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## Runnels County Shipped \$125,000 Worth of Poultry and Eggs During the Year 1914

## Total Value of Poultry Crop for Year 1914 in Runnels County Estimated at \$200,000

## Development of Poultry Industry in County Brings Era of Phenominal Prosperity

Runnels county is a poultry county. Poultry growing here is no longer an experiment. It is one of the important factors in the prosperity of the farmers. The farmers have been made to realize that conditions here are as favorable for raising poultry as can be found in Texas. The cash turned loose for poultry in this county last year, and poured into the channels of commerce totals an amount that is astonishing and sounds unreasonable. Egg and chicken money has kept many families in the county out of debt, paid bills and added to the fund created for taking care of the land notes and mortgages. Yet the poultry industry is in its infancy.

### TEXAS POULTRY CROP VALUED AT \$32,000,000

Taking the last government report as a basis upon which to make an estimate, Texas produced during the year 1914 more than forty-four million turkeys and chickens. The egg production for the year is estimated to be more than one hundred and thirty million dozen.

The value of the poultry and egg production of the state for the year is estimated to be at least \$32,000,000. The last receipts from the sale of poultry and eggs is estimated to be ten million nine hundred thousand dollars.

A conservative estimate placed on the poultry production of Runnels County for the year shows that this county raised two hundred thousand dollars worth of poultry and eggs. \$125,000 was paid out for eggs and poultry at Ballinger, Winters, Miles and Rowena, the three shipping points in the county.

At first glance these figures sound unreasonable, but when one stops to consider that eggs and poultry are sold on the market every day in the year, and that in the spring and fall season it requires quite a number of men to handle the business, the figures dwindle and if anything are too small to give just credit to this important industry.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO LOCAL EXHIBITORS

You are respectfully requested to have your exhibits leg banded and the numbers entered on the entry blank furnished you by the association. By complying with this request you will make the work much easier for us and save a great deal of time in arranging coops and getting the exhibits in place.

You can get the bands from the secretary.  
S. B. RABY, Secretary  
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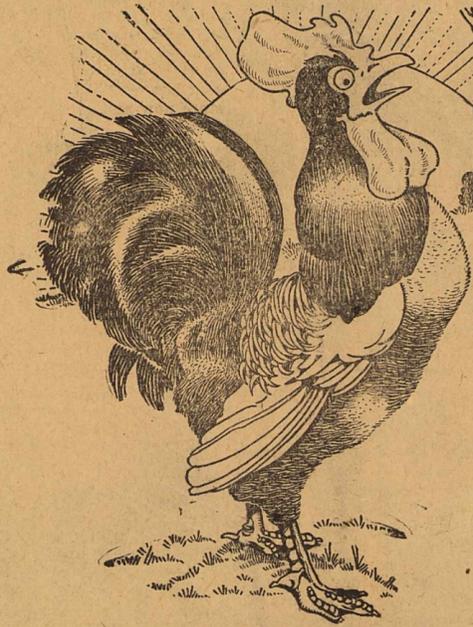
France, Russia and Italy have been supplying England with turkeys and eggs. The war has cut off that supply, and for several years after the war the European people must look to the United States for their poultry. There is no danger of over doing the thing; the demand is great.

### WOMEN FARMERS RAISE CHICKS AND BUTTER; PAY DEBTS

"We have three widow women customers," said a prominent business man, "who have demonstrated what a farmer can do by raising something to eat at home. These women have paid their way and been successful this year while their neighbors, able bodied men have fallen short, and are not able to pay out of debt."

The prominent business man related how the women had started in at the beginning of the year to make a crop, and were without means to carry them through the year, pay the grocery bills, etc. The p. b. m. told how the women had watched the flour barrel and kept it filled by bringing something to sell to town when they came. He told how the women had been able to almost pay their entire grocery bill, and buy other things that were necessary for their comfort from the proceeds of their egg and butter sales, and at the end of the year, when settling time came around they were able to pay everything they owed and had money left, while the man who depended on his cotton crop to feed and clothe his family and pay for everything used on the farm, came out at the little end of the horn, and would have to begin another cotton crop on a credit.

This p. b. m. is a booster for more poultry and more dairy cows. He is looking his customers square in the eye and when they come to ask him to furnish them with the necessities of life upon which to make another crop, he tells them they must make their garden, chicken yard and cow pen their first work and not go to the cotton patch until this work has been well looked after. When this is done the man who must depend on some one to furnish him with "grub" until he can make another cotton crop will find that he will not be compelled to buy much on a credit.



### JEANES PRODUCE CO. TURNS LOSE \$42,643.10 FOR POULTRY

#### PAYS YEAR'S GROCERY BILL WITH BUTTER AND STILL HAS MONEY LEFT

The Jeanes Produce Co., of Ballinger, who have branch houses at Winters, Miles, Coleman and Santa Anna, paid out for poultry and eggs during the last year \$42,643.10.

These figures sound big, and they are big when we stop to consider that they are the sum total of what was at one time called "Pin Money." The greater amount spent for any one month or season, was during the months of March and April, and was paid for eggs. About one-third of the total amount was turned loose among the farmers for eggs during the months of March and April, and this firm shipped several carloads of eggs.

While the money was not paid direct to the farmers by Jeanes Produce Co., it was through them that the egg and poultry shipping was given such impetus, and they made up their big shipments from purchases made by the merchants, and the money went into the pockets of the farmers.

E. A. Jeanes, the head of this company, is one of the liveliest boosters in Runnels County for poultry and the growing of more produce. He uses as a slogan for his advertising "Silos, cows, sows and chickens." Mr. Jeanes says that any man who will look after these in managing his farm will find it easy to stay out of debt, and will not be cussing the country on account of the low price of cotton.

"We are planning to handle the poultry business on a much larger scale during the coming year," said Mr. Jeanes, "and if we can possible work up the interest among the farmers and get them to plant poultry we will install a dressing and packing plant here and ship dressed poultry in ear lots. This is the cheapest way to handle poultry, and we could pay a much better price if we had a dressing plant and could ship dressed poultry instead of shipping it on foot, and save in the freight."

This firm handles fruit and various kinds of produce, potatoes, etc., by the carload, and they have built up a good business at their various houses.

One grocery merchant in Ballinger claims he purchased during the year 1914 \$300 worth of butter from one man. That man is none other than C. C. Thomas. Mr. Thomas is not running a dairy. He is a farmer, and raises a big cotton crop besides feed and other farm products. He keeps three or four good cows, and sells his surplus butter at a good price, lives high off of milk and butter, and is able to supply his table with what he wants from the sale of butter.

"Besides selling Mr. Thomas all his groceries and taking in exchange butter," said the grocery merchant, "we had to pay Mr. Thomas \$11 in cash when we settled with him the first of the month."

And Mr. Thomas did not sell all his butter to one man. He paid for all his groceries with butter, sold butter to other unfortunates who have to pay for everything they eat, and the receipts from his butter sales is no small item in the sum total of the value of his 1914 crop.

What Mr. Thomas has done others can do.

Nothing makes a cooler, cleaner, and more sanitary poultry house than the use of plenty of whitewash. It's cheap.

We deplore the fact that many farmers sell their young hens in the spring just because they are offered a fancy price on the market for them. Sell the old hens, but keep every young hen that you have room for on the farm. The egg is the money crop.

The farmer who lives at home and raises something to sell besides cotton will prosper, and it will not be long before he will become insulted when the merchant offers to sell him supplies on a credit.

### Its The Little Things That Count in Business



By taking care of the little things on the farm you better prepare yourself for handling the big things. We are ready to help the poultry growers in their work. We extend the services of our bank to you in helping to make

1915 the banner year for the poultry industry in this county. We will do our part in developing this great industry. Let us help you all that we can.

**Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company**

## BALLINGER POULTRY SHOW ATTRACTS ATTENTION OF BREEDERS OF THE WEST

The Third Annual Poultry Exhibit of the Runnels County Poultry Association will open Thursday, January 21 and last three days. The finest specimens of poultry that ever was seen in Central West Texas will be brought here the early part of next week to be placed on display by their owners for the dual purpose of "getting away" with the prizes offered by the Ballinger association and interesting the indifferent in poultry raising.

With the arrival of the first trains Tuesday morning, the best feathered stock of the great Central West section of Texas will begin arriving in Ballinger. The citizens of not only the city but of the whole county have become interested in the exhibit to such an extent that they are already awaiting the arrival of the first shipment and its arrangement in the exhibition hall. Following last year's remarkable show, farmers from all parts of this part of the state have become interested in the Ballinger Poultry Exhibit. They have learned to look upon the exhibit which will be held here as the guiding spirit in the poultry industry in this part of the state.

Probably no other thing has gone to make the Ballinger exhibit more successful than the fact that in the past premiums have been paid promptly, leaving the fancier no ground to make complaints. Before the exhibitor has time to box his coops for the shipment of his "loved ones" back to his home town, premiums are awaiting him. The officers of the Runnels County Poultry Association look upon the payment of premiums as one of the principal

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## Use International Poultry Remedies

- International Roup Remedy
  - International Cholera Remedy
  - International Aseptin
  - International Sudal
  - International Rheumatic Oil
  - International Catarrh Tablets
  - International Worm Tablets
  - International Remedy for Bowel Trouble
  - International Louse Paint
  - International Poultry Food
  - International Louse Powder
- The Walker Drug Co. TWO PHONES**  
TWELVE & THIRTEEN  
"In Business for your Health." Also For Your Chickens'



USE YOUR OWN GOOD JUDGMENT and raise some chickens and make our Bank your headquarters during the Chicken Show.

### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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**No Use to Try  
wear out your cold  
—it will wear you  
out instead.**

**Thousands keep on suffering  
Coughs and Colds through  
neglect and delay.**

Why make yourself an easy prey to various ailments and epidemics as the result of a neglected cold? Coughs and Colds sap your strength and vitality unless checked in the early stages. Dr. King's New Discovery is what you need—the first dose helps. Your head clears up, you breathe freely and you feel so much better. Buy a 50c bottle to-day and start taking at once.

Mrs. David Moore, Saginaw, Ala., writes: "My husband had a Cough for fifteen years and tried a number of other remedies without success, a sample bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery gave relief, and after taking several bottles was sound and well."

Excellent for Children's Coughs. They like Dr. King's New Discovery, it's so pleasant. Trial bottle mailed on receipt of 4c in stamps.

For a laxative use Dr. King's New Life Pills. Mild, don't gripe.

H. E. BUCKLEN & CO.  
639 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

**BALLINGER POULTRY SHOW  
ATTRACTS ATTENTION**

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incipal features and they have made a decided "hit" with those exhibit. The stress which is placed upon this subject is emphasized who admire to see their birds on ed in the following words from the 1915 catalogue of the association:

"One fact we would like to call your attention and one we believe will be appreciated by all breeders and that is, if your birds are worthy of a prize, it will be awarded and the money paid accordingly. In other words, if you have the only exhibit of a particular breed, you will receive your money the same as if there were a dozen other entries of the same breed. We have cut out the three to five to enter, to get first money. We believe that has been a great drawback to many otherwise good shows."

That the idea of the Ballinger poultry men has met with the hearty indorsement of the fanciers from all parts of Central

West Texas which is drawn upon for exhibits, is evidenced by the many approvals of the exhibitors last year.

Quality is one of the chief aims of the 1915 poultry exhibit here. It matters not whose chicken gets the money; the Ballinger association loves good chickens and for that and no other reason is desirous of doing the right thing by the exhibitors. "If you have the quality we stand ready to pay the premium," reads the catalogue, and that's just what those behind the great Ballinger show mean.

The show will be conducted in the building commonly known as the Winkler Building, located on Hutchings avenue, near the Ballinger State Bank. By its location within a block of the two depots, the fanciers are assured that quick and safe delivery of all feathered stock to the hall will be had. The exhibition coops are new and up-to-date, made for the comfort of the proud exhibits. An experienced poultry man will be in charge of the show by day and night, giving the chickens the very best of attention.

The intention of the Runnels County Poultry Association is to make the exhibit strictly a breeders show and for that reason all huxters are undesired.

Entries will close, Wednesday, January 20, the day before the shows opens. However, for the benefit of the out-of-town exhibitors whose coops will arrive on night trains, coops will be received and entered the following morning before the opening of show. The officers of the association are today urging that entries be made as quickly as possible in order to arrange the show room as attractively as possible.

All judging will be done by comparison.

The association, for the benefit of the exhibitors, has kindly consented to undertake the sale of birds for exhibitors, free of all charges. The only demand made upon the exhibitor is that he name the selling price of each chicken.

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The man that saves you money.  
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**PARTRIDGE PLYMOUTH "TIZ" FOR TIRED  
ROCKS  
AND SORE FEET**

This variety of the Plymouth Rock family is fast becoming one of the most popular fowls in America today. They have won several of the Great Egg-laying contests and as winter-layers they can't be beat. They are of the good old yellow-legged kind, consequently know no superior as a table fowl. When you want to show them there is no work and worry getting them ready, just send them on for they require no washing and their plumage invariably improves with each molt while in some of the other breeds it fades. They are very active birds and a good forager, this making them an ideal fowl for the farm. And for style and beauty, we can find it in no breed more emphasized than in Partridge Rocks, for in their proud, upright carriage, in the flashing plumage of the male (their well-rounded, greenish-black breasts and bodies; their beautiful, long, flowing, rich red hackles and saddles, with their brilliant greenish-black striped centers, and the magnificent crescentic penciling of the females, we certainly have style and beauty personified.

So then with the great combination of "beauty" and "utility" what better could be asked for an all-purpose fowl?

I can furnish you Partridge Rock eggs at \$1.50 per fifteen, and there couldn't be a better or cheaper way to get a start of this breed.

J. HAROLD TUCKER  
Specialty Breeder of  
PARTRIDGE PLY-  
MOUTH ROCKS  
Ballinger, Texas.

**Your Cold is Dangerous—Break  
..It Up—Now.**

A cold is readily catching. A run-down system is susceptible to germs. You owe it to yourself and others of your household to fight the germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is fine for colds and coughs. It loosens the mucus, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your druggist.

NO. 324.  
**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF  
THE FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
Of the First State Bank at Rowena, State of Texas at the close of business on the 31 day of December 1914, published in the Banner-Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 15 day of January, 1915.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	43,666.66
Loans, real estate	2,673.00
Overdrafts	811.07
Real Estate (Banking house)	6,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,561.64
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	\$14,700.32
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check net,	14,700.32
Currency	2,415.00
Specie	1,849.51
Interest on Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,700.01
Other Resources as follows: Assessment for Guaranty Fund	202.17
<b>Total.</b>	<b>\$83,079.38</b>

Liabilities.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,750.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,242.03
Individual Deposits subject to check	48,238.48
Demand Certificates of Deposit	600.00
Cashier's Checks	248.87
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	5,000.00
<b>Total.</b>	<b>\$83,079.38</b>

**STATE OF TEXAS,**  
County of Runnels,  
We, G. Schuhmann, as president, and P. J. Laas, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
G. SCHUHMAN, President.  
P. J. Laas, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8 day of January, A. D. 1915.  
(Seal)  
H. A. SCHUHMAN,  
Notary Public Runnels, County.  
Correct—Attest:  
Jas. Cervenka.  
S. J. Strube  
Chas. S. Miller,  
Directors.

"TIZ" for puffed up, burning, aching, calloused feet and corns.



Why go limping around with aching, puffed-up feet—feet so tired, chafed, sore and swollen you can hardly get your shoes on or off? Why don't you get a 25-cent box of "TIZ" from the drug store now and gladden your tortured feet?  
"TIZ" makes your feet glow with comfort; takes down swelling and draws the soreness and misery right out of feet that chafe, smart and burn. "TIZ" instantly stops pain in corns, callouses and bunions. "TIZ" is glorious for tired, aching, sore feet. No more shoe tightness—no more foot torture.

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We will buy your stock and hides from you at top prices, and will always supply you with the best the market affords. We will appreciate your patronage.  
**CITY MEAT MARKET,**  
Phone 185.  
tfdw Stanley Cameron, Prop.

**JEWELL GUNINGHAM**  
Dealer In  
**Second Hand Goods**  
Repairing A Specialty.  
On Corner Opposite The Princess Theatre.

J. P. Huffaker of Maverick, who was here on business Wednesday received a message that his son was badly injured in a gin at Lampasas, and he left on the evening train to be at his bedside, and if it is so he can be moved, will bring the young man home.

**A HAPPY CHILD IN  
JUST A FEW HOURS**

When cross, constipated or if feverish give "California Syrup of Figs" then don't worry.

Mothers can rest easy after giving "California Syrup of Figs," because in a few hours all the clogged-up waste, sour bile and fermenting food gently moves out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, and they become tightly packed, liver gets sluggish and stomach disordered.

When cross, feverish, restless, see if tongue is coated, then give this delicious "fruit laxative." Children love it, and it can not cause injury. No difference what ails your little one—if full of cold or a sore throat, diarrhoea, stomach-ache, bad breath, remember a gentle "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are printed on each bottle.  
Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50 cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" then look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." We make no smaller size. Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

**COMING WITH MANY BIRDS**

Dr. S. B. Raby received a letter from a poultry grower in a neighboring county, requesting him to make room for twenty male birds. The owner of the fine birds did not say how many female birds he would bring, but it is known that he will have at least half as many females as males and will probably bring forty birds to the Ballinger show.

Many others have filed application for space in the big show, and the managers of the show are planning now to take care of many more exhibits than were ever made in this section of the state before.

