Elm and such a feast was spread for those that had gathered there.

In the afternoon there was a ball game and at night Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler gave Miss Stella, our much esteemed teacher, a farewell reception. "KNOX."

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### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Anent the Primaries. I hope it may not be considered impertinent to suggest that according to my mind the two primaries would be the fairer way of getting at the will of a majority of the people of the county. A majority is preferable over a plurality.

We will take for an illustration the tax assessors race. There are six candidates for this office in this county.

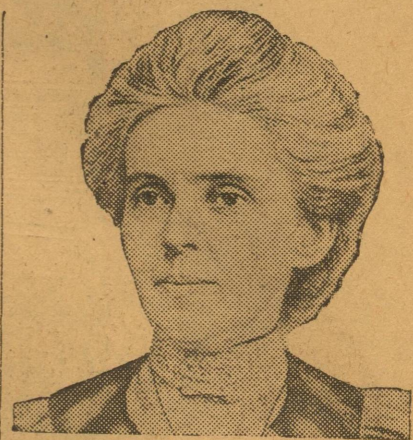
If they all run on through and one man gets as many as 500 or six hundred votes and the remainder of the votes are anything like equally divided between the other five candidates the one receiving the five hundred votes will be elected.

This would not represent the wish of the people, but only a small contingent. If, however, a primary is held to eliminate all candidates but two for each office when the regular primary comes off one of these must have a majority of the voters of the county to nominate. Of course the expense of holding an extra primary is an item but I am sure that loyal men who are anxious for a majority to rule can be found in every district, who would gladly hold the election free. At any rate good men have expressed a willingness to do this in our district. Other districts are as generous.

We take the view that even the candidates were required to foot the expense it would be better for the reason that the ones chosen could afford it and those who run behind in the first primary could get rid of the further expense of continuing through the campaign and get out and go to work. JOHN BALLEW.

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The headaches, the lassitude, the sallow skin and the lusterless eyes are usually due to constipation. So many things that women do habitually conduce to this trouble. They do not eat carefully, they eat indigestible foods because the foods are served daintily and they do not exercise enough. But whatever the particular cause may be it is important that the condition should be corrected.

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### A. LEVY STILL LIKES BALLINGER

A. Levy, of Sweetwater, at one time a merchant of our city, came over Wednesday to visit relatives and friends a day or two. Mr. Levy says he is very well pleased with his new location and business is pretty good in his line.

### WILL TAKE SCHOOL CENSUS AT ONCE.

At a meeting of the school board held Tuesday, E. D. Futch was appointed to make the rounds and count the school children, recording their names, age, etc., and he will begin upon his duties Friday, May 1st. It is very important that every child in the district be included in the census, and the parents and guardians should assist the enumerator all they can. If he ever looks your child be sure to report the matter to Mr. Futch. It will be remembered that the last legislature amended the age limit, changing the scholastic age to 21 years, but no provisions were made for taking care of these with the free school money.

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David Holliday, of the Hatchel country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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Misses Neitze and Siedelman of Rowena, came in Tuesday afternoon to do some shopping and visit friends a few hours between trains.

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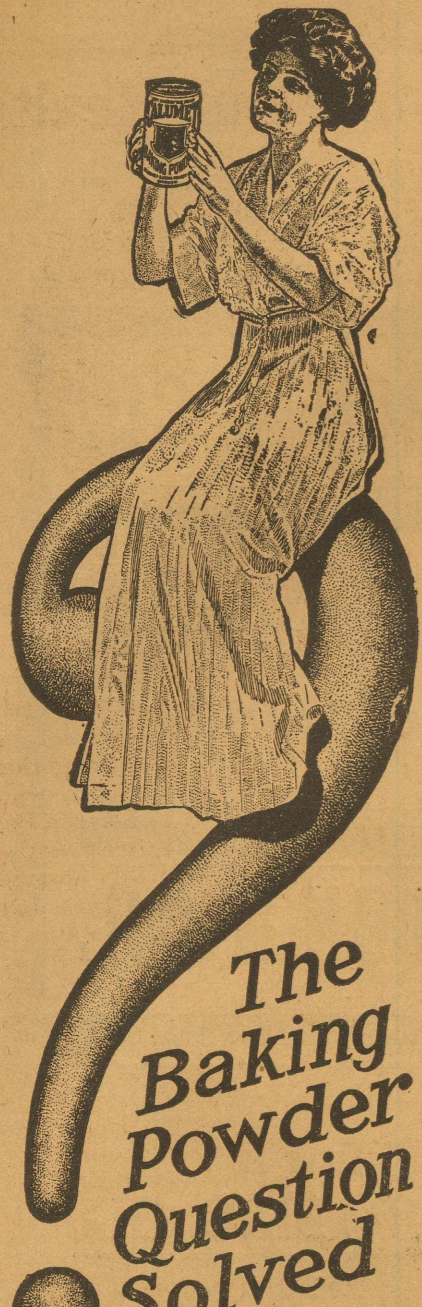
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erson was beside his wife. Roughly brushing aside Wanda's embracing arms he caught Grace by the shoulder and held her.

"You hear what this man insinuates?" he cried thickly. "I don't ask you to foul your lips by denying it. I'll attend to him later. But give me the right to do that by telling the Woman's name at once."

"Grace!" croaked Blake, his throat



Gathered Her Into His Arms as Though She Were a Baby.

sanded with a horror that he would not confess, "don't you hear what they're saying, girl?"

In his harsh eagerness, Mark forcibly lifted his wife's bent head and forced her eyes to meet his.

"What's the matter?" he demanded sharply. "Why don't you speak? Tell Van Dyke he lies. Tells him he lies, I say! Oh!"

His fierce appeal broke off in a cry of pain. He had at last raised her face and had read it. For the briefest moment he stood stupefied, expressionless. Then, cautiously, half-cringingly, as if expecting a blow, he moved back to Van Dyke.

"Why, Grace!" expostulated Blake, in pitiful bravado. "You're crazy! You don't know what you're implying—what you're letting them think. It's a trick to—"

She caught his shaking hand and murmured a broken incoherent syllable.

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ble or two amid the passion of her sobs.

"Almighty!" Blake's legs gave way and he sprawled inert into a chair, his head on his breast. He had all at once grown old—very, very old. Meantime, Robertson had forced his own dazed brain back into a semblance of its former strong control.

"Van Dyke," he said as calmly as if he were giving a routine order, "you will have every trace of this story destroyed tonight. It must never get beyond this room. I can count on you?"

"Certainly," agreed Van Dyke with equal coolness.

There was no hint in his voice or in his manner that Mark's command entailed the defeat of a bill, the collapse of millions of dollars worth of stocks, a probably panic on Wall street and the money interests' total if temporary loss of power in congress. For the moment, the great corporation lawyer chanced to be also a man.

On his way from the room, Van Dyke paused beside Blake's chair.

"Jim," he said hesitatingly, "I'm going over to the capitol. Shall I tell Mullins to let the bill come to a vote?"

"Yes," answered Blake, without stirring or so much as looking up.

"Yes," he said again, and his voice was dead. "Yes—I'm—I'm licked."

As Van Dyke opened the door, Wanda made as though to follow him.

"If you don't need me any further, Mr. Blake," she said gently, "I'll go." Blake lifted a palsied hand in negation.

"In there," he muttered, pointing toward the door that led to the inner rooms. "I must speak to you—afterward."

When the old man raised his eyes, Mark and Grace alone were left in the room with him. Robertson was standing motionless, unseeing. Grace's sobs broke the tense silence, as she fought weakly for self-control. Blake crossed over to her. She rose at his approach.

"Daughter," said Blake, almost timidly, "they're all gone. None of them will tell. But there's one thing we've got to know. I'm with you, no matter what you've done. But—but—tell me—that—that this was all over—and done with—before you married Mark!"

"Father!"

The woman faced him in dry-eyed horror. Every trace of weeping was seared away by the flame of sudden indignation. And, at the sight, Jim Blake gave a great wordless cry and gathered her into his arms as though she were a baby.

"Oh, my little girl!" he choked, "Dad's own, own little girl! We've been tearing your poor heart to pieces and your old father was the bitterest against you. It's all right, I tell you, girl. It's all right. Dad'll see you through. You shan't be bothered. There, there! Oh, don't cry like that, darling. Don't!"

His voice grew husky. Leaving her abruptly, he crossed to Robertson.

"Mark," he faltered, avoiding his son-in-law's eye, "you promised to protect her. This is the time to do it. It was for better, for worse. If that vow is any good at all, it's a good for 'worse' as for 'better.' Mark—be gentle with her, boy."

He seemed about to say more. But, glancing furtively at Mark's set changeless face, he forebore.

Slowly, with bent shoulders and dragging step Blake made his way to the big room's farthest end. There, in the window's embrasure, out of earshot, his back to the others, he halted.

Drawing aside the curtains he glanced into the night. The gloom of the sleeping city was below and around him. But, in one black mass, tiers upon tiers of garish lights glowed. There, in the capitol, the Mullins bill was coming to a vote. There, Matthew Standish, freed by a miracle from the toils that craftier men had woven about him, was winning the victory which was to clear for him the pathway to the very summit of political power.

But he found his subconscious self straying from the picture he was so ruthlessly drawing. His mind would not fix itself on the fought capitol and the wreck of his life-work; but crept over back into the dim room behind him. Even his tongue tricked him. For when he would have made it recite further the tale of his losses, it muttered brokenly:

"My own little girl! Dad's own, own little girl!"

**CHAPTER XXII.**

**The Hour of Reckoning.**  
Mark Robertson and his wife, left alone, together, in the other end of the great library, faced the situation for which Grace had so long been preparing and for which her frightened years of preparation had proved so useless.

He knew. That was all. And no word of hers could gloss over or make bearable the truth. Wherefore she spoke no word, but stood looking at him; taking in every detail of the stout figure and the strong commonplace face as though she wished to carry with her forever their memory.

Mark strove for speech. But for the first time in his roughly aggressive career, suitable words were denied him. Alternately he longed to tell her in naked terms what she was and how utterly he despised her. Again, a gust of self-pity urged him to reproach her for the wrecking of his ideals, the blasting of his happiness. Vanity coming part way to his aid, he framed—and left unspoken—a curt sentence of farewell. And, in the end, all he could say was:

"Why didn't you tell me?"  
It was not what he had intended to

say. It was banal. It expressed none of the stark mood that seethed in him. Yet as she did not answer, he found himself asking once more:

"Why didn't you tell me?"

