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CARLOAD MOON BROS. BUGGIES, PHEATONS AND
SURRIES just placed on exhibition at our store

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

Mrs. Creasy is Hurt in Runaway

While driving to the business section of the city with a small boy whom she did not know, Mrs. R. B. Creasy was seriously injured when the horse became frightened, a runaway ensued, and the buggy turned over. Her injuries, although painful, are not considered alarming.

Mrs. Creasy was en route to the business section when the small boy driving what appeared to be a perfectly gentle horse asked her if she did not want to drive downtown. When coming down the hill at Eighth street, the horse gradually went faster until finally both the boy and Mrs. Creasy lost all control of him. He turned at the corner on which is located the Central Hotel and proceeded northeastward only a short distance when the buggy overturned, throwing the occupants out. Mrs. Creasy sustained several injuries while the boy escaped with only slight bruises.

FINGER CUT OFF

Earl Horn, one of the butchers at the City Meat Market, had the misfortune to get the middle finger on his right hand cut off at the first joint. The accident happened while he was grinding sausage for the market.

Luther Adams of the San Saba country, an old friend of Dec Oliver, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and is figuring on locating in our county the first of next year.

SMOLDERING FIRE IN HULL HOUSE

A smoldering fire was discovered in the hull house of the oil mill at Winters late Monday afternoon. It is not known how the fire originated, but it is probable that the fire was due to spontaneous combustion.

The fire was discovered in time to prevent a heavy loss to the oil mill company, or to the insurance company carrying policy on the property.

A quantity of grain owned by J. M. Edwards and Sam Sparks of Austin, was stored in the hull house, and this was slightly damaged, but was also covered by insurance.

The Winters oil mill is owned by the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., and the mill has been in operation for several days. The fire will not delay the mill, and aside from the damage to the hulls and the building, the company's interest at that place has not suffered.

Col. J. H. Parramore of Abilene and Price Maddox, of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon. Col. Parramore was looking after his ranch interests in the Hatchel country this week.

D. L. Brevard of the New Home community, was transacting business and marketing cotton in Ballinger Wednesday.

A. Woods of the Valley creek country, came in Tuesday night from Del Rio, where he had been on a visit to his son.

Judge Louis Wardlow, of Sonora, came in Monday to visit his parents and Ballinger friends a day or two.

EDWIN DAY LOSES HAND IN GIN SAWS TODAY

While attempting to adjust some part of the gin machinery while the gin was in operation about two-thirty o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Edwin Day lost his left hand in the gin saws at the Day Gin.

Mr. Day has been the superintendent of this gin for a number of years, and each year has handled it with remarkable success. When his attention was attracted by the trouble in one of the gin stands Tuesday afternoon he hastened to regulate it when the accident that cost him his hand occurred.

After the accident occurred and the gin had been stopped the hand severed entirely from the arm was removed from the gin saws, and was viewed by those who were at the gin and who visited the scene of the accident later.

The hand was not lacerated as one would naturally suspect, the hand and fingers being in tact and the finger ring not scratched. It seems that the saws caught the arm above the hand and severed the hand about half way between the elbow and the hand.

This news soon spread over the business section of the city and was a shock to Mr. Day's many friends. We understand that he carried no accident insurance.

The latest report from the Halley & Love Sanitarium, where Edwin Day was carried for treatment Tuesday after sustaining injury and loss of one arm in a gin, says that Mr. Day is resting as well as could be expected.

An operation was performed on Mr. Day Tuesday afternoon and his arm dressed. It was necessary for the surgeon to remove the arm at the joint, the wound being of such a nature that no part of the arm below the elbow could be saved.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Day reconcile themselves in the most philosophical manner, Mrs. Day remarking to friends that she was so thankful that it was not Mr. Day's right arm that was injured, while Mr. Day says it is better that he was the unfortunate man than some one of the young men, who were working at the gin.

CRAP SHOOTING BY NEGROES AND WHITES

The Winters officers made a raid on a negro festival near Winters Saturday night and broke up a crap game in which about one dozen negroes and four white men were participating when the officers appeared on the scene.

The occasion was a regular negro festival. A 150 pound hog had been provided for the occasion and barbecued pig was the main dish on the menu. The white men implicated in the game, learning of the negro meeting, went out to rake in the coin in the crap shooting game. It seems that the officers were also wise to the occasion and the plans of the white men, and they too visited the scene of merriment about ten or eleven o'clock and watched the frolic from a nearby corn field until the opportune time to make the raid arrived.

The arresting of the negroes has created some trouble between the farmers who had them employed and the officers. The farmers objected to the negroes being molested until the farmers were through with them. The farmers had invested money in the negroes in bringing them to this country to pick cotton, and they were afraid that the negroes would leave the country if they were prosecuted and required to pay fines for crap shooting. The farmers made this fact known to the officers, and one fight between a farmer and an officer grew out of the trouble.

The officers filed charges of gaming against eleven negroes and four white men, and the cases are to be tried in justice court at Winters next Tuesday. We understand, however, that pleas of guilty and a settlement of the trouble will be made before that date.

J. P. Murrell of Temple, who had been looking after his farm interests near Hatchel the past few days, left for home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gaines of San Aneglo, is in the city on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. N. M. Gustavus, and also to be at the bedside of her daughter, Miss Lottie, who had been quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gustavus.

Nat Perry of Brawnwood, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday and returned home Wednesday morning.

Editor Ed P. Eason of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

GRIGGS AND CONNER VOTE FOR REDUCTION

R. T. Williams is in receipt of letters from Representative Griggs and State Senator Connor, in which they state that they will vote for the total elimination cotton production bill.

Mr. Williams wrote to the two representatives at Austin telling them of the action of the mass meeting of farmers held at Ballinger last Saturday in which the farmers voted for the total elimination of cotton production for 1915.

Mr. Connor states in his letter to Mr. Williams that the plan meets with his hearty approval. Judge Griggs says that the total elimination bill was killed by the committee, but that a substitute providing for total elimination was pending and Mr. Griggs stated that because of the action of the citizens over the state asking that such a measure be passed, he would vote for same. Griggs stated that individually he did not like to see the state embark upon this specie of legislation. Judge Griggs says that such a law is repugnant to his ideas of Democracy, but says he will vote the wishes of his people in the matter.

The legislature will come to end by operation of law Thursday, and it is a forgone conclusion that no relief will be given in the cotton situation, or any thing else for that matter.

NOTICE to Subscribers

To each and every subscriber who is now in arrears on our weekly in Runnels County, we are sending you a statement of same and ask that as soon as convenient you remit the amount due.

We have not asked for any money on our subscriptions since early in the summer because we did not think it would be convenient for the subscribers to respond. But now we ask all who are due on their weekly to please pay the amount due.

Practically all of our subscribers prefer to keep paid ahead and where this is done, it is more satisfactory all round. While we want every family in Runnels County to get our weekly, yet we do not want to force it on any one and to carry out this idea we have always stopped all papers when ordered off. Thanking you in advance for your early attention to this matter, we are

Yours very truly,
The Ballinger Printing Co.

BURGLARS VISIT AUTO HOUSE

The W. A. Nance garage was burglarized some time during the night Thursday night and quite a number of items stolen.

Mr. Nance discovered the loss shortly after opening his place of business Friday morning, but is at a loss as to how the burglars entered the house. All doors were closed and locked, and it is presumed that the party or parties that did the dirty work possessed a key that unlocked the door.

His stock of goods were left in a disturbed condition showing that some one had been in the garage, and among the items missing are six or seven flash lights and a half dozen pair of pliers, motorcycle tires, etc.

The above items were easily found to be missing as Mr. Nance knew that he had these goods in stock. It is probable that other things were stolen. The burglars left no clue, but the officers are investigating.

R. J. Queen of the Crews country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route to South Texas, where he is figuring on some business propositions.

C. E. Jordan of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to Santa Anna to look after his mercantile business a week or so.

KATY FLYER DERAILED; TWO ARE KILLED

DALLAS, Oct. 19.—Engineer J. F. Johnson and Fireman W. E. Rhodes both of Smithville, Texas, were killed when the Katy Flyer, northbound, was derailed between Bartlett and Granger at 4 o'clock this morning.

B. F. Campbell, who was on the train at the time of the accident and acting as an extra fireman, was badly injured. A few negroes who were traveling on the train were slightly injured.

The Pullman cars did not leave the track.

The engine and the tender turned completely over on the side of the embankment. The chair car was derailed but was left standing upright.

A passenger train which was following the Flyer pulled the sleepers back to Taylor and both trains were derailed to Temple.

The tracks were torn up for a distance of 400 feet from where the derailment occurred.

Traffic is expected to be resumed this afternoon, according to statements made by officials of the road.

Temple Hoffer of Wichita Falls, was in Ballinger on a short business trip and greeting friends in the city Tuesday and left for the East on the afternoon train.

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Life has more ups than downs. Right now, while you are making, you ought to be saving; then when the downs come you will have something to fall back upon.

Where is the money you have been earning all these years? You spent it and somebody else put it in the bank. Why don't you put your own money in the bank for yourself—why let the other fellow save what you earn.

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ACCOUNT DEATH OF MRS. J. B. HARRIS

Mrs. James B. Harris, aged 27, died last Saturday evening at 7 o'clock after an illness of only eleven days.

Mrs. Harris has resided in Galveston for the past 10 years, having come here with her family in 1914 from San Antonio, and she had been married to Mr. Harris less than a year, their marriage having occurred Oct. 29, 1913, in this city. She leaves, besides her husband, a mother, Mrs. O. E. Pike and three brothers, Robert W. Bowen, Hugh Pike and Alfred Pike, all residing in this city.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the late residence, 1401 Twentieth street, Rev. Robert D. Wilson, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church officiating. The body was shipped to San Antonio Tuesday night and interment had there Tuesday.

We, of the Labor Dispatch feel that death has come into our little circle, and, in taking from our midst the beloved wife of our advertising manager, has made the hour dark for all of us.

Intimate and close friends, as are always those thrown closely together in newspaper work, we know not only Mr. Harris, but knew Mrs. Harris, and knew her but to respect and love her; of admire her noble character and high thought, her earnest and unselfish spirit that had combined to make her a well-known figure in Sunday school and church work in the First Methodist church of which she was a member.

Our hearts go out to Mr. Harris in his bereavement, and with a feeling that can not be expressed in words, we strive to aid him with his burden of deep grief.—Galveston Labor Dispatch.

Mrs. M. L. Wade of Cleburne, who had been visiting her son Judge J. B. Wade and family the past few days left Sunday morning to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bradford and family of Brownwood before going on home.

PAINT ROCK GIN BURNS; LOSS \$10000

Fire destroyed one of the largest gins in Paint Rock late Saturday, according to messages received in this city by the Western Gin Co., which owned the gin. The loss is about \$10,000, covered by insurance.

While the gin was running, in some manner the fire originated. Before the flames could be quenched the structure had nearly burned to the ground. It is believed that fire originated in one of the bales which was being ginned, although it is quite possible, according to ginners, for it to have started from other sources.

Officers of the Western Gin Co., in this city today declared that the loss is about the same as that sustained in the burning of the gin owned by this large company at Rowena several days ago. The loss there was about \$10,000. The gin which burned at Paint Rock was one of two in that city. The other gin will be run day and night until other arrangements are made for the construction of a second plant.

It has not been decided by the company which owned the gin, whether the gin would be rebuilt this season or not. The gin which was burned to the ground at Rowena several days ago is being rushed to completion with the intention of getting it in condition for its initial run about November 1st. Whether the plant at Paint Rock will be done likewise, will be decided some time today or tomorrow by the officers of the concern which owned it.

WOMAN ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

What she gives to a nation.

Shall we say that women contribute only the bandages, the nursing, cheering and comforting the wounded? No! They contribute the fighters! What sort of help and inspiration can a woman be who is enfeebled and broken-down by disease and weaknesses peculiar to her sex. Can she hope to be a capable mother or an efficient wife?

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MOVING BACK TO BALLINGER

November 1st W. S. Harmon and family will return to Ballinger to make their home. The parties living in Mr. Harmon's home here have been notified to vacate by the above date.

Mr. Harmon traded for a farm in Brown county about two years ago, and tried farming. The worm and boll weevil put him out of business this year, and he has rented his farm and will come back to live the remainder of his days in Ballinger.

Rev. Gaines Hall and family of Graham, Texas, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route to Winters to visit his parents and friends a few days.

LIST OF CROPS WHICH MAY TAKE COTTON'S PLACE

Following a letter written by one of the larger state papers of Texas to the officers of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station, in which information was asked as to the most profitable and productive crops which may be raised in the various sections of Texas, Runnels County has been placed in Section 5. In this section, the money crops which might be raised are silage crops, sweet sorghum for seed and forage, sudan for hay and seed, broomcorn, stock melons, alfalfa and truck crops.

It is stated by leading farmers of Runnels county that these crops are raised here now by the farmers, but instead of making a livelihood from them, the crops are raised as a side line, with cotton the principal crop. It is pointed out by the officers of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, who prepared the list of crops which may be raised here profitably, that these crops can be raised by farmers in the Section 5, with great profit. Silage crops in the list is supposed to include the Red-top sorghum which yields the heaviest.

SOME COTTON PICKING RECORDS

The first figures furnished the Enterprise on cotton picking for the season relates to the record made by Geo. Williams who has been picking for W. B. Wood southeast of town, George is 18 years of age and weighs 127 pounds. Last Wednesday he picked 711 pounds and Thursday he picked 649.

The two sons H. A. Moore have records that are hard to beat for boys of their age. Allen, aged 13 picked 330 and Curtis, aged 9 picked 247 in one day. Allen averaged 300 for four days.

If there are others who have made good records we should be pleased to hear from them also.—Winters Enterprise.

MANY STRANGERS CALL FOR MAIL

The lobby at the postoffice is crowded all day Saturday with strangers who come to town to call for their mail. In order to get to the delivery window on Saturday you must take your place in line and wait, wait, wait. The business is telling in the receipts of the local office, and the close of the present quarter will make a big showing over the last quarter of 1913.

FIRE NEAR TRUITT THURSDAY NIGHT

The old R. S. Scott place two miles from Truitt, occupied by a man by the name of Day, was destroyed by fire early Thursday night. The fire is supposed to have originated from a flue while the family were busy with supper. The house and contents were destroyed and were a total loss, there being no insurance on the property. Lee Maddox came in from the Truitt country this morning and reported the fire.

AN ARTISTIC WINDOW.

Roy Sharp, the decorator and Jack Applewhite, the hardware man, have tried their artistic skill on a fall scene in the show window at the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.'s store and it shows the master hand of the true artist. Through the courtesy of Otto Van Pillwitz, the taxidermist, they are able to show some splendid specimens of birds, deer and bugs and reptiles of all kinds, and the scenery of bushes and trees and the game shown makes a realistic picture of the forest and the Winchester fire arms and ammunition sets the picture off to the delight of every true sportsman.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"All glory to the Magic Washing Stick—my clothes were as white as snow," writes Mrs. Sallie Cummings, Marquez, Texas. Not a soap or a washing powder but a peculiar article which makes dirty clothes clean and beautiful without a bit of rubbing. Sold by grocers and druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c, or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

F. Sommers of the Rowena country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

FARMERS URGE ELIMINATION OF COTTON CROP

At a meeting of about fifty farmers, representing all sections of Runnels County, held at the court house in this city Saturday afternoon, it was decided by that body that the state senator and representative should be notified that it is the wish of a majority of the farmers of Runnels County that a bill should be framed for the total elimination of cotton in Texas.