Mrs. E. L. McAlpine left Wednesday afternoon to visit at Dallas a few weeks.

GET YOUR  
**VAPOR BATHS**  
FROM  
**W. M. CARTER**  
CHIROPODIST AT  
**City Barber Shop**  
Ballinger, Texas

**Positive Relief  
For Constipation**

The progress of modern medical science is, perhaps, no more forcefully evident than in the simplifying of many of the old time remedies of past generations. For instance, the harsh cathartics and violent purgatives used by our forefathers are now known to be not only unnecessary but really harmful. Constipation can be more effectively relieved without the discomfort and pain these old-time remedies occasion.

A combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is most effective, yet mild and pleasant. It is absolutely free from opiates and narcotics and equally as desirable a remedy for the tiniest babe as for aged manhood. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 400 Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

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Pay the highest Market Price for  
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No. 3533  
**Report of The Condition of**

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK, at Ballinger in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 31st, 1914:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$340,919.07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,389.36
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,500.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	20,340.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	25,000.00
Other Real Estate owned	14,101.90
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	5,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agent in central cities	\$13,930.99
In other Reserve cities	22,448.07
Due from Banks and Bankers (other than above)	8,687.63
Checks and other Cash Items	2,122.29
Fractional Currency	199.28
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,160.75
Exchange for Clearing House	NONE
Notes of other National Banks	5,445.00
Federal Reserve Notes	15.00
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	\$22,147.00
Legal-tender notes	500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000.00
Acceptances on cotton	87,225.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$680,382.02</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	25,500.00
Undivided Profits	9,643.05
Reserved for Taxes (1914)	2,573.36
Circulating notes	\$100,000.00
Less amount on hand and in treasurer for redemption and in transit	100,000.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than above)	36,453.66
Dividends Unpaid	8,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check \$191,522.08	
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	1,619.74
Postal Savings Deposits	430.11
Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	9,640.02
Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed	95,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$680,382.02</b>

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss:  
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
R. G. Erwin, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Jan. 1915.  
Annie Van Doren, Notary Public.  
Correct Attest: D. M. Baker, J. Y. Pearce, E. L. Rasbury Directors.

RECAPITULATION RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$343,308.43
U. S. Bonds	101,500.00
Banking House, F. & F.	25,000.00
Other Real Estate	14,101.90
Stocks and Bonds	20,340.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
Acceptance on Cotton	87,225.68
Cash and Exchange	86,656.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$680,382.02</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock (paid in)	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	35,143.05
Circulation	100,000.00
Reserved for 1914 taxes	2,573.36
Dividends unpaid	8,000.00
Bills Payable	95,000.00
Deposits	239,665.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$680,382.02</b>

**BANKS**  
**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION**

Of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec. 1914, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 8th day of Jan. 1915.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts, personal or Collateral	\$214,652.09
Loans, real estate	
Overdrafts	14,539.77
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	44,665.57
Real Estate (banking house)	39,000.00
Other Real Estate	4,650.60
Furniture and Fixtures	7,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	37,655.59
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	1,657.12
Cash Items	4,757.96
Currency	6,276.00
Specie	4,547.67
Interest in depositors guaranty fund	3,107.16
Other Resources as follows Guaranty Assessment Fund	336.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$382,945.07</b>

State of Texas, County of Runnels, We, J. F. Currie as vice-president, and E. D. Walker as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
J. F. Currie, Vice-President.  
E. D. Walker Cashier.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of Jan. A. D., 1915. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.  
Franc Baker, Notary Public, Runnels County.  
Correct Attest: J. F. Currie, J. L. Chastain, T. S. Lankford, Directors

RECAPITULATION RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$214,652.09
Overdrafts (cotton)	14,539.77
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixtures	50,650.00
Other real estate	
Bills of Exchange	44,665.57
Interest in Guaranty Fund	3,443.30
Cash and in banks	54,994.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$382,945.07</b>

LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	13,548.67
Bills Payable	70,000.00
Total Deposits	199,396.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$382,945.07</b>

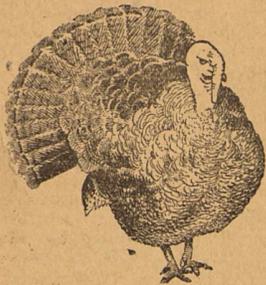
# JEANES PRODUCE CO.

BALLINGER, TEXAS

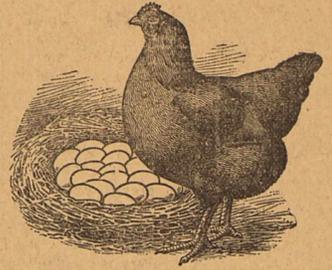
We Are Cash Buyers of all Kinds of Country Produce and Real Boosters of the Poultry Industry. Don't fail to see us when you have anything to sell.

MR. FARMER: Build you a Silo, Get a Few Cows, Sows, a Bunch of Chickens, a few Turkeys, Stay out of Debt and Watch Your Bank Account Grow.

# Jeanes Produce Co.



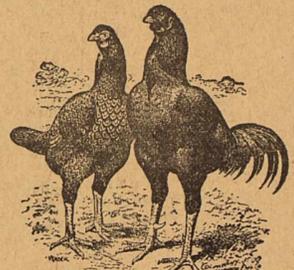
WINTERS



MILES



COLEMAN



SANTA ANNA



Roadster \$479.00  
Touring Cars \$529.00  
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When the Ford needs repairing, Bring it to the Ford home, and talk to our expert Ford mechanics

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For sick headache, sour stomach, sluggish liver and bowels.

Get a 10-cent box. Put aside—just once—the Salts Pills, Castor Oil or Purgative Waters which merely force a passage through the bowels, but do not thoroughly cleanse, freshen and purify these drainage organs, and have no effect whatever upon the liver and stomach.

Keep your "insides" pure and fresh with Cascarets, which thoroughly cleanse the stomach, remove the undigested, sour food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will make you feel great by morning. They work while you sleep—never gripe sicken, and cost only 10 cents a box from your druggist. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never have Headache, Biliousness, Severe Colds, Indigestion, Sour Stomach or Constipated Bowels. Cascarets belong in every household. Children just love to take them.

FOR SALE—One demonstration disc plow. Also 7 walking plows, \$5.00 each. Apply to A. J. ZAPPE. 1tw

### DRAGGING COUNTY ROADS

The farmers in the northern part of the county and in the territory leading from Wingate to Winters and other points on the A. and S. are making an effort to better the condition of the roads by dragging them as fast as they are dry enough.

The roads are rapidly drying up, and with the exception of a few low places autos can again get over them. The rain throughout the month of December left them in bad shape and they are very rough and it will be some time before they wear down smooth.

### T. J. GARDNER CRIPPLED.

T. J. Gardner had the misfortune to sprain his ankle Wednesday, and is unable to get about today except by the aid of crutches. He thinks the sprain will pass away in a day or two, and will not cause him much inconvenience.

### Have You?

Got your Free chance on the Saddle, Bridle, and Spurs at H. L. Wendorf's, the Busy Shop?

Otto Pape and family who moved from this county to the Plainview country, returned to his old home near Ballinger Wednesday afternoon and will again make this their home. He says he saw nothing while gone that looked as good to him for a home as Runnels county.

W. H. Boozer of the Maric country, was marketing cotton in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

### FEEL LIKE GIVING UP.

Many Ballinger People On the Verge of Collapse.

A bad back makes you miserable all the time—Lame every morning; sore all day.

It hurts to stoop—it hurts to straighten.

What with headache, dizzy, spells, urinary weakness.

No wonder people are discouraged.

Who do not know the kidneys may be the cause of it all.

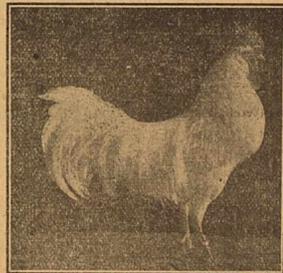
Give the weakened kidneys needful help.

Use a tested and proven kidney remedy.

None endorsed like Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. R. F. Smith, Ballinger, says: "Two attacks of fever left my kidneys very weak. I had such intense backaches that I could hardly get about and at times the kidney secretions were scanty, then again profuse. After using Doan's Kidney Pills a few days, the backache left and I was able to rest much better."

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



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A complete stock of Pipe and fittings, well supplies and windmills, galvanized cisterns and tin work.

A Competent Corps of Workmen always ready to attend to Rush Orders. Your business solicited.

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Let us Help  
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We represent the largest creamery in Texas—The Niseley They handle butter by the ton, and pay the highest price for cream. We test out on Wednesday and Saturday of each week. Bring your cream to me and I will help you swell your bank account.

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Bot'ing Works

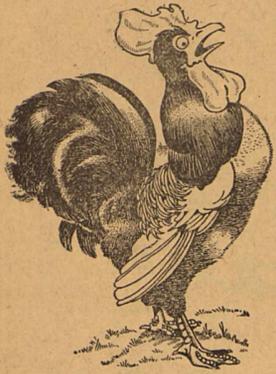
W. A. BRIDWELL, Proprietor

### Make Your Hens Pay Your Grocery Bill

We will trade you high grade groceries for eggs, and help you stay out of debt during this year. We have customers who are paying their grocery bills with eggs and butter. You can do the same. See us when you need what we have and when you have what we need.

W. B. Wood & Son

# POULTRY BIG ITEM IN WINTERS' FINANCIAL SUCCESS



BEING located in the best livestock and poultry section of the country there is in Texas, Winters has made a record as a poultry market that is most remarkable for a town of its size. The money paid out for poultry during the year by the merchants and poultry buyers of Winters has attracted the attention of the entire state, and has caused those who look upon the poultry industry as a small part in the make up of the prosperity of the citizens of this county to fall in line and become poultry boosters and poultry growers. It is a claim made by the merchants of Winters that more than fifty per cent of the farmers of Winters trade territory seldom come to town without bringing a basket of eggs or a coop of chickens. This accounts for the prosperous condition of the citizens who make up the population of that end of the county.



## TWO CAR LOADS POULTRY IN ONE DAY'S SHIPPING

The largest shipment of poultry ever made from this county in one day was billed out of Winters in the spring of 1914, when two solid carloads of chickens left that point.

A representative of one of the large packing plants advertised that a car would be loaded at Winters on a certain date, and early in the day wagon loads of chickens began to arrive and the loading of a car throughout the day made a busy scene, and the poultry buyers soon realized that more chickens were on hand than could be loaded in one car.

The Ballinger poultry buyers had on hand about one-half car of chickens. These were loaded on a car, and the car carried to Winters where it was filled and the two cars left that point on the same train.

It is no uncommon thing for the buyers to pool together and ship out a car of poultry, but this was the largest shipment ever made from the county since the poultry industry has become one of the big money crops of the county.

The proceeds from this shipment of poultry amounted to more than \$3000, and the money was distributed out among several hundred families. The poultry was raised with very little expense and came in as a money crop at a

time when there was no other farm product to place on the market. The farmer knew when he left home with his wagon load of poultry what he would get per pound for the poultry when he reached the market. There was no expense in marketing. All he had to do was to drive his wagon up to the car, "dump" his poultry off and receive a check.

Shipping in car loads promises to be much heavier this spring than last, and the egg output will be larger in proportion.

### Rosson Produce Co. Ship Car This Week.

The Rosson Produce Co., loaded a car load of poultry at Winters this week and shipped it to one of the large packing plants. This is the first car to go out this year, and was made up on short notice.

Nine cents per pound was paid for hens and 20 cents each for roosters. One farmer is commenting on the demand for poultry stated that he would not sell his hens at this season of the year, as it is right on the eve of laying time and that the hen would soon pay for herself.

The average farmer enjoys a good chicken pie, or a spring fryer with brown gravy, and some of them will not turn down the egg in the nog, but they look upon the hen as a small and insignificant animal and of little consequence on the farm, and will kick up a racket when his wife calls on him to take the eggs to market. Such farmer should turn the farm over to his wife; she will succeed where he is running his business on a credit.

## FARMERS RECEIVE \$60,000 AT WINTERS FOR THEIR 1914 POULTRY AND EGGS

On account of some of the buyers on the Winters market failing to keep an accurate record of the amount of money they paid out during 1914 for poultry and eggs, it is impossible to give the exact amount of money turned loose for poultry and eggs at that place.

However, figures compiled, and reports made by those who kept a record of their poultry business, shows that more than sixty thousand dollars was paid out for eggs, chickens and turkeys during the year just closed.

In securing the data that justifies us in making the statement, we have no account of a car of poultry that was shipped from Winters by a transient buyer, or have we any report of the large amount of eggs that were sold direct to the consumer and did not pass through the hands of the merchant or poultry dealer, or the eggs and poultry that were shipped by the grower.

The poultry and eggs shipped by the grower consist almost entirely of fine poultry and eggs sold for breeding purpose. This amount runs up higher than one would expect, on account of the great interest that has been created in the poultry industry throughout the county and this section of the state during the last two or three years.

There are quite a number of poultry growers in the Winters country who raise altogether for breeding purposes and do not sell to the market, except their culis and outbacks. Among these are Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, Mrs. J. H. Mills, Mrs. J. A. Arnold, and many others. These parties will have their poultry on exhibition at the Ballinger show on Jan. 21, 22 and 23.

During the spring of 1914 eggs were shipped by the car load from

Winters, and the shipping continued through March and April with heavy express shipments throughout the entire year. The bulk of these eggs were shipped to El Paso and Fort Worth.

The 1915 egg season is just approaching, and the buyers are preparing for an enormous business, and anticipate that the coming season will show an increase of at least fifty per cent over last year. The success of the last year's business is responsible for the renewed and increased interest in poultry growing.

Smith & Beard were the heaviest shippers last season, having shipped during the year about \$14,000 worth of poultry and eggs. Part of this produce they bought from the poultry growers and part of it they bought from the other buyers who did not have shipping connection.

The Farmer's Mercantile Co., were the heaviest buyers from the growers during the last year and their books show that they paid out during the year more than \$10,000 for poultry and eggs. Part of this they shipped, and part of it they sold to other shippers.

W. P. Hawkins handled \$6,065.66 worth of poultry and eggs, according to his books.

Walter T. White turned loose more than \$5000 during the year for eggs and poultry, all of his buying being direct from the farmer and he is active on the egg market at present.

The Farmers Union Store distributed among the farmers about \$3650 during the year for poultry and eggs.

J. R. Cook was another one of the heavy buyers last year, and turned loose several thousand dollars for products from the poultry farm.

Dry Brothers, Baldwin Bros., and Jeanes Produce Co. also bought from the farmers, the Jeanes Produce Co. taking up and shipping many eggs and much poultry during the year.

The Rosson Produce Co. have only been in business at Winters since Sept. 1914, and their business makes a good showing for the short period of time. For this period of time this firm handled an average of \$1500 worth of eggs, chickens and butter per month, or a total of \$6,000 for this class of produce. In addition to this they shipped \$3864.62 worth of dressed turkeys. The turkey shipments cover only about forty days, or during Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

The above figures will give

the man who is skeptical about the poultry business an idea of what the Winters market is doing for the county in the poultry industry, and the industry is in its infancy.

### SIX TURKEYS BRING \$250

Mrs. H. A. Mitchell is one of the successful turkey growers of the Winters country, and what she has accomplished the last year others will no doubt accomplish the present year.

Mrs. Mitchell started her turkey crop with six hens and a tom last spring. She has sold from the increase about \$250 worth of turkeys and has about \$50 worth to raise from another year.

H. P. Powers started with four hens and a gobbler. He sold \$120 worth of turkeys, and has more turkeys at home than he started with.

Wylie Lewis invested a few dollars in three turkey hens and a gobbler last spring. He has a drove of turkeys at home and is buying more to raise from. He realized \$60 cash from last year's crop.

Dick Barnett is another enthusiastic turkey grower. He had splendid success with his turkeys last year and realized a big profit in the small investment.

There are many others we could name who are making money out of the poultry business, and who will double their poultry crop this year.

Mrs. Joe Vancil has purchased a few fine Mammoth turkeys and will no doubt profit by the investment.

## WINTERS STATE BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

The Winters State Bank makes a splendid showing in a recent statement issued. The bank has a deposit of \$162,526.34 and total available cash of \$78,375.97 with bills payable amounting to only \$1950.

The shareholders held their annual meeting last week, and declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent and added \$500 to the surplus fund.

Jno. Q. McAdams was re-elected cashier and will remain at the head of the successful institution again this year.

The farmers are kicking at the low price of cotton and saying that they can't raise cotton at the prevailing price. Have you heard any one complaining about the price of eggs and poultry? We have, but its the man who must buy them. There is a profit in poultry and no profit in cotton; yet some farmers will cut out the poultry crop and devote all their attention to cotton. They need a guardian.

According to a report just issued, the state of Michigan has a poultry population of 13,654,838 with an estimated value of \$7,678,012. Texas is a better poultry state than Michigan and should have several times that many chicks.

Read Mrs. R. F. Smith's letter in this paper, and go do likewise.

## JANUARY---

The beginning of the New Year is the beginning of new banking connections. If you are going to change banks why not come to a bank that is growing—is friendly—knows your wants and knows how to meet them. Come in and talk it over with us.

Responsibility \$300,000.00 D. M. Hillyard, Cashier.  
**WINTERS BANKING COMPANY**  
(Unincorporated)



## To the Poultry Raisers

We ask that you compare the amount of Poultry and Eggs shipped by other Poultry Dealers with ours and then fall in line, raise more poultry, follow the crowd and market same with the house that shipped more poultry and eggs in the good year 1914 than any other house in Runnels county, and if in need of anything in the grocery line don't forget that we handle only the best and sell for cash only. Sole Distributors American Beauty Flour.