And now, unknown and unwished for, there crept into his bald question a note that was almost of entreaty. And at the sound, the dumb devil that had locked Grace's lips departed.

"Tell you?" she echoed. "Oh, if you knew how I've wanted to!"

"Then—"

"I didn't dare. I didn't dare."

"Truth and honor surely—"

"Your love meant more to me than truth and honor. I sacrificed them to keep it. I would sacrifice them and everything else to get it back. Is that shameless? Perhaps. The truth usually is. If I had told you, you would never have forgiven me. You know you wouldn't. If I've wronged you—"

"If you had loved me as a true woman loves, you would have told me. You would have had to. You could not have deceived me like this. Love doesn't feed on lies. It was my right to know everything, so that I could

decide my own course. Instead, you have led me into this trap. There is no escape now. And it is too late to reproach you or to try to make you realize what you have done. You say your love for me kept you from telling? Believe that, if it is any comfort to you. I—"

"You say I don't know what true love is," she laughed bitterly. "I'm afraid I can never learn it from you. So your love has died? Love can't die, any more than God can die. You have never loved me."

"Never. I see now that love didn't. For you don't know what love means. I lived for you. Every thought and word and act of mine was shaped for you. And for you alone. I knew you. I knew your faults, your follies, your brute savagery. And I loved you for them as well as for the good that was in you. But what was it you loved? The woman you married—or a snow-white saintly reputation? If you cared only for the reputation—that is gone forever. But if you loved me—the woman I am—then I've been everything you thought I was and wanted me to be—ever since the first moment you had the right to think of me at all. I gave you my life, from that time on and forever. And it has been all yours. Before then, it was mine."

"And yet you let me believe it was everything—your whole life—your first love."

"It was. All that was worth the giving. All that had ever been worth the giving. It was my self. Oh, can't you see that a woman's body and heart and soul belong not to her first lover but to her first love? No woman can even guess what love is until she has found it. And I found it every when I knew you. I gave you everything."

"I'm trying to make it easy. We've never had a real quarrel, you and I, Mark. So don't let us wind up our married life with one, now. You are in the right. I am hopelessly in the wrong. I have cheated you. I admit it, and I'll accept the consequences. It is in the blood. There is much in heredity. My father is a politician. I don't know who my grandfather was. And if he had been worth knowing about, I'd know. There is a bad strain running through the family. It cropped out in me. Yes, I have cheated you. You had the right to demand in our bargain the hard-and-fast terms the world has decreed: All of a wife's life in exchange for a frayed and battered remnant of her husband's. I can't meet those terms, though I tried to fool you into believing I could. So I must meekly give up the love whose price I can't pay. Don't let's make it harder by having a scene over it. Good night. I'll stay with father until you can decide just what you want to do and on what basis we're to separate. If it would do any good to ask your forgiveness I'd ask it. That's all. Good night, Mark."

She held out her hand with a shy wistfulness. He was staring straight into her tortured eyes and did not see the gesture. The hand dropped back limply to her side, and she moved to rejoin Blake.

But at the first step, Mark barred her way. She looked at him in tired wonder. His face was set and hard. He made no move to touch her. His voice, when he spoke, grated like a file, as he forced it between his unwilling lips.

"Grace," he began, "I've told you my

love is dead. And I lied when I said it. I planned to put you out of my life. And, even while I planned, I knew I couldn't do it. It doesn't matter what I want to do or what I ought to do. Out of all this hideous tangle, blaze forth just one thing that I must do whether I want to or not. I must go on loving you with all my strength and life."

"Do you mean," she panted wildly, "do you mean that you can't—that you will—"

"I mean," he cried brokenly, his self-control smashing to atoms under the hammer blows of his heart, "I mean there is nothing in all this world for me, dear love, away from you! I love you. And I can't go on without you. You are earth and heaven and hell to me. I love you. And I have forgotten everything but that. Girl of my heart, will you let me make you forget, too? Oh, I love you! I love you!"

**CHAPTER XXIII.**

**The Victim?**  
"They didn't seem exactly to be hankering after my society in there," observed Wanda Kelly, "so I came back."

Jim Blake turned from the window at sound of the telephone girl's purposely raised voice. Just within the threshold from the inner rooms of the suite, Wanda, with elaborate care, was shutting the door behind her.

Blake glanced quickly about the room.

"Yes," said Wanda, answering the question in his look and jerking her pretty head back in the direction of the rooms she had just quitted. "In there, I wouldn't worry if I were you."

Jim Blake's grim face took on a light as incongruous as the play of sunset rays on a mummy. The mask of age and defeat seemed to melt beneath it. He took an eager step toward the inner door.

"Just a minute," Wanda halted him. "You asked me to wait. If you don't need me here any longer—"

"Yes," hesitated Blake, trouble flitting across the new light in his eyes. "I wanted to ask you—to not to let Tom know about this. His sister—"

"I'll never tell him. His promised. I sent him away so he wouldn't find out."

"You're white, clear through," grudgingly admitted Blake. "Will you do one thing more?"

"What?"

"Bring him back to me."

"If I meet him again," she assented primly, "I'll send—"

"I didn't say 'send,'" corrected Blake, "I said 'bring.'"

"That's different. I—"

"I'm out of politics. My own game has broken me at last. I'm old. I know it now. I never did till tonight. I'm old and I want my children around me."

"I'll tell Tom," she agreed, softened despite herself by the new suppleness in a voice that had never before been turned to the uses of entreaty. "I'll tell him. I'm sure he'll come back to you—when he understands. Good night, Mr. Blake."

"There's another thing," he broke in roughly, staying her departure, "a thing that isn't easy to say."

"Then, why say it?"

"Because," he growled, "like all things that aren't easy to say, it's a thing that's got to be said. Miss Kelly, hasn't tonight pretty nearly squared the old debt between you and me? You and yours have suffered a lot at my hands. But, after what's happened here this evening, I guess you haven't, as far as suffering goes, you admit, got much on me. Haven't I paid? Won't you say we're square?"

"We're—we're square, Mr. Blake," she returned in a tone she could not make wholly steady nor impersonal.

"And," pursued Blake, "and—Tom?"

"That's different, too," she faltered. "I—"

The jangle of the telephone interrupted her. Blake, who was beside the desk, picked up the instrument.

"Hello," he called into the transmitter. "Ye—yes—she's here. Who wants her? Oh! Yes, put him on this wire."

He lowered the telephone.

"Some one to speak to you, Miss Kelly," he reported.

Mechanically, she took up the receiver, and, by long habit, her voice took its professional drone:

"Hello!" she called.

Then, turning on Blake, in surprise, she cried:

"Why, it's Tom!"

"Yes," drawled Blake. "So I gathered from the name. I'm glad. Glad clear down to the ground. For both of you. Tell him so, won't you?"

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The winter sun was butting its way over the eastern sky-line. The dawn was bitter-cold, mercilessly clear.

And into the track of the first white glittering rays walked a tired man. A man who that night had won a mighty victory. A victory that foreshadowed the richest gifts his country could bestow. Before him the future stretched bright as that winter's dawn. As dazlingly brilliant, and as cold and starkly empty.

In Matthew Standish's ears, as he returned toward the loveless abode that he hated to call home, still rang echoes of the pandemonium that had broken loose in the house when the Mullins bill had gone down to defeat. His arms still ached from the pumping-handling of a host of shrieking admirers had forced on him.

"There is only one lasting victory," he muttered disjointedly to himself, as he moved onward in the dazling ice-cold trail of light. "At the last, it won't be the world's applause that the world's great men will remember. It will be the love smile of a Woman. And—I shall never have known that memory. What is the rest worth?"

(THE END.)

**SMOTHERING SPELLS**

**Sour Stomach, Heart Burn**

In October, 1910, we received a letter from Mrs. Hall, from which we make the following extracts:



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People who object to liquid medications can now obtain Peruna Tablets.

Elder J. M. Wells, of Roby, who was passing through Ballinger en route home from McCullough county, preached church in city, and left for his home Wednesday morning. There was one conversion at the close of the meeting Tuesday night.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. Herbine purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheeks. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Will Gallia, one of the prominent real estate men of Rowena, came over in his auto Tuesday afternoon to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

Not Fit For Ladies.  
Public sentiment should be against it, and we believe it is; there can be no reason why ladies should suffer with headaches and neuralgia, especially when Hunt's Lightning Oil gives such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggists sell Hunt's Lightning in 25c and 50c bottles. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Steve Wilson, of Abilene, passed through Ballinger Wednesday at noon en route to points west.

**WE HAVE FAITH IN THIS STOMACH REMEDY**

A woman customer said to us the other day, "Say, you ought to tell everyone in town about Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. I would myself if I could." That set us to thinking. So many people have used them and have so enthusiastically sounded their praises both to us and their friends, that we had an idea you all knew about them. But, in the chance that some of you who suffer from indigestion, heartburn, dyspepsia, or some other stomach complaint, don't know about them—we are writing this.

They contain Bismuth and Pepsin, two of the greatest digestive aids known to medical science. They soothe and comfort the stomach, promote the secretion of gastric juice, help to quickly digest the food and convert it into rich, red blood, and improve the action of the bowels. We believe them to be the best remedy made for indigestion and dyspepsia. We certainly wouldn't offer them to you entirely at our risk unless we felt sure they would do you a lot of good. If Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets do not relieve your indigestion, check the heartburn, and make it possible for you to eat what you like whenever you like, come back and get your money.

Sold only at the more than 7,000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only at our store. Three sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.—The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

**SKIN BLEMISHES**  
Caused By Germs

Germs get under the skin or in a broken place, and it is hard to get rid of them. Pus sores or pimples follow.

**DR. BELL'S Antiseptic Salve**

soon destroys these germs and keeps them clean and healthy until nature heals. Use it on the face, lips, in the nose, anywhere, for it is **CLEAN, PURE AND HEALING.**

"Tell It By The Bell"

### VERA CRUZ UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Vera Cruz, April 27. — Vera Cruz today is under martial law. Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, commanding the American naval forces on shore, issued a proclamation to this effect and the last opportunity Mexicans had for handling their own affairs in Vera Cruz under their own laws disappeared.