Although the attendance at the meeting was small, the representatives present declared that the prevailing sentiment in this county is for the total elimination of the production of cotton in Runnels County. Accordingly the body voted on the matter and R. T. Williams, county chairman of the Southern Cotton Corporation was instructed to notify State Senator Connor and Representative R. S. Griggs of the action of the farmers of this county. Mr. Williams will immediately get in touch with the state legislators of this district.

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Your attacks of Lumbago are not nearly so hopeless as they seem. You can relieve them almost instantly by a simple application of Sloan's Liniment on the back and loins. Lumbago is a form of rheumatism, and yields perfectly to Sloan's, which penetrates quickly all in through the sore, tender muscles, limbers up the back and makes it feel fine. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against colds, sore and swollen joints, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.

CATHEY FAMILY COMING BACK

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cathey will return to Ballinger to make their home between now and November first. Mr. Cathey moved to Winters several months ago to engage in the saddle and harness business at that place. He comes back to Ballinger to take charge of the new business that will be established by himself and Dr. Gustavous.

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JOHN CLENDENAN DEAD.

Mr. Clendenan, one of the pioneer citizens of the county died at his home in the West End Friday afternoon and his remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. The Ledger joins many friends in condolence and sympathy for the bereaved relatives left to mourn his death.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"I cannot speak highly enough in praise of the Magic Washing Stick. It saves half the labor in washing. Makes the clothes sweet clean and white as snow without the use of rubboard," writes Mrs. R. M. Cardwell, Forney, Texas. Sold by grocers and druggists three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

R. B. Hambricht of the Norton country, John Simmons of the Pony creek country, and Henry Walters of the Oak creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

To Our Country Friends
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CHAPTER I.

The Message of the Rose.
Lapped deep in the leather-bound luxury of an ample lounge-chair, walled apart from the world by the venerable solitude of the library of London's most exclusive club, Mr. Alan Law sprawled (largely on the tape of his neck) and, squinting discontentedly down his nose, admitted that he was exhaustively bored.

Now the chair filled so gracefully stood by an open window, some twenty feet below which lay a sizable walled garden, an old English garden in full flower. And through the window, now and then, a half-breath breeze wafted gusts of warm air, suave and enervating with the heavy fragrance of English roses.

Mr. Law drank deep of it, and in spite of his spiritual unrest, sighed slightly and shut his eyes.

An unspoken word troubled the depth of his consciousness, so that old memories stirred and struggled to its surface. The word was "Rose," and for the time seemed to be the name neither of a woman nor of a flower, but oddly of both, as though the two things were one. His mental vision, bridging the gap of a year, conjured up the vision of a lithe, sweet silhouette in white, with red roses at her belt, posed on a terrace of the Riviera against the burning Mediterranean blue.

Mr. Law was dully conscious that he ought to be sorry about something. But he was really very drowsy indeed; and so, drinking deep of wine-scented roses, he fell gently asleep.

The clock was striking four when he awoke; and before closing his eyes he had noticed that its hands indicated ten minutes to four. So he could not have slept very long.

For some few seconds Alan did not move, but rested as he was, incredulously regarding a rose which had materialized mysteriously upon the little table at his elbow. He was quite sure it had not been there when he closed his eyes, and almost as sure that it was not real.

And in that instant of awakening the magic fragrance of the rose-garden seemed to be even more strong and cloying sweet than ever.

Then he put out a gingerly hand and discovered that it was real beyond all question. A warm red rose, freshly plucked, drops of water trembling and sparkling like tiny diamonds on the velvet of its fleshy petals. And when impulsively he took it by the stem, he discovered a most indisputable thorn—which did service for the traditional pinch.

Convinced that he wasn't dreaming, Alan transferred the rose to his sound hand, and meditatively sucked his



With Red Roses at Her Belt.

thumb. Then he jumped up from the chair and glared suspiciously round the room. It was true that a practical joke in that solemn atmosphere were a thing unthinkable; still, there was the rose.

There was no one but himself in the library. Perplexed to exasperation, Alan fled the club, only pausing on the way out to annex the envelope he found addressed to him in the letter-rack.

It was a blank white envelope of good quality, the address typewritten, the stamp English, and bore a London postmark half illegible.

Alan tore the envelope open in absent-minded fashion—and started as if stung. The enclosure was a simple playing card—a trey of hearts!

As for Alan Law, he wandered homeward in a state of stupefaction. He could read quite well the message of the rose. He would not soon forget that year-old parting with his Rose of the Riviera: "You say you love me but may not marry me—and we must part. Then promise this, that if ever you change your mind, you'll send for me." And her promise: "I will send you a rose."

But the year had lapsed with never

a sign from her, so that he had grown accustomed to the unflattering belief that she had forgotten him.

And now the sign had come—but what the deuce did the trey of hearts mean?

When morning came, London had lost Alan Law. No man of his acquaintance—nor any woman—had received the least warning of his disappearance. He was simply and sufficiently removed from English ken.

CHAPTER II.

The Sign of the Three.

Out-of-doors, high brazen noon, a day in spring, the clamorous life of New York running as fluent as quicksilver through its brilliant streets.

Within-doors, neither sound nor sunbeam disturbed a perennial quiet that was yet not peace.

The room was like a wide, deep well of night, the haunt of teeming shadows and sinister silences.

Little, indeed, was visible beyond the lonely shape that brooded over it, the figure of an old man motionless in a great, leather-bound chair.

His hair was as white as his heart was black. The rack of his bones, clothed in a thick black dressing-gown with waist-cord of crimson silk, from the thighs down was covered by a black woollen rug. He stared unblinkingly at nothing: a man seven-eighths dead, completely paralyzed but for his head and his left arm.

Presently a faint clicking signal disturbed the stillness. Seneca Trine put forth his left hand and touched one of a row of crimson buttons embedded in the desk. Something else clicked—this time a latch. There was the faintest possible noise of a closing door, and a smallish man stole noiselessly into the light, paused beside the desk and waited respectfully for leave to speak.

"Well?"

"A telegram, sir—from England." "Give it me!"

The old man seized the sheet of yellow paper, scanned it hungrily, and crushed it in his tremulous claw with a gesture of uncontrollable emotion.

"Send my daughter Judith here!"

Two minutes later a young woman in street dress was admitted to the chamber of shadows.

"You sent for me, father?"

"Sit down."

She found and placed a chair at the desk, and obediently settled herself in it.

"Judith—tell me—what day is this?"

"My birthday. I am twenty-one."

"And your sister's birthday: Rose, too, is twenty-one."

"Yes."

"You could have forgotten that," the old man pursued almost mockingly.

"Do you really dislike your twin-sister so intensely?"

The girl's voice trembled. "You know," she said, "we have nothing in common—beyond parentage and this abominable resemblance. Our natures differ as light from darkness."

"And which would you say was—light?"

"Hardly my own: I'm no hypocrite. Rose is everything that they tell me my mother was, while I"—the girl smiled strangely—"I think—I am more your daughter than my mother's."

A nod of the white head confirmed the suggestion. "It is true. I have watched you closely, Judith, perhaps more closely than even you knew. Before I was brought to this"—the wasted hand made a significant gesture—"I was a man of strong passions. Your mother never loved, but rather feared me. And Rose is the mirror of her mother's nature, gentle, unselfish, sympathetic. But you, Judith, you are like a second self to me."

An accent of profound satisfaction informed his voice. The girl waited in a silence that was tensely expectant.

"Then, if on this your birthday I were to ask a service of you that might injuriously affect the happiness of your sister—?"

The girl laughed briefly: "Only ask it!"

"And how far would you go to do my will?"

"Where would you stop in the service of one you loved?"

Seneca Trine nodded gravely. And after a brief pause, "Rose is in love," he announced.

"Oh, I know—I know!" the father affirmed with a faint ring of satisfaction. "I am old, a cripple, prisoner of this living tomb; but all things I should know—somehow—I come to know in course of time!"

"It's true—that Englishman who scraped an acquaintance with on the Riviera last year—what's his name?—Law, Alan Law."

"In the main," the father corrected mildly, "you are right. Only, he's not English. His father was Wellington Law, of Law & Son."

She knew better than to interrupt, but her seeming patience was belied by the whitening knuckles of a hand that lay within the little pool of blood-red light.

And presently the deep voice rolled on: "Law and I were once friends,

then—it came to pass that we loved one woman, your mother. I won her—all but her heart: too late she realized it was Law she loved. He never forgave me, nor I him. Though he married another woman, still he held from me the love of my wife. I could not sleep for hating him—and he was no better off. Each sought the other's ruin; it came to be an open duel between us, in Wall street. One of us had to fail—and I held the stronger hand. The night before the day that was to have seen my triumph, I walked in Central park, as was my habit to tire my body so that my brain might sleep. Crossing the East drive I was struck by a motor-car running at high speed without lights. I was picked up insensible—and lived only to be what I am today. Law triumphed in the street while I lay helpless; only a living remnant of my fortune remained to me. Then his



We Both Loved One Woman.

chauffeur, discharged, came to me and sold me the truth; it was Law's car with Law at the wheel that had struck me down—a deliberate attempt at assassination. I sent Law word that I meant to have a life for a life. For what was I better than dead? I promised him that, should he escape, I would have the life of his son. He knew I meant it, and sent his wife and son abroad. Then he died suddenly, of some common ailment—they said; but I knew better. He died of fear of me."

Trine smiled a cruel smile: "I had made his life a reign of terror. Ever so often I would send Law, one way or another—mysteriously always—a trey of hearts; it was my death-sign for him; as you know, our name, Trine, signifies a group of three. And every time he received a trey of hearts, within twenty-four hours an attempt of some sort would be made upon his life. The strain broke down his nerve."

"Then I turned my attention to the son, but the distance was too great, the difficulties insuperable. The Law millions mocked all my efforts; their alliance with the Rothschilds placed mother and son under the protection of every secret police in Europe. But they dared not come home. At length I realized I could win only by playing a waiting game. I needed three things: more money; to bring Alan Law back to America; and one agent I could trust, one incorruptible agent. I ceased to persecute mother and son, lulled them into a sense of false security, and by careful speculations repaired my fortunes. In Rose I had the lure to draw the boy back to America; in you, the one person I could trust."

"I sent Rose abroad and arranged that she should meet Law. They fell in love at sight. Then I wrote informing her that the man she had chosen was the son of him who had murdered all of me but my brain. It fell out as I foresaw. You can imagine the scene of passionate renunciation—pledges of undying constancy—the arrangement of a secret code whereby, when she needed him, she would send him a single rose—the birth of a great romance!"

The old man laughed sardonically. "Well, there is the history. Now the rose has been sent; Law is already homeward bound; my agents are watching his every step. The rest is in your hands."

The girl bent forward, breathing heavily, eyes aflame in a face that had assumed a waxen pallor.

"What is it you want of me?"

"Bring Alan Law to me. Dead or alive, bring him to me. But alive, if you can compass it; I wish to see him die. Then I, too, may die content."

The hand of hot-blooded youth stole forth and grasped the icy hand of death-in-life.

"I will bring him," Judith swore—"dead or alive, you shall have him here."

CHAPTER III.

The Trail of Treachery.

But young Mr. Law was sole agent of his own enlightenment; just as he was nobody's fool, least of all his own. The hidden meaning of the trey of hearts perplexed him with such distrust that before leaving London, he dispatched a code cablegram to his confidential agent in New York.

What do you know about the trey of hearts? Answer immediately.

The answer forestalled his arrival in Liverpool:

Trine's death sign for your father. For God's sake, look to yourself and keep away from America.

But Alan had more than once visited America incognito and unknown to Seneca Trine via a secret route of his own selection.

Eight days out of London, a second-class passenger newly landed from one of the C.P. steamships, he walked the streets of Quebec—and dropped out of sight between dark and dawn, to turn up presently in the distant Canadian hamlet of Bale St. Paul, apparently a very tenderfooted American woods-traveler chaperoned by a taciturn Indian guide picked up heaven-knows-where.

Crossing the St. Lawrence by night, the two struck off quietly into the hinterland of the Notre Dame range, then crossed the Maine border.

On the second noon thereafter, trail-worn and weary, as lean as their depleted packs, the two paused on a ridge-pole of the wilderness up back of the Allagash country, and made their midday meal in a silence which, if normal in the Indian, was one of deep misgivings on Alan's part.

Continually his gaze questioned the northern skies that lowered portentously, foul with smoke—a country-wide conflagration that threatened all northern Maine, bone-dry with drought.

Only the south offered a fair prospect. And the fires were making southward far faster than man might hope to travel through that grim and stubborn land.

Even as he stared, Alan saw fresh columns of dun-colored smoke spring up in the northwest.

Anxiously he consulted the impassive mask of the Indian, from whom his questions gained Alan little comfort. Jacob recommended forced marches to Spirit Lake, where canoes might be found to aid their flight; and withdrew into sullen reserve.

They traveled far and fast by dim forest trails before sundown, then again paused for food and rest. And as Jacob sat deftly about preparing the meal, Alan stumbled off to whip the little trail-side stream for trout.

Perhaps a hundred yards upstream, the back-lash of a careless cast by his weary hand hooked the state of Maine. Too tired even to remember the appropriate words, Alan scrambled ashore, forced through the thick undergrowth that masked the trail, found his fly, set the state of Maine free—and swinging on his heel brought up, nose to a sapling, transfixed by a rectangle of white pasteboard fixed to its trunk, a trey of hearts, of which each pip had been neatly punctured by a 22-caliber bullet.

He carried it back to camp, meaning to consult the guide, but on second thought, held his tongue. It was not likely that the Indian had overlooked an object so conspicuous on the trail.

So Alan waited for him to speak—and meantime determined to watch Jacob more narrowly, though no other suspicious circumstance had marked the several days of their association.

The first half of the night was, as the day, devoted to relentless progress southward; thirty minutes of steady jogging, five minutes for rest—and repeat.

No more question as to the need for such urgent haste; overhead the north wind muttered without ceasing. Thin veils of smoke drifted through the forest, hugging the ground, like some weird acid mist; and ever the curtain heavens glared, livid with reflected fires.

By midnight Alan had come to the bounds of endurance; flesh, bone and sinew could no longer stand the strain. Though Jacob declared that Spirit Lake was now only six hours distant, as far as concerned Alan he might have said 600. His blanket once unrolled, Alan dropped upon it like one drugged.

The sun was high when he awakened and sat up, rubbing heavy eyes, stretching aching limbs, wondering what had come over the Indian to let him sleep so late.

Of a sudden he was assailed by sickening fears that needed only the briefest investigation to confirm. Jacob had absconded with every valuable item of their equipment.