**SMITH & BEARD, Winters, Texas**

## Poultry Banking

The revenue derived from poultry and its byproducts in the Winters Territory has out-grown the imagination of most optimistic, the annual amount received is many times greater than one familiar with this industry can know.

It is our aim to encourage and assist poultry raisers of Runnels county in an acceptable and substantial manner.

**The Winters State Bank**

Winters, Texas.

Capital \$50,000.00

Guaranty Fund Bank

## First Week Gambill's Mighty Sale--Great Success

The Prices are Doing the Work

Only One More Week of Price Slaughtering

6 mouse traps 10c.  
Crockery per gallon 7 1-2c  
Pound box axle grease 5c.  
Tumblers each 3c.  
Hercules steel tire buggy for \$39.75.  
\$75 top buggy, auto seat \$62.50.  
11x15 wagon covers, 10 ounce, at \$3.25.  
S. & W. \$2.25 per gallon paint \$1.75.

8x10 window glass, regular price 10c, sale price 6c.  
Other sizes in stock at greatly reduced prices.  
\$25 team harness, sale price \$19.75.  
\$15 buggy harness, sale price \$10.75.  
\$3.75 horse collars, sale price \$3.25.

\$25 cook stoves, sale price \$19.75.  
\$15.50 cook stove, sale price \$11.50.  
\$15 heating stove, sale price \$10.95.  
\$25 hammerless Winchester shot gun \$20.75.  
\$20 repeating shot gun \$15.50.  
New Home sewing machine, worth \$40, sale price \$26.95.

90c window shades, sale price 69c.  
Big assortment dinner plates sale price 35c per set.  
500 pieces china worth 15c, sale price 9c.  
500 pieces china, worth 10c, sale price 6c.  
All china cut to the bottom.  
40c aluminum stew pans 25c.  
\$1 items in aluminum 7c.

Big assortment aluminum ware.  
Big assortment Japanese baskets, sale price 9c.  
On down to 10c dolls at 5c.  
Every doll and toy almost given away. We don't them, we want the money.  
\$1.50 pocket knives \$1.10.  
On down to 25c knives at 18c.  
Mennen's talcum powder, 25c can, 15c.

We've Got 89,000 Bargains; We Can't List Them All Here.

**GAMBILL'S PLAIN PRICE STORE**

Winters, Texas

# Farmers Mercantile Company

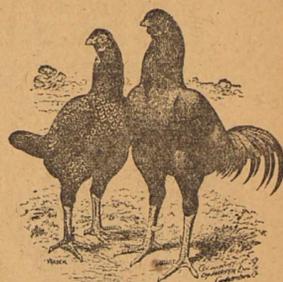
THE LARGEST MERCANTILE STORE AT WINTERS, TEXAS

We will trade anything in our store or pay cash for chickens, eggs, ducks, turkeys, geese or anything in the produce line, Produce is making our store famous.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR TRADE

Cotton White Flour Used in 400 Homes in our Trade Territory

The Store That Satisfies **Farmers Mercantile Company**



Winters, Texas

J. Y. Pearce      Geo. P. Holman      J. F. Paxton

## Your Future Drug Business



There are several reasons why you should give us your Drug business. First, our stock is always complete—you get what you want. 2nd, our prescription department is one of the best equipped in the county. 3rd, we charge no interest on accounts. 4th, we charge no postage for deliveries on routes. 5th, our prices are low, considering quality. 6th, we handle Rexall Remedies exclusively. We handle Nyal Remedies exclusively. 8th, we have a large soda fountain with modern equipment. 9th, we appreciate all business given us and in return try to give prices, quality and service.

If you are in our territory give us your business, we will appreciate it.

## The City Drug Company

The REXALL Store      WINTERS, TEXAS

W. E. Davis, Jeweler

If you think our efforts in boosting the poultry industry deserving you might show your appreciation by becoming a regular reader of the paper.

Chickens do better when they can get a little green feed through the winter. A rye or what patch close to the chicken yard is a paying crop.

## Why Not?

Exchange Your Produce for our Groceries? We will pay you more for your produce and sell you groceries for less.

Winters, Texas

## BALDWIN BROTHERS

### WINTERS BANK

#### HANDLES THOUSAND DOLLAR EGG DRAFT

There was a day when the good lady on the farm referred to the proceeds from the basket of eggs, which she gathered from the barn yard and sent to market, as "pin money."

There was a day when the proud and aristocratic farmer would drive in town down the alley and enter the back door with the basket of eggs that his wife insisted that he take to market, and without asking the groceryman what he was paying for eggs, dump them down and walk out feeling like he had gotten rid of a product of the farm that was lots of trouble and little pay.

That day has passed. Egg money is no longer referred to as pin money, and the farmer that can drive up to the front door of the store on the most prominent corner in town, and call for the merchant to come out and bid on a wash tub full of eggs he has in the back of his buggy, and if the bid does not suit him drives across the street to another store, is the farmer who can write checks in more than two figures.

Eggs are not only supplying the pin money now, but money from the sale of eggs is swelling the bank deposits of this county, and the poultry growers can check on the banks for things that are needed to make for comfort in life.

Jno. Q. McAdams, cashier of the Winters State Bank, in talking about the wonderful development of the poultry industry in the Winters country during the past two years, said that through the spring months, when the eggs are more plentiful than at any other season of the year, it was no uncommon thing for his bank to handle drafts for eggs shipped from that point amounting to more than one thousand dollars. "Shipping eggs by car loads from a town like Winters is no small item," said Mr. McAdams, "and I realize perhaps more than any one what the poultry business is doing for our section."

Mr. McAdams is enthusiastic over the success of the poultry business in his section of the county.

#### CHICKEN CHATTER

There will be no admission charge to the show. Come.

Ballinger needs a poultry packing plant. The farmers need the plant and Ballinger should furnish it.

At the prevailing price of eggs a good hen will add fifty cents per month to your income.

There is no season in the year when you can't trade eggs for something that you need around the place. Eggs may get cheap in the summer season, but it beats paying the cash for what you must have.

### HIS HENS ARE PUT UP TREE BY MEANS OF BRIGHT LIGHTS

*By United Press*  
CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Fooling his hens into believing the short winter days last as long as the summer days, by using an artificial lighting system, George C. Newell, an auditor, is increasing the egg production of his poultry yards from a daily average of 26 eggs to a daily average of 83 eggs. Observing his chickens going to roost as soon as dusk began to fall in winter time, Newell installed electric lights by which he fed his hens up to 8 p. m.

"Food and exercise are essential to egg production," he says. "Shortly before 8 p. m., I gradually reduce the light power to give the appearance of dusk. I light the henery at 6 a. m." Newell has 150 "egg machines" as he calls his hens. They laid 18,000 eggs last year.

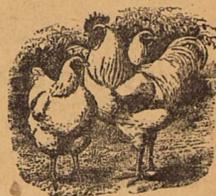
### WALTER JOHNSON LOVES BASEBALL BUT---O. U. CHICK

*Special to The Daily Ledger*  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Walter Johnson, declared by local baseball fans to be the greatest pitcher that ever breathed the breath of life, is a pronounced chicken fancier. Not that Walter is fond of all kinds of chickens—far from that. Of the species known under several different monickers, the most common of which is "girl," Walter knows nothing. His hobby is to collect fine poultry and he is successful.

The Washington Poultry Exhibit which opens Tuesday, January 19, will have a number of coops from the Johnson Kansas farm.

Some hens will lay more eggs than others, regardless of breeds, but almost any old hen will pay for herself many times during the year, if you will give her a half chance.

### Always in the market for your Poultry



Always In The Market With The GROCERIES

We pay you CASH for your eggs and chickens, or trade you groceries for them. Our goods are the best there is. We pay you all the market justify for your produce. Raise more of it and come to see us.

### WALTER T. WHITE

Winters, Texas

## We Can Help

### Increase Your Bank Account

We want to buy every chicken and egg raised in the Winters territory, and during the turkey season we also want your turkeys. In order to get them we offer you the top of the market. If you want to increase your bank account raise what we want and get our prices before you sell.

### Rossen Produce Co.

Winters, Texas



An industrious hen is the best layer, and all hens are industrious if you will provide some place for them to scratch. Scatter their feed among leaves will make them work for it, and keeps them healthy.

Can you guess how many dollars worth of eggs the people of Ballinger consume in the course of year?

Plenty feed will make spring pullets bring you a good return on the investment through the fall and winter months. Don't be stingy with your feed when pushing your pullets for an egg crop.

Turkeys in a cotton patch in the spring and early summer earn their wages many times over in keeping down insects.

## Owens Drug Co.

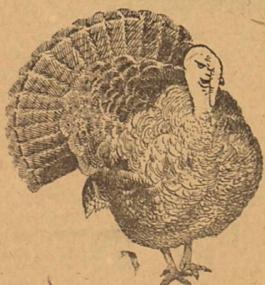
DRUGS AND JEWELRY

A complete stock of the things you have to have. A drug business worthy of your confidence and patronage

WE THANK YOU

## Owens Drug Company

WINTERS, TEXAS

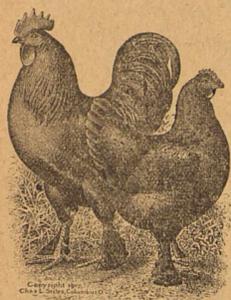


## \$ Your Poultry Money \$

When converted into good, dependable Dry Goods and Clothing will clothe the family. We've Got the Goods. We appreciate the Poultry Money spent with us during 1914, and take this opportunity to thank all our friends. May 1915 be the most successful year for the poultry industry, in its history.

SKAGGS DRY GOODS CO., THE HOUSE WITH THE GOODS Winters, Texas

If you are going to Raise Chickens You Want



# The Best You Can Get

If you are Going to Buy Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware and Farm Implements why not buy

# The Best That Is Made?



We have built our splendid business on the reputation of the goods that we handle, and our method of dealing square and fair with our customers. When we sell you a bill of goods we strive to leave a taste in your mouth that will bring you back to our store. We would not expect you to come back if we did not give you value received for your money. To do this we must sell you good goods that will stand the test. Note the brands we handle:

### DRY GOODS

We buy the principal portion of our Dry Goods from The Ely & Walker Dry Goods Co., of St. Louis, and when it comes from them the style, price and quality is right, this line consisting of E. & W. Shirts, Topsy Hosiery, Red Ball Work Clothes and Hamilton Brown Shoes. This is the best all family shoe that is on the market today. Star Brand Hats, Curlee Clothing.

### Hardware

We have the Bridge and Beach and Garland Cook and Heating Stoves, Perfection and Quick Meal Oil and Gasoline Stoves, Majestic Family and Hotel Ranges, Keen Kutter shelf hardware and Edge Tools.

### Farm Implements

McCormick Machinery, Lucky Jim, Lone Star and Bully Boy Cultivators, Mr. Bill and Chief Planters, Aermotor and Sampson Windmills.

### Groceries

We sell the very best brands such as American Lady Flour, Limited, Maxwell House and Club Lake Coffee and we buy from our local jobbers and as near as it is possible we spend Runnels County money in Runnels County.

**Buggies** Moon Brothers (the genuine not the imitation) Buggies, Phaetons, Surreys and Run-Abouts. Connersville Buggies, Phaetons and Surreys.

We recognize the great importance of poultry, poultry products, dairy cows and gardens in making for the farmer prosperity and independence. We want to impress upon the minds of the farmer, the importance of giving these matters more consideration, look well after them before you devote your attention to cotton. Live at home, and have something to exchange for the things you must buy and have money to add to your bank account. Farmers who buy on a credit will find it easy to pay their debts when they pursue this course. We want to help you do this.

# VanPelt, Kirk & Mack

BALLINGER, TEXAS

## CREAM SHIPPING BRINGS IN MUCH READY MONEY

While we are giving so much attention to the poultry industry we should remember that the dairy industry is an important factor in the making of prosperity in Runnels county. There are many cases in this county where the cow is the best friend to the family, and is making more than half the living for the family.

W. A. Bridwell, proprietor of the Ballinger Bottling Works, represents one of the largest creameries in the state, and while it may appear small the amount turned loose by him for cream during the last year amounts to a great deal when we stop to consider that it is money for a surplus crop—for cream that the small farmer, with one, or two, or three cows, sold after supplying his family, and feeding his hogs the milk.

Mr. Bridwell says that his books show that he shipped from this point during 1914, \$2,445.92 worth of cream. The two previous years he shipped out more than \$3,000 worth of cream per year. For the year just closed the shipping fell off when the cotton season opened. This shortage is attributed to the rush in the cotton fields which caused the farmer to neglect his cream marketing, and should be charged up to cotton. Just another instance to show what all cotton will do for a farmer that stays with it. It is also claimed that the great influx of cotton pickers made the local demand for milk and butter greater, and instead of shipping the cream it was consumed at home.

The above figures does not cover all the cream shipped from Ballinger. Individuals are shipping almost daily to creameries in other towns. Large quantities of cream was shipped from Winters, Miles and Kowena, the last named town being one of the heaviest cream shippers to its size there is in Texas.

The dairy cow is doing her part towards making Runnels county prosperous, and she will do more if the cotton farmer will give her a chance.

## BAD COLD? HEADACHY AND NOSE STUFFED

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends colds and grippe in a few hours.

Take "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until your have taken three doses, then all grippie misery goes and your cold will be broken. It promptly opens your clogged-up nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nasty discharge or nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

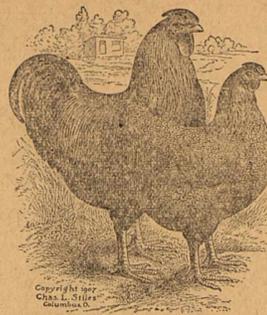
Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffing. Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute.

Edwin C. Voss of the Wingate country, was here on business Thursday and dropped in to talk reading matter to the Ledger boys.

BE QUICK—Who wants a good small business in Ballinger. Small capital will get same for a quick sale. Apply at Ledger office. 3td-1tw

We are glad to report little Miss Irma Dickinson, doing very nicely today since an operation was performed at the Sanitarium Wednesday morning.

Card of Thanks.  
To the Friends and Neighbors who so kindly and willingly assisted us during the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother. We cannot find words to express the gratitude of our hearts for the many acts of kindness shown us. Especially will the memory of the many expressions of sympathy and consolation of those good people abide in our hearts. May our heavenly Father's richest blessings abide upon every one of them is our prayer.  
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# The Trey O'Hearts

By  
Louis Joseph Vance.

## CHAPTER XLVII.

### The Last Warning.

In the chill, violet-shadowed dusk of that clear evening, a chap-fallen motor car crept sluggishly into the little mountain town of Mesquite at the heels of two mufinuous mules, driven by a chauffeur who steered with one hand while the other flourished a crackling whip-lash over the backs of its sole motive power.

Its one passenger, a cripple as helpless as the car itself, huddled in a corner of the rear seat, saluted Mesquite with a snarl. Though he was in sore need of such rude comforts as the town stood prepared to afford him, his demeanor toward it was that of one who suffers an indignity rather than begs accommodation.

And now, as the car crawled to a pause before the Mountain house—Mesquite's one caravanserai—and Mesquite itself, to the last flea-bitten hound, gathered round to view this wonder, Mr. Trine's indignation and chagrin distilled words of poisonous import.

Far from resenting this, Mesquite, pipe in mouth, hands in pockets, admired and applauded, and rather resented the change that befell when two other strangers (whose earlier appearance in town had helped make that one day memorable beyond all others in Mesquite's history) charged out of the Mountain house and interrupted the elder devil with cries of greeting and jubilation.

The leader of these answered to the name of Marrophat; his companion was a person named Jimmy. Mesquite acquired this information through paying close attention to the substance of their communications with the cripple. More than this, however, it learned little. Something seemed to have been accomplished by the two, something that was highly gratifying to Seneca Trine: for he was chuckling almost mirthfully when lifted from the car and carried into the hotel.

What passed between the trio after they disappeared behind that bedchamber door Mesquite could by no means guess. But that a celebration of some sort was in progress was evidenced by the frequency with which Marrophat and Jimmy called on the bar for more liquid refreshment.

And toward midnight one belated Mesquite paused in the street outside the Mountain house for one last curious stare at the lighted windows of Mr. Trine's quarters.

He saw, clearly silhouetted against the glowing oblong of the window, the Mephistophelean profile of Seneca Trine, distorted with a grimace of the cruelest joy that ever heart of man conceived. He saw Marrophat approach his master with a drunken swagger and a speech which, though indistinguishable to the unseen auditor, unquestionably afforded both of the other men ample excuse for ecstatic glee. Toward its conclusion Mr. Marrophat apparently capped the peak of jubilation by fumbling in his coat pocket and bringing forth something which strongly resembled a single playing card.

Now when he had contrived to master his mirth, the cripple made a gesture which eloquently abolished this card, a gesture which said quite plainly: "All that is finished. The thing has served its purpose! To hell with it!"

Whereupon, with a smart jerk of his wrist, Mr. Marrophat sent the card spinning and sailing out through the open window to lose itself in the night.

The watcher didn't see it fall, and though he spent an unconscionable time searching for it in the deep dusk

of the roadway, he went his way in the end with curiosity unsated: Fate had reserved that card for a higher purpose.

Undisturbed, it lay where it had fallen, face upward, not a dozen feet from the front door of the Mountain house, until another day dawned on Mesquite.