Admiral Fletcher and his staff determined there should be no more quibbling with the Mexican officials regarding forms of government and until further notice residents of this port will be governed and judged by military law. The word has gone forth that disorder and unruliness in any form will receive swift and severe punishment.

This proclamation makes Rear Admiral Fletcher absolute ruler ashore.

It is believed the martial law proclamation will open the way for more of the city and federal employes to return and cooperate in restoring the local government functions. Mexicans point out that these men now will be in a position to explain to their friends and the existing government at the capital that under martial law they felt obliged to return to their work. An order that all arms be turned in by residents by noon today brought to the headquarters of the provost marshal bushels of small arms and stacks of rifles.

**For Weakness and Loss of Appetite**  
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. See

### KILLS VETERAN ALLIGATOR.

Orange, Texas, April 25.—After a strenuous battle Oehlertree Paneroff and Robert Avery killed the largest alligator ever seen in this section. The saurian was eleven feet long and was killed in Black's Bayou. The alligator attacked the launch in which the men were riding and nearly upset it. After the reptile received its fatal shot it swan ashore and slowly died. That it was a veteran fighter was shown by old scars all over its body.

### HARP INVENTOR AT WHITE HOUSE.

(United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 27.—Melville A. Clark, inventor of the modern harp, is slated to play at the White House today.

E. Bauman, one of the Miles merchants, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger between trains Monday.

### ATTRACTED BY CURIOSITY FINDS MOTHER, WIFE

San Antonio, Texas, April 24.—A. M. Howard, a telegraph operator, saw a crowd gather at the scene of some accident yesterday and went to the spot. The woman had been injured in a runaway and a street car had collided with the buggy, wrecking it. While watching doctors work over the two victims Howard caught a glimpse of their faces and recognized his wife and mother. He immediately had them taken home.

### A MISTAKEN IDEA

There are some people who still resort to drugged pills or alcoholic syrups to overcome colds, nervousness or general debility, and who know that the pure, unadulterated nourishment in Scott's Emulsion is eminently better, but refrain from taking it because they fear it may lead to excessive fat or obesity.

This is a mistaken idea, because Scott's Emulsion first strengthens the body before making flesh. Its blood-forming properties aid nature to throw off sickness by building health from its very source, and flesh is formed only by its continued use. Avoid alcoholic substitutes for SCOTT'S.

### KILLING PLOVER IS PROHIBITED

Col. W. G. Sterrett, state game commissioner, is quoted as saying:

"There appears to be a general error throughout the state in regard to the provisions of the Federal game law, as far as it deals with plover, which are now here in the migration north from Argentina to their breeding grounds. The state laws have never protected the plover from the destruction which has been visited on them and which has wellnigh resulted in making them a thing of the past. The Federal game law, in enumerating migratory game birds, reads as follows:

"Limicoela, or shore birds, including arceets, curlew, don'tehers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalatropes, plover, sand-pippers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellow legs."

"It may be said that some of these birds are not migratory and that may be true, but the authorities of the United States say they are migratory birds and it is observed that the Federal Judges, almost invariably assent to the assertions of the authorities mentioned.

"The State Game Department is not charged with the duty of enforcing the Federal law, but it will give the Federal authorities all the aid it can and will report to such authorities any violation of the Federal law coming under its observation.

"The purpose of this statement is merely to keep out of trouble people who may innocently get in it, for I know the violation of this Federal law will result in punishment, as the Federal authorities having its enforcement in charge are in earnest."

### Coughed for Three Years

"I am a lover of your godsend to humanity and science. Your medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery, cured my cough of three years standing," says Jennie Fleming of New Dover, Ohio. Have you an annoying cough? Is it stubborn and won't yield to treatment? Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery to-day. What it did for Jennie Fleming it will do for you, no matter how stubborn or chronic a cough may be. It stops a cough and stops and lung trouble. Relief or money back. 50c and \$1.00 at your Druggist.

Bucklen's Arnica Stlve for Pimples.

Mrs. E. L. Rasbury left Saturday afternoon for Lampasas to visit relatives and friends a few weeks.

### LEGAL BLANKS ARE A NECESSITY

in all lines of business at some time or another. In order that there might not be any litigation between your party and yourself, it is best that you have only the best and right kind of blanks. The Ballinger Printing Co., is able to give any kind of blanks desired. Some of the many kinds we handle, are:

- Deeds,
- Bills of Sale,
- Notes of all kind,
- Mortgages of all kind,
- Warranty deed, ruled and typewriter.

The prices are the lowest. The forms are the best. The Ballinger Printing Co.

Carlos Dunn, the popular engineer at the pump station, left Monday morning for Brownwood where he goes to look over the motor boat at that place with the view of buying the same for the Ballinger Motor Boat Co., and if found all right will at once be placed upon the creek for immediate use.

Otto Elder left Monday morning for Talpa to look after business interests for his firm between trains.

### JACK DILLON TO MEET AL MORTON.

(United Press.)  
KANSAS CITY, April 27.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, and Al Norton, the heavy-weight of California, tonight are booked to meet here in a ten round bout. Norton's manager is Billy McCarney, who was in charge of the fortunes of the late Luther McCarthy.

### 70,000 GUNS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

(United Press.)  
LONDON, April 25.—In the greatest "gun running" in the history of the world, the Ulsterites of Ireland early this morning landed and distributed among the citizens of the country 70,000 guns.

### NOTICE OF HEARING To Appropriate Public Waters. STATE OF TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that Emmet A. Brookshire, whose postoffice address is Tennyson, Texas, did on the 1st day of April, A. D., 1914, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate . . . acre-feet of water per annum, or 2 1-4 cubic feet of water per second of time for the period of . . . days in each year, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, from the unappropriated waters of the state of Texas, to be diverted from the Colorado River by means of a pumping plant located on Joseph Plessman survey No. 394, on south side of the Colorado River in Rannels County.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated consist of certain portions of the Joseph Plessman survey No. 394, and Freidreich Mehrman survey No. 395, lying on the south side of the Colorado River in said Rannels County, Texas, amounting in the aggregate to 125 acres.

A hearing on the said application of the said Emmet A. Brookshire will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the city of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 11th day of May, A. D., 1914, beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 3rd day of April, A. D., 1914.

(Seal)  
J. C. NAGLE,  
JOHN WILSON,  
E. B. GORE, Board.  
10-17-24-may1.

### CELEBRATE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

San Antonio, Tex., April 21.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clamp have just celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of their marriage. Camp is 87 years old and his wife is two years his junior. At the family reunion held here six children, seventeen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren attended. Clamp was born in Prussia and came to Texas when 19 years old. They remember when Indian raids were a weekly occurrence.

Miss Cora Posey, of Indian creek, Brown county, was the guest of Mrs. J. M. Skinner and family Saturday while en route home from Abilene, where she had been attending a women's club meeting the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mensch, of Denver, Colo., who had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Harry Gardner and family the past week, left for their home Sunday afternoon.

H. C. King, who farms just across the river from Ballinger, while in the city Monday renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year. Mr. King says his cotton and feed stuff is up to a nice stand but the birds are bothering his crops to a considerable extent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Note of San Angelo passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home from a visit to Abilene. Pres. Schider left Monday at noon for the west on a short business trip.

W. W. McKissick, the Oxien merchant, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

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### OIL AND BONES IN COLEMAN COUNTY

(From Coleman Democrat-Voice.)  
Messrs. Robertson & Son have recently brought in a new oiler in the Trickham gas and oil field. The new well is on the Malloch-Minear tract of land about one-half mile north of Pittman Well No. 2, and gives promise of being a stronger oiler than the Pittman well, although its capacity has not as yet been tested.

The well was sunk to a depth of 1092 feet and thirty-three feet of oil bearing sands was developed. No gas nor saltwater was encountered. The promoters are hopeful of a splendid producer and will likely shoot the well to develop it capacity. If this is done it will have been the first well to be shot in the Trickham field.

**Bones 10 Feet Under Ground.**  
While digging a well on his premises just north of the incorporate limits of the city of Coleman, Mr. H. O. Lee unearthed the bones of what is supposed a prehistoric mastodon. The bones were discovered at a depth of nineteen feet underground and overlying a strata of gravel.

So far as we are informed this is the second finding of bones of extinct mamalian live in Coleman county. In July, 1913, following a rise in the river, Mr. R. L. Conner found the bones of the extinct mastodon in a sand slide on the river bank.

From Webster we learn that the range of the Mastodon in time was from the middle of the Miocene to the Pliocene period of the Old world, when they became extinct, but in America several of the species survived to a late Pleistocene period, a time when the earth was undergoing widespread geographic changes. This would place the Mastodon in a period before the time of Adam. Thus we are reminded that the world is very, very old.

### Grand Jury Returns Bill.

The grand jury adjourned after holding nine days. Six misdemeanor bills and one felony indictment were returned. The jury stated that an effort to discover liquor law violations showed that this was not being violated in that county. 97 witnesses were examined.

### Water Spout Does Damage at Valera.

A cloud burst in the vicinity of Valera Wednesday afternoon put Home creek on a rampage and inundated a portion of the town. It is reported that water was knee deep at the Santa Fe station and that some houses were floated from their foundations. The heaviest precipitation was to the northwest and west of Valera.

At the Overall ranch headquarters the high water from up stream is said to have run on to the porches of the ranch house. Miles of fences were washed down and some stock caught in the rise, although no loss of stock is reported as far as our information goes. Passengers on the east-bound Santa Fe which passed Valera during the crest of the flood, report that the water covered the track at Valera, and that while the train was standing on the track a hog was seen to float under the rear coach.

### Sick Headache

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take also mild and effective. In a few weeks' time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by all dealers.

### STRAWBERRY CROP LARGE.

Alvin, Tex., April 24.—Enough strawberries have been shipped from this point the past week to give every New Yorker a dish for breakfast, and still leave plenty for other towns. Two and three full loads are being sent to northern markets daily and this is the biggest season ever experienced in this section. The berries are luscious but not of great size.

**Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.**  
The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heat. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

F. Wesley Gray, the prominent jeweler of Winters, was here Sunday visiting friends.

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**H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.**

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Will make the season with my half Percheron and half Cleveland Boy Stallion, an all purpose horse, also my Registered Jersey Bull and Berkshire Boar as my place 8 miles North-East of Ballinger. Also have pigs for sale.

**Service for Horse \$10.00 Guaranteed**  
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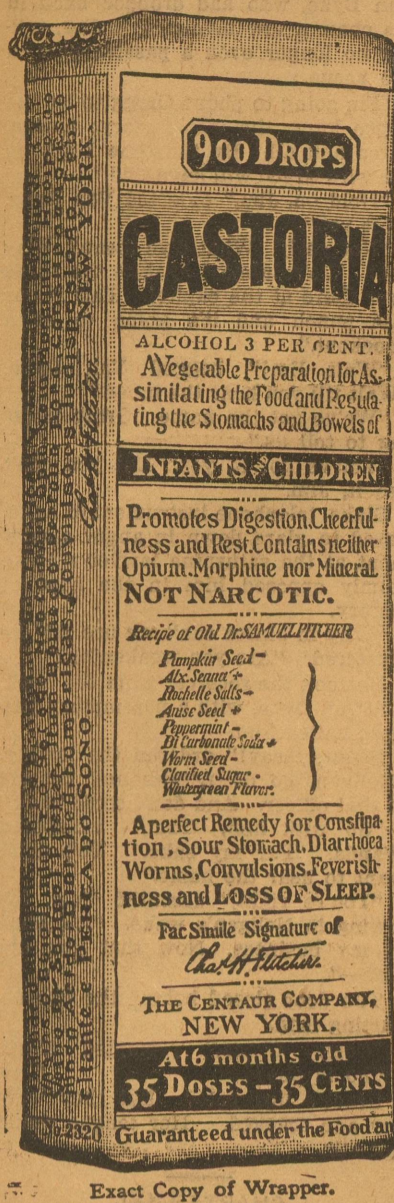
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## SHIP ATTACKED; 200 KILLED

(United Press.)  
Hong Kong, April 28.—Two hundred native passengers were killed and Chief Officer Evans is missing as the result of a British ship attacking a Chinese pirate ship near Macao.

### TO TOUR TRIPOLI

(United Press.)  
Naples, Italy, April 20.—Three hundred members of the Italian Touring Club, with their automobiles, left here today on board the steamer Solunto for a tour of Tripoli in automobiles. Plans of the club call for a trip over all of Tripoli that up to the present moment has been sufficiently wrested from the native tribes by the Italian soldiers as to permit of automobiling without danger of having a tire or one's hide punctured by a native bullet.

### Eyes Sunken With Pain

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken. Lightening Oil was recommended, and after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey, 316, Van Buren Street, Litchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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Get a 25 cent box at any drug or department store, and get instant relief.

### CLAIMS WIRELESS KILLS BIRDS.

(United Press.)  
SAN DIEGO, April 28.—Humane Officer Muters today sent a formal appeal to the government to make its big wireless station at Point Loma stop killing pelicans. Pelicans used to be thick in San Diego harbor. Now there are only a few of them. Muters is sure the powerful radio waves which the station sends out do this mischief. He says he has seen scores of birds suddenly stricken in mid-air fall dead into the water. The waves might be toned down, he thinks, so as to do less damage.

### LEFT FOR BROWNWOOD.

The following pastors and delegates of this county left Tuesday morning for Brownwood to attend the District M. E. conference which convenes in that city today: Revs. Neal and Spear and E. J. Collingsworth, R. L. and C. C. Crawford, J. B. Baker, of Winters; Rev. W. H. Doss and Frank Gressett, of Ballinger and Rev. J. G. Thomas, of Norton.

Rev. A. C. Smith left Monday afternoon for Brownwood, where he goes to attend the adjourned meeting of presbytery of his church which convened in that city Tuesday.

H. H. Ernst, one of the substantial citizens on route one, out of Ballinger was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and took advantage of our liberal clubbing offer of 60c for the Banner-Ledger, Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine.

# TELEPHONE ACHIEVEMENTS

TELEPHONE SERVICE OF TO-DAY THE CREATION OF THE BELL CO.

In no line of human endeavor has the inventive brain of the scientist contributed more to the world's progress than by the creation of the art of telephony, of which the Bell system is the embodiment.

When the telephone was born, nothing analogous to telephone service as we now it existed. There was no tradition to guide, no experience to follow.

The system, the apparatus, the methods—an entire new art had to be created. The art of electrical engineering did not exist. The Bell pioneers, recognizing that success depended upon the highest engineering and technical skill at once organized an experimental and research department which is now directed by a staff of over 550 engineers and scientists, including former professors, post-graduate students, scientific investigators—the graduates of over 70 universities.

From its foundation the company has continuously developed the art. New improvements in telephones, switchboards, lines, cables, have followed one another with remarkable rapidity.

While each successive type of apparatus to the superficial observer suggested similarity, each step in the evolution marked a decided improvement. These changes, this evolution, has not only been continuous, but is continuing. Substantially all of the plant now in use, including telephones, switchboards, cables and wires, has been constructed, renewed or reconstructed in the past 10 years.

Particularly in switchboards have the changes been so radical that installations costing in the aggregate millions have frequently been discarded after only a few years of use.

Since 1877 there have been introduced 53 types and styles of receivers and 73 types and styles of transmitters. Of the 12,000,000 telephone receivers and transmitters owned by the Bell Company January 1, 1914, none were in use prior to 1902, while the average age is less than five years.

Within 10 years we have expended for construction and reconstruction an amount more than equal to the present book value of our entire plant.

Long-distance and underground transmission was the most formidable scientific problem confronting the telephone experts.

The retarding effect of the earth on the telephone current often impaired conversation through one mile underground as much as through 110 miles overhead. Overhead conversation had its distinct limitations.

No possible improvement in the telephone transmitter could of itself solve these difficulties.

The solution was only found in the cumulative effect of improvements, great and small, in telephone, transmitter, line, cable, switchboard, and every other piece of apparatus or plant required in the transmission of speech.

While the limit of commercial overhead talking had increased from strictly local to over 1,000 miles as early as 1893, it was not

until 1905 that conversation could be had over long-distance circuits of which as much as 20 miles was in underground cables. By 1906 underground talking distance increased to 90 miles. By 1912 it was possible to talk underground from New York to Washington.

It was then that the construction of underground conduits from Boston to Washington was determined upon,—not that it was expected to get a through underground talk between those places, but in case of storm or blizzard, to utilize intermediate sections in connection with the overhead.

Our persistent study and incessant experimentation have produced results more remarkable still.

We have perfect cables, apparatus and methods that have overcome obstacles heretofore regarded as insuperable both to long-distance overhead and underground conversation.

Underground conversation is now possible between Boston and Washington, four times the length of the longest European underground line. This enabled the Bell System in the recent great storm, so destructive on land and sea, to maintain communication for the public between all the principal points on the Atlantic seaboard.

Telephone communication is established between New York and Denver, is potentially possible between all points in the United States, and by 1915 will be an accomplished fact between New York and San Francisco.

In our use of methods or apparatus, we are committed to no one system. We own, control or have the right to use inventions necessary to operate any system recognized or accepted as the most efficient. The Bell System must always recognize, and in its selection must always be governed by the necessities of a national service, with its complex requirements, which is infinitely more exacting than local or limited service.

These achievements represent vast expenditures of money and immense concentration of effort which have been justified by results of immeasurable benefit to the public. No local company unaided could bear the financial or scientific burden of this work. Such results are possible only through a centralized general staff, avoiding wasteful duplication of effort, working out problems common to all, for the benefit of all.

The pioneers of the Bell System recognized that telephone service as they saw it, was in the broadest sense a public utility; that upon them rested a public obligation to give the best possible service at the most reasonable rates consistent with risk, investment and the continued improvement and maintenance of its property.

Without this expenditure of millions and concentration of effort, the telephone art as it exists could not have been developed.

What we have done in working out these great problems in the past should be accepted as a guarantee of what we will do in the future.

THEO. N. VAIL, President.

## W. P. LANE HERE; TALKS POLITICS

W. P. Lane, candidate for congressman-at-large, was a visitor to Ballinger this week. He came in from San Angelo Monday afternoon, where he had been on a visit to his mother, and after spending the night in Ballinger he left on the nine-thirty train Tuesday morning. While here through the courtesy of Judge R. S. Griggs, who is a great admirer of Mr. Lane, the gentleman met many citizens.

It would hardly be called a campaign tour, as Mr. Lane came in without giving any advance notice and made no public address while here. He was just working his way back home, and taking advantage of the opportunity to see the people while out here.

In presenting his claim to the voters it is hardly necessary for Mr. Lane to say that he is a prohibitionist. He is perhaps one of the most outspoken men in the state on that question, and no one can doubt his views. Especially have the liquor dealers of Texas become well acquainted with his views along that line on account of his firm dealings with them while he was in the comptroller's office.

It will be remembered that Mr. Lane was a candidate for governor, but was eliminated, and perhaps this accounts for his opposition to the proposition to adopt the elimination method in the race for congressmen-at-large. He is opposed to elimination now, and he says, "let all that want to run get in the race; it's a free country," or words to that effect.

Mr. Lane is the man that helped to put Ball in the race for governor, after the eliminators had relegated him to the "has-beens," and of course would talk about this race freely when the question was brought up. In discussing the scrap that is now on between Ball and Ferguson, he said:

"Mr. Ball's declarations on the liquor question are not satisfactory to a large number of the prohibitionists throughout the state but what effect this will have on the final issue cannot be forecasted at this time. He has made an unequivocal declaration in favor

of submission but people understand that neither he nor Mr. Ferguson has anything to do with the submission of the constitution amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic in Texas. This is a matter entirely in the hands of the legislature.

"It requires two-thirds of the membership in both houses to submit a constitutional amendment and every well informed man in Texas knows that the prohibitionists will not control two-thirds of the membership of the senate. Therefore with Col. Ball's declaration in opposition to national prohibition, statutory prohibition and the three and five-mile law I see no chance whatever to drive the liquor traffic out of Texas during the next four years. Notwithstanding the fact that I am not in accord with Colonel Ball on his liquor platform I expect to cast my vote for him for governor as in my judgment he is a better qualified man for the position of governor of Texas than Mr. Ferguson.