Nor was his motive far to seek. Overnight the fire had made tremendous gains. And ever and anon the wind would bring down the roar of the holocaust, dulled by distance but not unlike the growling of wild animals feeding on their kill.

Alan delayed long enough only to swallow a few mouthfuls of raw food, gulped water from a spring, and set out at a dog-trot on the trail to Spirit Lake.

For hours he blundered blindly on, holding to the trail mainly by instinct.

At length, panting, gasping, half-blinded, he staggered into a little natural clearing and plunged forward headlong, so bewildered that he could not have said whether he was tripped or thrown; for even as he stumbled a heavy body landed on his back and crushed him savagely to earth.

In less than a minute he was overcome; his wrists hitched together, his ankles bound with heavy cord.

When his vision cleared he found Jacob within a yard, regarding him with a face as immobile as though it had been cast in the bronze it resembled.

Beyond, to one side, a woman in a man's hunting costume stood eyeing the captive as narrowly as the Indian, but unlike him with a countenance that seemed aglow with a fierce exultancy over his downfall.

But for that look, he could have believed hers the face that had brought

him overseas to this mortal pass. Feature for feature, even to the hue of her tumbled hair, she counterfeited the woman he loved; only those eyes, aflame with their look of inhuman ruthlessness, denied that the two were one.

He sought vainly to speak. The breath rustled in his parched throat like wind whispering among dead leaves.

Thrusting the Indian roughly aside, the woman knelt in his place by Alan's head.

"No," she said, and smiling cruelly, shook her head—"no, I am not your Rose. But I am her sister, Judith, her twin, born in the same hour, daughter of—can you guess whose daughter? But see this!" She flashed a card from within her hunting shirt and held it before his eyes. "You know it, eh? The trey of hearts—the symbol of Trine—Trine, your father's enemy, and yours, and—Rose's father and mine! So, now, perhaps you know!"

A gust of wind like a furnace blast swept the glade. The woman sprang up, glanced over-shoulder into the forest, and signed to the Indian.

"In ten minutes," she said, "these woods will be your funeral pyre."

She stepped back. Jacob advanced, picked Alan up, shouldered his body, and strode back into the forest. Ten feet in from the clearing he dropped the helpless man supine upon a bed of dry logs and branches.

Then, with a single movement, he disappeared.

CHAPTER IV.

Many Waters.

Overhead, through a rift in the foliage, a sky was visible whose ebon darkness called to mind a thundercloud.

The heat was nearly intolerable; the voice of the fire was very loud.

A heavy, broken crashing near by made Alan turn his head, and he saw a brown bear break cover and plunge on into the farther thickets—forerunner of a mad rout of terrified forest folk, deer, porcupines, a fox or two, a wildcat, rabbits, squirrels, partridges—a dozen more.

Two minutes had passed of the ten. Something was digging uncomfortably into Alan's right hip—the automatic pistol in his hip pocket, of which Jacob had neglected to relieve him. Then a sharp, spiteful crackling brought him suddenly to a sitting position, to find that the Indian had thoughtfully touched a match to the pyre before departing. At Alan's feet the twigs were blazing merrily.

It would have been easy enough, acting on instinct, to snatch his limbs away, but he did not move more than to strain his feet as far as their bonds permitted. Conscious of scorching heat even through his hunting boots, he suffered that torture until a tongue of flame licked up, wrapped itself round the thick hempen cord and ate it through.

Immediately Alan kicked his feet free, lifted to a kneeling position, and crawled from the pyre.

As for his hands—Alan's hunting-knife was still in its sheath belted to the small of his back. Tearing at the belt with his hampered fingers, he contrived to shift it round until the sheath knife stuck at the belt-loop over his left hip. Withdrawing and conveying the blade to his mouth, he

gripped it firmly between his teeth, and sawed the cords round his wrists against the razor-sharp blade.

Before Alan could turn and run he saw a vanguard of flames bridge 50 yards at a bound, and start a dead pine blazing like a torch.

And then he was pelting like a madman across the smoked-filled clearing, and in less than two minutes broke from the forest to the pebbly shore of a wide-bosomed lake, and within a few hundred feet of a substantial dam, through whose spillway a heavy volume of water cascaded with a roar rivaling that of the forest-fire itself.

Two quick glances showed Alan two things: that his only way of escape was via the dam; that there was a solitary canoe at mid-lake, bearing swiftly to the farther shore Judith



Sawed the Cords Against the Razor-Sharp Blade.

Trine and the Indian—the latter wielding the paddle.

In the act of turning toward the dam he saw Jacob drop the paddle. The next instant a bullet from a Winchester .30 kicked up a spurt of pebbles only a few feet in advance of Alan.

He quickened his pace, but the next bullet fell closer, while the third actually bit the earth beneath his running feet as he gained the dam.

Exasperated, he pulled up, whipped out his pistol and fired without aim. At the same time, he noted that the distance between dam and canoe had

lessened perceptibly, thanks to the strong current sucking through the spillway.

His shot flew wide, but almost instinctively his finger closed again upon the trigger, and he saw the paddle snap in twain, its blade falling overboard. And then the Indian fired again, his bullet droning past Alan's ear.

As he fired in response Jacob started, dropped his rifle and crumpled up in the bow of the canoe.

Simultaneously earth and heavens rocked with a terrific clap of thunder. He turned again and ran swiftly along the dam, toward two heavy timbers that bridged the torrent of the spillway.

Then a glance aside brought him up with a thrill of horror; the suck of the overflow had drawn the canoe within a hundred yards of the spillway. The dead Indian in its bow, the living woman helpless in its stern, it swept swiftly onward to destruction.

His next few actions were wholly unpremeditated. He was conscious only of her white, staring face, her strange likeness to the woman that he loved.

He ran out upon the bridge, threw himself down upon the innermost timber, turned, and let his body fall backward, arms extended at length, and swung, braced by his feet beneath the outer timber.

With a swiftness that passed conscious thought, he was aware of the canoe hurtling onward with the speed of wind, its sharp prow apparently aimed directly for his head. Then hands closed round his wrists like clamps; a tremendous weight tore at his arms, and with an effort of inconceivable difficulty he began to lift, to drag the woman up out of the foaming jaws of death.

Somehow that impossible feat was achieved; somehow the woman gained a hold upon his body, shifted it to his belt, contrived inexplicably to clamber over him to the timbers; and somehow he in turn pulled himself up to safety, and sick with reaction sprawled prone, lengthwise upon that foot-wide bridge, above the screaming abyss.

Later he became aware that the woman had crawled to safety on the farther shore, and pulling himself together, imitated her example. Solid earth underfoot, he rose and stood, swaying, beset by a great weakness.

Through the gathering darkness—a ghastly twilight in which the flaming forests on the other shore burned with an unearthly glare—he discovered the wan, written face of Judith Trine close to his and he heard her voice, a scream barely audible above the commingled voices of the conflagration and the cascades:

"You fool! Why did you save me? I tell you, I have sworn your death!" The utter grotesqueness of it all broke upon his intelligence like the revelation of some enormous fundamental absurdity in Nature. He laughed a little hysterically.

Darkness followed. A flash of lightning seemed to flame between them like a fiery sword. To its crashing thunder, he lapsed into unconsciousness.

When he roused, it was with a shiver and a shudder. Rain was falling in torrents from a sky the hue of slate. Across the lake dense volumes of steam enveloped the fires that faintly beamed the deluge. A great hissing noise filled the world, muting even the roar of the spillway.

He was alone. But in his hand, tattered and bruised by the downpour, he found—a rose.

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The grafters follow prosperity,
and they generally prosper.

Wonder what the English, the
French and the Germans thought
about our World's Series.

It has been proven that women
never make politicians as long as
they must devote so much time to
fashion.

Runnels county is better known
abroad than ever before. The big
cotton crop has attracted the at-
tention of the entire Southwest.

The Santa Fe will profit again
when the harvesting season is
over. The laborers will be ready
to return to their homes.

1001 plans for boosting the price
of cotton have been proposed, but
so far nothing that is practical en-
ough to do the work. It has been
said that to agitate is to educate.
Keep it up.

Gowdy and Rudolph will draw
two thousand dollars per week for
appearing on the stage. Yet some
people have the audacity to tell
us that advertising does not pay.

The man that predicted that it
would be a short war no doubt
had reference to the soldiers who
are now buried in the trenches.
Yes, it was a short war for some
of them.

What has become of the cotton-
made pants that were all the style
for boys when we were a boy? A
few million pair made from the
present cotton crop would help to
get rid of the stuff.

The tax collector has not been
authorized to accept cotton at ten
cents per pound in payment of
taxes, but the proposition is just
about as sane as many that have
been advanced.

While we are advocating the
growing of better live stock, we
should not forget that base ball
players sell for sums running as
high as \$25,000, and also advocate
better baby clubs.

In every dry town there are
some people who think that get-
ting a drink is an intellectual ac-
complishment.—Dallas News.

It's a case where enlightenment
would no doubt have kept some
people from getting in bad.

The advocates of the total elim-
ination of cotton production next
year say that it will starve out the
boll weevil. Those who oppose it
say that it would starve out some
farmers. Now which shall starve,
the boll weevil or the farmer?

For Trade—An ice book con-
taining coupons entitling the hold-
er to about two hundred pounds of
ice. Will take same amount in
coal for the book, and deliver the
book if party will deliver the
coal. See the editor.

Carranza said he would resign,
but the peace conference declin-
ed to accept the resignation until
they received a report from Zap-
ata. If it please Villa, Zapata
will say no, and the fight will go
merely on.

The French government has
placed an order with horse buyers
in this country for ten thousand
artillery horses. It will probably
require about three months to gather
the horses and after the French
get them in battle it will require
about three hours to destroy them.

Agricultural experts say that
marketing of farm products must
be solved. That's what we all
say, and when the problem is solv-

ed it will be back to the farm for
many.

An exchange says that when a
young man mixes rye with his
wild oats he gets a crop. Yes, and
where the officers are on the job
he finds a ready market for what
he produces.

A great to-do is being made
over the opportunity America
gains by the European war. It's
true that we must supply the fight-
ers, but is it right to furnish the
gun to kill the other fellow with.

The sorrow and suffering that
will be experienced in Europe
through the coming Holidays
will cast a shadow over America.
Again we want to endorse Mr.
Sherman's definition of war.

Anybody can criticize; it's the
perfect man that keeps his mouth
closed when his neighbor does not
run things to suit him. In other
words before you tackle the job
of cleaning up the record of your
neighbor, get the crooks in your
own life pulled out.

Every true Democrat should go
to the polls and vote on Novem-
ber 3rd. Our representation in
the Democratic conventions is
based on the number of votes polled
for governor in the general
election. See that your box polls
a good vote.

Government figures say our lit-
tle venture into Mexico cost us
\$8,650,000—a handy little piece of
pocket money.—Bonham Favorite.

That's not all. How about the
twenty loyal and brave boys that
bit the dust at Vera Cruz. Oh,
war is it all right.

Something good can be said for
every village and city in the coun-
try. Some folks ought to discover
this fact.—Abilene Reporter.

The trouble with some folks is
that they never look for the good
things to say about their home
town or neighbors. It's the ugly
things they magnify.

Gov. Colquitt seems determine
to stay on the job, and he is now
threatening to call a special ses-
sion of the new legislature. That
is he will call the boys back after
the November election. If he
keeps on calling and calling there
will be nothing for Banker Jim to
do but pay the bills the present
administration leaves behind.

A San Angelo man has given his
son forty-five sections of land. If
the young man is sober and indus-
trious and the drouths do not come
too frequent, he should be able to
keep the wolf from his door.—
Coleman Democrat-Voice.

If the young man keeps the coy-
otes off that much land he will not
have time to partake of that which
affect his soberness, and he must
be industrious to stay on the job.

The closing chapter in the his-
tory of the administration of our
"political peace and legislative
rest" governor only cost Texas
about \$100,000. The legislature
must quit Thursday as the end of
the last call is at hand. We should
feel thankful that our laws are so
framed that a special session can
not hold longer than thirty days.

Much has been said and little
done to relieve the cotton situa-
tion. The "wear cotton" move-
ment can not be of much benefit
to the whole people. To increase
the use of cotton goods means to
curtail the consumption of other
like commodities. To replace silk
wool and jute with cotton means
nothing more nor less than to
bring tumbling down the silk,
wool and jute market and the pro-
ducer of soft will suffer. As we
view the problem there is but one
remedy—if the farmers are pro-
ducing at a loss more of anything
than the world can consume, stop
the production and that will stop
the loss.

After taking the matter up with
the thirty-odd mouths that are de-
pending on this paper to be fed
we regret to say that we can't
use the cotton. The boys say that
they can't eat the stuff. How-
ever, we will take a carload or two
of chickens on subscription, also
fat hogs, beeves, or milch cows.
Bring them in any time day or
night.—Ballinger Ledger.

It is a good proposition and
should be accepted by those who
have the country produce. Barter
was the only form of exchange be-
fore money was invented, and
any community can inflate its cir-
culating medium as much as it
pleases through the medium of
barter.—Temple Telegram.

THE GOVERNORS SALARY?
What is the salary of the gov-
ernor of Texas? \$4,000 you will
say, and this is, indeed, his nomi-
nal salary, but there are "trim-
mings" that are even more im-
portant than the salary itself. The
Thirty-third legislature made the
following appropriations for the
governor for the year ending Aug-
ust 31, 1914: Salary \$4,000; tele-
phoning, telegraphing, rewards
and other expenses \$8,500; travel-
ing expenses \$1,000; books and
stationery \$500; freight and post-
age \$500; ice \$36; mansion ex-
penses \$6,000; abor at mansion \$1,-
000; fuel, lights, water, groceries
and incidentals \$2,000; making a
total of \$23,536 for the year. Why
should the governor worry about
a salary so long as the state pays
all his expenses.—Santa Anna
News.

If we had to choose between the
two we would take the expenses
and let the salary go. Worry
about the small salary! Not much.

I BUY AT HOME.
BECAUSE my interests are here
BECAUSE the community that
is good enough for me to live in is
good enough for me to buy in.

BECAUSE I want to see the
goods.
BECAUSE I want to get what I
buy when I pay for it.
BECAUSE every dollar I spend
at home stays at home and works
for the welfare of this town.
BECAUSE the man I buy from
stands back of goods.
BECAUSE I sell what I produce
at home.
BECAUSE the man I buy from
helps support my school, my
church, my lodge, my home.
BECAUSE when ill-luck, mis-
fortune, or bereavement comes,
the man I buy from is here with
his kindly greeting, his word of
cheer, and his pocketbook, if need
be.
BECAUSE I get my living in
this state. Don't you? Here I live
and here I buy. I Buy at Home
Do You?

WAR.
(From the San Francisco Star.)
Take not up the sword. They
that take up the sword shall per-
ish by the sword.—Jesus.

Whenever there is war, the devil
makes hell larger.—German Pro-
verb.

O, War, thou son of hell.—Shak-
espeare.

War is a brain-spattering, wind
pipe-splitting art.—Lord Bacon.

War is the devil's gambling
game.—George Fox.