Then, in the clear light of that dawn, four more strangers straggled into town—two weary and haggard men, two footsore and bedraggled women. One of these last was dressed in a suit of man's clothing, much the worse for wear.

At sight of the Mountain house the party betrayed slight symptoms of a more cheerful spirit: rejoicing in its promise of food and drinks and beds withal wherein to sleep, the four quickened their steps.

But of a sudden one of the women—she who wore the garments of her sex—paused, uttered a low cry, a-thrill with terror, and clutching the arm of the man nearest her, pointed down to the card that stared up from the dust at her feet.

It was a Trey of hearts.

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## CHAPTER XLVIII.

### Full Flight.

"Oh, what can it mean?" Rose whispered brokenly, clinging to her lover's arm. "Surely you don't think . . . Surely, it must be accidental . . . Surely it can't mean—"

"I'm afraid it does," Alan Law responded gravely, eyeing the front of the Mountain house. "Our luck holds consistently—that's all. It wouldn't be us if we didn't pick out the one place where Marrophat and Jimmy chose to stop over night. Fortunately, it's early; I doubt they're up. With half a show we ought to be able to find some way of putting a good distance between us and this town before they waken . . . Tom!"

But Mr. Barcus was already at his elbow, in thorough sympathy with Alan's interpretation of the significance to be attached to the card that trembled in Rose's hand.

"Sharp's the word!" he agreed. "And there's a motor car over there, in front of the blacksmith's. Probably we can hire her—"

"Trine's car!" Alan ejaculated, swinging round and recognizing the automobile at a glance. "Then he's here, as well!"

"Looks like it," Barcus admitted. "But so much the better. We'll just naturally take the darn' thing off his hands, and I'll bet a dollar there isn't another car within a radius of fifty miles! We'll be well out of these giddy mountains long before he finds anything to chase us with."

But his confidence was demonstrated to be premature by the discovery, which rewarded the first cursory examination, that the car was very thoroughly out of commission.

Two minutes later, however, their earnest inquiries elicited the fact that, although Barcus was justified in his surmise that the neighboring country was poverty-stricken in respect of motor cars, Mesquite itself boasted two motorcycles whose owners were not indifferent to a chance to sell them second-hand at a considerable advance on the retail list price of the machines, when new.

And thus it was that, within ten minutes from Rose's discovery of that chance-fung warning in the dust, the party was again in rapid motion.

His beauty sleep disturbed by the departure of the machine bearing Barcus and Judith, Seneca Trine roused on an elbow and looked out of the window just in time to see the second motorcycle gathering momentum, Alan steering, Rose in the seat behind.

Sixty seconds later a flaunting banner of dust was all that remained to remind Mesquite that romance had passed that way—that, and a series of passionate screams emanating from the bedchamber of Seneca Trine, where the cripple lay possessed by seven devils of insensate rage.

His screams brought attendance; but it was a matter of many precious minutes before his demands could be met and Marrophat and Jimmy roused from their crapulous slumbers in adjoining chambers; and half an hour elapsed before the chauffeur, roused from his own well-earned rest, succeeded in convincing the pair that pursuit with the motor car was out of the question.

But the devil takes care of his own: within another half hour what seemed to be sheer, bull-headed, dumb luck brought a casual automobile to Mesquite—a two-seated, high-power racing machine of the latest and speediest pattern, driven by two irresponsible wayfarers who proved only too susceptible to Marrophat's offer of double the cost of the car—f. o. b. Detroit—for its immediate surrender.

The two piled out promptly enough; Marrophat and Jimmy jumped in; Trine from his bedroom window sped them on their murderous mission with a blast of blasphemy.

It must have been an hour later when Alan, checking his motorcycle as it surmounted the summit of a long upgrade, looked back and discovered, several miles distant on the far-fung windings of the mountain road, a small crimson shape that ran like a mad thing tirelessly pursued by a cloud of tawny dust like a golden ghost.

A motor car, beyond all question, and one of uncommon road-devouring quality; it might or might not contain Marrophat and Jimmy, once more in pursuit. Whether or not, bitter experience had long since educated Alan in the gentle art of taking no chances.

Though it was his life that they sought so pertinaciously, no later than yesterday (and then by no means for the first time), they had proved that if Rose were with Alan they would include her ruthlessly in whatsoever scheme they might contemplate for his personal extermination.

Nor would Tom Barcus be exempt, if they were caught in company—though Judith might be, in view of Marrophat's infatuation for the girl. These two were far ahead, out of sight, indeed; and must somehow be overtaken and warned—no easy matter, since the machine which bore them was, if anything, faster than Alan's, just as the racing automobile was faster than either.

Alan kept his gaze steadfast to the road before them, daring not once to look up and round of back.

So sinuous and meandering was its course, indeed, that Alan seldom could see a hundred yards of it ahead, but must pelt on in panic flight, hoping for the best—that Judith and Barcus would soon show up in front, that something might happen to hinder the pursuit—never knowing whether the latter lost or gained.

And thus catastrophe befell . . . Round the swelling bosom of a wood-

the motorcycle swept . . . have ard without the least warning came upon Barcus and Judith, dismounted, Barcus bending over his cycle and tinkering with its motor.

For one horriplating instant collision seemed unavoidable. Barcus and Judith and the motorcycle occupied most of the width of the road; there was little room between them and the declivity, less between them and the forest. To try to pass them on the latter side would be only to dash his brains out against the trees; while to make the attempt on the outside would be to risk leaving the road altogether and dashing off into space . . .

And it was impossible to stop the circle—so brief was all his warning. In desperation Alan chose the outside of the road; and for the space of a single heartbeat thought that he might possibly make it, but with the next realized that he would not—seeing the front wheel swing off over the lip of the slope.

At this he acted sharply and upon sheer instinct. As the cycle left the road altogether he risked a broken knee by releasing his grasp of the handlebars and straightening out his leg and driving it down forcibly against the roadbed. The effect of this was to lift him bodily from the saddle: the machine shot from beneath him like some strange projectile hurled from the bore of a great gun; and Rose crashed against him in the same fraction of a second.

Headlong they plunged as one down the hillside, struck its shelving surface a good twenty feet from the brink



Trine Was Lifted From the Car and Carried Into the Hotel.

of the road, and flying apart tumbled their separate ways down the remainder of the drop and into the friendly shelter of the underbrush.

Something nearly miraculous saved them whole. Beyond a few scratches and bruises and a severe shaking up, they escaped unharmed. And they were picking themselves up and regaining their breath and re-collecting their scattered wits when, with impetus no less terrific than their own had been, the pursuing motor car swung round the bend and hurled itself directly at the two who remained upon the road above.

## CHAPTER XLIX.

### Sacrifice.

But Tom Barcus hadn't failed to profit by the warning implicit in Alan's accident.

Alan, he told himself shrewdly, would never have run his cycle at so foolhardy a pace without good reason; and under the circumstances good reason was synonymous solely with pursuit.

He was therefore on the alert, quick to see the racing automobile when it came hurtling round the bend, and in the very nick of time grasped Judith's arm and swung her bodily with him back out of harm's way, amid the trees that bordered the inside of the road.

Of necessity his motorcycle suffered. Abandoned in the middle of the road, it was struck by the buffers of the motor car and flung aside as if it had been nothing more ponderable than a truss of straw—landing half-way down the embankment, a hopeless tangle of shattered tubing and twisted wire.

At first blush the circumstance seemed surprising, that the car did not stop. But then Barcus reminded himself that Marrophat and Jimmy could not possibly have witnessed the accident involving Alan and Rose, who, together with the wreck of their machine, remained well-cloaked by the underbrush at the bottom of the canyon. In all probability, then, the assassins had assumed that Alan had hurried on; and since their own first business was concerned exclusively with them, they had done likewise, reasoning that they could return and deal with his unfortunate friend at their convenience after overhauling their quarry, whose life they most coveted.

As for Rose and Alan—heaven alone knew what had happened to them. So Barcus set himself to find out whatever Providence knew without more

delay. The racing car was barely out of sight when he sprang from the sheltering trees and, Judith at his heels, pelted headlong down the slope to the spot where the others had vanished.

To find them not only alive but practically unscathed affected that loyal soul almost to tears.

But when congratulations had been mutually exchanged, there fell an awkward pause. The eyes of the four sought one another's ruefully, each pair quick with the unuttered but inexpressible inquiry: What next?

In the outcome, it was Mr. Barcus who advanced the suggestion which was adopted—though this was its reception more through lack of a better than for any actual appeal intrinsic in the proposition.

"When we b . . . own, I saw," he ventured, with a backward jerk of his thumb to indicate the road, "a canyon branching off from this one about a quarter of a mile over yonder. If it's all the same to you people, we might stroll round that way and see what its natural attractions may be—if any. But it's sure a mighty poor sort of a canyon that doesn't lead anywhere—and nothing could possibly be more fatiguing to our mercurial and restless tempers than to squat down here and fold our hands in our laps and wait for something to turn up—and anyway we can't be worse off than we are—and—"

"Sufficient!" Mr. Law interrupted with a bleak smile.

Crooking a deferential arm, Barcus offered it to Judith.

"Everything is lovely in the formal

be accorded her, and quickly, and that the sacrifice it should demand would be complete. . . .

Now prayers are sometimes answered when the boon craved is good for the soul. . . .

Slowly and painfully these four toiled along an obscure trail that followed the windings of the little river, until a branch struck into the main stream and so discovered to them yet another trail leading into the westward canyon.

Then again slowly and painfully they plodded on following blindly another trail blazed by Fates as blind as they.

Above them, on the road they had abandoned, the crimson racer doubled back to the point where it had passed Judith and Barcus; its occupants descended, explored, and came presently upon the trail of the fugitives.

Bloodhounds could not have settled down upon a scent with more good will and eagerness than Mr. Marrophat and his faithful aide.

The sun was high and blazing above the canyon when the pursuit came within rifle shot of the chasm.

A spiteful shot roused the quartet from a pause of lethargic dismay due to tardy appreciation of the fact that they had penetrated wittlessly almost to the end of a blind alley.

A hasty council of war armed Alan with Judith's revolver and posted him behind a boulder commanding the approaches to the chasm. The weapon, a powerful .45, had a range sufficient to numb the impetuosity of the assassins and keep them under cover and out of sight of the desperate essays the fugitives were making to compass an escape.

For in the shed behind an abandoned log cabin—souvenir, no doubt, of some forgotten prospector—Barcus had unearthed a length of stout hempen rope.

With the aid of a rusty shovel he had hacked this into two equal lengths. One of these lengths he proceeded to make fast around his own waist, then around Rose's. The other he left to be similarly employed by Alan and Judith. For it was agreed that they must climb, and while the cliff offered no problem to daunt a mountain climber of any pretensions, it was considered best that the fugitives should be hitched up in pairs against any possibility of a slip. The pairing had been determined by the fact that Barcus boasted some slight experience in mountaineering, while Rose was plainly the most exhausted of the two women, the least able to help herself in an emergency.

He had worked his cautious way, with the girl in tow, to a point midway up the face of the cliff, following a long diagonal that provided the easiest climbing, when Alan stole back to Judith and reported that, on the evidence of observation and belief, he was convinced that the pursuit had turned back—perhaps for want of ammunition, perhaps to execute some less hazardous attempt upon the lives of the fugitives.

Without delay, then, he made the free end of the rope fast around his own waist, and, following the way Barcus had chosen, began the ascent. Two-thirds of the climb had been accomplished, and Rose and Barcus had arrived in safety at the top, before the temptation to look down proved irresistible.

Immediately beneath his heels the face of the cliff was deeply hollowed out, leaving a drop of 50 feet to a shelving ledge of shale as steep as a roof, whose eaves—perhaps another fifty feet below—jutted out over another fall of a hundred feet.

Alan shuddered and swallowed hard before resuming the ascent.

Another 20 feet brought him to a ledge quite six feet wide, offering a broad and easy path to the summit. He gained this with a prayer of heartfelt relief and was on the point of rising to his feet when a cry of horror from Barcus and a scream of terror from Rose, watching over the upper edge, warned him barely in time to enable him to snatch at and grasp a knob of rock before Judith's weight tautened the rope between them and jerked Alan's legs from under him.

His feet and legs kicked the empty air beyond the lip of the ledge, he lay face downward, clutching desperately the knob of rock, praying that it might not come away in his grasp, that his grasp might hold, that Barcus might arrive in time to save them both. The rope was cutting into his waist like a dull knife. The drag of Judith's body was frightful. He could feel her swinging like a pendulum at the end of its 30 feet, and could imagine but too vividly what would happen if the rope should prove faulty.

The fall of 20 feet to the shale roof was nothing. What would follow would, however, spell death. The impact of her body would set the shale in motion, like an avalanche—and beyond the eaves was only emptiness and the bowlder-strewn bed of the chasm, a hundred feet below!

The sweat poured from his face like rain. His eyes started in their sockets, the blood drummed in his ears with a roar resembling distant thunder. His fingers grew numb, his throat dry.

He felt that he could not hold on another instant when, abruptly, that torture was no more. The rope had been relieved of its burden. He heard a scream from below echoed by one from above, then the thump of Judith's body falling on the shale, then the sithering rumble of the landslide gathering momentum. . . .

Barcus, at length arrived, assisted him to a place of security. Spent and faint and sick with horror, he lay prone and shuddering.

Only the assurance of Barcus that

Judith had some . . . being precipitated over . . . of the shale roof roused . . . have him nerve enough to r . . . the climb.

It was true, when . . . found courage to look and see . . . herself; she lay within three yards of the brink supreme, her face upli . . . to the sun, un-stirring; she dared not stir; a single



His Screams Brought Attendance.

movement was calculated to set the shale bed again in motion. Painfully he realized that if, as Barcus asserted, she had deliberately cut the rope herself, Judith had offered up her life to spare his own.

## CHAPTER L.

### Retribution.

And yet the very consciousness of the girl's danger was all the stimulant that Alan needed to recall him to himself.

Once arrived with Barcus at the top of the cliff, he lost no time in setting about preparations to effect her rescue.

In this business Fortune smiled upon him, as it were, by predisposition.

A broad roadway ran along the top of the precipice, turning off at a little distance to the right, to descend the mountainside. And just beyond this turning Providence had chosen to locate the camp of a hydraulic mixing outfit.

Alan's appearance at the top, in fact, was coincident with the arrival at that point of half a dozen excited miners; and he had no more than voiced his demands than three of their number were hastening back to the camp to procure rope and more hands.

Within five minutes Alan, against the protests of Rose and Barcus, was being lowered over the edge and down to the shale roof on which he landed at a spot far to one side of Judith, to escape all danger of sending a second landslide down upon her.

Picking his way carefully down to the very brink, Alan edged along this, more than once saved a fall to death only by the rope, until he stood immediately below Judith.

Then pausing, he instructed her carefully, tossed the end of the rope into her hands, and when she had wound it twice round her arm, crept up to her side and helped her make it fast about her body.

His signal to the miners that all was well educed prompt response. There was a giddy interval in which the two swung perilously between heaven and earth. Then they stood once more in safety.

Supported by sympathetic hands, the quartet staggered into camp, their story, as condensed by Barcus and breathlessly confirmed by Alan, already winning them enthusiastic champions.

And this was very well for them. For they had no more than seated themselves and begun to appreciate what perils they had escaped, when the rumble of a motor car sounded beyond the shoulder of the hill.

Startled by this alarm once more into full command of his flagging faculties, Alan rose and stumbled out into the roadway, taking cognizance of such facilities for defense as the camp afforded and issuing instructions with a voice vibrant with fear, not for his own safety, but for the safety of those whom he loved.

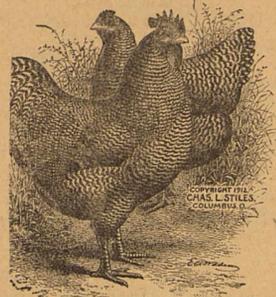
Not far from the point where the road swung from the cliff to thread the camp the hydraulic nozzle was in action, its terrific force of water melting the mountainside away ton by ton. Toward this Barcus ran at top speed, gaining the man in charge of the nozzle just as the car swung round the bend.

Pausing only long enough to make certain that there could be no mistake—and having this certainty made doubly sure by Jimmy's action in rising from his seat and firing over the windshield pointblank at Alan as this last stood waiting in the roadway—Barcus and the miner swung the nozzle round until it bore directly on the car.

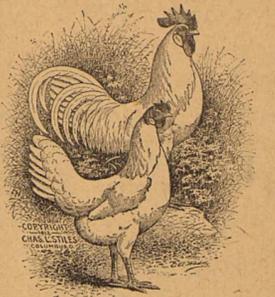
The power of its stream was such that the car was checked instantly in its tracks; and before the water could have been shut off or the stream diverted, the machine was driven back to the very lip of the cliff and over it completely, taking with it those twin upon whose efforts all the hopes of Seneca Trine of late had been centered.

A death that was merciful, in that it was instantaneous, awaited them at the foot of the cliff.

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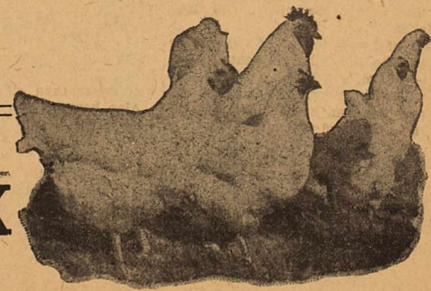
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## CITIZENS CLAMOR FOR NEW OFFICE

With favorable indications pointing to the probability that the Western Union Telegraph Co. is in a position to hear an appeal for the establishment of a downtown telegraph office here, the Young Men's Business League is preparing a petition which will be signed by the greater portion of the business men of the city and sent to the state officer of the concern.