"There are many weak points in Mr. Ferguson's platform," continued Mr. Lane, "the weakest of which is the land cause, which is perfectly ridiculous. The intelligent people of Texas will not be fooled by that kind of a declaration what people first considered to be his strong point will become a boomerang when the people find that there is absolutely nothing to it."

### RAIN LIGHT HERE HEAVY NORTH AND EAST.

The rain that fell Monday morning did not cover a very large territory around Ballinger, and was light throughout this section where it fell. There was no rain to amount to anything south and west of Ballinger, but the rain was heavy north and east. At Waco high water did considerably Sweetwater reported a heavy rain. It is reported that Bitter creek at Sweetwater was higher than it has been in twenty years. At Abilene the rain was heavy and able damage, and at Peacock, a small town west of Stamford, a storm did great damage and injured a number of people.

Attorney Tom Patterson, of Winters, came in Tuesday at noon to look after legal business in Ballinger.

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Cattle are kept for two purposes; for beef production and for milk production. To do either right they must be healthy. There is nothing better to keep them in continued good health, or to make them well quickly when sick, than a few doses of—  
**Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE**  
Stirs up the liver—Drives disease poisons away.  
Any time any of my cattle get anything wrong with them I give them a few doses of Bee Dee STOCK MEDICINE. They soon get well.  
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### WILL BRING MORE FARMERS TO RUNNELS CO.

C. A. Doose returned Monday night from a trip to Waco and Bell county on business. He will leave again this afternoon for Waco, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, and other points. When asked as to what his mission was on this trip, Mr. Doose said, "Just for the same purpose that I have been making such trips for the past fifteen or twenty years." Commenting further upon the future development of the country, Mr. Doose stated that the platform of the two candidates for governor along home ownership lines would cause people to think, and create in them a desire to own their homes. He has a number of substantial deals under way now, and while on this trip will line up a colony of new people for this county.

We are glad to report Sewell Havenhill, of Winters, doing very nicely since an operation Monday for appendicitis at the Halley & Love sanitarium in our city. The many friends of Mr. Havenhill will be glad to learn that his general health is much improved since a protracted spell of typhoid fever last winter.

Mrs. Ann Powell and daughter, Mrs. A. M. Miller returned to their home at Baird Tuesday morning, after a visit to their son and brother, Judge J. W. Powell.

### DETECTIVES AFTER COUNTERFEITERS

(United Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Secret service men were on the trail here today of a band of counterfeiters who have flooded San Francisco with counterfeit \$10 bills. It is a counterfeit of a Crocker National Bank bill of this city, of the 1902-1908 series, and printed from a photo. Chief Special Agent Harry Moffit, of the Secret Service said the bill can be detected owing to a washed-out appearance. "It looks as though it had gone through a laundry," he said.

Jack Williams, one of the pioneer and prominent Norton citizens, was supplying in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

E. C. Marrs, of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

S. A. and N. W. Kiker, of Bronte, came over in the latter's auto Tuesday and S. A. Kiker left at noon for Miles to meet Mr. Stanley on the irrigation work.

E. B. Warmack, one of the substantial farmers of the Marie country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

### B. Y. P. U. Rally of Ballinger, Winters and Hatchel Union.

To be held at Hatchel Sunday, May 3, 1914 at 3:30 p. m.  
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How to Increase Attendance—Judge Griggs of Ballinger.  
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THE WOMAN (By Alice P. Terhune)

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If it had been an accident, you would have shoved the plug back into place, immediately, when we told you. Isn't that true?"

"I s'pose so," she admitted sulkily. "Then, Miss Kelly, we are forced to believe that you deliberately refused to transmit our message."

"You can believe anything you want to," she returned spitefully. "I don't care what you believe!"

The line of questioning had thrown her off her carefully prepared line of defense. Angry, confused, she tossed aside her useless weapons and was for the instant merely a worried and much badgered little girl.

"Is it not true," repeated Robertson in measured query, "that you deliberately refused to transmit our message just now?"

"I s'pose so," she vouchsafed. "I butted in. And now I guess I've got to take my medicine."

"And," asked Mark, "do you happen to realize what that medicine is?"

"Oh, I know, all right. I'll lose my job."

"Exactly. And you don't want to lose your job, do you, Miss Kelly?"

"No, I don't. I need the money."

"Quite so. You need the money. Miss Kelly, Mr. Blake has offered you a great deal of money for a certain bit of information, hasn't he?"

"Yes. But—Oh, what's the use? You can get me fired. But I guess I can find another job!"

"It may not be necessary," suggested Mark. "Miss Kelly, we don't want to harm your prospects in any way. We wish merely to show you that it is your interest to work for us. Mr. Blake has told you how necessary it is for us to gain the information that you alone can give us. He will pay you well. We have asked you to come up here tonight to find out whether you will not accept this offer."

"Well," she inquired in weary patience, "what is it you want me to tell you?"

"We want you," replied Mark, "to tell us a number called up by Mr. Standish early this evening."

He paused for her answer. The others leaned forward.

Wanda alone was unconcerned. She was twisting the little bracelet on her wrist and eyeing it with new and happily absorbed interest from a dozen successive points of view.

"Miss Kelly," demanded Mark, "will you tell us that number or will you not?"

"Why," answered Wanda with a charmingly foolish smile of crass helplessness, "I really don't think I can remember it."

"I think you can," contradicted Mark. "You knew beforehand, from Mr. Blake, how much depended on it. You surely remember."

"That's so," acceded Wanda, seeming to grasp the strength of his argument as by inspiration. "I surely must. But, you see, it's against the rules to tell. Oh, gentlemen," she cried longingly, "I'd just love to help you out. Anything I could do. Anything at all. But we're not allowed to give any information like this. Oh, how I wish—"

"If you were allowed, then," asked Mark, "you'd do it, wouldn't you?"

"That'd be different, of course," she smiled. "But you see how I'm fixed—"

"That's too bad!" mused Mark. "Of course we can't ask you to break the company's rules. But if it were not against rules, you'd do it, would you?"

"Oh, in a second! I'd be ever so glad to; but, you see, orders are orders. And—"

"And," chimed in Mark, "luckily we know how faithful you are to your employers. Here," taking a paper from a heap on the table, "is an order from your general manager, authorizing you to give us all the help in your power. Does that remove your scruples?"

For an instant she sat genuinely dumfounded. One by one her defenses were being shorn away. With a great effort she strove to rally her pitiful little forces to meet the new onslaught.

"Oh, then," she broke down weakly, "I s'pose I'd better tell you."

Her surrender snapped the tension. Blake nodded grim approval. The other listeners relaxed. Even Robertson's hard mouth softened in exultation.

"That's right!" applauded Mark. "You won't be sorry for it."

"Well," asked Mark, "what was the number?"

"The number?" echoed Wanda absently.

"Was it a district number?" queried Mark, his face giving no sign of anything but desire to refresh her memory.

"Oh, yes!" cried Wanda, her eyes brightening. "A district number. Yes. I remember that it was a district number."

"What exchange?"

A further futile ransacking of the mind.

"Was it Main?" She shook her head.

"Cleveland?"

"No."

"Takoma?"

"Yes! Yes! It's all come back to me now, sir. It was Takoma. That was it. Takoma. 678 Takoma!"

"678 Takoma," repeated Mark, while Van Dyke ran a searching finger down the list he held. "You are quite sure, Miss Kelly, that it was 678 Takoma?"

Mark glanced at Van Dyke, who shook his head. The cross-examiner's tone grew as at once as cold as death. "You have been playing with us long enough, Miss Kelly," said he. "I let it go on until I was certain you meant to lead us on a wild-goose chase. Now, if you please, we'll get down to business!"

"Why?" asked Wanda in marveling innocence. "Wasn't that number the right one, after all?"

"No. And you knew it was not. No such number was called from this hotel."

"Oh! Then you got the duplicate slips from central? Perhaps, if you'd let me look over them, I could—"

"Could send us on the wrong track? I have no doubt you could. No, thank you. You see, we can investigate these numbers without you. It's merely a question of investigating each of them and—"

"Then," demanded Wanda, "why did you bother to ask me?"

"To save time."

"Oh! And we've been saving time, have we, sir?"

"No," he returned with ominous calm, "we haven't. But we've found out exactly where you stand in the matter, Miss Kelly. We—"

"Then," flashed Wanda, shaking her manifold affectations from her like a garment, "then you know I won't tell. And if I don't, you know you can't find out. You haven't time. You said so yourself. You've only got a few hours at most. And before you can strike another trail the Woman will be on her guard!"

Mark glowered at her in silence. Then he picked up the list that Van Dyke had just laid down.

"Many of these numbers," he said, half to himself, "can be eliminated at once. For instance, here's my own call to New York—1001 Plaza—"

"They've charged you for two calls, Mark," commented Van Dyke, glancing at the list over Robertson's shoulder. "See? Plaza 1001—twice. One directly under the other."

"Yes," said Mark, "they must have repeated it in copying the list. That makes two less for us to look up. We'll trace the number we want, sooner or later. Why won't you be sensible, Miss Kelly, and talk terms?"

"Because I don't like the work. It looks too rank for anyone but a statesman. I'm not to be bought for that kind of—"

"I see," said Mark reflectively. "Now let us get back to the other matter; to your interference with our wire."

He hesitated, leaned across to Van Dyke and whispered. Van Dyke nodded, rose and crossed to a case tiered ceiling-high with law books.

"You spoke just now, Miss Kelly," continued Robertson, "of taking your medicine. And I asked you if you knew what sort of medicine it might be."

"Don't rub it in," she snapped. "I'm going to lose my job. Let it go at that. A bunch of the nation's representative men have combined, in an all-night session, to throw a telephone operator out of work. And they've succeeded. We'll take that for granted. I'll leave you to do your celebrating of the mighty victory without me. I'm going. I congratulate you all. You've lost the Mullins bill fight. But, instead, you've won in your great fight to make me lose my job. That ought to help some. And it proves that even if you can't lick a man like Standish you're still live wires."