There never was a good war
nor a bad peace.—Benjamin
Franklin.

War never decided any ques-
tion of right or wrong.—Thomas
Jefferson.

A good man never makes a good
soldier. The worst man always
makes the best soldier. The sol-
dier is nothing but a hired, legal-
ized murderer.—Napoleon Ban-
aparte.

The military profession is a
damnable profession.—The Duke
of Wellington.

Napoleon was a great gambler
whose name was empires, whose
stakes, were thrones, whose tab-
les, earth, whose dice were human
bones.—Lord Byron.

War is the statesman's game,
the lawyer's jest, the hired as-
sassin's trade.—Shelly.

My greatest regret is that I
have been the author of three
wars in which thousands of lives
were lost.—Prince Bismarck.

War is a trade of barbarism.—
Napoleon Bonaparte.

WAIT PAINT
There are painters and waiters.
Which am I going to do? Paint or
wait?

Which is better?
How much am I worth with my
property waiting? How much if
I paint? Will my house be worth
more or less if I paint?

Say it costs \$2 a gallon Devoe—
I wouldn't paint any other—and
\$3 or \$4 more for putting it on.
That's \$50 or \$60 a 10-gallon job.
The money is gone. Is it in the
house? Is it all in the house?

Suppose I were selling; what
should I get for that house fresh-
painted and what should I get for
it needing-paint?

Why men paint before
selling!

DEVOE
Ballinger Lumber Co. sells it.

Dr. Mitchell of Norton, was
among the visitors in Ballinger
Wednesday.

Are You Sure of Your Baking Powder?

Do you feel satisfied that the baking powder you are using is absolutely safe and certain?

Have you read the label to see if it contains alum?

Dr. Price's is free from alum or any doubtful or unwholesome ingredient. It is made from Cream of Tartar, derived from grapes, pure and healthful beyond any question.

Sixty years the standard

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Made from Cream of Tartar No Alum

BABY FOUND IN WELL NEAR ABILENE

A baby about one week old was found in a well on the King place three miles South of Abilene Monday for a horse a boy happened to day morning. While out search-look in the well and saw the body of the infant floating on the water about nine feet from the top of the well. The matter was reported to the Abilene officers and an investigation followed.

The physicians who examined the body after it was carried to Abilene reported that the baby was about a week old when placed in the well, and that it was killed by being choked to death or smothered before it was placed in the well. It is thought that the remains of the baby had been in the well a week or ten days when found.

Officers seem to concur in the opinion that the guilty party had knowledge of the whereabouts of the well, and had premeditatedly planned to put the tot in the well. One of the plausible reasons for this is the fact that the well is practically indiscernible from the road and could not be found without a careful examination. The guilty party had selected a very secluded place for the hiding of the infant. The well is described as being near the bank of Buttonwillow, about 100 feet from the Cedar Gap road. It is surrounded by weeds and shrubs and would be the least likely place for a well to be. A house is near by but disused, having been used for storing feedstuff.

The officers are without a clue as to the guilty parties, but are making a thorough investigation with the hopes of apprehending the murderers of the child. A wagon going towards Abilene from the direction of Ballinger was seen in the neighborhood of the well last Friday night, and an auto came from Abilene and turned back after passing near where the well is located Tuesday night of last week. It was a muddy night and the officers are inclined to the opinion that the auto parties are the one who placed the baby in the well. No other reason can be assigned for an auto coming out on a muddy road and turning back at this particular place.

Traffic Law Before City Law Makers

Traffic having increased during the past several weeks to such an extent that life is endangered at several of the principal intersections of streets in Ballinger, the city attorney is preparing an ordinance which will be presented to the council at the first next regular meeting. It was originally planned to present the draft Tuesday morning at the meeting but because of the absence of some of the councilmen, the matter was passed over.

City Attorney Doss prepared his ordinance some time ago for presentation to the council for ratification and legislation. The draft, it is understood, incorporates the speed limit for vehicles, the manner in which they shall be stopped on the streets, and the manner in which they shall be driven with reference to the side of the street.

Although no accidents have occurred lately, it is pointed out that several have narrowly been averted, at several points, especially at the intersection of Eighth street and Hutchings avenue.

The petition of the citizens of Ballinger with reference to the controversy with the West Texas Telephone Co. was brought before the council, but action was deferred until the November meeting.

The matter of appointing a night watchman was considered for some time at the meeting. It was finally disposed of by leaving the appointment up to the business men of the city, if they desire a person to be named to watch their property at night. The business men would also pay the salary of the man. Mayor Powell, however, was instructed by the council to approve and give the proper authority to the appointee of the business men.

All monthly accounts where authorized were ordered paid.

Why Not Publish It?

When you want a fact to become generally known, the right way is to publish it. Mrs. Joseph Kallans, Peru, Ind., was troubled with belching, sour stomach and frequent headaches. She writes, "I feel it my duty to tell others what Chamberlain's Tablets have done for me. They have helped my digestion and regulated my bowels. Since using them I have been entirely well." For sale by all dealers.

Judson Baldwin, the Winters groceryman, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

ARRESTED FOR BEING DRUNK BREAKS FOR LIBERTY

A stranger, giving his name as F. P. Sidon, and his home as some Northern state, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Perkins Tuesday afternoon and placed in jail.

Sidon, was just drunk enough to act a little ugly and was using vulgar and profane language on the streets when Mr. Perkins called him down, and warned him that he must desist or he would be placed in jail. The stranger was inclined to want to have his way about the matter, and he was soon occupying a cell in the jail.

He pled guilty to a charge of drunkenness Wednesday morning, and requested that he be allowed to meet the nine-thirty train, stating that a Priest would be in on that train from whom he could obtain the money to pay the fine. Deputy Perkins accompanied the stranger to the depot, and immediately after arriving at the station the man informed Perkins that he wanted to go to the toilet.

Mr. Perkins allowed the man this privilege, but stepped to the door leading out of the depot to keep an eye on the outside window of the toilet room. In this the officer used good judgment for he reached the door just in time to see his prisoner jump from the window and make a break for his liberty. Mr. Perkins called to the man to halt, but the call only quickened the prisoner's speed. Two shots were fired in the direction of the fleeing prisoner in an effort to stop him, but the crack of the gun increased his pace. The officer, realizing that he must either shoot the prisoner or run him down, selected the chase as the wise thing to do and those who witnessed the chase say that it was a pretty race in which the officer was the winner and the stranger was returned to jail to await further developments and the settlement of the fine.

DULL, THROBBING OR VIOLENT HEADACHE

Don't suffer! Get a 10 cent package of Dr. James' Headache Powder.

You take a Dr. James' Headache Powder and in just a few moments your head clears and all neuralgia and pain fades away. It's the quickest and surest relief for headache, whether dull, throbbing, splitting or nervous-racking. Send someone to the drug store and get Dr. James' Headache Powder—then there will be no disappointment.

Wm. Hughes, of the Eden country, who had been spending the summer back at his old home in Ireland, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home. His brother Joseph Hughes, of New York, accompanied Mr. Hughes home to visit a few months. Mr. Hughes says he was too close to the war zone to remain in that country very long.



Don't Shiver at Breakfast!

Why let chilled fingers and a blue nose spoil the buckwheats and a cup of good coffee?

You can have a warm dining room—certainly you can.

Your fire never goes out in

Cole's Original Hot Blast Heater

Even the cheapest grade of coal put in the night before will be a mass of glowing coke in the morning, and will heat your rooms perfectly for two or three hours without a fresh supply.

Burns anything—soft coal—hard coal—lignite or wood.

It is guaranteed.

COME IN AND SEE IT.

See the name "Cole's" on the feed door of each stove. None genuine without it

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Company



BAKING POWDER CO BUY COTTON

The sale of Royal Baking Powder in the South has shown such a satisfactory increase in the last five years that this company is glad to show its appreciation by responding to the letters that have reached us from our customers in many sections requesting us to "buy a bale of cotton."

Every one of our representatives has been instructed to buy and store for our account a number of bales, the total quantity being apportioned among our salesmen in accordance with the territories they respectively cover.

Our representatives have been instructed to act in conjunction with the local committees in such cities as are designated for purchases, with a view of distributing such purchases as we are able to make as widely as possible—for the best interest of all.

While we shall lay out some money on this campaign we shall not lose any. We know the South. The predominating characteristic of Southern people is loyalty, and the principle of "you buy our goods and we will buy yours" has had and will have an excellent application in this case.

Whatever affects the South affects us. The appalling conditions abroad, threatening disaster to so many peoples, unites all sections of our own country, and in the strengthening of that union fortifies our foundations and assures our prosperity in the years to come.

Yours respectfully,
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.

PECULIAR MALADY KILLING CALVES

The owner of a fine herd of cows and calves reported Monday morning that some peculiar malady is attacking his young calves and that he can not determine just what is the matter with them and what to use to heal the brutes. However, he is under the impression that too much green feed is the cause of their going blind. The eyes become blue and they can hardly see to move about. However, his milk cows are not attacked, the malady being confined, it appears, to the young calves.—Abilene Reporter.

Keep Your Stomach and Liver Healthy

A vigorous Stomach, perfect working Liver and regular acting Bowels is guaranteed if you will use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good Digestion, correct Constipation and have an excellent tonic effect on the whole system—Purify your blood and rid you of all body poisons thru the Bowels. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

Miss Wediman, of Abilene, who had been the guest of her cousin Miss Bettie Miller, left for her home Wednesday afternoon.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trespass 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,
Concho county, Tex.

BALLINGER IN MOVING PICTURES

What promises to be one of the most interesting events, as well as a distinct social feature, is the proposition presented by Mr. Chew, and endorsed by the Young Men's Business League, to have a special feature moving picture made of Ballinger and Kunnels County. The film is to be the property of the Young Men's Business League after same has been run for three days at the Queen Theatre.

The subscription from advertisers will go towards the expense of making the film, and there will be no extra charge to see the picture after same has been completed.

The camera squad will be here in a few days and the members of the Y. M. B. L. as well as the citizens in general are requested to assist the committee, consisting of Q. V. Miller, Roy Sharp and Jno. Hopkinson, in compiling and arranging the subject matter for this picture. Mr. and Mrs. Chew are now writing the Senoria and there will be an interesting love story run through the ten or fourteen hundred feet of film that will be required to carry this picture. It will require several days to complete the rehearsals.

Those who will appear in the picture will take particular pride in seeing that their residence or their business comes up to the expectation of all and that the picture will make a good showing as a record of Ballinger. You should begin to look pleasant when the camera that makes the movies is focused your way.

Synopsis of th Story.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston, who runs a large industry (The Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.) a beautiful daughter—a financier from the East in conferring with the Prestons in regard to locating a 1000 spindle cotton mill in Ballinger, falls in love with Miss Preston. The parents object. The financier meets with an auto accident, is rescued by Miss Preston and her party out auto riding—an elopement is arranged—they finally get married. The wealthy visitor visits the various points of interest and business industries of Ballinger, The Giesecke Ranch, the Blocker ranch, the silos, the cattle, the irrigated farms along the Colorado river, the site of the big irrigation dam with the surveyors busy running the lines, the church at which the wedding takes place, the school buildings, with the children at play during recess, the beautiful residences of the city, which places tea parties will be arranged in honor of the distinguished visitor and financier. Busy business scenes in the business district will come in, showing the activities of the city, and cotton marketing scenes on the main streets. Agricultural displays, cotton pickers coming to town, etc.

The story will be arranged to carry enough comedy to make it doubly interesting and will be a drawing card where ever it is shown in addition to the great advertising feature.

Those who are interested in the success of the undertaking are requested to confer with Victor Miller.

We give free tickets in the Dunlap Pony Contest for your favorite child. Jas. E. Brewer, jeweler and optometrist. 3-4tw tsd

ANGELO MAN FOUND DEAD

E. F. McKnight, formerly junior partner in the grocery firm of King & McKnight of San Angelo, was found dead at his home at No. 511 W. Beauregard avenue Tuesday morning where he had probably lain since sometime Sunday night, according to limp condition of his body.

The remains were found by Mrs. A. T. King, who visited the house on an errand. The body lay at the foot of the bed which indicated that death had been sudden.

The deceased was 34 years old and left a wife and one child, Oie, a little girl, of eight years, who, with her mother, are visiting the former's parents at DeQueen, Ark., from which place Mr. McKnight came a year ago last February to purchase the business of R. A. Rushing, which then became known as King & McKnight.

The deceased carried life insurance in the sum of \$1,000 in a New York company and \$1000 in the W. O. W.—San Angelo Standard.

"CASCARETS" ALWAYS STRAIGHTEN YOU UP

Tonight! Clean your bowels and end Headaches, Colds, Sour Stomach.

Get a 10-cent box now.

You men and women who can't get feeling right—who have headache, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath, dizziness, can't sleep, are bilious, nervous and upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have backache and feel worn out.

Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil?

Cascarets work while you sleep, cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry out waste matter and poison in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning—a 10 cent box from any drug store will keep your stomach sweet; liver and bowels regular, and head clear for months. Don't forget the children. They love Cascarets because they taste good—never gripe or sicken.

NEARLY TWO BALES PER ACRE

G. H. Reed and son have raised 75 acres of cotton under irrigation on their farm on the banks of the Concho in Tom Green county, which is making a large yield. Their farm is located about four or five miles from Miles. While in San Angelo this week Mr. Reed stated that they had already gathered 85 bales from the 75 acres and were good for at least 30 more.—San Angelo Sun.

Your Fall Cold Needs Attention

No use to fuss and try to wear it out. It will wear you instead. Take Dr. King's New Discovery, relief follows quickly. It checks your Cold and Soothes your Cough away. Pleasant, Antiseptic and Healing. Children like it. Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and keep it in the house "Our family Cough and Cold Doc" writes Lewis Chamberlain, Manchester, Ohio. Money back if not satisfied, but it nearly always helps.

FORT WORTH DOCTORS COMING TO BALLINGER

Fort Worth physicians are in receipt of programmes for the regular annual meeting of the Fourth District Medical society, to be held in Ballinger, Nov. 3 and 4. Drs. Frank Beall, George D. Bond, J. H. McLean and W. R. Thompson are on the programme for the discussion of a number of papers.

Dr. Bond, who is a member of the medical department of Texas Christian university, will read a paper on "Roentgen Rays' Contribution to Medical Progress" and Dr. McLean will discuss the subject of "Goitre." Dr. W. A. Durringer also will deliver an address.—Fort Worth Record.

The best \$ watch made. Our own guarantee with every one we sell. Jas. E. Brewer, The Jeweler. 3-4tw ts

UGH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

Just once. Try "Dodson's Liver Tone" when Bilious, Constipated, Headachy—Don't lose a day's Work.

Liven up your sluggish liver. Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmful Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my per-

sonal money-back guarantee that guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working; headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of Calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

Colquitt Regrets Nothing is Done to Help Cotton Growers

By United Press

AUSTIN, Oct. 21.—In a message to the state legislature, Governor Colquitt today declared that he regretted that the state and nation had done absolutely nothing to relieve the situation among the cotton growers.