Because of the alleged congested condition of the local telegraph office and the fact that a larger commercial business is done here than anywhere in Central West Texas, it is believed by those striving for a downtown office that efforts will be successful this time. Word has been received here, unofficially, that the officials in Dallas are considering the advisability of establishing an office in the heart of the business section of the city, and for this reason, the matter is receiving the careful attention of the commercial organization of the city along with the co-operation of scores of business men who are anxious to see a change.

As soon as the petition is signed by the citizenship praying for a change, it will be forwarded to the division headquarters.

## BIG ENGINE TO BE UNDER GOOD CARE

If the Young Men's Business League is successful in securing the city street paving machinery for use on the county roads leading into Ballinger, the work of directing the giant engine will be under the supervision of John T. Scott, a former resident of Ft. Worth, who recently moved to Ballinger. Mr. Scott is an expert engineman and is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the big tractor which is owned by the city of Ballinger. As soon as the city council meets, Secretary Boler of the Young Men's Business League will go before that body and ask for the use of the machinery, which includes the steam roller, a rock-crusher and numerous scrapers.

## EIGHTH STREET CHURCH RECEIVES NEW PIANO

The Ladies Aid of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church have just purchased for their church a new Kimble piano. The instrument is of oak finish to correspond with the seats and other furniture of the church. The ladies raised the money and paid the cash for the instrument without calling on the male members of the church for help in the work. The piano arrived Monday and was placed in the church immediately.

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## GINNERS REPORT SHOWS INCREASE

A difference of over 1,110,000 bales of cotton is represented in the ginner's report issued this morning by the United States government. The total number of bales ginned from the 1914 crop up to January 1, in thousands was 14,447,000 while on a corresponding date in 1914, there had been ginned only 13,337,000 bales.

## VOLUNTEERS TEAM AND MAN FOR ROAD BUILDING

If a few of the patriotic citizens living adjacent to the roads leading out of Ballinger and a few liberal hearted citizens of Ballinger will follow the example set by L. P. Hinde, formerly of Winters, and who recently purchased the Walker Allen place in South Ballinger, the bad road troubles of this county will soon be a thing of the past.

Mr. Hinde is moving to his new home, arriving here with part of his household goods, etc., the first of the week. He had the bad roads to contend with, and was feeling that something should be done, and calling on C. A. Dooze, president of the Y. M. B. L., he registered quite a kick about the bad roads, and said that the people of this county should get busy.

"I am ready to do my part towards fixing these roads," said Mr. Hinde, and when informed that a move was on foot to enlist the city in the work and get the consent of the city council to use the city's rock crusher and engine, and co-operating with Feb McWilliams, who has charge of the road work in this precinct, put the roads leading out of Ballinger in better shape, Mr. Hinde very promptly volunteered to help in the work. He said, "I will furnish a team, wagon and man for ten days absolutely free to help haul rock or any other material needed in building the South Ballinger road."

This is certainly a liberal proposition from Mr. Hinde, and especially from one who is a newcomer. If a few of the good citizens along the road leading to the cemetery do half as well as Mr. Hinde that road will soon be made first class.

Will they do it?

## NEW TICKET AGENT

J. M. Farr of Temple, came in a day or two ago and has succeeded Charlie Hetrick as ticket agent at the Santa Fe office. Mr. Hetrick will now give his entire time to the freight office. He has been one of the most polite and accommodating ticket agents Ballinger had had for some time and the public generally regret to see him leave this post of duty, and he carries with him the best wishes of the Ballinger citizens in what ever capacity he serves the Santa Fe.

## WORK BEEN STARTED ON OIL DRILLING NEAR TALPA

With ever indication pointing to the probability that oil will be found in paying quantities, drilling started Monday morning near Talpa for the paying liquid. The machinery had been on the ground several days but owing to the bad condition of the ground and the inclement weather, work was deferred until today when active operations began. This was the information brought to Ballinger Monday by citizens living near Talpa.

The oil well is being drilled by a concern known as the Talpa Oil Company, composed of some local residents. President Cleminger of the company is pushing matters

with all possible speed, with the hopes of finding good indications of oil before many weeks will have passed.

All the machinery has been on the ground for the past several days, the coal for firing the boiler has been unloaded, all pipe connections have been made, and with the exception of a few minor adjustments, everything has been made ready for the work which started Monday morning.

The citizens of Talpa are wild about the new well, according to information brought to Ballinger. Everybody is confident that oil will be found and found in good quantities, too.

## SMALL POX DEVELOPES; TWO CASES

Two persons—a woman and small child—have small pox in Ballinger, according to an announcement made this afternoon by Mayor J. W. Powell. Their cases are receiving the attention of Dr. E. R. Walker, city health officer, who has pronounced the patients as being attacked by a mild form of small pox.

The name of the family in which the cases of the dreaded disease have developed is Foster, living below the Missouri Milling Co. in the eastern part of the city. The family consists of two men, two women and six children. The men have been found employment in the rural sections adjacent to the city and are endeavoring to do all in their power to fight the disease with the help of the city physician.

The family came here from Ellis County a few weeks ago. They have been in destitute circumstances financially for the past week or two and today everything in the power of the city authorities and others interested in the afflicted persons, is being done. Dr. Walker has been directed by Mayor Powell to see that the family is not entirely wanting, and has ordered that a small supply of groceries and coal be sent to the home. From all indications, sufficient clothing is owned by the members of the family. Through the efforts of Doctor Walker and Mayor Powell work was secured for the men.

Foster declares that he is willing to work and do all he can to alleviate conditions in his home. He declares that he intends to repay all that is advanced him and his family during the illness. Mayor Powell stated this afternoon that he believes the family is deserving and the citizens should see that wood, coal and groceries are sent to the home during the illness. Any charity which the citizens may show says the Mayor may be left at the City Hall from which place it will be dispatched to the right parties immediately.

## GOLDEN WEDDING IS CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carter celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Friday, and had quite a number of their friends with them for the anniversary feast.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter are among the oldest citizens of this county, and came to Ballinger in the early days. Their children are scattered and only one or two were with them on this occasion, but there were a number of friends present to make the day a pleasant one.

Mrs. Carter is in feeble health, but Mr. Carter is enjoying good health.

## LOSSES FOR 1914 HALF PREMIUMS

According to statistics secured by Mayor J. W. Powell and forwarded to the state department Monday afternoon, relative to the fire insurance policies issued here, \$18,759.72 in premiums was paid by Ballinger policy holders during 1914. Losses sustained were \$9,078.19. According to Mayor Powell this is not a very good showing for the city.

At the same time, however, it is hoped that the rating board will grant a reduction on policies issued during 1915 because of the fact that the 1912 and 1913 business is also taken into consideration in reaching a conclusion as to whether a reduction is justifiable.

This matter was taken up last year, giving premiums and losses for 1911, 1912, and 1913, and it gave Ballinger a rating of 9 per cent off, saving for the insurance paying people of the city over \$1,500 during the year of 1914. The efforts of Mayor Powell now, if the figures justify it, will give the city a reduction on policies issued during 1915.

## BUYS MARKET FIXTURES.

Joe Turner and Frank Chapman have just closed the deal in which they bought the market fixtures of the Guber old market and are now here to stay. They will have a man here from Dallas in a few days and will open the bakery about the 15th of the month. Messrs Turner and Chapman are hustling business men and we are glad to report that they are now firmly established in their line of business in Ballinger. These two gentlemen are well known to all of our people who hold them in the highest esteem in the business world.

D. W. Turner, of the Norton country, and John Simmons of the Pony creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

## BAND DIRECTOR BEING SOUGHT

With all of the musicians of the city anxious to see a band re-organized here, efforts are being made by the Young Men's Business League to secure a director. Among those who have applied for the position as instructor of the organization of musicians is Charles Grant of Winters, who formerly lived here.

## Box Supper

Everybody is invited to a box supper at the Pierce School House Friday, January 16. All the girls bring boxes.

## INSTITUTE FOR THE FARMERS TO BE HERE

A Farmer's Institute, which farmers from all parts of the county are expected to attend, will open in Ballinger Saturday, January 16th, according to an announcement made public today. Wm. Connolly, government demonstration agent, will have charge of the meeting. Diversification, rotation, seed selection and better culture are subjects which will be discussed.

## THREE MEXICANS BROUGHT HERE FROM CONCHO CO.

Three Mexicans wanted in Concho County to answer charges for crime in that county have been brought to Ballinger and lodged in the Runnels County jail for safe keeping. One of the Mexicans is charged with attempting to kill another party in Concho County. The other two are wanted to answer charges of selling intoxicating liquors illegally. It is alleged that the two Mexicans wanted in the liquor cases sold liquor to the other party who became intoxicated and who later attempted to kill a fourth party.

## MODERN CHAIRS FOR CITY BARBER SHOP

Messrs. Rhodes & Lane, proprietors of the City Barber Shop, have just received five new chairs for their shop. The chairs are the most modern and sanitary chairs made, are white with black leather upholstery. The old chairs have been packed and shipped back to the supply house. The new ones add greatly to the appearance of the shop, and will make for comfort for the patrons of this shop and convenience to the workmen.

The City Shop is planing other improvements, but these will not be made until spring.

Malcolm Wardlow of Concho, and J. P. Huffaker of Maverick, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

## PORK AND SAUSAGE EXHIBITS

Suggesting that the Runnels County Poultry Association's exhibit which will be held here January 21, 22, and 23, also carry with it pork and sausage exhibits, A. C. Homann, connected with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of this city this morning declared that the show will be benefitted a hundred per cent by such additional features. With the new department, it is declared by Mr. Homann that many people who would not otherwise be brought to Ballinger would be forced to attend the exhibits.

The suggestion of Mr. Homann, if adopted, will bring to Ballinger the finest specimens of pork and sausage of the county, especially from the German and Bohemian population of the western part of the county. The matter will receive the consideration of the poultry committee handling the affairs of the different departments, and it is indicated will be adopted.

Jo Wilmeth of this city has placed his application with the proper authorities to officiate as one of the three judges.

## COTTON WAGON RUNS OVER BOY

PAINT ROCK, Tex., Jan. 11.—Fearing that his son, Elbert, might fall off a heavily laden wagon of cotton, a Mr. Curtis, living near here, asked the five-year-old youngster to climb off the wagon and walk while driving over a rough stretch of country. The youngster slipped and fell, and the horses became frightened.

One of the wagon wheels passed over the neck of the boy, killing him almost instantly. The father and son were en route to a neighbor's home when the accident occurred.

THE WORLD IS LOOKING FOR YOUNG MEN WITH THE BANK-BOOK HABIT



THE BOYS WHO PUT THEIR MONEY IN THE BANK CAN COMMAND HIGHER SALARIES AND MORE RESPECT BECAUSE THEY DESERVE IT.

Every employer is anxious about the men whom he employs. He will grow to like them and take an interest in them. When he sees a boy who doesn't keep his eye on the clock, who is the first there and the last away, and finds that boy BANKS HIS MONEY, it's THAT BOY for the top job. Why not? He deserves it. You begin by banking yours; nothing can stop you. Make OUR bank YOUR bank

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HIGH PRICE OF WHEAT. The prices now being paid for wheat ought to be an incentive to the farmers of Runnels County to do away with raising so much cotton this year and raise in its stead more wheat.

THE COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Judge Willingham started the movement for a commission form of government in Ballinger. According to many who have expressed themselves, it would not be a difficult matter for the citizens of Ballinger to adopt the new form of city legislature.

ANTI-SLANG SOCIETY.

In California a bunch of high-brows have organized an Anti-Slang Society. The purpose of the new gang is to stop the flow of the vernacular.

The rest of the whole cheese are standing looking on. It's real interesting to read the daily rags and inform yourself as to the working of the gang. It's made more interesting to us who never use the rough stuff because our noodle refuses to grasp the significance of the peaceful lot.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

J. R. Tidwell of Hico, who had been visiting his father, A. Tidwell, of the New Home neighborhood, left for his home Monday afternoon.

Bagged wounds are painful and cause many annoyance. It not kept clean they fester and become running sores. Ballard's Snow Liniment is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases.

Mrs. Brown of Killeen, who had been here at the bedside of her brother, S. H. Daugherty, returned home Monday afternoon and we are glad to report Mr. Daugherty considerably improved from his recent serious spell of pneumonia.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Take no other. Box of four Druggists. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND PARCELS HANDLED IN POST OFFICE

During the last three months of 1914, \$3,300 was received at the Ballinger postoffice. This includes money received for money orders, registered mail, boxes, and stamps. Fifteen hundred dollars of this amount was received during the month of December alone.

Figures have been compiled by the officials of the Ballinger post office which show that 15,000 parcels were handled during the month of December. The number of incoming packages for local delivery was 7,550; outgoing packages from this office numbered 7,554 making a total of 15,104.

IF MEALS HIT BACK AND STOMACH SOUR

"Pape's Diapepsin" ends stomach misery, indigestion in five minutes.

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food, or have a feeling of dizziness, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad taste in mouth and stomach headache, you can get blessed relief in five minutes.

Ask your pharmacist to show you the formula, plainly printed on these fifty-cent cases of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will understand why dyspeptic troubles of all kinds must go, and why they relieve sour, out-of-order stomachs or indigestion in five minutes. "Pape's Diapepsin" is harmless; tastes like candy, and each dose will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you eat; besides it makes you go to the table with a healthy appetite; but what will please you most, is that you will feel that your stomach and intestines are clean and fresh, and you will not need to resort to laxatives or liver pills for biliousness or constipation.

This city will have many "Pape's Diapepsin" cranks as some people will call them, but you will be enthusiastic about this splendid stomach preparation, too, if you ever take it for indigestion, gases, heartburn, sourness, dyspepsia, or any stomach misery.

Get some now, this minute, and rid yourself of stomach trouble, and indigestion in five minutes.

Grover Murphy of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

C. A. Freeze, the Singer Sewing Machine agent, returned home Monday afternoon from a short business trip to San Angelo.

Go to Winters Saddle and Harness Shop for any thing in leather goods, also shoe work and general repairing.

O. W. JOLLY, Mgr.

John King, one of the prominent citizens of the Crews country was looking after business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

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.

Miss Allen of Corinth, Miss., who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Eddie Pape and family for some time past, left for her home Monday afternoon.

Chickens, eggs, and produce wanted at Central Hotel. Top prices paid.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr. 12-1mon d&w.

INQUIRIES MADE OF POULTRY SHOW

With nearly all the pamphlets of the exhibit mailed out, early replies from the best poultry fanciers of Central West Texas indicate that the Third Annual Runnels County Poultry Exhibit will be the best ever held in this part of the state.

The matter of selecting a judge has not been definitely decided. S. C. Skaggs, recognized as one of the best poultry judges of this part of the state, who lives at Paint Rock, has been asked to officiate in the capacity of judge but the matter has not been definitely settled.

The preparations for the big event which will begin January 21 and last three days have already been started by the Ballinger poultry lovers. The chickens are being groomed and put in first-class condition for the big show.

GERMANS SAY 6,300 FRENCH BEEN KILLED

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The most intense fighting is being continued today in the vicinity of Soissons, according to the English and French official statements.

The entire front is covered with the dead and wounded, and extreme suffering is prevailing. The official war office at Berlin claims that the French have lost 3,600 men since last Friday in the fighting around Perthes alone.

A very heavy snow which covered Caucasus has practically stopped the fighting in that province between the Russians and Turks. It is declared in some of the dispatches from this territory that there will be very little fighting here until spring when the weather will permit the continuation of the battle.

Petrograd dispatches declare that the Russians have lost heavily in trying to capture the positions of the Russians in the hills around Bolimov.

The stories to the effect that Brussels is in flames have been pronounced by dispatches late this afternoon as being untrue.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—German aviators this afternoon again bombarded Dunkirk, the third time since the war began.

Five civilians were killed and several buildings were severely damaged.

London, following the admiral's statement that Dunkirk had been bombarded for the third time, the long looked for German aerial raid, it is declared, is about to be worked out by the Kaiser's Zeppelin machines.

According to a dispatch from Amsterdam a few days ago, the Germans are preparing to strike London from the air about the latter part of this month.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—Paris believes that the Germans are preparing a Zeppelin raid upon the city. Every point is being guarded and extra precaution is being taken by the French authorities to guard against the attack from the air.

Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough.

When you first catch a cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough), break it up at once. The idea that "it does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seemed to reach the very spot of my cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 50c at your Druggist.

U. G. Thomas of the Marie country, and son-in-law, Will Bland, were among the number of business visitors in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

CITY MACHINERY TO GO ON COUNTY ROADS

A committee from the Young Men's Business League are working in conjunction with Feb McWilliams, commissioner precinct No. 1, in an effort to build a few miles of good roads leading out of Ballinger, that will serve as a specimen of such work that is necessary to make the roads first-class and give the tax payer his money's worth.

When the city council meets a committee from the Y. M. B. L. will go before the council and ask permission to use the city's street building machinery on the road work. It is the purpose of those behind the move to grade and macadamize the road leading north from Ballinger, known as the Johnson lane, and also the South Ballinger lane.

C. A. Doose, president of the Y. M. B. L., stated that the bad places on these two roads especially would be looked after first, and that they hoped to be able to give the travelers of these roads a specimen of work that would cause them to wake up and become enthusiasts for an extension of the work, and ultimately would be the means of reviving good road enthusiasm over the county.