"One moment, Miss Kelly," intervened Mark, opening the calfskin volume Van Dyke had just brought him from the book-shelves. "You spoke of losing your job. I'm afraid that isn't all you'll lose."

"No," she agreed, "I'll lose the blood money I could have raked in if I'd sold you the Woman's name."

"And your liberty."

"My—my—what?"

"Your liberty, Miss Kelly," repeated Mark, eyeing the startled girl with stormy unconcern.

"You mighty finance jugglers live so long on the razor edge of jail," she scoffed with a bravado that somehow would not ring true, "that you ought to be experts on all the stunts people can be locked up for. But this time the bluff's too thin."

Robertson did not answer at once. Indeed, he did not seem to hear. He was turning the pages of the law book before him. Presently he found what he wanted.

"Miss Kelly," he said, "as a telephone operator, you must have had your attention called to Section 641 of the Penal Code. Have you not?"

"Yes," she returned defiantly, "I have."

"Then," resumed Mark in the manner of a magistrate of the old school, "you must realize that by refusing, as an operator, to transmit our message over the telephone, you broke the law."

"But I—"

"You have admitted in the presence of witnesses that you interfered in the transmission of our message. You are aware, by the terms of Section 641, you have thus rendered yourself liable to—"

he read from the volume, "a fine of one thousand dollars or one year's imprisonment or both!"

"And," panted Wanda, "you'll do that to a phone girl, just because she tries to be decent?"

"We don't want to," politely evaded Robertson.

CHAPTER XIX.

Represented by Counsel.

The outer door opened with Jack-in-the-box suddenness and Tom Blake was in the cleared space where Wanda stood at bay.

"What's the matter?" he demanded of her eagerly. "The clerk just told me they'd sent for you to come up here. I was afraid it was about that wretched number. So I came—"

"You're a mind reader," she sneered, nevertheless looking up at him with a gratitude very like adoration. "They've lost the chance to harm one woman. They're taking out the grudge on another."

"So it was about the number?"

"It was. But it isn't. It's about my going to jail."

"What!"

"For breaking the connection a while ago when they were sending orders over the wire about the Standish story. They've flashed Section 641 on me. Jail or fine. I'm to get both!"

"You'll get neither," roared Tom. "You're a fine line of men, all of you, to bully and browbeat one poor kid of a girl. Well, you've done all of it you're going to. I'm here now. And I'll—"

"Oh, Tom," grunted Jim Blake in tired disgust, "you're worse than a collicle pup with fleas. Keep out of this."

"Miss Kelly," formally asked Tom, "may I act as your counsel?"

"You bet you can!" was the girl's fervid response.

"Since you insist on interfering, Tom," said Robertson, "I consent to recognize you as counsel for Miss Kelly. You are a lawyer and you know we can do what your father has said we can. We can legally send Miss Kelly to prison as an operator who has violated the law. She has admitted her guilt in the presence of witnesses—"

"Lord! Why didn't I get here sooner?"

"I have, technically, a perfect case. Now, as her counsel, do you want this matter settled privately, here and now? Or do you prefer a formal charge and a public trial?"

"You can't force the situation like this," cried Tom. "It's conspiracy!"

"Is it?" retorted Mark coolly. "Very good. Since you choose to take that tone, we will simply call your bluff by arresting her. Nelligan, go and get a plain-clothes man. Tell the captain it's for Jim Blake. Bring the man back with you and have him within call."

"We're kind of up against it, aren't we, Tom?" whispered Wanda as Nelligan departed on his mission.

"Miss Kelly," said Robertson, eyeing the girl sharply, "I have conducted many cases, but I confess this puzzles me. There is something in it I cannot understand. We offer you the alternative of prison—Mr. Blake has offered you money. And still you refuse us."

There's some strong personal motive that makes you oppose us. Is—"

"Oh, I've got motive enough in opposing the machine, if it comes to that!" interrupted Wanda. "In the first place, my father was Frank E. Kelly."

Mark's face stiffened with surprise. Gregg and Van Dyke glanced at each other, half-awed. Jim Blake alone gave no sign of disturbance. Glancing amusedly at Wanda from between his slitted eyes, he drawled:

"Frank E. Kelly, hey? So you're trying to get back at me, young woman?"

"Put it that way if you like," returned Wanda fiercely. "But there is more than that. I'm against you and all the dirty machine in every way. Why? Because I've got the bad luck to be one of the people. I'm—"

The telephone jangled into the rush of her talk. Jim Blake picked up the instrument.

"Hello," he queried, "that you, Burns? Instructions, hey? I gave 'em. Keep Winthrop talking till he drops, then get Mullins recognized and let him talk all night if he can; or till I'm ready to break in. Delay—that's the idea—delay! Hold the floor and delay. What? Oh, in a little while now, I guess. Don't worry."

"Miss Kelly," said Mark, "you still refuse to answer my questions?"

"I refuse everything," exulted Wanda. "You and the machine are licked to a standstill. And I helped to do it. That's easy worth a good whole year in jail."

"Your motives for working against us?" he insisted. "I mean, are you shielding anyone?"

"Of course I am. I'm shielding the Woman you're after."

"Do you know who she is?"

"No."

"Gregg," ordered Robertson, turning to the highly-entertained Kansan, "will you go and get Standish? Ask him to come here."

"All right," ruefully assented Gregg, making sadly for the outer door.

"Don't try to stick it out, girl," exhorted Blake. "You can't afford to get square with me at this price."

"Can't I wait and see?"

"Do you know Standish, personally?" called Mark.

"No, I don't."

"You want him to win, then, just for political reasons?"

"That's it."

"If any other man than Standish were fighting the organization, you would act as you are now?"

"Yes," said Wanda, thankful to feel her feet planted once more on solid ground, and breathing the more easily for the safer turn the questions were taking.

"And," continued Mark, "if any other woman were in danger you would still oppose us in this way?"

"Yes."

"Then," cried Mark in quick triumph, "you do know who she is!"

"I—no—I didn't say so!" murmured Wanda, wholly at a loss.

"You didn't mean to say so," corrected Mark; "but you admitted it."

"I didn't! I didn't!" confusedly reiterated Wanda.

"I didn't!"

"Miss Kelly," urged Mark, "your name won't appear in this. No one need know it was you who put us on the track."

"I—won't—tell!"

"Then," Mark exclaimed roughly, "we can do nothing more. Van Dyke, telephone down and see if—Oh, here you are, Nelligan! Got that plain-clothes man downstairs?"

Nelligan nodded. Meanwhile Tom was whispering frenziedly to Wanda.

"Tell me the name, dear. I won't tell the others. But it may show me a way to help you out. And we're in a horrible fix."

"I know that—but I won't tell!" Tom whirled about on the others.

"Dad! Mark!" he said. "Before you go any further I want you to know I've asked Miss Kelly to be my wife."

"No, no!" cried Wanda, trying to throw her open hand across his mouth. "Don't—"

"If she consents," rushed on Tom, "I'll marry her at once! whether in prison or out. I love her. For my sake won't you—"

"I'm very sorry, Tom," replied Mark, "but she's not your wife, yet. And she has her release in her own hands. She has only to speak—"

"Dad!" appealed the boy.

"Not on your worthless life," growled Blake. "That's the very thing she's been working up all the time. I knew it and I've been waiting for this. Her price is my consent. And I won't pay it. That's what I meant when I said the price was too high."

"If you've any influence with her, Tom," remarked his brother-in-law, "you'll use it to make her tell."

"He hasn't any influence!" retorted Wanda before Tom could speak. "Except that his standing by me against you all proves to me I'm doing right. And—do you think, Jim Blake, that I'd marry a son of yours? Not if he was John D. Rockefeller and E. H. Sothern rolled into one. Not till I've squared my account with you."

"You won't marry a son of Jim Blake's?" echoed Tom. "Well, after tonight I'm not Jim Blake's son. Here's where I cut loose and—"

"Go as far as you like," vouchsafed his father, outwardly unmoved. "But the girl tells us or else she goes to jail."

"I—won't—tell!"

"Mark, ring for the officer—"

"There he is at the door," answered Robertson as the buzzer sounded. "Let him in, Nelligan."

"I—won't—tell!"

Nelligan opened the door. Standish stood on the threshold. Tom, who had



"Father," said Grace, "You Won't Go on With This?"

he lifted the receiver from the hook. "You shan't do it!" she was crying. "You shan't!"

CHAPTER XX.

The Last Card.

Wanda was first to see her, even before Mark felt the restraining clasp on his arm.

"Mrs. Robertson!" cried the telephone girl in terror; intuition telling her why Grace was there.

"Grace!" called Tom joyously. "Help us! You'll make everything right. You always do."

"Father," said Grace in eager appeal, "you won't go on with this? It is abominable!"

"I'm sorry, daughter; but we've got to. I wish you'd clear out. It's no place—"

"But, father, can't you see? Miss Kelly is protecting some poor woman who has done wrong and who has repented. Must she be punished so? Must the Woman's years of repentance all count for nothing?"

"That's no concern of ours," said Mark. "The Woman's possible repentance is between her and her God. We—"

"Then leave her punishment to God. It's not for you to say how she shall suffer. You are striking with the blindness of a man; without dreaming where the blow will fall."

"It will fall where it is deserved. I'm enough of a believer in divine justice to know that."

"It will fall on her husband more heavily than on her."

"It will do no harm to know the type of woman he's married."

"It isn't fair! It isn't fair! Mark, your injustice to this girl here is a thousandfold worse than your cruelty

to the Woman. It is wicked to punish Wanda Kelly for her loyalty in trying to save a friend from disgrace. It's cowardly—unbelievable!"

"Steady, daughter! Steady!" admonished Blake, amazed at his usually well-poised child's vehemence.

"You're all worked up over this. It isn't like you to—"

"No," agreed Mark, "it isn't. That is what has been puzzling me."

He was eyeing Grace strangely. The lightning quick and accurate faculty of deduction that had won his first success at the bar was stirring strongly within him.

"Grace," he commanded, his voice still gentle, but with a ring of iron behind its suavity, "look at me!"

Slowly, as by hard physical effort, she raised her panic-widened eyes to meet his gaze.

"You know this Woman's name," he declared.

At the mastery that vibrated through his voice and look, she faltered, through no conscious volition of her own:

"Yes."