The Governor expressed the opinion that a moratorium is the only escape of disaster to the South. He stated that there would be no further extra session of this legislature, but indicated that possibly an extra session of the new legislature will be held.

Directors Will Re-Open Exchange

By United Press

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—William F. Van Antwerp, a director of the stock exchange, today stated that the directors are planning to re-open the exchange within the very near future.

One of the changes which will be made when the stock exchange is re-opened is the refusal to liquidate foreign held securities in gold.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of *Dr. H. H. Mitchell*

E. V. Bateman left Wednesday morning for Brownwood en route to Brooksmith on a short business trip.

Mrs. E. Graham of Plainview, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C. Miller and family the past few days, left for her home Wednesday afternoon.

Royalist Revolt in Lisbon is Reported

By United Press

LONDON, Oct. 21.—A news agency dispatch from Lisbon said that the attempted royalist uprising in Portugal has been put down.

German agents inspired the uprising said the dispatches received here from Lisbon.

By United Press

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The Exchange Telegraph Company stated today it had heard that a royalist revolution had started in Lisbon, Portugal, by the friends of Ex-King Manuel. The extent of the trouble was not announced, nor did the telegraph company state that it had heard.

O. L. Dahlgren of the Hatchel country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

"A DIFFERENT FAIR"
POLICY OF MANAGEMENT THIS YEAR ASSURES GREATEST MEETING IN HISTORY OF

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

October 17—SIXTEEN DAYS—November 1

All departments filled to overflowing with wondrous arrays of exhibits mirroring the progress of Texas people in every phase of human endeavor.

LINCOLN BEACHEY, WORLD'S FAMOUS AERIALIST
Flying upside down, looping the loop, making 2,000-foot spirals, racing ten feet above the earth, destroying battleship from sky, presenting aerial feats without parallel.

AMUSEMENTS STRIKINGLY DIFFERENT
Garden of Allah—Omar Sami's Human Butterfly—Panama Canal in Model—Other Rare Features staged on the Plaza of Pleasure—a \$100,000 Offering.

MUSIC—SONG—VAUDEVILLE
Four Brilliant, Splendid-Trained High-Class Bands—Famous Vocal and Instrumental Soloists—Power's Educated Elephants, Direct from New York Hippodrome—Attractive Misses Who Can Sing, Dance and do Acrobatic Stunts—Other Splendid Acts Composing the Coliseum Bill.

SUPERB GRANDSTAND PROGRAM
America's greatest trotters and pacers in daily contests for \$50,000 in stakes and purses October 20-30. THREE BIG GRIDIRON CONTESTS.

EDUCATIONAL—VACATIONAL
Popular Railroad Rates ASK YOUR AGENT
W. I. YOPP, President. W. H. STRATTON, Secretary

War or No War

We are still in a position to make you farm loans and take up and extend your vendors lien notes in the future just as we have heretofore done in the past.

No informal red tape proceedings. When you get your loans through us, we handle them right off the reel.

For further particulars call on, phone or write

C. A. Doose & Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

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**CALUMET
BAKING POWDER**

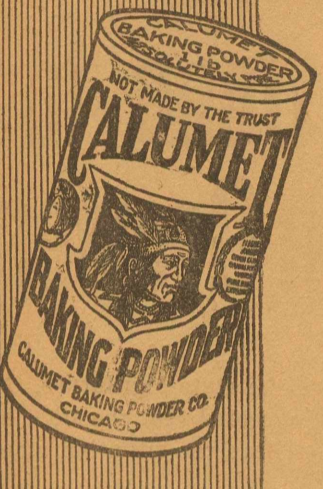
The cook is happy, the other members of the family are happy—appetites sharpen, things brighten up generally. And Calumet Baking Powder is responsible for it all.

For Calumet never fails. Its wonderful leavening qualities insure perfectly shortened, faultlessly raised bakings.

Cannot be compared with other baking powders, which promise without performing.

Even a beginner in cooking gets delightful results with this never-failing Calumet Baking Powder. Your grocer knows. Ask him.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS
World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill.
Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.



You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

**MERCHANTS MATINEE
OPENS SATURDAY**

The Princess has perfected its plans for holding a Saturday afternoon's merchants matinee, and today distributing tickets to those who have joined in making the matinee possible.

Certain merchants will give tickets to their customers, and the tickets entitle the holder to admission free to all the shows given at the Princess on Saturday afternoon.

The Princess is sending out cards advertising the firms who will give tickets, and expect to have everything ready for the first free show Saturday. The regular program will be used in the afternoon that is used at night those from the country who are not privileged to attend the shows at night will have an opportunity to see the Saturday afternoon's show at the expense of the merchants who are giving tickets.

This entertainment was given last fall and proved quite a drawing card for the town.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"The Magic Washing Stick is just fine. It did just what you said it would do and the clothes were so nice and white with all the hard rubbing left off," writes Mrs. Sarah Goodale, Preston, Texas. The Magic Stick is not a soap nor a washing powder. Sold by grocers and druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c, or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

J. K. Hutton, left for Clifton Saturday afternoon after spending a few days here looking after his farm interests.

C. E. Eubanks of Lampasas, came in Saturday afternoon to visit his son Ed Eubanks and family of South Ballinger a few weeks.

**WHAT
MOTHERS
NEED**

Too many women struggle under pains and aches. They are not sick—but weak, nervous, irritable.

Such women need that blood-strength that comes by taking SCOTT'S EMULSION. It also strengthens the nerves, aids the appetite and checks the decline.

If wife or mother tire easily or look run down, SCOTT'S EMULSION will build her up.

SHUN SUBSTITUTES.

**BALLINGER IS
ONE OF 49 CITIES
WITH FREE MAIL**

Ballinger is one of the 49 cities in Texas which has free mail service, according to data furnished by the Texas Business Men's Association with the aid of the Federal Postal authorities. This feature of the postal department has been established in 13 of these 49 cities within the past three years.

The cities besides Ballinger which have free mail delivery are: Abilene, Amarillo, Beaumont, Belton, Bonham, Brenham, Brownwood, Cleburne, Corpus Christi, Corsicana, Chero, Dallas, Denison, Denton, El Paso, Ennis, Fort Worth, Gainesville, Galveston, Georgetown, Greenville, Hillsboro, Houston, Laredo, Longview, McKinney, Marlin, Marshall, Drange, Palestine, Paris, Port Arthur, San Angelo, San Antonio, San Marcos, Sherman, Stamford, Taylor, Temple, Terrell, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, Waxahachie, Weatherford and Wichita Falls.

What Would You Do?

There are many times when one man questions another's actions and motives. Men act differently under different circumstances. do right now if you had a severe cold? Could you do better than to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended by people who have used it for years and know its value. Mrs. O. E. Sargent, Peru, Ind., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is worth its weight in gold and I take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by all dealers.

**STOCKING COUNTRY
WITH PORKERS**

Joe Turner recently returned from Cleburne with a shipment of fine Duroc Jersey hogs, and found a ready market for them. The hogs were distributed out to different parties and will be put on feed and made ready for the market.

The surplus feed in this county can be converted into cash at a profit to the farmers in no better way than by pork production. While the demand for the feed is practically at a standstill there is a good demand for pork and pork products with no prospects for a decline in the pork market.

Capt. A. D. Tally and Bill Gray of Crews, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

B. S. Taylor returned home Saturday at noon from Benoit where he had been doing some carpenter work the past week or two.

**LANKFORD SELLS
LEATHER BUSINESS**

A deal has been closed in which Dr. W. A. Gustavos and Ebb Cathey buys the saddle and harness business of T. S. Lankford, including the shoe repairing business and all leather stock of goods on hand.

Mr. Lankford will use the room now used for this line of business for furniture and will enlarge his furniture business and devote his entire time to the furniture business and to his mattress factory.

The new proprietors of the saddle and harness business will move the stock of goods to the Chastain building on Hutchings Ave. next door to the W. B. Wood & Son grocery store and will install modern machinery for manufacturing saddles and harness. Dr. Gustavos leaves this afternoon for Dallas to inspect some machinery with a view of purchasing same and as soon as he returns Mr. Cathey will go to Dallas and close a deal for the machinery.

Mr. Cathey who has been in charge of the store at Winters will move to Ballinger and take charge of the business here, and Mr. Jolly who has been with Lankford here for some time, will go to Winters and take charge of the business at that place.

Tom Shaffer will remain with the new firm, and the business here will be under the management of Messrs. Cathey and Shaffer, both experienced saddle and harness workmen.

TRUNK LINE PROPOSITION

H. Clay Read writes from Big Springs to Bronte to know what the town and country will give as bonus for a trunk line of railway, coming from Metagorda via Austin, Ballinger, perhaps Robert Lee and thence to Big Springs.

Mr. Read states in substance that the promoter knows the condition of the country and does not want any town or city to promise more than she can pay when the road is completed to each place. He then asks for a cash bonus of \$20,000 and real estate worth \$20,000, which is pretty steep.

We are inclined to the opinion that Bronte can't handle this proposition, but we refer Mr. Read to the people of Robert Lee. They have their tow-line out and baited and he can make a contract with them on the spot.—Bronte Enterprise.

When your food does not digest well and you feel "blue," tired and discouraged, you should use a little Herbine at bedtime. It opens the bowels, purifies the system and restores a fine feeling of health and energy. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**BUSY SCENES IN
BALLINGER**

The streets in Ballinger become clogged with humanity every Saturday. People flock here to cash their checks for labor rendered in the cotton fields and to trade. The great influx of people during the last months makes quite a difference when the new comers meet here to carry out the customs that have so long been in vogue in the counties where they call home. Its to town every Saturday evening with every one of them, rain or shine.

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.

UNDER CARE OF COUNTY

Adam Hulse is ill at his home on 16th street, and the commissioner's court has been called on to take charge of him, and see that he has the attention of physicians. This man has been an invalid for some time, but for the past few months he has been making his own way, aided by friends, and the court released him from their care. His condition has become such that it was necessary for the court to render aid again.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

**MORE NEGROES
ARRIVE HERE TO
PICK COTTON**

Another trainload of negroes brought to Runnels County for the purpose of gathering this county's greatest cotton crop, arrived here Sunday shortly after noon over the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway. The trainload consisted of nearly 500 negroes.

Immediately after the arrival of the three cars which brought the colored population to Ballinger, they were taken to the country by farmers who were here waiting for them. Today they are spending their first day in Runnels county in the cotton patches over the Ballinger trade territory.

It is estimated that there are at least 2500 negroes in Runnels county at the present time. A number of trainloads have arrived here and most of them remained, although there are a few who have drifted either back to the place from which they came or to other quarters.

**INDIGESTION, GAS OR
SICK, SOUR STOMACH**

Time "Pape's Diapepsin!" In five minutes all stomach misery is gone.

"Really does" put bad stomachs in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn and sourness—makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world. If what you eat ferments into stubborn lumps, you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food and acid; head is dizzy and aches; breath foul; tongue coated; your insides filled with bile and indigestion waste remember the moment "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. It's truly astonishing—almost marvelous and the joy is its harmlessness.

A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin will give you a hundred dollars' worth of satisfaction or your druggist hands you your money back.

It's worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomach regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or at night. It's the quickest, surest and most harmless stomach doctor in the world.

**HEAVY TRAVEL
CAUSES DANGER**

Complaint is being made by those who have to cross the river bridge South of town daily. It is claimed that the heavy travel makes it very dangerous to travel on the road leading south. The bridge was constructed years ago, and a long time before autos were thought of in this country, and it was not constructed with a view to being used by autos and teams at the same time. The bridge is entirely too narrow to accommodate the public safely, and limb and life are endangered daily by the heavy travel. Teams from the country shy and attempt to turn around on the bridge when passing an auto, and the high approaches on the bridge makes it impossible to observe whether the way is clear or not before starting across the bridge.

This question should be taken up by the Young Men's Business League, and every effort put forth to bring about the building of another bridge or causeway at the foot of Eighth street and the remodeling or replacing of the old bridge with a new structure.

The Magic Washing Stick.

"The Magic Washing Stick is the finest thing in the world. Cleans the clothes without rubbing—makes the whitest clothes I ever saw. I cannot do without it anymore. All you say is true, it does all you say it will. I would give it for nothing I have ever used. Hope every lady will try it." writes Mrs. W. F. Gammill Ashdown, Ark. This peculiar article is sold by grocers and druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

Ashby Tillery of Coneho country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

E. F. Edwards of Winters, had business in Ballinger Saturday.

**DESPERATE ENCOUNTER
WITH YOUNG BURGULAR**

One of the most desperate bloodless encounters which has ever resulted from the capture of a man wanted for a crime took place at ten o'clock Thursday morning on Harris street opposite the court house when Sheriff Hawley Allen and Deputy John DeSpain arrested Walter Hail, a youth of twenty, who was wanted in Waco for burglary.

In his telephone conversation with Sheriff Allen on Wednesday night Sheriff S. S. Fleming of McLennan county warned that officer that he must be on his guard declaring that Hail was perhaps the most desperate criminal known to latter day officers, and that Hail would probably kill the sheriff if by doing so he could make his escape. He was wanted for burglary but had escaped from Fleming's deputies.

With this information both Sheriff Allen, who has just recovered from a long spell of fever, and his deputy, having located their man, in the ice cream factory three doors from the jail where he has been employed for about one week, proceeded to make the arrest. They found their man seated at a desk writing a letter to his mother. DeSpain walked up quickly and caught him by the waist of his trousers, lifting him into the air, saying "We want you." "You'll have a a time getting me" growled the boy and then the trouble began. Hail is of solid build, measuring five feet ten and weighting about 165 pounds and as strong as an ox. But the officers were too much for him and after a rough and tumble fight for over a quarter of an hour he was dragged to the jail a few feet away, fighting every inch like a madman. When finally landed behind the bars and resistance was useless Hail burst into a hearty laugh and assumed a jovial air, "kidding" the officers on the fight he had given them and on Deputy DeSpain's broken finger which he had sustained in the scuffle. But during the entire time the officers did not release him for a second, at the same time protecting their guns which the prisoner made several attempts to seize.—San Angelo Standard.

A CORRECTION.

It has been reported that Geo. Schneider was deputy sheriff under me, I wish to correct this impression by saying that he is not holding such a position under me. J. P. FLYNT, Sheriff Runnels County, Texas.

Wormy children are unhappy, puny and sickly. They can't be otherwise while worms eat away their strength and vitality. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and rosy bloom of health speedily return. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Fletcher Roper of the Oak creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. M. E. Harle and daughter left Saturday afternoon to visit with relatives at Cleburne and will also attend the Dallas Fair before returning to Ballinger.

**Corns Quit, Pains
Stop, With "Gets-It"**

Quit Plasters, Salves and What-Nots. After using "GETS-IT" once you will never again have occasion for asking, "What can I do to get rid of my corns?" "GETS-IT" is the first sure, certain corn-ender ever known.