The rock crusher and the engine, owned by the city, can be put to good use in this work, and we feel safe in saying that the council will be unanimous in their consent for the county to use this machinery. There is plenty rock within easy reach of the roads under consideration, and without any great outlay of cash the work can be accomplished.

Citation.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon B. F. Silman, the unknown heirs of M. A. Silman, deceased, the unknown heirs of Ophelia Linn, deceased; the unknown heirs of Lottie Barron, deceased and the unknown heirs of B. F. Silman, deceased; by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, on the 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1915, the same being the 8th day of March A. D., 1915 then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of December A. D., 1914, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1665, wherein M. Barbee is plaintiff, and B. F. Silman, the unknown heirs of M. A. Silman, deceased; the unknown heirs of Ophelia Linn, deceased; the unknown heirs of Lottie Barron, deceased and the unknown heirs of B. F. Silman, deceased are defendants, and said petition as follows: THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

In District Court march term A. D. 1914. To Hon. John W. Goodwin, judge of said court:

Now comes M. Barbee, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled plaintiff, complaining of B. F. Silman, whose residence is to plaintiff unknown, the unknown heirs of M. A. Silman, deceased; the unknown heirs of Ophelia Linn, deceased; the unknown heirs of Lottie Barron, deceased; and the unknown heirs of B. F. Silman, deceased hereinafter styled defendants: For cause of action plaintiff, represents to the court that on or about December 18th, 1914, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tracts of land situated in Runnels county, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: Being all of block Number Twenty-one (21) in the South Ballinger Addition to the town of Ballinger, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Willingham avenue and Seventh St.; thence north 30, east with Willingham avenue, to its intersection with Sixth street; thence N. 60 W., with Sixth Street to its intersection with South Ballinger Ave.; thence S 30 W, with South Ballinger Avenue to its intersection with seventh street; thence S. 60 E, with 7th street to place of beginning: That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants un-

Grip Left Me With a Cough

If during the winter you had the grip and are still suffering from the after effects, now is the time to get rid of it. Peruna is your remedy.

A Very Bad Cough.

Mrs. S. J. Kountz, 1015 Scovel St., Nashville, Tenn., writes: "I have had a very bad cough nearly all my life. I have taken almost every kind of cough medicine, but none did me much good. I would have spells of coughing that I thought I would cough myself to death. I took Peruna, and last winter and this winter I have had no cough and I know that Peruna cured me."

"I was always thin and delicate, very easy to catch cold, but I am well now and enjoying good health. I feel that I owe it all to Peruna."

A Severe Case of Grip.

Mr. W. S. Brown, R. F. D. 4, Box 82, Rogersville, Tenn., writes: "I recommend Peruna to all sufferers of catarrh or cough. In the year of 1909 I took a severe case of the la grippe. I then took a bad cough. Everybody thought I had consumption. I had taken all kinds of cough remedies, but got no relief."

"I then decided to try Peruna. After taking five bottles my cough stopped and my catarrh was cured. Any one suffering with catarrh in any form I will advise them to take Peruna."

WILSON DOES NOT DISCUSS 1916 BALLOT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Wilson today did not deny nor did he confirm, when questioned as to his being a candidate in 1916, for the presidency. The President smilingly asked to be excused from expressing his views of repealing the Baltimore one-term plank.

Sudan Seed

Proclaimed by A. & M. College and some of the seed houses as among the very best in the state. Nearly 100 percent cream-hulled.

Free from Johnson Grass or weed seed.

Many planters and seed houses are advertising this seed at \$1.00 per pound.

I have what you want, at home at from 50c to 35c per pound.

Every farmer should plant Sudan for pasturage and hay. But—Be sure it is pure.

W. W. FOWLER, M. D.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

lawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage two thousand dollars.

(2nd.) Plaintiff further says that he has a good and perfect title to said land and premises by virtue of the five years statute of limitation, in this, that he and those under whom he claims and holds, has had peaceful and adverse possession by actual enclosure of the lands hereinafter described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of ten years before the commencement of this suit and before the entry of defendants thereon, and claiming the same under deeds duly registered during said period of five years.

(3rd.) Plaintiff further says that he has a good and perfect title to said land and premises by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this, that he and those under whom he claims and holds, has had peaceful and adverse possession by an actual enclosure of the lands hereinafter described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for the period of ten years before the commencement of this suit and for the period of ten years before the entry of defendants thereon or assertion of any claim thereto by the defendants.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendants and each of them be cited by publication as required by law to answer hereto at next regular term of this court, and that on final hearing plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said above described land and premises and that writ of restitution issue, for his damages and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief as he may be in law and equity entitled to.

This action is brought as well to try title as for damages.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Ballinger this the 21st day of December A. D. 1914.

MARY PHILIPS, Clerk District Court, Runnels County. By Louise Orgain, Deputy. A true Copy of the original. J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas Dec. 25-26th.

LEGISLATURE IS CONVENED

AUSTIN, Jan. 12.—The Texas legislature convened today at high noon with practically a full attendance. The legislators had been arriving since last Friday. By this morning practically the entire body was here.

Last night, it is understood, several caucuses were held in various parts of the capital, and various bills which will be introduced at this session. It was indicated this morning that no efforts will be made to introduce a corrective bill of the Allison liquor law. It is hardly believed practical since it would be necessary to have easy sailing in order to get to Governor Colquitt's desk instead of Governor Ferguson's.

Biliousness and Constipation Cured.

If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of R. F. Erwin, Peru, Ind., "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. W. E. Duncan of Winters, was the guest of Mrs. Frank Chapman Monday and returned to her home in the afternoon.

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 or ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

H. W. Henninger of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

Excellent for Stomach Trouble.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are just fine for stomach trouble," writes Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Arnold, Pa. "I was bothered with this complaint for some time and frequently had bilious attacks. Chamberlain's Tablets afforded me great relief from the first, and since taking one bottle of them I feel like a different person." For sale by all dealers.

J. T. Moreland, who lives east of the city, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and had the Banner-Ledger to continue to the address of his father J. D. Moreland.

Chickens, eggs, and produce wanted at Central Hotel. Top prices paid.

A. J. Walker of Brownwood, of the Walker-Smith Co., was looking after business interests in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

T. G. Marburger left Monday afternoon for points east on a short business trip.

Are You a Woman? Take Cardui The Woman's Tonic FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

**To Our Country Friends**  
 The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works—a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.  
**Special Attention to Hurried Calls.**  
**LEACH AUTO WORKS**  
 PHONE 69

**NOTICE**

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on  
**H. Giesecke** Ballinger, Texas.

**H. L. WENDORF,**  
 THE SADDLE AND HARNESS MAN

Everything in the leather goods line. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection.  
 Hutchings Ave. Ballinger, Texas

For Neat, Quick and Reliable Abstract Work See  
**Security Title Company**  
 Blue-Back Abstracts and Conveyancing.

For Lowest Interest Rates on Realty Loans and Land Bargains See  
**Chas. S. Miller.**

**DELICATE APPETITES**

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

**A Trial Will Convince You**

**THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY**

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.  
 PHONE 66

**Hall Hardware Co.**

Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills Studebaker and Schuttler Wagons

**Hall Hardware Co.**

**SLIGHTLY DISFIGURED BUT STILL IN THE RING.**

I am able to be at the gin again, and will appreciate the return of all those who have cotton to gin. I pay the highest price for seed cotton.

EDWIN DAY.

**DAY GIN**

**CITY ATTORNEY DOSS FAVORS COMMISSION FORM GOVERNMENT**

Declaring that with a commission form of government many leaks which are now drawing upon the city tax payers would be obviated and that those elected to serve in the capacity as the city commissioners would devote all their time to their positions, thus giving the city a more business-like administration, Judge A. K. Doss, city attorney, today heartily indorsed the movement started by Alderman C. H. Willingham for a commission form of government for Ballinger.

In the opinion of City Attorney Doss, the most striking feature of the new form of government is the fact that the commissioners would be business men. The tax payers have the privilege of naming two commissioners along with the mayor who understand business matters thus giving them the asset of managing the city on a business basis.

"Those two commissioners elected by the people," said Judge Doss, "would devote their entire time to the city's business matters, just as a business man devotes all his time to his business. With a working partner, the mayor, who is the head of the legislative body, many leaks which are now being felt by the city's tax payers would be done away with, and the business of the municipality put upon a first-class basis. At the meetings of the body, a full attendance would be present. The three could easily arrange for their presence, first because it would be their business to be at every meeting, and second because it is an easier matter for a small body to meet in full attendance than it is for a larger."

"Like Judge Willingham, I feel that Ballinger could save money by adopting the new form of government. The commissioners would do away with the many little things which necessitate the expenditure of the city's money. The men would realize the value of a dollar just as a good business man should. The tax payers would be the ones who would derive the benefits of the change."

Judge Doss stated that Judge Willingham just beat him to the move which originated the move in Ballinger. He declared that as city attorney he had noticed the indifference among the citizens as to their government and that he had considered broaching the matter through The Daily Ledger. According to the City Attorney, it is the best movement for the city as a whole ever started and that he hoped the people would become interested in the project for a change.

Among the officers whose salaries could be done away with under the commission form of government, said Judge Doss, would be the city marshal. At different times during the year, he explained, an officer acting in the capacity as a city marshal could be appointed, the decision as to whether the city needed such an officer being based upon the time of the year, and the number of transients in the city, since the amount of crime is in direct ratio, usually, to the number of "sifters." By this means, Ballinger could save several hundred dollars in this one office.

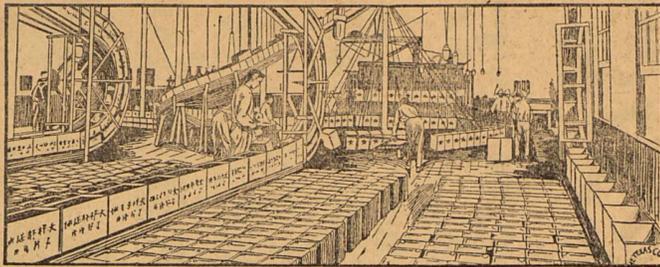
Evidences today indicated that practically the entire number of city aldermen were in favor of the commission form of government.

Since Wednesday when Judge Willingham made the suggestion that a change be made in the city government, by doing away with the aldermanic form and adopting in its stead the commission, scores of the leading citizens who are interested in the city's affairs, have availed themselves of the opportunity to read the law, creating the new form of government for cities under 10,000 population.

It is insisted, however, by those advocating the change, that some thing should be done immediately because the city election will be held in April.

FOR SALE—128 acres improved land 3 1-2 miles west of Ballinger, 75 acres deep sand, good 5 room residence and outhouses, good well and windmill, good bearing orchard, close to school, low down price if bought quick—small cash payment, balance time to suit. Address R. T. JONES, Ballinger, Texas. 8-3twpd

COW FOR SALE—Fresh in milk. Ring 321. 1-wtf



**Texas Factory Makes Over Two Thousand Cans Per Hour**

Over eight hundred miles of cans were manufactured last year in Texas by The Texas Company to supply the requirements of its business in other countries.

In that huge factory at Port Arthur, Texas, supplied with the most modern machinery and equipment, covering a large area of ground, built of concrete and arranged to give the most favorable working conditions, the busy workmen are making over 2000 cans per hour.

This is merely a small part of the requirements in labor and output necessary for the conduct of a business like The Texas Company, shipping the oil products manufactured in this State to countries all over the world.

Besides these, there are thousands upon thousands of wooden barrels to be made, wagons to be secured, tanks to be built and innumerable carloads of supplies, tools, machinery and equipment.

Even the printing of stationery and supplies is sufficient to keep a number of print shops moving.

Wherever possible all these incidental requirements are filled from Texas factories. The making of cans and wooden cases, the manufacture of wooden barrels and a number of the other items give labor to a large number of Texas citizens, and bring money from all over the world to Texas.

Quality and service are as much a part of the equipment of The Texas Company as they are of its goods, and the Star and Green T emblem of The Texas Company is the sign of this quality. Buy the goods marked with the Red Star and Green T.

The Texas Company  
 General Offices: Houston, Texas



**BUSINESS OVER SANTA FE IS VERY HEAVIEST**

Declaring that business is the heaviest he has seen in years over the Santa Fe, especially in the handling of cotton and wheat John G. Fitzhugh, division freight agent for the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe, is making a tour of the lines in this part of the state. He is advancing the interests of the road which he represents at various towns in Central West Texas especially Ballinger and San Angelo.

Thousands of cars of wheat have passed through Temple, the freight agent said, this season en route to Galveston from points in West Texas and Oklahoma and Kansas. Much of the great Runnels County wheat crop has been transported over the Santa Fe lines to Galveston thence via boat to the various destinations. The conditions on the Santa Fe branch lines are rapidly resuming normal state, with the cessation of the rains.

**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.

J. J. Gerhardt of the Crews country, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday and had his figures on the Banner-Ledger set up for another year.

**Railroad Men Have Much Work in Ballinger Yards**

As an evidence that traffic over the Santa Fe lines is greater now than it has been within years, especially between Temple and Ballinger, railroad men are complaining about the arrangement of the Ballinger yards. Monday night with three freights in the yards, all heavily laden with merchandise and cotton, several hours was spent here in relieving themselves of the incoming goods. Railroad men declare that never before in the history of their experience as operators on the branch line have they seen such heavy traffic as at present.

Old settlers here use this as an indication that Ballinger and Runnels County are prospering probably more so than any other county of the state. That much is coming in and much going out, it is stated, is a fairly good indication that the city will continue to enjoy prosperity throughout the new year.

**TRESSPASS NOTICE**

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

GODFREY MASSEY,  
 wtf Concho county, Tex

A. M. Nicholson and Sam Boyer of the New Home neighborhood, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Jno. A. Loomis, the big ranch man of Concho county, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

**BELIEVE HAVE LOCATED MAN WANTED HERE**

A young man, who is believed by the Ballinger officers to be the one who broke into a jewelry store at Miles last October, has been located in one of the Texas cities, according to information reaching Sheriff J. D. Perkins. A telegram has been dispatched to the officers of the city to arrest the boy.

It has been learned that the party who stole the jewelry, amounting to several pieces and valued at about \$250, disposed of a greater portion of it in Brown county. The Miles merchant who lost the articles has recovered some of the missing pieces.

G. A. Schuhman, Joe Sommers and Joe Cervenka, representative business men of Rowena, came over in their auto Tuesday to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few hours.

**CONSUMPTION TAKES 350 PEOPLE DAILY**

Over 350 people succumb to consumption every day in the United States. Science proves that the germs only thrive when the system is weakened from colds or sickness, overwork, confining duties or when general weakness exists. The best physicians point out that during changing seasons the blood should be made rich and pure and active by taking Scott's Emulsion after meals. The cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion warms the body by enriching the blood; it peculiarly strengthens the lungs and throat, while it upbuilds the resistive forces of the body to avoid colds and prevent consumption. If you work indoors, tire easily, feel languid or nervous, Scott's Emulsion is the most strengthening food-medicine known. It is totally free from alcohol or any stupefying drug. Avoid substitutes.

ALL ABOUT

# Big Ben

You've been wondering why we call this a Big Ben sale. Surely you know Big Ben the alarm clock. Well he's the fellow that's running this sale and the Big Ben Alarm goes off at 10 and 10:30 a. m. and between these two alarms you or anyone else can buy any quantity of goods at a price that is below the regular price. See the big squares below for full particulars.

# Big Ben

# Big Ben

Will Pay Your Railroad Fare

If you come within 30 miles and trade \$15.00 or more. No one who lives near enough to make the trip in one day can afford to miss this money-saving chance.

NO GOODS CHARGED

WILL CONDUCT OUR

STRICTLY A CASH SALE

# ANNUAL CLEARRING SALE

Of \$50,000.00 Stock of Ready-to-Wear, Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes

Commencing at 9:00 a. m. Monday, January 18th

COME. AT LEAST \$10,000.00 WORTH OF WINTER GOODS MUST BE SOLD IN THE FIFTEEN DAYS. COME.

# Big Ben

Entire stock of over \$50,000 worth of high grade merchandise including all Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Shoes Dry Goods, Millinery and Ready-to-Wear Clothing at radical reductions of twenty-five to fifty per cent. New and seasonable stock added daily. Tell your friends about this wonderful sale. Profit by this occasion

The Time Is Short Hence The Prices Will Be Low

You have our word that this is something more than an ordinary sale. The reason is the necessity for reducing the stock a great deal quicker in order that we can carry out some contemplated changes in our business without delay. The time is short; quick action is what we want and must have—hence the prices will be extremely low—probably the lowest you have known in years. Don't doubt—investigate the truth of this statement. Don't hesitate—come quick and find out that this is the greatest money saving sale in the history of Runnels County. **NO GOODS ON APPROVAL**

Greatest Money Saving Event Of the Times

When Big Ben Sale opens at 9 a. m. Monday, January 18th everything that could be done to make the prompt and satisfactory handling of the crowds possible will have been done. We will have plenty of competent and trustworthy clerks who will take pains to see that you are satisfactory served. Everything will bear a ticket with the sale prices marked in plain figures, and this will be the lowest price ever quoted on an article of equal worth.

\$10,000 worth of goods must be sold in fifteen days. We know there is only one way to do it—make the prices so ridiculously low that people will come from far and near and supply not only their immediate needs, but future needs for many months to come as well. **NO TELEPHONE ORDERS TAKEN**

# Big Ben

WILL GIVE CASH AWAY OPENING DAY

\$1.00 cash will be paid to the first ten persons making purchases amounting to \$5.00 on opening day in any department in the store. You will therefore see if you are one of the first ten buying \$5.00 worth of goods you get an extra Dollar FREE.