"You know the name," pursued Mark, still gripping his wife's brain by the magnetism that was almost hypnotic power. "We still have time to use it. Tell it to me."

"No—no!" she murmured distractedly. "I—I can't. I won't. I—"

"Grace!" and now the iron glinted more openly through the velvet sheathing, "do you mean to say you are going to let us face ruin when one word from you would—"

"I tell you, I can't—I can't!"

Mark shifted his attack with unexpected swiftness.

"Mr. Standish is willing," said he, leaned forward pugnaciously, drew back.

"Come in, Mr. Standish," said Mark. "I suppose Gregg explained the situation to you."

"That is why I am here," curtly answered Standish.

"You know, then," went on Mark, "that she is ready to face imprisonment to shield you?"

"That is what Mr. Gregg told me. I don't understand—"

"Neither do we. But we thought you might feel like saving her from punishment."

"How?"

"By voting with us on the Mullins bill."

"No."

"You will accept her sacrifice, then?"

"I—I have no alternative."

Then, before any of them knew of her presence, Grace was in the room and had caught her husband's arm as

"to see this girl here terribly punished for protecting the guilty Woman. Are you?"

"No, no! But—"

"Mrs. Robertson!" broke in Wanda, first of all to detect the note of weakening in Grace's voice. "Don't tell! Don't tell! Keep your nerve. It's all right. Never your mind what they threaten to do to me. Don't give her away!"

"Shut up!" roared Nelligan.

Mark's eyes had never for an instant left his wife's face. At the horror that now deepened in it he saw what his next and crowning move must be.

"Nelligan," he ordered, "take this phone girl downstairs and turn her over to the officer who is waiting. Van Dyke will be around at the station-house in a few minutes to make the charge. And he'll see that she is held in ball too heavy for her friends to pay."

"Nelligan!" yelled Tom, springing in front of the giant henchman as the latter moved toward Wanda. "If you put a finger on her I'll—"

"No!" walled Grace in the same breath. "You shan't arrest her, Mark. I can't bear it! I—"

"You'll tell?" asked Mark, exultant at the success of his ruse.

"I—yes!"

"Pardon me, Robertson," intervened Standish, as he saw Grace's last barrier break down; "but I advise you to clear the room before you let her speak. Three people here already know the name. I advise you to keep the number as small as possible."

"That is our affair, not yours," retorted Mark. "She shall tell us all. Inside of a few hours the whole country is going to know that name."

"Mark," begged Grace, "let me tell it to you alone!"

"No," refused the husband. "It's too late now to spare any one's feelings. And witnesses are necessary in an affair like this. It concerns us all. And we must move quickly."

"Mr. Standish," he went on with a savage joy that rent away the last remnant of the velvet from the iron beneath. "It's been a long fight. But you couldn't beat the organization. You've been howling for a fight to a finish. This is the finish."

"It is the finish," agreed Standish, his deep voice infinitely sad. "And I am sorry for it. I don't think you need me here any longer, gentlemen. And I will barely have

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Evangelist W. D. Black, of Thorp Springs, who has been conducting a two weeks meeting at the Church of Christ, aided by Rev. Alford, of Winters, left Monday morning for home where he will rest a few days, after which he will begin a meeting at Thurber. Rev. Alford left also Monday morning for his home in Winters. Much interest was evinced in the meeting, the crowd Sunday night being the largest of any attending during the series of services.—*Comanche Chief.*

R. A. Nicholson has just had the painters put a new coat of paint on his beautiful West End home which adds very much to the already splendid home. Mr. J. W. Francis is also repainting his home on Ninth street.

### OIL EXCITEMENT IN CONCHO COUNTY

Paint Rock, Tex., April 24.—The W. O. Shultz Developing Company, who are holders of oil leases on some 35,000 to 40,000 acres of land in this county, and have bored to a depth of 1400 feet, have just received most of the material and machinery for the new rig and equipment with which they expect to continue operations to an indefinite depth or until successful. A full force of men of long experience and skill is busily engaged in unloading and erecting the ponderous machinery which is arriving daily and with two shifts of drillers the work will soon be progressing both day and night.

The parties composing this company are men of means who are well able and fully determined to stop at not less than 2000 to 3000 feet and possibly deeper if paying quantities are not struck earlier.

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### "BABY FARMS" PROBE RESUMED.

(United Press.)  
CHICAGO, April 27.—The Curran legislative committee, whose disclosures in investigations of alleged "baby farms" and orphanages created a storm of protest in Illinois several months ago, resumed its probe here today with more than 500 witnesses under subpoena. The subpoenas were based upon secret investigations of alleged charitable institutions throughout the state since adjournment of the legislature. Charitable societies are to be subject of a thorough investigation.

J. R. Harris, of the Hatchel country, and J. P. Haffaker, of the Maverick country and L. L. Walker and George Dean, of the Spring Hill community, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Bob Fowler, of Coke county, a former Runnels county citizen, was greeting friends in Ballinger and looking after business affairs a few hours.

### PROMINENT OIL MEN IN FIELD

The arrival of three prominent oil men in Ballinger Friday adds to the interest being manifested here in the prospects for oil that have been promised the land owners who have leased their lands.

We have not been able to get hold of information that will do for publication as to the progress being made in the work of the promoters, nor do we know how active prospecting for oil will begin here. The man who is securing the lease contracts stated several times that a drill would be put in operation as soon as sufficient acreage had been secured by them to justify the expense.

The gentlemen to arrive Friday are Dr. Majors, of New Orleans, Mr. Harkrider, of Fort Worth, and Mr. Watson, of Philadelphia. They are all connected with some of the big oil companies, and together with W. F. Beard, who has been here for some time, the party left in the latter's auto for San Angelo. They are to return here today, and we are informed that they will spend some time here looking over the field. One of the men is an expert civil engineer, and it is probable that he is here for making a survey and locate a place to sink the test well.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We, the undersigned have been informed that a report has been circulated in and around Ballinger, that we are receiving \$35,000, (Thirty-five dollars) per day for securing leases for the purpose of drilling for oil in this territory. We wish it understood that the report is absolute false, and the party circulating it is no doubt doing it from a selfish purpose, desiring to secure leases himself with the intention of holding up this territory for some time with hopes of disposing of his contracts at a profit to himself. We have ordered no new automobiles, neither are we wearing diamonds, and our people do not ask time in which to begin operations, and more than that we have been offered many leases that we did not take. We want our land in a body, which any practical oil man will demand, while a scalper will lease anything and everything from El Paso to Galveston. We want it understood that we are working for the best interests of our friends and neighbors and Runnels and Coleman Counties and we are GOING TO GET A WELL DRILLED IN THIS TERRITORY, in a given specified time that will give all interested a chance to be living when the thing comes off.

Respectfully,  
E. C. MARRS,  
AUGUST HERRING.

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N. S. McMillan, one of the successful citizens out on route No. one, from Ballinger while in the city Saturday ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address and also avails himself of the liberal 60 cent clubbing rate now on by this paper.

# Maybe You Were One of Them

## Were You Cheated

into believing that because a baking powder foamed up over the top of a glass when water was added, that it was a good, pure and strong baking powder?

It foams because it contains ALBUMEN (sometimes called the white of egg.)

ALBUMEN in baking powder is no help in the baking.

It does not make a stronger or better baking powder.

It deceives the consumer when she sees it foam in the glass.

State after state has ruled that baking powder mixed with ALBUMEN is illegal and has stopped the sale of the stuff.

United States Government authorities have declared that the water glass test is a fraud, and that albumen does not help the baking.

Food commissioners North, South, East and West have denounced the albumen fraud.

### DO NOT LET FAKIRS FOOL YOU.

The manufacturers of K C BAKING Powder have never found it necessary to resort to such fraudulent methods.

## K C BAKING POWDER Contains No Albumen

It is a pure food baking powder, sold at an honest price and no better can be bought at any price.

25 Ounces for 25 Cents—ASK YOUR GROCER

### TORNADO VISITS ILLINOIS TOWNS

(United Press.)  
KANKAKEE, Ill., April 25.—A tornado swept through this section of Illinois early this morning. One woman was killed and one man fatally injured at this place. In all three villages were struck by the tornado. At Clifton the storm destroyed three business blocks and fatally injured Mrs. Hortense Collis. At Otto Ray Madix, telegraph operator, was fatally injured.

**Whooping Cough**  
"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

R. L. Carlton, one of the prominent pioneer citizens of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and Mr. Carlton says he will be one of the number who believes in the second Primary to give his time free to hold the second election and believes in the majority rule for all county officers.

M. E. Harrell, one of the successful farmers of the Hatchel-Winters country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Patronize our Advertisers.

### COLORADO GOV. CALLS FOR FEDERAL TROOPS

(United Press.)  
DENVER, Colo. April 25.—Eight hundred women called upon Gov. Ammons today and begged him to stop the bloodshed in the coal strike region. He told them if the president would send Federal troops, as reported he would do, if asked, to his aid he would ask for them in an hour. The women are at the capitol waiting for the governor to act.

B. H. Speer of Mexia, Texas, will read the Banner-Ledger in the future with the compliments of R. L. Stokes, one of the successful young stock farmers of Dry Ridge section.

W. F. Parker of Lockhart, Tex., who had been looking after business affairs and visiting friends and relatives in our section the past few days, left Saturday afternoon for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tollie Cove, of Eden, came over in their auto Saturday afternoon to do some shopping and to visit Ballinger friends a few hours.

J. W. Fowler a prominent stock man of Llano county, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route home from a business trip to Knox county and other points in that section.

C. N. Craft, the Miles country commissioner, came over Monday morning on a short business trip to our city.

### GIVES SKIN TO SAVE SISTER

San Angelo, April 25.—In order to hasten recovery, skin Tuesday afternoon was grafted on the wounds of Miss Alpha Hamelin of 110 West Twohig avenue and the latter, together with her sister, Mrs. B. N. McDonough of Douglass, Arizona, from whom the skin was taken, is doing nicely.

Miss Hamelin was seriously and for many weeks thought to be fatally burned when her clothes became ignited at her home the first of the year, but for the past few weeks, she has been slowly recovering and it is thought by the attending physician that the operation will prove successful.