If you have tried other things by the score and will now try "GETS-IT" you will realize this glorious fact. You probably are tired sticking on tape that won't stay stuck, plasters that shift themselves right onto your corn, contraptions that make a bundle of your toe and press right down on the corn. Put two drops of "GETS-IT" on that corn in two seconds. The corn is then doomed as sure as night follows day. The corn shrivels. There's no pain, no fuss. If you think this sounds too good to be true try it tonight on any corn, callus, wart or bunion. "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago. "Gets-It" sold in Ballinger by Pearce, The Walker Drug Co. Drug Store.

**HOW TO SAY
"WAR" IN TEN
LANGUAGES**

- English—War.
- French—Guerre.
- German—Krieg.
- Polish—Wojna.
- Russian—Voyna.
- Japanese—Sen Fo.
- Hungarian—Harbori.

Two countries which are only reading about the reports of the conflict and not taking any active interest in it, say "war" something like this: Turkish—Mobarebe. Italian—Guerra. Old Man Sherman called "war" in his language (eliminated by the censor—managing editor.)

It Always Does the Work.

"I like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy better than any other," writes R. E. Roberts, Homer City, Pa. I have taken it off and on for years and it has never failed to give the desired results." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. N. Pasuer, of San Antonio, came in Sunday to join her husband and they will make Ballinger home again. Mr. Pasuer has charge of the M. Rosenwasser Confectionery store.

R. L. Williams of the Tokean country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Jack Applewhite, who is with the hardware department of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., left Saturday afternoon to join his wife on a visit to relatives at Goltwhaite.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking

GARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

TEXAN IS RESTORED BY MAYR'S WONDERFUL STOMACH REMEDY

Alvarado Man Gets Appetite and Comfort Back After Taking First Dose.

T. A. Hensley of Alvarado, Texas, suffered for a long time from derangements of the digestive tract. He had colic attacks and indigestion. His liver was inactive and he was in pain after eating.

He took Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy. From the very first dose it brought swift results. He wrote:

"I have taken your treatment for stomach trouble and consider it a Godsend to suffering humanity. I have been suffering from stomach troubles for a long time, such as colic attacks, bloating after eating, sick spells, indigestion, constipation and inactive liver and gall stones. Now I do not feel like the same man. I can cheerfully commend this remedy to all stomach sufferers."

Mr. Hensley's experience is typical of those of the thousands who have taken Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy with such success. The first dose proves.

Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy clears the digestive tract of mucoid accretions and removes poisonous matter. It brings quick relief to sufferers from stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Many declare it has saved them from dangerous operations and many are sure that it has saved their lives.

We want all people who have chronic stomach trouble or constipation, no matter of how long standing, to try one dose of Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy—one dose will convince you. This is the medicine so many of our people have been taking with surprising results. The most thorough system cleaner we ever sold. Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy is now sold here by all druggists.

WILL BUY ARMY HORSES SATURDAY

A. F. McAlaster, a Brownwood, horse dealer, phoned to the Ledger Tuesday night and placed an order for advertising matter advertising to pay the highest for the purpose of buying mares and horses for the European war.

Mr. McAlaster will be here Saturday, October 24th, and is advertising to pay the highest war prices for horses that comes up to the requirements. He can not use anything less than fifteen hands high or over sixteen, and less than five years old and over eight.

Those desiring to turn their surplus stock of horses into cash should take advantage of this opportunity and be here. The price will probably run from \$110 to \$125.

Suffered Twenty-One Years— Finally Found Relief

Having suffered for twenty-one years with a pain in my side, I finally have found relief in Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. Injections of morphine were my only relief for short periods of time. I became so sick that I had to undergo a surgical operation in New Orleans, which benefited me for two years. When the same pain came back one day I was so sick that I gave up hopes of living. A friend advised me to try your Swamp-Root and I at once commenced using it. The first bottle did me so much good that I purchased two more bottles. I am now on my second bottle and am feeling like a new woman. I passed a gravel stone as large as a big red bean and several small ones. I have not had the least feeling of pain since taking your Swamp-Root and I feel it my duty to recommend this great medicine to all suffering humanity. Gratefully yours,

MRS. JOSEPH CONSTANCE, Rapidas Par, Echo, La.

Personally appeared before me, this 15th day of July, 1911, Mrs. Joseph Constance, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

Wm. Morrow, Notary Public.

Letter to
Dr. Kilmer & Co.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidney and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the weekly Banner-Ledger. Regular fifty cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

R. L. Maddox returned home Tuesday afternoon from the Paint Rock country, via Miles, where he had been on business the past few days.

For sale or exchange first class Blacksmith Shop, including house and lot. Only shop in small town. Apply J. H. WILKE d&wt

SECOND INSTALMENT TREY O'HEARTS

The second installment of the Trey O'Hearts serial story that is attracting so much attention in the papers over the state and at the moving picture theatres, has been received by The Ledger and will appear in The Daily Ledger Friday afternoon. The weekly, Banner-Ledger, is carrying the story also and the first installment of the story, appears in this week's paper.

The first episode of the picture was given at the Queen Theatre last Saturday night and after nine hundred people saw the picture between two o'clock in the afternoon and closing time Saturday night, and those who saw the first picture are anxious to see the second which will be shown at the Queen Saturday night.

A page of this great story will be published each week in the Banner-Ledger and our weekly readers will have an opportunity to read the story and see the picture as it is shown at the Queen each Saturday afternoon and night.

GIRLS! THICKEN AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Bring back its gloss, lustre charm and get rid of dandruff

To be possessed of heavy, beautiful hair; soft, lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff is merely a matter of using a little Danderine.

It is easy and inexpensive to have nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine now—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed and within ten minutes there will be an appearance of abundance; freshness, fluffiness and an incomparable gloss and lustre, and try as you will you cannot find a trace of dandruff or falling hair; but your real surprise will be after about two week's use, when you will see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp—Danderine is, we believe, the only sure hair grower; destroyer of dandruff and cure for itchy scalp and it never fails to stop falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

REVIVAL AT THE CHURCH OF GOD

There will be a tabernacle meeting beginning the 22nd, Thursday night, just east of the court house square by the Church of God by C. M. Hicks and others. Everybody is cordially invited to attend, and especially ministers of all other denominations.

C. M. HICKS

DON'T BE MISLED.

Ballinger Citizens Should Read and Heed This Advice.

Kidney trouble is dangerous and often fatal.

Don't experiment with something new and untried.

Use a tested kidney remedy. Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills. Used in kidney troubles 50 years.

Recommended here and everywhere. The following statement forms convincing proof.

Mrs. I. L. Beard, Winters, Texas, says: "My daughter complained of weakness and pain in her back and a dull ache through her hips. Her kidneys were disordered and she was subject to headaches and dizzy spells. She was also nervous. He tried several remedies, but was not relieved and when Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to our attention, we got a box. Through their use she improved and before long, the trouble left. We keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand at all times."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Beard had. Foster-Milbourn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

RUNNELS COUNTY IN SHOW WINDOW

A show window at the Young Men's Business League office is attracting considerable attention today, and gives to the passers-by a glimpse of the products grown in Runnels county.

The various agricultural products of the county are on exhibition in this window. They were gathered together by Mr. McLelland, Mr. Boler and others, and on Wednesday night Roy Sharp dropped in and put them in such shape in the big show window that it makes an attractive display, and one that is worth the while in the way of advertising the resources of the county. Mr. Sharp has quite a reputation as a window dresser, having won second prize in a show window dressing contest some months ago in which there were over 2000 contestants and representing every part of the United States. His work in displaying the agricultural products in this window sustain for him the reputation won in the former contest.

There is some regret that Runnels county is not represented with the agricultural exhibit at the Dallas Fair, but the time was too short in which to do the job justice and it was passed up. To compete with the many counties showing at the great State Fair requires much money and time. It takes something more than the bringing together a lot of fine agricultural products. They must be artistically arranged, and in this must come with professional window dressers, and men who are experts in such matters. The exhibits at the fair in this line are unusually good this year.

The display as made at the Y. M. B. L. will be of great benefit if kept up and added to from time to time. We can in this way be prepared at all times to show the visitors what we have as the fruits of the labors of the farmers of this county.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic, because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

FINE JERSEY CATTLE.

R. W. Bruce and Dr. W. W. Fowler are now the owners of the Loomis famous herd of Jersey cattle, headed by a noted bull that has taken the first prize at several fairs since he was a year old. They have them on their place six miles down the Paint Rock road.

Stop coughing! you rack the lungs and worry the body. Ballard's Horhound Syrup checks irritation, heals the lungs and restores comfortable breathing. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

INTERSTATE HEARING HAS COMMENCED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The Interstate Commerce Commission's hearing on the application made by eastern railroads for a five cent advance in freight rates opened in this city today with statements presented by President Willard and Vice President Geo. Shriver, tending to show that the war brought such a crisis in railroad affairs that immediately increased revenues are imperative for the life of the roads.

It was declared that the immediate effect of the demoralized stock market and the prolonged rise of the interest rates when foreign holders are trying to unload their \$3,000,000,000 worth of holdings of American railroad securities were felt by the eastern railroads and in the end will be disastrous.

It is claimed by the railroad officials who presented their statement today that the net operating income in 1914 is the smallest within the past ten years.

GONE TO BUY HOGS.

Joe Turner left Thursday for points East to buy a carload or two of hogs to ship back to our county. He had just shipped in 130 head of hogs and sold them out in four days at good prices. This is the right move for Runnels County, stock up on hogs, and Mr. Turner is a benefactor of his county.

THE SECREST HOTEL

IN SPEIDEL BUILDING
NEAR COURT HOUSE SQUARE.

We are endeavoring to maintain the good reputation made by
Mr. Secrest. W. E. THORPE, Manager.

SOUTHERN MEMBERS GIVE UP

By United Press:

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The southern members of Congress have given up their fight for cotton relief. They will not filibuster against the war tax bill which will probably be passed today.

Adjournment of congress is quite possible sometime tonight. The failure of the cotton representatives to tack on a rider left the decks of both houses clear to receive the conference report on the war tax bill and a final adjournment.

How To Give Quinine To Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 5-ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

GERMANY RECEIVES COTTON BY SOME OTHER ROUTE

DALLAS, Oct. 19.—Evidence that cotton shipments are reaching Germany was brought out here today by M. H. Wolfe, a prominent cotton buyer, who said that large orders are coming from Sweden and Norway where there are no spindles. Wolfe declared that never before have these two countries taken cotton in such large quantities as now.

Mr. Wolfe, stated, however, that his German agent wrote him that all the German spindles are idle.

Patronize our advertisers.

SAN ANGELO FAIR AND CARNIVAL

The Seventh Annual Meeting of this successful organization will be held at San Angelo from the 3rd to 7th of November, inclusive.

West Texas has been highly favored this year—and the crops of cotton and feed that have been raised there is worth a trip to see. The agricultural exhibits will be much better than in former years. The racing, on one of the best mile tracks in Texas, is always first-class. The "Old Timer's Parade" in which Texas, as it was thirty years ago, is vividly brought to life again. In fact, the entire program offered is well worth seeing.

The railroads are offering special low rates of about three-fourths of one way rate for round trip on November 2nd, return limit November 8th. If you want to see the fairest part of Western Texas looking like a bride, forget the war and come.

A regular West Texas welcome awaits you.

For further particulars, address THOS. F. OWEN, Sec., San Angelo, Texas.

WET COTTON HAS NO VALUE

It is suggested by those interested that the farmers be warned to not allow their cotton pickers to pick up the wet muddy cotton from the ground and put it with the clean cotton off the stalk, as it will damage the sale of the entire bale. The buyers say they will hardly be able to place this damaged cotton at all. Only a fair warning in the matter, and it will pay the farmers to heed it.

W. F. Buck, of San Angelo, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Largest Ask your Druggist for
Chichester's Diamond Brand
Pills in Red and Gold metallic
boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon.
Take no other. Buy of your
Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S
DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 45
years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

WANTED HORSES AND MARES

I will be in Ballinger
Sat. Oct. 24 and will
pay highest war prices
for horses and mares.
Stuff must be from 15
to 16 hands high and
from 5 to 8 years old.

A. F. McAlaster

Paris Aviators Report Germans Laying New Line

By United Press.
LONDON, Oct. 22.—Aviators who have made flights over the position of the enemy report that the Germans are laying out a new line far behind their present front. It is declared here that the Germans are making preparations for a defeat. In the event they are driven back, they will take up these positions where there are strong entrenchments. The Belgians from Nieuport to Dixmude, aided by the greatest guns of the British fleet along

the coast, have rolled back the German dash toward Dunkirk. It is stated here by military experts that Germany has lost her one good chance to invade England after taking possession of the coast country. The plan, it is stated, was first to terrorize England by an aerial raid. Then while the German fleet was battling with the British fleet, probably in the English channel or the North Sea, an invading force would be rushed across the channel from Dunkirk and Ostend.

Allies Continue to Maintain Positions

By United Press.
PARIS, Oct. 22.—The official communique which was telegraphed here from Bordeaux this afternoon, declares that the allies continue to maintain their position. "On the left wing" the communique states, "the Germans continue their violent attacks, but the allies maintained their positions. On the rest of the front the enemy made only partial attacks which were all repulsed."

"The Russians accomplished an important success around Warsaw." An unofficial report here is that the allies have pierced the German lines two miles in the fighting north of Lille. It is declared in the unconfirmed report that the Germans left 10,000 dead and wounded soldiers on the field when they were repulsed. It is declared that the Belgians are holding the Nieuport and Dixmude line.

Grey Haired Priest Works on Line of Big Battle

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD,
United Press Staff Correspondent
ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF SOISSONS, Oct. 2. (By mail to New York.)—I wish I could show you the little grey-haired priest of this village near Soissons as he goes about his duties these days.

There's the peace of a certain Warless Land that he knows about on his face and he reads his services over a dead German with the same tender tones and the same smile of hope that he has for the dead soldier who sleeps in the red, white and blue of France.

I first saw him as he passed through the village square in his robes that had once been white. His surplice was slashed with the mud of hundreds of automobiles which dash through the narrow, wet streets. On his feet were army shoes, asuddy as any soldier's. But he raised his face as he chanted a service from a book in his hands and when I saw his smile, I forgot the grime. Behind him marched four men, guarded by soldiers. Even before I knew who or what they were I saw that there was something especially evil gruesome about them. A French officer explained the procession to me:

"These men are Germans who were caught wearing civilian clothes. Maybe they were spies; who knows? But they are worse than spies. They were caught looting the French and German dead out there on the battlefield. They are being taken out now to be shot."

It was a thing to shudder over, but the little clergyman marched on with the look of hope and mercy on his face, as if he knew someone who understand and even controlled all this madness and evil into which humanity has fallen. Someone who knows the weakness of humanity so well that he might have pity even on a man who had robbed the dead.

The next time I saw the little clergyman was at the entrance to the Red Cross hospital. Three caskets stood in the high hallway which opened onto the street. A line of French soldiers stood at attention, facing the doorway. A Red Cross ambulance drew up and the soldiers broke their rigid formation to make way for five

wounded soldiers who were carried past the coffins where three dead soldiers rested.

The soldiers reformed again. There was evidently a hitch in the proceedings. The church was across the street and, by the glance of the officers towards the church door, I could see they were waiting for the clergyman. Then I saw him come to the door.