Suits and Over-

These Big Ben Bargains Specials Offer

Dry Goods at Dras-

# coats of the finest

## makes

**ARE PRICED EXCEEDINGLY LOW FOR CLEARANCE**

\$10.00 men's suits Clearing Price	\$6.67
\$12.50 men's suits Clearing Price	\$8.35
\$17.00 men's suits Clearing Price	\$11.34
\$18.00 men's suits Clearing Price	\$11.99
\$20.00 men's suits Clearing Price	\$13.95
\$25.00 men's suits Clearing Price	\$16.67

### Boy's Suits

\$2.50 boys' suits Clearing Price	\$1.88
\$3.50 boys' suits Clearing Price	\$2.60
\$4.00 boys' suits Clearing Price	\$3.00
\$5.00 boys' suits Clearing Price	\$3.75
\$6.00 boys' suits Clearing Price	\$4.50
\$6.50 boys' suits Clearing Price	\$4.88
\$7.50 boys' suits Clearing Price	\$5.65
\$8.50 boys' suits Clearing Price	\$6.38

### Overcoats

25 men's brown ulster Overcoats, full length, high storm collar, worth \$10.00, Clearing Sale price **\$4.99**

# Big Ben

**SAYS ALL NOTCH MILLINERY AT LAST PRICES**

Hats values up to \$6.50 including shapes  
Hats values up to \$5.00 including shapes  
50 children's hats values up to \$2.00 choice  
All feathers, vellings included in this sale. All will and must be sold. Come see and be convinced.  
Prices drop to zero.

### Skirt Special

25 Beautiful Tailored Skirts, black and novelty shades, real values at \$6.50 to \$8.00, Big Ben price **\$4.95**

<b>Skirts</b>	<b>Skirts</b>	<b>Skirts</b>
\$3.50 Skirts, clearing price	\$2.80	
\$4.00 Skirts, clearing price	\$3.20	
\$5.00 Skirts, clearing price	\$3.99	
\$6.00 Skirts, clearing price	\$4.80	
\$6.50 Skirts, clearing price	\$5.20	
\$7.50 Skirts, clearing price	\$5.99	
\$8.50 Skirts, clearing price	\$6.80	
\$10.00 Skirts, clearing price	\$7.90	

We can't quote prices in this advertisement on half the items contained in our great stock. There are scores of unadvertised bargains that are equally as great as the advertised ones.

Our Greatest Sale

# HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

Ballinger, Texas

# AMAZING SAVINGS

Of Vital Interest To You

**MONDAY, JAN. 18TH**  
35c HAIR BOW RIBBON, 4 to 6 in. WIDE  
13c  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 19TH**  
7c SILK HOSE, THE PAIR 35c  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20**  
1 LOT LINEN FOR CHORON LACE WORTH 10c and 12-12c AT 3c  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 21st**  
MEN'S SILK HOSE BLACK AND COLORS WORTH 50c AT 21c  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 22nd.**  
\$2.50 AMERICAN LADY CORSETS \$1.45  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

## GOODS ALMOST GIVEN AWAY FOR ONE HALF HOUR EACH DAY

Commenting at 10 a. m. every morning when you hear Big Ben's loud clarion ring, we will sell one line of goods during the next half hour only, at ridiculously low price—a price so low that you'll scarcely believe your own eyes. These prices will be in effect only until Big Ben announces that it's 10:30. Every day it's something different for the half hour Big Ben Bargain specials.

We are making these sacrifices on these goods to draw big crowds of people every day, who will see the many attractive bargains all over the store and so buy a great many goods that they would not think of getting if they did not see with their own eyes what unusual bargains were offered. The people who come one day will go home and tell their friends and neighbors about the extraordinary chance to save money, so the daily crowds will increase.

Don't forget these daily half hour specials, 10 to 10:30 a. m. Anyone can take advantage of them who has bought 50c worth of any other goods in the store on the same day. This is the only condition upon which you will be entitled to get so much value for so little money at these Big Ben bargain specials.

ANYONE TO BE DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET WANTED ON DURING ANY OF THESE HALF HOUR SPECIALS, IF WE CAN HELP IT, WE WILL HAVE ALL THE EXTRA CLEERS WE CAN USE, AND WILL WAIT ON YOU ALL JUST THE VERY BEST AND QUICKEST WE CAN.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 23rd**  
\$1.50 and \$2.00 SWEATERS FOR MEN 95c  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

**MONDAY, JAN. 25th**  
8 SPOOLS J. & P. COATS THERMAD 25c  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 26th**  
10c WHITE HEAVY TWILL OUTFIT 12-12c VALUE 5c  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27**  
\$1.50 LADIES' M U S LIN GOWNS 95c  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 28th**  
\$3.50 BRASS HANGING PERN STANDS \$1.75  
10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

Watch Future Advertisements For Half-Hour Specials After February First

# HERE ARE THE PRICES

REMEMBER THAT THESE ARE EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES

Many lots will be closed out quick. Others will last for several days, because the stock of them is so big, but the very things you want most may be the first to go, so come as soon as you can. Be sure and be here at 9 a. m. Monday, January 18. Tell your friends and neighbors.

## Clearance of All Women's and Misses' Ready-to-wear Apparel---

### Affording Immense Savings

#### STAPLE COTTON

3000 yards apron check gingham, worth 7 1-2c the yard, clearing price, the yard **5c**

50 bolts fancy, plain and dress outing very special at 10c, clearing sale, the yard **8 1-2c**

#### Comforts and Blankets

1 lot single quilts worth \$1.25 clearing sale **89c**

Good quality \$3.50 and \$4.00 quilts, satin tops, clearing sale price **\$2.95**

10 DOWN quilts easily worth \$6.00 this clearing sale **\$3.98**

#### COATS

\$3.50 Coats, clearing price **\$2.35**

\$4.00 Coats, clearing price **\$2.67**

\$5.00 Coats, clearing price **\$3.34**

\$6.50 Coats, clearing price **\$4.35**

\$7.50 Coats, clearing price **\$5.67**

\$8.50 Coats, clearing price **\$6.67**

\$10.00 Coats, clearing price **\$8.35**

\$12.50 Coats, clearing price **\$9.25**

\$15.00 Coats, clearing price **\$9.95**

#### SUITS

THIS IS THE FINAL CALL ON ALL READY-TO-WEAR—ALL MUST ND WILL GO DURIN GTHIS SALE.

\$10.00 Suits Clearing Price **\$5.00**

\$12.50 Suits, clearing price **6.25**

\$15.00 Suits, clearing price **\$7.50**

\$18.50 Suits, clearing price **\$9.25**

\$20.00 Suits, clearing price **\$10.00**

\$25.00 Suits, clearing price **\$12.50**

#### DRESSES

\$5.00 Dresses, clearing price **\$2.50**

\$6.00 Dresses, clearing price **\$3.00**

\$7.50 Dresses, clearing price **\$3.75**

\$10 Dresses Clearing price **\$5.00**

\$12.50 Dresses, clearing price **\$6.25**

\$15 Dresses, clearing price **\$7.50**

\$20 Dresses, clearing price **\$10.00**

\$25 Dresses, clearing price **\$12.50**

THIS INCLUDES ALLWOOL DRESSES.

#### HOSE, AND VESTS,

1 lot 25 Ladies' hose **19c**

Cadet hose, pair **21c**

25c and 35c fancy ribbon **22c**

35c bleached vests **23c**

20c plain satin and silk ribbon, the yard **10c**

# Price Reductions

25c dress goods Clearing Price	19c
35c dress goods Clearing Price	25c
40c dress goods Clearing Price	30c
50c dress goods Clearing Price	39c
65c dress goods Clearing Price	49c
75c dress goods Clearing Price	56c
85c dress goods Clearing Price	64c
\$1.00 dress goods Clearing Price	80c
\$1.25 dress goods Clearing Price	95c
\$1.50 dress goods Clearing Price	\$1.15

#### WASH GOODS

10c wash goods Clearing Price	7 1-2c
12 1-2c wash goods Clearing Price	10c
15c wash goods Clearing Price	12c
20c wash goods Clearing Price	16c
25c wash goods Clearing Price	19c
35c wash goods Clearing Price	25c
40c wash goods Clearing Price	30c
50c wash goods Clearing Price	39c
65c wash goods Clearing Price	49c
75c wash goods Clearing Price	56c
\$1.00 wash goods Clearing Price	64c
\$1.25 wash goods Clearing Price	80c
\$1.50 wash goods Clearing Price	95c

#### SPECIALS IN NOTIONS

1st Pearl Buttons	3c	10c Ladies Handkerchiefs	4c
Good Hair Pins	1c	Goods Pins, a paper	1c
25c Talcum Powder	15c	Hair Curlers	3c
5c Safety Pins only	3c		4c

# Big Ben

OFFER SPLENDID BARGAINS IN SHOES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

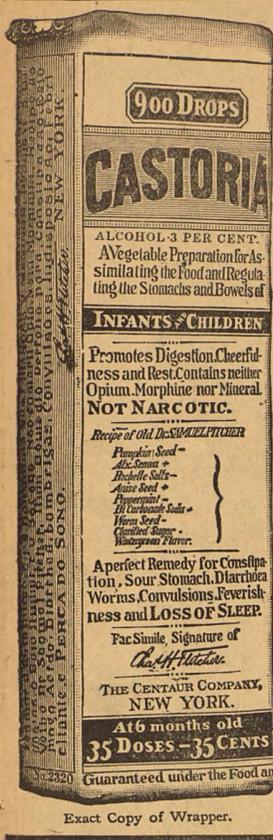
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\$3.50 men's shoes Clearing Price	\$2.80
\$4.00 men's shoes Clearing Price	\$3.20
\$5.00 men's shoes Clearing Price	\$3.99

#### WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHOES

\$1.50 women's shoes Clearing Price	\$1.20
\$1.75 women's shoes Clearing Price	\$1.41
\$2.00 women's shoes Clearing Price	\$1.60
\$2.50 women's shoes Clearing Price	\$1.99
\$3.00 women's shoes Clearing Price	\$2.40
\$3.50 women's shoes Clearing Price	\$2.80
\$4.00 women's shoes Clearing Price	\$3.20
\$5.00 women's shoes Clearing Price	\$3.99
50c children's shoes Clearing Price	40c
75c children's shoes Clearing Price	60c
\$1.00 children's shoes Clearing Price	80c
\$1.25 children's shoes Clearing Price	99c

#### Your Satisfaction

Is the important thing of all to us. So we emphasize again the chief rule of this store. "Bring back anything not entirely satisfactory and get your money back without question."



# CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

*Chas. H. Fletcher*

In Use For Over Thirty Years

# CASTORIA

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

## BALLINGER MAKES GOOD FIRE RECORD

Ballinger had less fires during 1914 than any time in her history of the past ten years when the city has been enjoying the fruits of being of consequence and size. According to City Fire Marshall J. P. Martindale seven fires occurred during the entire twelve months and only one of these was of any dimensions.

Beginning with the fire which destroyed the Green Front Restaurant on January 28 and ending with a slight blaze at the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co. in which the roof of the boiler room was destroyed, Ballinger established a record. Not only did the citizens preserve their property from the devastating flames but the city's fire fighter, the volunteer fire quenchers, facilitating matters by reaching the various scenes in the nick of time, thereby saving much property which would have been otherwise destroyed.

Following the Green Front fire, a residence on June 12 was destroyed in West End belonging to Daniel Lewis. The origin of the fire was an oil stove. W. B. Ray's barn was destroyed on June 27, caught from spontaneous combustion. On July 22, Mitchel Moore's residence was burned, the blaze originating from a box of matches in a closet. From July to December there was a period during which the firemen were not called out on a single call. However, during the last month of the year there occurred three fires in the city, all within a period of four days. The first of the series was when fire broke out in the L. B. Stubbs Bakery, caught probably from fire in a trash pile. On the 13th, a servant house at the home of J. K. Hutton was discovered on fire, but was saved before any serious damage was affected. Two days later the roof of the boiler room of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co. was burned.

Mr. Martindale is proud of the record of 1914, not only of that established by the inhabitants of the city but by the local fire fighters who succeeded in quenching the flames on several occasions before any serious damage was done.

## INSURANCE DATA ALMOST COLLECTED

With all the reports from the insurance agencies of the city submitted to Mayor Powell, with the exception of one, the reports which will decide whether Ballinger is entitled to a reduction in insurance will be forwarded to the State Fire Rating Board either this afternoon or tomorrow. Mayor Powell has been busy the greater part of the past two days in collecting the reports.

That Ballinger will secure a reduction is confidently believed by those familiar with the conditions prevailing here, relative to the issuance of insurance policies and the record established by the city in quenching fires.

In the article of Saturday's Daily Ledger, the wrong impression was created when it was stated that a saving of approximately \$1,500 was secured by Mayor Powell during the early part of 1914 for insurance policies of the three preceding years. The impression which was intended to be conveyed was that \$1500 was saved during the one year 1913 the reduction being secured by records of the three preceding years. This year, if a reduction is deserved, it will be for 1914 business, with 1912, 1913 and 1914 as a basis.

## 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.

T. Jones Webb, the Maverick stock man, was greeting Fallin-

T. J. Bryant of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

## BALLINGER MAN NOW SUCCESSFUL

The Oasis, a mining journal of Nogales, Ariz., of a recent date contains a neat sketch of the work now being accomplished by Hugo W. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller of this city. The article says Mr. Miller "has been occupied busily all the year and has enjoyed the gratification of seeing a steady and profitable expansion of his business, with the foundation laid for further and greater advancement." Mr. Miller received his degree of E. M. from the mining department of the University of Texas and has successfully operated in a number of the principal states of the southwest. At Nogales, the young man has one of the most complete laboratories in that section of the country. In connection with his business, Mr. Miller also does a large ore buying business.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn are contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

S. L. Cook of Goldthwaite, who had been visiting his son, J. R. Cook and family of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home. Mrs. J. R. Cook and two children accompanied him home to visit a few weeks.

## JOINT INSTALLATION W. O. W. AND CIRCLE

More than two hundred members of the W. O. W. Lodge and their wives witnessed the installation of the newly elected officers Friday night.

The W. O. W. had charge of the opening ceremony, and after installing their officers the meeting was turned over to the Woodmen Circle and the new officers of that order were installed.

The installation ceremony was conducted in a most impressive manner, as well as being instructive to the members who do not attend the lodge regularly.

After the new officers were installed the ladies of the circle served a refreshment course, consisting of cake, sandwiches and coffee, and music, both instrumental and vocal added greatly to the social feature of the meeting.

Don A. Swett was called on before the meeting adjourned to extend to the ladies of the Circle the thanks of the Lodge for the splendid refreshment treat, and Mr. Swett took advantage of the opportunity to tell of the wonderful benefits of the fraternal feature of the Woodmen Lodge, and what it had done for him.

The meeting was a very successful one for the local camp, and those who attended were well paid for their going.

One or two bargains in residence property in Ballinger, terms to suit. C. W. NORTHINGTON 2-3rd 3tw

## THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

Genuine Merit Required to Win the People's Confidence.

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfil the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sell itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it.

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# ZUDORA

A Great Mystic Story  
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## SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene, Zudora's mother's brother. Zudora, giving promise of great beauty, reaches the age of eighteen. The uncle, who has set himself up as a Hindu mystic and is known as Hassam Ali, decides that Zudora must die before she can have a chance to come into possession of her money, so that it may be left to him, the next of kin. Hassam Ali sees an obstacle to his scheme in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for whom Zudora has taken a fancy, and he commands the girl to put the man out of her mind. Zudora insists that if she cannot marry Storm she will marry no one.

## CHAPTER II.

### The Sleeping House Mystery.

THE clearing of John Storm was a nine days' wonder. In court Hassam Ali testified that Burns had been seeking some facts regarding the past and that he, Hassam Ali, had succeeded in aiding him to a certain extent. But the name of Blenreith had never been mentioned during those sances. He could not imagine why Burns had committed the crime. There was no evidence to be found that the two men had ever exchanged a word. He was rather confounded at the turn of events. The broken phrase "but another" was as much a mystery to him as to the court. It was inexplicable. Hassam Ali received a good deal of contemptuous grilling from the district attorney, but the witness answered every question calmly and in detail. He admitted that he was a disciple of the Hindu cult; admitted that he had the gift of second sight at times. There were many who could testify to this. Hassam Ali finally left the witness chair with honors in his favor.

A subsequent investigation by the police revealed nothing to his discredit so far as the law was concerned. His past, from the circus days to the present day, was as an open book. Indeed, Hassam Ali was himself the instigator of this research. He wanted it definitely understood that, while his cult was not looked upon favorably by the police, he was not the object of any justifiable suspicion. His grave air, his unflinching patience under the gibes of the interrogator, his frankness, all won him at least the respect of his detractors.

The man Burns was buried at the expense of the city, and what was known as the Blenreith case went into the public archives as one more unsolvable mystery.

It was remarked, however, among his associates that John Storm lost a deal of his impetuosity and that in his subsequent cases he was no longer brilliant and erratic, but calm and steady, always extremely well fortified within his facts.