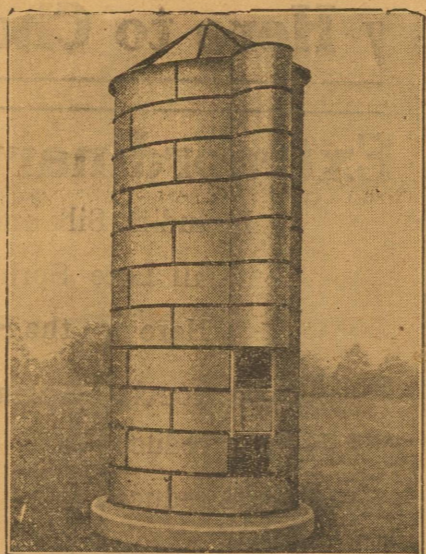
Edgar Jayroe, the county commissioner of the Crews country, came in Monday morning to attend the call meeting of the court.

J. R. Taylor, of the Norton country, left from this point Monday morning for Denton, to look after business affairs a few days.

**EAGLE EYE SALVE**  
GOOD FOR THE EYES—AND EYES ONLY  
**EAGLE EYES?**  
Do you think that watery, mattery eyes are natural? Do you believe that styes, granulated lids, poor sight, growths, are natural? Use EAGLE EYE SALVE and you have Eagle Eyes again.

## Perfection Metal Silo

THE SILO for this country. Permanently proof against cracking, shrinking and blowing down. They are air-tight and water tight Fully guaranteed. Insurance with each silo against wind storms including cyclones. First cost is last cost. You owe it to yourself to investigate this silo.




Several in use in Coleman County, among the owners are J. E. Boog-Scott, B. F. Robey, Jno. Pearce, Gray-Hicks Co., W. H. Jarrell and A. E. Young. Write them. Get the facts.

**W. A. GRAY**  
COLEMAN, TEXAS

FORECASTING A VERY BUSY WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY

# The Annual May Sale, White Goods, Under Muslins

 Starts Monday May 4th, 6 Selling Days. Ends Saturday, May 9th, at 8:00. This May Sale Affords Savings of 10 to 35 Per Cent.

The showing would do credit to many larger stores, stocks are replenished daily, and in many cases new lots added, but by all means, make selections as soon as possible, for with the price of cotton rapidly advancing, we cannot, of course, tell how long we can keep up these exceptional offerings. Included in this Sale will be Muslin Underwear for women and children, White Goods, including Voiles, Ratines, Dimities, Longcloths, Corsets, Linens, Damasks, Towels, in fact everything in the white goods line. Make your arrangements to be here opening day—MONDAY.

All Muslin Underwear will be Shown in Ready-to-Wear Department

## Here's An Opportunity to Save Money

All Gowns, Slips, Drawers, Petticoats, Chemise and Combination Suits

Muslin Drawers		Muslin Skirts		Gowns	
25c Drawers sale price	21c	\$1.00 Skirts sale price	79c	75c Gowns sale price	59c
35c Drawers sale price	28c	2.25 Skirts sale price	99c	85c Gowns sale price	68c
50c Drawers sale price	39c	1.50 Skirts sale price	\$1.19	\$1.00 Gowns sale price	79c
75c Drawers sale price	59c	2.00 Skirts sale price	1.59	1.25 Gowns sale price	99c
\$1.00 Drawers sale price	79c	2.50 Skirts sale price	1.95	1.50 Gowns sale price	\$1.19
1.25 Drawers sale price	99c	3.50 Skirts sale price	2.80	2.00 Gowns sale price	1.59
				2.50 Gowns sale price	1.99



**EXTRA SPECIAL** Something like 3 dozen Muslin Gowns worth up to 75c, this sale **49c**  
Extra values in Muslin Petticoats easily worth 75c, this sale see table display, the garment **49c**

### BIGGEST QUANTITIES! DAINTIEST CREATIONS!

A Sale Where Thin Pocktbooks Will Accomplish Great Things

What a hurry and scurry there will be for these goods. Over 1000 garments for women and at least that many for children—You can hardly underestimate the benefit you may gain by coming. Go direct to the Ready-to-Wear Department, see counter and table full, see the magnificent display of White Goods. Center aisles on entering store.

#### Embroidery Under Priced

During this Sale 25 per cent Reduction,  
10c Embroidery sale price 7c  
12 1-2c Embroidery sale price 9c  
15c Embroidery sale price 11c  
20c Embroidery sale price 16c  
25c Embroidery sale price 18c  
35c Embroidery sale price 23c  
50c Embroidery sale price 39c  
All Embroidery and Flouncing at same rate.

#### White Goods

Prices; Prices, Prices Drop.  
20 pieces white waisting cross bar checks, and stripe effects, values up to to 35c at 15c  
40 inch checked Nainsook easily worth 20c the yard this sale 12-12c  
46 inch linen lawn 50c values 39c  
42 inch Linweave cloth, beautiful, quality at 25c to 30c the yard special 15c

#### Laces Special

1000 yards Linen and Thread Lace, 1 to 3 inches wide, values up to 10c this sale 5c  
1500 yards Shadow Lace, 2 to 5 inches wide, values up to 12 1-2c 15c and 25c this sale the yard 9c  
All Valenciennes Orientals, nets and cluny laces greatly reduced during this sale—Come!

#### SPECIAL

27 inch Flouncing worth 50c, the yard this sale 25c

In this sale will be included all Embroidery, Voiles, Ratines, Pearline Cloth, Nainsook, Dimities, Lawns; Crepes and in fact all White Goods reduced.

### Miles of White Laces and Embroidery Here to Choose From



#### May Sale of Millinery

A thousand Hats to choose from, Dress Hats, Suit Hats Street Hats and children's hats and not an old one in the entire lot. The time has come when we must clean our counters. We do it at this time while the season is yet young, so you may reap the benefit of great concessive.

**We emphasize the fact—1000 to choose from.**  
\$2.50 Hats May prices.....\$1.95  
3.00 Hats May prices.....2.40  
3.50 Hats May price.....2.80  
4.00 Hats May price.....3.20  
4.50 Hats May price.....3.60  
All Pattern Hats worth up to \$15.00 Sale Price.....\$7.95  
\$5.00 Hats May prices.....\$3.99  
6.00 Hats May price.....4.20  
6.50 Hats May price.....4.20  
7.50 Hats May price.....5.99  
8.50 Hats May price.....6.80

#### Extra Specials During Week.

**MONDAY**  
36 inch black Taffeta Silk worth \$1.50 Monday only 99c  
**TUESDAY**  
\$2.00 Messeline Petticoats only \$1.29  
**WEDNESDAY**  
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Kayser Silk Gloves 98c  
**THURSDAY**  
50c and 75c Ladies Silk Hose a pair 39c  
**FRIDAY**  
10c Ladies Vests 5c  
**SATURDAY**  
\$1.50 Ladies Fancy Parasols only 98c

#### Extraordinary Suit Sale

Including Silk and Wool Suits.  
All Late Spring Arrivals.  
Here are the Reductions.

#### Bonifide Reductions of 20 Per Cent.

\$12.50 Suits reduced to \$9.99  
18.50 Suits reduced to 14.80  
22.50 Suits reduced to 18.00  
25.00 Suits reduced to 19.98  
29.50 Suits reduced to 23.60

### MAKES RHUMATISM PROMPTLY DISAPPEAR

Chronic, Crippled up Sufferers Find Relief After Few Doses of New Remedy are Taken

It is needless to suffer any longer with rheumatism, and be all crippled up and bent out of shape with its heart-wrenching pains, when you can surely avoid it.

Rheumatism comes from weak, inactive kidneys, that fail to filter from the blood, the poisonous waste matter and uric acid; and it is useless to rub on liniments or take ordinary remedies to relieve the pain. This only prolongs the misery and can't possibly cure you.

The only way to cure rheumatism is to remove the cause. The new discovery Croxone, does this because it neutralizes and dissolves all the poisonous substances and uric acid that lodge in the joints and muscles, to scratch and irritate and cause rheumatism, and cleans out and strengthens the stopped-up, inactive kidneys, so they can filter all the poisons from the blood and drive it on and out of the system.

Croxone is the most wonderful medicine ever made for curing chronic rheumatism, kidney troubles, and bladder disorders. You will find it different from all other remedies. There is nothing else on earth like it. It matters not how old you are, or how long you have suffered, it is practically impossible to take it into the human system without results. You will find relief from the first few doses, and you will be surprised how quickly all your misery and suffering will end.

An original package of Croxone costs but a trifle at any first-class drug store. All druggists are authorized to sell it on a positive guarantee. Three doses a day for a few days is often all that is ever needed to cure the worst backache or overcome urinary disorders.

#### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS.

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unless there is a vacancy, and the board did not deem it wise to any change, unless there is a vacancy in the faculty, and no vacancy will be filled until after the close of school. It has been the custom of the board in the past not to elect any of the teachers until after the close of school, but as the present faculty had been so satisfactory, they disposed of this matter without further delay.

Following are the names of the teachers re-elected: Misses Katherine V. Barnett, May Bridwell, Alphonse Caperton, Katie Belle Gregory, Louise Harris, Beulah Kendall, Edna McDaniel, Stella McDaniel, Sammie Padgett, Doye Polk, Evelyn Rosborough, Maryett Smith, Idie Voelkel, Cynthia Wood, Prof. J. M. Skinner, principal, and it will be remembered that Prof. W. S. Fleming was re-elected superintendent at a meeting held a couple of weeks ago. Prof. G. W. Wilcox was also re-elected and will be the custodian of the keys to the buildings of the Central and High school for another term.

W. M. Toliver Sr., of the Valley creek country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and was here to see his son off for Colorado on a recreating trip.

Banker A. C. Homann, of Rowena, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

S. B. Caperton and his mother came in from the west Wednesday afternoon and went out to his home at Maverick Thursday.

W. W. Paschal of the Wingate country returned to Ballinger Wednesday afternoon from a short business trip to San Angelo and was accompanied here by his son T. H. Paschal who is in the tailoring business at San Angelo.

John Barbee, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit Ballinger friends a few days. John was a former Ballinger boy and now holds a job of fireman on the Orient railroad out of San Angelo.

#### Just Received.

A big line of dress goods, hats, pants and shoes at A. J. Zappe's. Ltd 1tw.

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