Five women and two little girls all in black, were following him, persistently, and speaking to him. He stopped and spoke a moment with each woman. They knelt, one at a time, on the sidewalk, and he raised his hand in blessing, over each mourning-bedecked head. He held his hands on the heads of the little girls and raised his face upwards as if he were telling someone to take special notice of two little folks who needed extra care.

All this time the soldiers were waiting. The priest walked across the street, through the mud, his soldier's shoes spattering the dirt, onto his surplice, the officers saluted, the soldiers raised the caskets, the little priest led off thru the slush and the three dead soldiers of France were started, on their last march.

I've seen the little priest a score of times since then. He marches more than any soldier. There are scores of dead to bury; there are dozens of stories and confessions to hear from dying men in the hospitals; there are the broken-hearted women and children of the village who have lost their soldier loved ones to be comforted, and his task was so great that it seemed to me that if I were the little priest and saw so much, of such terrible sorrow in a world gone so far away I would take off my white robe and fold it away and say, "God has forgotten us. What's the use?"

Only I know by the little clergyman's fact that he knows that God has not forgotten us, even though the cannons of men who are hungry to kill are sounding above the chant of the funeral services and even through each crash means more broken hearts and more dead to bury.

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 Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

H. B. Ramey of Grayson county, came in Wednesday and is prospecting in our county with the view of locating here permanently.

G. A. Schuhmann, the Rowena merchant had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

T. E. Brown, of San Saba, who is visiting his sons in our county, was among the visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

WILL REMOVE ENEMY'S SHIPS FROM SUEZ CANAL

By United Press.
LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Foreign Office of the British government today notified the powers that it is the intention of the English to remove from the Suez

Canal the German and Austrian ships which have taken refuge there.

It is feared that an attempt will be made by the hips of the enemy to destroy the usefulness of the canal.

HOUSE PASSES WAR TAX

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The House with a vote of 126 to 52 adopted the conference war tax bill. The republicans in the House voted almost solidly against the bill. The bill was sent to the senate.

After the conference report had been adopted, Representative Henry of Texas declared that no resolution for adjournment should be presented until after the cotton warehouse bill is considered.

Henry made the point of "no quorum" in order to force the members to consider the warehouse measure. Leader Underwood told the house that although the war tax bill expires January, 1916, the war would likely last afterwards. The tax will be extended if it is found necessary.

MONEY SUBSCRIBED FOR NIGHT WATCH

O. L. Harley is circulating a petition asking the city council to appoint him night watchman for a period of three months, covering November, December and January.

The petition is being liberally signed and at the same time the signers agreeing to pay a stipulated amount to make up the salary for Mr. Hurley's services.

The city claims that they have no funds from which to pay for this service, and it is an admitted fact that the city needs a night watchman. Mr. Hurley is a man that will give good service, and is situated so that he can be on the job all the time at night, and will no doubt be able to keep down both robbery and fires.

As the petition is being signed by practically every business man and many citizens it is probable that Mr. Hurley will go on the job Saturday night.

J. N. McKay and little son returned home Wednesday afternoon from San Marcos where he had been at the bedside of his father who is seriously ill with heart trouble.

Mrs. M. C. Cobb and little daughter of San Angelo, who had been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain left Thursday at noon for her home.

J. J. Bedford of Winters, passed through Ballinger Thursday at noon en route to San Angelo on a business trip.

MANCHURIAN AND SIBERIAN TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN

By United Press.
PEKIN, Oct. 21.—Russia is withdrawing her first line of troops from Manchuria and Siberia for service against the Germans and Austrians.

FETERIA FLOUR MAKES GOOD BREAD

At this particular time, when the farmers are seeking for some crop to take the place of cotton, it will be good news for them to know that experiments have been made with feteria in the manufacture of flour, and the demonstration has proven that this new grain crop makes excellent light bread and biscuit. The flour is also good for pastry baking, and is said to be superior to wheat flour for making pastry.

This product was first introduced into Texas three years ago, and several acres were planted to the crop in Bexar county, primarily for experimental purposes as a stock food. Its value as such was amply proven after its first year by a number of local cattlemen who fattened their stock on it.

Its nutritious qualities are equal to those of ordinary flour and exceeds those of Graham, according to an analysis conducted recent at San Antonio.

The feteria stalks grow six feet high and the yield per acre is seventy-five bushels. The grain thrives on arid lands, and is especially adapted to the Central West Texas climate. With this new discovery before them, it is thought Texas farmers will devote a large acreage to this crop in 1915.

When it is thoroughly demonstrated that this grain will make good bread more attention will be given to its production. More care will be used in harvesting and threshing it and getting it ready for the mills, and its value will increase on the open market.

W. F. Nichols, of the Bethel neighborhood, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Meridian, Texas, on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Allen, of Jackson, Tenn., who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Pape and family the past few days, left Wednesday afternoon for their home. They were delighted with their visit to West Texas. Mr. Allen is a railroad man and makes the run from Jackson, Tenn., to Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Aycock are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy, born to them Wednesday evening, Oct. 21st, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Best, of West End.

W. A. Esmond, of the Winters country, was in the city Thursday at the bedside of his wife, who is at the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

Hubert Tolar, of Loraine, had business in Ballinger Thursday and returned home in the afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Banllyl of Colorado, Texas, who had been the guest of Mrs. R. M. Hammock and family, left Thursday morning for her home.

Protest Made to English

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The state department today entered a vigorous protest to the British against its seizure of the steamer John D. Rockefeller a Standard Oil Tanker, bound from New York to Copenhagen.

CITY MEAT MARKET

We always handle the very best meats of all kinds that the market affords, and your orders promptly attended to at all hours. We will buy your stock and hides from you at top prices, when you have anything to sell. We guarantee first-class meats and we handle the same in a sanitary way. Your orders appreciated. City Meat Market, Telephone 185 STANLEY CAMERON, Prop dwtf.

ATTEMPT TURNING MOVEMENT

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The allies are attempting the turning movement against the extreme right wing which has been weakened, by reinforcements sent to Lille where desperate fighting is in progress.

Make it a point to stop at Brewer's Jewelry Store and see the newest and best rings, lavalliers, electric lamps, cut glass, silver ware and etc. We are always glad to show you. Jas. E. Brewer 709 Hutchins Ave. 3.4tw tsd

ANOTHER STEAMER CAPTURED

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The Standard Oil steamer Platuria flying the American flag but formerly a German vessel, has been captured by the British off the Scotland coast. The Platuria had a cargo of oil.

Wagons and Teams for Sale.

I have one good wagon and one not so good, and two fairly good teams of horses for sale, reasonable. See me seven miles south of Ballinger on R. L. Stoke's place. Route 1, Box 35. Ben Rutledge. 1 td 2tw pd.

Avoid chilly rooms in the morning by using Cole's Hot Blast Heaters. They prevent colds and rheumatism.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

War Bulletins

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—J. W. T. Mason, United Press Military Expert, in his article today estimated that the losses of the European war, killed and wounded, amounted to 1,300,000.

Mr. Mason bases his figures on the admitted 16 per cent, official losses of the British and the number of men engaged in the war from all countries, aggregating 7,950,000.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Several papers of this city have reported that Ostend has been re-occupied by the Belgians. No confirmation of the story can be secured.

TOKIO, Oct. 20.—It was announced this afternoon that a Ger-

man submarine which escaped Kiau Chau was wrecked on the Shangtung Peninsula.

It was also declared that a German surveying ship was captured and sunk by the Japanese.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—The allies continue to drive the Germans back in the north, said this afternoon's official communique.

The opposition of the Germans in the northwest around Arras has been so formidable that the allies have been compelled to advance literally from house to house in order to gain a footing.

A desperate German attack was repulsed at Chaulnes, the official communique declares.

The allied left wing, the statement reads, is advancing toward Lille. The Belgians have driven the Germans back to Roulers.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The British again have straightened out the battle line in northern France by hard fighting, according to an official statement from the press bureau this afternoon.

They have driven the Germans back thirty miles, thus preventing General Von Boehm's army from attacking Dunkirk from the south.

It is declared that the Germans must make frontal assaults now against the allied line which is strongly entrenched.

Two French armies have reinforced the British at critical moments, it was stated.

CETTINJE, Oct. 19.—It was confirmed by the war office here that a French cruiser sank an Austrian destroyer in the Adriatic sea.

The loss sustained in the sinking was not announced.

The allied fleets continue the bombardment of Cattaro.

TOKIO, Oct. 19.—The light cruiser Takachiho, according to an official statement of the press bureau today, was sunk when it struck a floating mine placed by the Germans in the harbor of Kiau Chau.

The cruiser carried a crew of 353 men, and from this only thirteen were rescued by craft in the harbor. 340 went down with the vessel which sank within a few minutes after hitting the mine.

This is the first real disaster to the Japanese navy in the present war and is causing untold comment among the residents of Japan today.

TOKIO, Oct. 20.—It was officially announced by the war office that for "strategic reasons" the Japanese naval detachment has seized the principal islands in the German group of the Marshall, Ladrene, East and West Caroline Archipelagos.

It was declared that these islands have been used by the Germans as bases for their warships which have been operating in the Pacific Ocean.

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—Oct. 20.—A new British submarine was sunk by German warships in the North Sea Sunday, according to an announcement of the war office this afternoon.

The crew of 16 men on the submarine was lost.

MOTHER! IF CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED

If cross, feverish, constipated, bilious, stomach sour, give "California Syrup of Figs."

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoon of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry; because it is perfectly harmless and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50 cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

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 Receives our very best attention and we ask you to visit us when in town, and we guarantee to give you a good shave, a neat hair cut and courteous treatment.

City Barber Shop
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YOU'VE GOT TO EAT IF YOU STAY HERE.
 Then why not eat the best at the same price.
 A short lunch or long lunch, you pay for what you eat and eat what you want.
Laxson's Restaurant

Notice To Farmers.
 We Have Overhauled Our Gin and Will Give You the Same Good Work.
 A Share of Your Patronage Will Be Appreciated.
Ballinger Gin Company
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We Are Headquarters For All Kinds of
BUILDING MATERIAL
 We Believe You Will Save Money By Buying From Us
No Trouble for Us to Figure Bills, whether you buy from us or not.
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Do Your Building Now!
 It Will Never Cost You Less.
 Are you going to build a store, a house, a barn, a fence, or anything at any time in the near future?
 Take our advice, and do it now. Lumber and other expenses will never be lower than they are now.
 See us about your lumber, lath, shingles, casings, cement, lime and anything else you need.
We Carry Them All In Stock.
BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

Fire Marshal Believes Chances Fire Increase Ratio to Population

The chances for the origin of fires are in direct ratio to the population, according to J. P. Martindale, city fire marshal, and furthermore, unless a night watchman is appointed, many fires will be started in Ballinger, which could be stopped while they are in their infancy if a man is placed in a position to watch.

Fire Marshal Martindale is anxious that the membership of the Young Men's Business League which meets tonight, sanction the movement started for the appointment of a fire marshal. He believes that by appointing a good man with a salary which will be an inducement, crime and fires will be prevented in Ballinger this winter.

"I am afraid that there will be a number of fires in Ballinger this winter," said Mr. Martindale, "unless the business men unite in the naming of a good wide-awake man for the place of night watch-

man. The position is no easy one and it will require the entire time of a man. Ballinger's population has increased wonderfully fast during the past few months and the chances for fires are double what they were prior to the influx of new residents. I hope that some action is either taken by the city council or the business men of the city for the appointment of a man immediately, so that the dangers for both crime and fire will be lessened considerably."

The Young Men's Business League will meet tonight and one of the subjects which will be brought before the membership of the body is that of a night watchman for Ballinger. It has been pointed out by numerous business men of the city that it is necessary that a watchman with clocks to punch at necessary intervals, be appointed, in order that Ballinger people may enjoy the safety which they deserve.

Robbers Get Jewelry At Miles Store

Breaking a large plateglass and taking jewelry from the show window, the amount of which is estimated by the owner at from \$150 to \$200, was told Monday by Abner Perry, city marshal of Miles who is in Ballinger on business. The robbery occurred some time Sunday night. Officers have found no clue as yet.

The robbery occurred at the Palace Drug Store of Miles, which carries a small stock of jewelry in connection. A number of articles were placed in the show window several days ago for display, and these attracting the attention of the robber or robbers, caused the theft during the night. Judging from the manner in which the hole in the window was found this morning by the proprietor, Hancy Boss, a large stone was hurled through the window and the articles extracted through the aperture.

THIEVES GET WAGONLOAD OF GOODS

Loading their wagon some time during the early part of the night and making their get-away in such good fashion that it is a hard matter to trace them, thieves who broke into the store of W. A. Gustavus Sr., Sunday night are causing the officers of Runnels and adjoining counties to be on the alert for their apprehension today.

Deputy Sheriff J. D. Perkins traced the burglars several miles out of Ballinger, or as far as a school house in South Ballinger. By watching closely for the wagon trail, it was an easy matter to trace their route of travel to this place, but here all traces were lost and it has been a difficult matter for him to work any further.

A phone message to F. G. Hoelscher at Olin revealed the fact that about 4 or 5 o'clock this morning, a wagon which was pulled as if it was heavily loaded passed his store. Immediately the officers in that precinct were placed on the alert for the apprehension of the man or men.

Deputy Sheriff Perkins immediately got in an automobile and began a diligent search for the trail of the wagon.

W. A. Gustavus, whose store was robbed, states that he does not know just how much goods the thief or thieves took away. Among the articles taken was a large lot of sugar. Coffee and dry goods and groceries are also included in the list of stolen goods. It is probable that the cost of the lot would aggregate about \$100.

Working on the theory that the robbery was committed early during the night, officers state that it is quite probable that the men are a great distance from Ballinger by now. The night being Sunday when few were on the street, it could be committed and the proprietor of the store know nothing of it until the following morning.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.
 by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENNY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
 Sold by Druggists, 75c.
 Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

WINTERS OIL MILL RUNNING.
 To train a crew of green hands so as to operate to its capacity an oil mill such as Winters has is no small undertaking, yet Superintendent Mosley has his force now working right along like old timers at the game and ton after ton of the best cotton seed the mill has ever handled are being converted into oil, meal, hulls etc., with a speed that is equal to any mill in the state.—Winters Enterprise.

When the chest feels on fire and the throat burns, you have indigestion, and you need Herbine to get rid of the disagreeable feeling. It drives out badly digested food, strengthens the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Jim Alston and baby returned home Friday at noon from a visit to her parents at Talpa.

OUCH! MY BACK! RUB LUMBAGO PAIN AWAY
 Rub Backache away with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacob's Oil."

When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer. Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacob's Oil" at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your aching back, and by the time you count fifty, the soreness and lameness is gone.

Don't stay crippled! This soothing, penetrating oil needs to be used only once. It takes the pain right out, and ends the misery. It is magical, yet absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

Nothing else stops lumbago, sciatica, backache or rheumatism so promptly. It never disappoints!

WORK PROGRESSING ON NEW COTTON GIN
 Carpenters began work on the gin house Monday morning and the work has been progressing so that the carpenter work is nearing completion and the machinery is due to arrive any day. If putting up machinery will go as readily as construction work it won't be long before the gin will be in running order.—Rowena Review.

CASTORIA
 For Infants and Children.
 The Kind You Have Always Bought
 Bears the Signature of
Dr. J. H. Stetson
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 In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA
 THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Exact Copy of Wrapper.

Gustavus store early Sunday night.
 Mr. Perkins is led to believe since he found no trace of the men yesterday in his diligent search, that the burglars are very near Ballinger, probably on the banks of one of the streams of the county. He will keep a close watch on these rivers and creeks with the hopes of finding some clue which will lead to the arrests of the men. Several wagons were Monday searched by the officer on the roads leading south out of Ballinger but no article which had the appearance of stolen goods, was seen.

Mr. Gustavus, whose store was burglarized, is still at a loss to know what articles were taken. He believes, however, that numerous pieces of dry goods and groceries are in the lot. It is also believed that the burglary was committed by more than one person.

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BALLINGER HAS TOY PRODUCER

A puzzle which is calculated by its inventor to find a ready market because it is the only one of its kind in the world, has been made by J. T. Carter of Ballinger. The puzzle is made of twelve wooden blocks, all of different designs. The object of the puzzle is to so arrange the various blocks that they will form twelve separate lines with all the nicks and slanting sides fitting in close. Each block has one or more numbers and by arranging the design correctly the total 75 will be figured at the bottom of each line or row.

Mr. Carter intends to have the puzzle patented immediately and begin the manufacture of the same in Ballinger. For the past 18 years, he states, he has been laboring on the puzzle and has only now been able to accomplish his end. He believes that he has made a puzzle which will be in great demand for all time to come because of its uniqueness. Because the European war has caused a lessening of the number of toys and puzzles due to the fact that the toy producers are now at war, it is believed that a ready market will be found immediately for the blocks. Mr. Carter thinks that the puzzle will sell wonderfully fast during the holidays but he hardly will be able to place it on the market by that time of this year.

Hopeless Lung Trouble Cured
 Many recoveries from Lung Troubles are due to Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It strengthens the Lungs, checks the Cough and gives relief at once.—Mr. W. S. Wilkins, Gates, N. C., writes: "I used Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey in a case given up as hopeless and it affected a complete cure." Get a bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. If your cough is dry and hacking let it trickle down the throat, and you will surely get relief. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

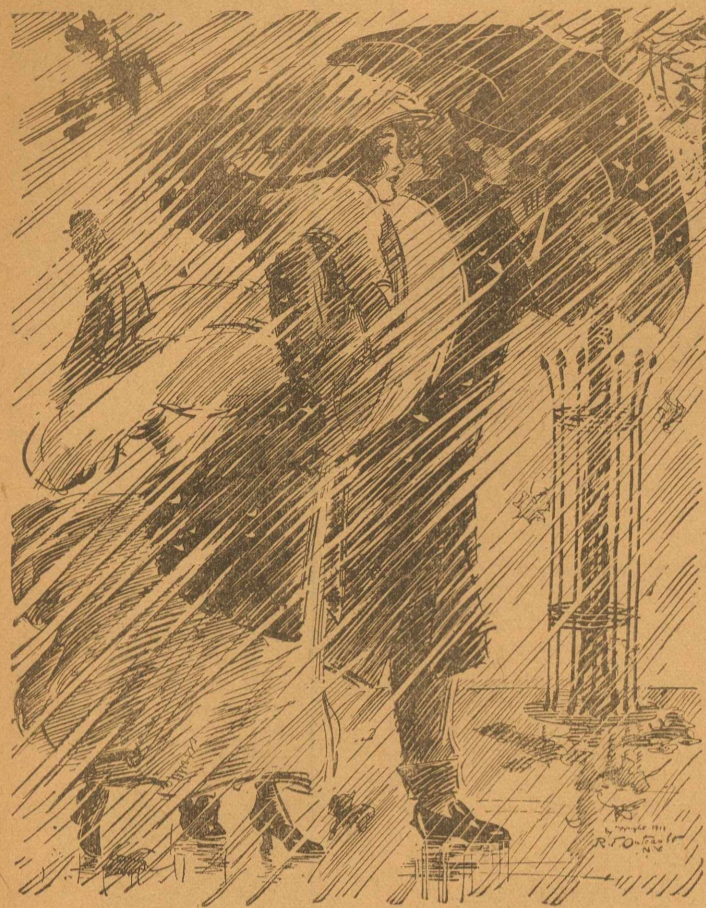
J. A. Edwards, the representative of the Sherman Nursery in this section, came in from Fort Worth Saturday at noon to look after business for his firm.

Tom Brown of Hylton was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

3 — Equals — 25
 A startling statement but a true one in this case. One teaspoonful of medicine and two pounds of your own ground feed (cost about 3 cents) equal, —in what they do for your animals and fowls,—two pounds of any ready-made stock or poultry tonic (price 25 cents). There you are! If you don't believe it, try it out! Buy, today, a can of—

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 Changes feed into tonic—Makes it result-producing.

Write for a trial package of Bee Dee STOCK & POULTRY MEDICINE, also our 32 page illustrated book, fully explaining its uses. Address: Bee Dee Stock Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.
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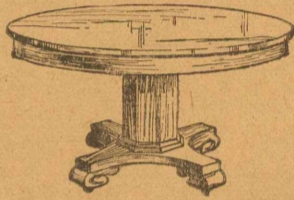
Timely Suggestions From Ballinger's Greatest Store

Our stock of Fall Goods are complete and you will find here the very goods that you want at a lower price than you expected to pay. The superior buying opportunities offered by this store are due to the fact that we buy our merchandise direct; because we are careful and always secure the lowest prices, and because we base our prices on a fair, legitimate margin of profit. Be sure to make use of this big comfortable store in any way it can serve you.

We Especially Ask That You Make Our Store Your Headquarters While In Ballinger

Big Stock of Furnishings Await Your Inspection

We will prove to you that it will not pay you to buy a single piece of furniture without looking through our stock. Permit us to back this up.

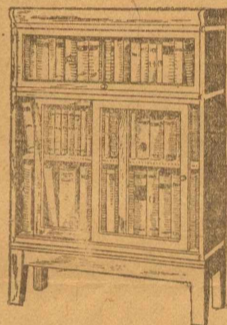


DINING ROOM FURNITURE AT SPECIAL PRICES

We are showing unusual values in complete suits and odd pieces in mahogany, circassian, walnut, early English and golden oak. We want you to see this display.

Living Room Furniture

We want you to see our Fall showing of this beautiful Living Room Furniture in chairs, rockers, davenport, tables, book cases, desks, etc. All to match.



Prices to Suit All.

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Are Perfect In Style

Do you want a corset that will bring out your best lines and repress the poor ones, one that gives you every style advantage but at the same time gives you every possible comfort. Be fitted in one of the many styles to be found in our corset department.

Ladies' and Children's Sweaters AT HALF PRICE.

We are going to offer for a few days our entire line of ladies, and children's sweaters at one-half the former price. All are marked in plain figures. All you need to do is to pay half what they are marked. Just the thing for the cold day to come.

Wonderful Sale of Wool Blankets

White wool blankets, blue and pink plaids and borders our regular price is \$4.50 special per pair . . . \$3.45

Sanitary tan and silver grey all wool blankets, full size, assorted borders worth \$5 special . . . \$3.85

White and mixed plaid blankets regular \$6 sellers special the pair . . . \$4.55

Extra heavy weight white blankets sells regularly at \$7.50 special per pair \$5.65

Fine white California wool blankets 12-4 pink and blue borders the regular price is \$8.50 special per pair \$6.45

Extra fine white California wool blankets silk bound assorted borders, a \$10.00 seller special per pair \$7.45

Munsing Underwear

WE ARE EXCLUSIVE AGENT FOR THE CELEBRATED MUNSING UNDERWEAR FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

These last few cool, crisp days are only a warning of the cold snap that is to come, are you prepared? Why wait till the cold weather is here to get your winter supply of underwear. Take advantage of our large stock and wonderful assortment while there is yet time.



Clothing of Known Reliability

There is greatest satisfaction in wearing clothes of absolute reliability in every essential. We have gathered together clothes for men and boys of the best known quality. Every new and wanted style, modeled to fit perfectly and priced moderately.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.

BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

J. W. GANNAWAY DEAD

John W. Gannaway, one of the highly esteemed pioneer citizens of Winters died at his home Sunday afternoon from a long standing case of heart trouble, and was buried in the cemetery at that place Monday afternoon.

He leaves a wife and eleven children and several grand children to mourn his death besides a number of other relatives. He was 67 years of age at the time of his death, and his loss will be greatly felt by his entire community.

The Ledger joins many friends in condolence for the sad ones left to mourn his death.

Mark Smith of this city and August Voglesang of the Spring Hill neighborhood, returned to home Monday afternoon from San Angelo, where they had been attending Federal Court the past few days.

W. C. Kennoman of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

F. F. Moore, the blacksmith, left Tuesday afternoon for the East on a short business trip.

STATE TREASURER EDWARDS HERE

J. M. Edwards, state treasurer, passed through Ballinger at noon Tuesday. Mr. Edwards was en route to Winters in response to a telegram stating that a large quantity of grain that he had stored at that place had been damaged by fire. The grain was stored in the hull house of the Winters oil mill, and a fire in that building Monday afternoon damaged the oats and made it necessary to remove them from the building.

Mr. Edwards will be in this part of the state for several days and will stop at Ballinger as he returns to Austin.

DIED

J. M. Clendenam departed this life October 16, 1914, from heart failure. He was out at manual labor and not coming in at the noon hour, the family sent out for him and he was found dead. He had been under treatment of the doctor for some time for dropsy of the heart.

Mr. Clendenam was a consistent husband and father. He was born in the state of Missouri, March 20, 1836, age 78 years and 7 months. He professed Christ when 28 years old, and lived a consistent member to its rules for several years, also being a member of the Masonic order. Then after joined the Primitive Baptist church and died in this faith. He leaves a wife and five children, one brother, two sisters, to mourn his death. He was laid to rest in the South Ballinger Cemetery with the Masonic honors. Funeral services by Rev. A. Pinnix of Hylton, Texas.

"A Brother in Christ."

We measure your eyes absolutely correct, and charge you only for lenses required in your particular case, which will more often cost from \$1.00 to \$3.00. In special cases higher but, never, in any case, over \$13.00. Jas E. Brewer, Jeweler and optometrist.

FRANK KELL FAVORS LAW TO REDUCE CROP

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Oct. 17.—Frank Kell of this city expressed himself as strongly favoring a law compelling a 50 per cent reduction in cotton acreage for 1915. Mr. Kell thinks a commission should be named to determine in each county just where the acreage should be reduced, so that there will be no arbitrary cutting down of farmers who cannot raise anything but cotton. He believes that it is only by compulsion that effective results can be attained.

"I think the acreage should be reduced at least 50 per cent for next year," said Mr. Kell, "and the most effective way will be by legislation. I want to see some plan adopted whereby the reduction will be equitable and fair, and I think a commission should be named to determine just where the reduction should be made."

"One immediate result of a law of this kind by Texas would be to put the Eastern and European spinners on notice as to the size of the crop they can expect next year and the result would materially improve the market for the 1914 crop."—Dallas News.

The above comes more nearly meeting our views than any plan so far suggested. Mr. Kell is one of the best financiers in all Texas, being president of the State Grain Dealers' Association and on the Regional Board in Texas is an evidence of his calibre along these lines.

We oppose the abolition of all cotton acreage, as this would not benefit the poor cotton raiser at all, as every one knows that by April the first of the year, all cotton is out of his hands and only the speculator would be benefited.

But by making a reduction of 50 per cent this would give the poor tenant a chance to share in the advance prices that would prevail by the reduction. This 50 reduction

would work a benefit in many ways. It would result in more feed crops being raised thus creating a demand for more stock of all kinds, and yet the 50 per cent acreage would in the end bring as much money as the large acreage.

We believe the single handed man who owns his little farm is losing out when he tries to raise cotton, but the man with a large family and especially the man who is renting and has a large family, too, is the man who should raise cotton. This County Board suggested by Mr. Kell could regulate these matters in each county and thus equalize all things in an equitable manner.

Toned Up Whale System

"Chamberlain's Tablets have done more for me than I ever dared hope for," writes Mrs. Esther Mae Baker, Spencerport, N. Y. "I used several bottles of these tablets a few months ago. They not only cured me of bilious attacks, sick headaches and that tired out feeling, but toned up my whole system." For sale by all dealers.

Miss Gertrude Dickinson left Tuesday afternoon to attend the fair at Dallas a few days, and will visit her uncle, Rev. J. M. Dickinson at Fort Worth a few weeks before returning home.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

P. B. Reynolds, of Mullins, who had been here looking after business interests, left for his home Saturday. Mr. Reynolds bought the T. M. Curbo farm down the river a few miles and will move with his family to make Rannels county home about the first of next year.

For Sale.

One five passenger car in good shape, will take stock or cash. Apply to Ballinger Auto Co., G. W. Dean.

NEW LINING FOR BANK BASEMENT

The workmen are on the job and a pump is running in an effort to empty the basement under the Ballinger State Bank building. Several feet of water formed in the bank basement last spring and since that time a small pump has been in use keeping the water down to a low gauge, but it runs in as fast as it runs out almost. With the approach of the winter season it became necessary that the bank put in use their heating plant which is located in the basement and this could not be accomplished until what has proven to be almost an artesian well was out of the way. The basement will be walled with concrete and an attempt made to stop the water from flowing in.

This year is the first in the history of Ballinger when the ground was so saturated with water that it bubbles out so close to the surface.

Fore SORE or WEAK EYES, use Dickey's Old Reliable Eye Water. Don't hurt. Feels good. w6-1-14 5m.

MURRAY BUYS TEN JERSEY COWS.

T. W. Murray who is making a success as a farmer on a small scale, has seen the money to be made with good cows, hence has bought from Abilene parties ten good Jersey cows which he will receive in Winters Monday next and take to his farm two miles south of the city.

Mr. Murray will at once enter into the cream business, milking his cows, separating the cream, selling same on the Winters market and feeding the milk to his hogs. The cows will feed on the usual forage crops and gather much feed that would otherwise be lost on the farm.

We are just hoping that others may watch closely Mr. Murray's experience and be profited thereby. If so then we can confident-

ly hope for several more good cows to come into the Winters country as a result.

Who will be the next one to report such a movement.—Winters Enterprise.

Henry Wilke came in from Ft. Worth Monday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke and Ballinger friends a few weeks.

Charlie Castor left Monday at noon for Millersview where he goes to do some cement work for a few days.

INDIGESTION

A Disorder that Breeds Disease in the Body, and an Easy Way to Cure it.

Take care of the stomach and you will have little need for the doctor.

When the stomach begins to show signs of disorder; when the food digests slowly and with discomfort; when you have heartburn; feel bloated and uneasy, you are in a condition that needs attention.

Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the disordered stomach by strengthening and toning up the digestive organs, driving the badly digested food into the bowels and thence out of the system.

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