New York city has without doubt the most conglomerate population of any city in the world. The only alien race which does not find habitat in New York is the Aztec, and that is merely because the Aztec is extinct. And each race has quietly formed a city of its own within the greater city. There are Little Italy, the Ghetto, Chinatown and heaven knows how many others, all familiar to sightseers. But there is a lot going on in New York among these aliens that even the police never hear about except by purest accident. Who can say he knows the heart of Chinatown unless he actively belongs to it?

On a certain night two weeks after the Blenreith case, recorded in the preceding chapter, Zudora heard the clock chime the hour of 9. She went upstairs to her room and threw up the shade for a final glance at the heavens and paused in amazement. Coming toward the house was the strangest procession she had ever seen. Turbans, flowing robes and white pantaloons here in this workaday city of New York! She rubbed her eyes as if striving to awake. She looked again. They were trooping silently up the steps. She next heard the thunder of the knocker, which nobody used in these days of electric buttons. She then became alive to the fact that this was reality. She reached the head of the stairs just as her uncle's Hindu servant, Amed, opened the door. He bowed deeply and ceremoniously. He was dressed a good deal like his strange visitors.

Zudora came down the stairs undecided as to whether she was frightened or merely upset. The man who was evidently the leader of this strange caravan advanced toward Zudora.

"I wish," he said in broken English, "to see him who is called Hassam Ali, the giver of light."

"Oh, you wish to see my uncle?" said Zudora, greatly relieved.

"And thou art his daughter?"

"His niece. I will call him."

"She left the hallway and sought the mystic room, where she found Hassam Ali crouched over his globe. He looked up impatiently.

"didn't you send Amed to me?" it low-ers you in his opinion to take upon yourself to do his work. Hindus—what can they want, I wonder?"

"I'm sure I don't know nor care"—a bit angry at being rebuffed by her uncle.

When Hassam Ali stood before his guests there was some time wasted in genuflections.

"You are Hassam Ali, the man who sees?"

"I am."

"Your servant here recommended you to us. Sabib, we are in the midst of a strange mystery. In our abode the god of sleep comes suddenly and unawares. Our own god seems to have forgotten us. This dread thing comes almost instantly, and we are taken in sleep no matter what pose we are in. That we are here tonight and not under the evil god's influence is due to the fact that we waited outside the octagonal room."

"The octagonal room," repeated Hassam Ali thoughtfully.

"You are known to us as a great yogi, a seer into the future. Will you aid us to find out what causes this dreaded sleep? Our religious ceremonies are being interfered with."

All this was in an English that was only fairly understandable. Here and there Hassam Ali's man interpolated the right word.

"You will accompany us. Huzoor?" Hassam Ali smiled and nodded. Here was an adventure that rather appealed to him. More than that, it would banish from his mind, at least temporarily, certain psychological agencies which were making their power felt more and more strongly as the days went by.

"I must go, too, uncle," said Zudora. "Hurry, then. I should like to see these people before they come out of their trance."

They went away to get their wraps. Before going downstairs again Zudora



"Tell me where she has gone or I will kill you!"

fondled for a moment the carrier pigeon which Storm had given her recently. John had one for himself. The birds carried messages. Aside from its practicality it was very romantic and obviated the necessity of trusting one's secrets to the telephone girls. And Zudora was not always sure that some one in the house was not listening when she telephoned. As Hassam Ali never entered this room of hers she was quite confident that he knew nothing of the pigeons.

When they returned to the visitors they were greatly astonished to learn that they were to go blindfolded, garbed in oriental costume. Hassam Ali objected. Very well, then; the Hindus declared that they would go elsewhere for aid. They made this decision unemotionally. Hassam Ali bent his head to signify that if they took that attitude he was ready to submit.

Presently the procession filed out into the street. They hurried along for several blocks; then came a long automobile ride. Hassam Ali counted the turns and felt quite assured in the end that they were being driven in circles and that the house of mystery was not so far away as it seemed. When the bandages were finally taken off Zudora found herself in a room which might easily have been taken bodily out of the "Arabian Nights." It was, indeed, like some fabulous fairyland—the idols, the sleeping people, the strange, sweet odor which seemed to permeate everything. She was not sure that she had not been transported by some magic carpet to the heart of the ancient city of Bagdad.

She became childishly inquisitive. She moved about the recumbent figures, and suddenly she came upon what looked for all the world like the sleeping beauty of the fairy tale. The sleeping woman was beautiful in the accepted sense of the Caucasian race. Her skin was as light as Zudora's own, which generally wore a slight tan, due to her out of door habits. Near the young woman lay the figure of a fine looking native. Zudora surmised that these sleeping people had been in the midst of some solemn ceremony, possibly a wedding, when overtaken. The ensemble resembled nothing so much as a prearranged tableau such as she had often played at school.

"Who is this beautiful woman?" asked Hassam Ali, as keenly interested as Zudora.

"She is our ruler, our princess. Al!" he murmured, darting toward Zudora, who was now stooping over the sleeping beauty. "The memsahib must not touch!"

"But"—began Zudora.

"The memsahib's touch would defile her," said the man stoically.

Meantime an idea had come to Hassam Ali. He was beginning to sense a peculiar heaviness about his eyes, and he realized with alarm that this mysterious sleep was overtaking him. Quietly and unobserved he slipped from the room and managed after some difficulty and some explanations to reach the street. Zudora was there alone. If she was clever enough she might extricate herself; if not—well, that was Hassam Ali's idea.

Zudora went on with her visual investigations, quite oblivious to the fact that her uncle had deserted her. This strange idol fascinated her, especially the heroic one before which were grouped the sleepers. It was a monster, a man's body with an elephant's head. As she gazed up at its sinister little eyes she began to see things as through a film of rain. It seemed as if some invisible hands were forcing her down, down. There was no feeling of alarm, no sense of danger; just a grateful, dreamy sensation, not unlike that of going to bed after some strenuous physical exertion. The oddest part of it was that she was conscious of making no effort to fight off this sleep. As she fell she clutched in her hand a little ivory figure, a small elephant which had evidently escaped the fingers of the princess when she succumbed.

Now there had grown in John Storm's heart an orientalism, doubtless engendered by his frequency at the house of Hassam Ali. It consisted of a poignant sense of danger to Zudora at those moments when she really was in danger. He could not have analyzed this sensation, but he immediately surrendered to it. He was this night in the act of retiring when this sense came to him. He at once went to his desk and wrote a note, which he attached to the carrier pigeon. In less than a quarter of an hour the bird returned. The message had not been received. Storm got into his topcoat and hat and hurried over to the Keene place. Amed answered his ring, but hesitated to admit the man his master had forbidden the house.

"Where is your mistress?" demanded Storm.

"She is out, sahib."

"Where?"

"I cannot tell you," said the servant, gradually closing the door.

But Storm was in no mood for parleying. He resolutely pushed his way in. In his hand there was an automatic.

"You will tell me where she has gone or I'll kill you!" he said, making no effort to lower his voice.

"Sahib, Hassam Ali will kill me if I tell you!" wailed Amed.

"I don't care what he'll do, but I know what I'll do if you don't answer me. Where has she gone?"

The curtains stirred a little, but neither Storm nor the servant noticed this. Hassam Ali peered forth cautiously.

The servant saw in Storm's eyes a species of madness, and he was quite certain that Sahib Storm would shoot him, as he said. Rapidly he recounted what had taken place.

"You can take me there just as soon as you can."

"Very well, sahib. But it will be the death of us both in the end."

The curtains fell back gently. Hassam Ali returned to his globe smiling. Both of them!

Storm was greatly astonished when the Hindu told him that he must be blindfolded. He refused emphatically.

"Very well, sahib. Shoot. I cannot take you where the memsahib is with out blindfolding you."

Storm saw that the man was in earnest, so, after much grumbling and warning, he submitted to be blindfolded. Half an hour later the bandage was taken from his eyes.

"Where is she?" he whispered to his guide.

"That, sahib, is for you to find out," and with that Amed turned away quickly.

Storm resolutely moved forward until he came upon the form of the sleeping princess. He was rather awed in spite of his democratic assurance. What in heaven's name was going on here? Where was he? In Hindustan, in the middle of a mad dream? Suddenly, even as he gazed, the woman on the rug before the idol stirred and sighed. Her dark, sloelike eyes opened. Storm stooped and raised her to her feet.

"Is Zudora here?" he asked.

Zudora lay almost at his feet, but he had not recognized her, due to the oriental costume.

The princess looked at him bewilderingly, shaking her head. Presently



she spoke softly, but so far as his knowing the intent of the liquid words it might as well have been the wind moving through the treetops.

The handsome native who had been lying at the side of the princess now opened his eyes, saw the strange white man talking or trying to talk to his princess. The stupor left him almost instantly. He sprang to his feet, a vicious looking knife in his hand.

"Feringhi!" he shouted. Which means a foreigner.

Others came to life at the same moment, and John Storm found himself in a predicament little to his liking. He was strong and sturdy, but he was no match for the dozen or so little East Indians. He was overcome and taken away from the octagonal room. He was cast into a steel dungeon in the basement of the house.

The sleeping mystery of this house had its ebb and flow evidently. Zudora awoke without any abnormal effect for her short sleep, and the men who had gone to Hassam Ali's house also awoke. Nabok Shan demanded of them who this white girl was. Were they betraying him? They should die like dogs in that case. They groveled and hastily explained that she was the niece of the celebrated Hassam Ali and that she might be able to break the power of the sudden sleep by discovering how it was accomplished.

"Where is this man Hassam Ali, then?" demanded Nabok Shan, who had grown very suspicious.

"Huzoor, we know not. Mayhap overcome as we were by the sleep. But this memsahib is clever and may help us."

"Who was this man I just sent to the dungeon?"

"We know not."

"Well, you speak the accursed English tongue. Question her and learn what she has to say. And on your heads be it if there is any sign of treachery."

"It is just," said the leader of the men who had brought Zudora.

They then proceeded to squat down upon the rug, and Zudora plied her questions and culled a story which ran somewhat as follows:

It began in southern India. A certain native prince had in his extreme youth, as is customary in India, become betrothed to the little princess of a neighboring state. There were great festivities, not to say extravagant ones, in honor of the event. When the girl became a young woman and the boy a young man the marriage ceremony was brought about, but not consummated, for the simple fact that a prince of still another principality had seen the princess and had determined to make her his own regardless of the possibility of throwing the three states into a tribal war. The British raj might interfere, but not until a good deal of damage was wrought.

The rival prince was Nabok Shan, a brave, hardy and none too scrupulous chieftain. He succeeded in carrying off the princess, but he was beset by so many trials that he fled from India to America with the bulk of his treasure and the purloined princess. The house with its oriental trappings had been chosen America because his neck had been in danger.

"But the mystery is this, memsahib: It is written that the marriage ceremony shall take place before our god, the elephant headed, and always when we begin the ceremony we are thus strangely overcome by sleep. Solve this riddle for us and my master will pay you well."

The spokesman addressed a few words to Nabok Shan.

The prince smiled and dangled a rope of superb pearls before the girl; intimating that in the event of her success they would become hers.

Now, Zudora did not seek monetary reward, but she was wise beyond her years in understanding the oriental mind, due to the several years that her uncle had employed Hindus as servants. If she signified that she asked for no reward these dark eyed men would instantly begin to suspect her, and once they suspected her life would not be worth a snap of the fingers. Besides, it would not be such a very hard ordeal to accept such a magnificent gift. So she told the leader to say to Nabok Shan that she hoped to solve the mystery for the sake of the pearls, being a normal woman. But she must have free run of the house. This was agreed, but under no circumstances must she leave without being blindfolded, and, moreover, she must remain that night.

Zudora accepted the conditions philosophically. She never wore Nabok Shan's rope of pearls, however.

She would have liked very much, though, to acquaint her lover with her whereabouts. Her uncle's disappearance puzzled her. But perhaps he had already begun his investigations. The night passed uneventfully. Those who slept did so naturally. Zudora, however, wandered in and out among the curious alcoves and quaint balconies. She peered behind the grotesque statues into the fountain. Whenever the ceremony began sleep came. This fact kept ringing through her mind. She just must solve it. It would be another step toward her lover and happiness. One thing she ascertained for future use and this was the exit more or less carelessly guarded. She might have to take to her heels.

And all the while, in the steel dungeon below, Storm saw the walls slowly and relentlessly contract. He had beaten upon the unfeeling steel until his knuckles bled. He had stooped until his lungs hurt, and smaller and smaller grew his prison. He recalled a certain tale by Poe and touched the metal from time to time to see if it were growing hot. But it was evident that he was to be crushed only, not incinerated.

Morning came. The feast of the

night before was resumed. Nautch girls danced; musicians played the sad and wailing music of the east. Zudora had quietly wet her handkerchief in the basin of the fountain and at the moment the ceremony began held the wet cambric to her nose. She showed her foresight in this, for shortly after the music began the people in the octagonal room fell to nodding and from nodding into peaceful sleep. Even with the aid of the dampened handkerchief Zudora could not wholly escape the subtle and amazing narcotic. She struggled blindly toward the exit. How she managed to reach the street was something she could never remember.

She was mighty glad to get back to New York again, for she had been 13,000 miles away in spirit if not in fact. Still, she determined to return and solve the riddle. She had already formed a campaign. What simple fools these orientals were in some respects!

Hassam Ali concealed his astonishment. Yet something deep down in

his soul told him that she would return unhurt.

"But how did you escape, uncle?"

"They wanted you," he said glibly. "They blindfolded me again and sent me about my business. What did you learn?"

"Enough to determine me to see what I can do. Of course it is a colossal trick of some sort, but it would not be wise to suggest that. It must be proved."

"My child, this is altogether a strange business. These orientals are quick to distrust. If they find you gone when they wake up it is quite likely they will try to kill you."

"I've made up my mind."

Then she ran upstairs. She was anxious to send a message to Storm by the carrier pigeon. She wrote a short note explaining the situation and liberated the bird. Storm's housekeeper received the bird and naturally read the message. She scribbled on the back of this message and informed her master's sweetheart that he had left the house in haste the night before and had not yet returned. The return of the pigeon left Zudora in a fair state of excitement. She immediately set out for Storm's apartments, but the housekeeper could add nothing further than that Mr. Storm had sent a pigeon to her and it had come back with the note.

Zudora returned home and quizzed her uncle; but, of course, he plausibly denied having seen Storm. Surprisingly she plied the Hindu servant. This man secretly worshiped the young memsahib, and by and by she got the facts from him. So! She had not only to solve the mystery of the sleeping house, but to save her lover also. He would be without a mission in that fantastic house, and it was quite likely that he would be made to suffer for his audacity.

Bravely she set out for the house of Nabok Shan and boldly she demanded admittance. The servant at the door recognized her, but it took a bribe to open the door wide enough for her to slip through.

The persistent ceremony was being started again. To Zudora it would have been laughable but for the new tragedy underneath. The man who had brought her to the house originally finally disclosed to her what had been done to Storm. His death had been decided on.

As Zudora gazed wildly about the room she saw a man in a garb quite different from that worn by those in the octagonal room. She stole up to where he stood and covertly watched him and became suddenly conscious of the desire to sleep. She breathed through her handkerchief, never letting her glance waver from the hidden man. He turned, smiling ironically, and she saw him raise a stone in the floor. He disappeared into a pit, letting the stone fall carefully into place.

Sleep had again attacked those determined upon the ceremony. One would think that they would have at least given her some chance to investigate before proceeding again in an endeavor which had so many times proved a failure. This very sleep, however, gave her freedom of action. She stole from the octagonal room, found the stone, raised it and discovered a tunnel. It was not the safest tunnel in the world, but with John's life hanging in the balance she accepted her chances. The tunnel led to a room under the cellar. This room bewildered her far more than the octagonal one. There was a large vat, which had the appearance of a distillation vat, with many little pipes leading up from it. The men gathered about this strange contrivance were evidently of

a different caste from those in the upper room. A tall, graceful young man seemed to be directing the others. One of them, however, saw the shadow by the door, drew his knife and stole quietly up to the girl. She was caught!

Ready witted, she asked, "Do you speak English?"

The man paused. He nodded grimly. "I am a friend. I would save your princess. I would defeat Nabok Shan. My lover is hidden somewhere in this house. Save him, and I will save the princess."

The man turned to see if his comrades had observed him. They were all busy with the vat.

"I will go with the memsahib. If she has lied she shall die."

"I agree to that."

Once home she ran upstairs for her automaton. When she came down again the stranger had vanished. Amed refused to speak and Hassam Ali did not know what she was talking about.

"He came in behind me," she declared.

"Then he took to his heels the moment your back was turned." Over her shoulder to Amed Hassam Ali sent a terrible glance, and Amed knew that death awaited him if he opened his lips. He was still breathing heavily from the struggle.

Zudora left the house more deeply puzzled than ever.

Two hours later she had cleared up the mystery of the sleeping house, and rescued Storm from his dreadful prison.

The fact that the ceremony could take place only before the elephant headed god made it a simple game to the enemies of Nabok Shan. Zudora did not go to the octagonal room, but proceeded directly to the secret chamber. For one brief moment death stared her in the eyes, but she spoke bravely. In return for the liberation of her lover she declared that with the aid of one man she would bring the princess down to them. The young prince struck his forehead in rage. He had never thought of such a thing. His one aim had been to force Nabok Shan from the house and then to seize his betrothed.

When the princess awoke the next time she found her true lover gazing down into her eyes. Then they started out in search of Storm, and they were just in time. The steel chamber had become a box, coffin shaped, three feet square and eight feet high. Storm was in bad shape, but food and water and an hour or so in the outer air revived him.

"Will you be good hereafter?" he said to Zudora.

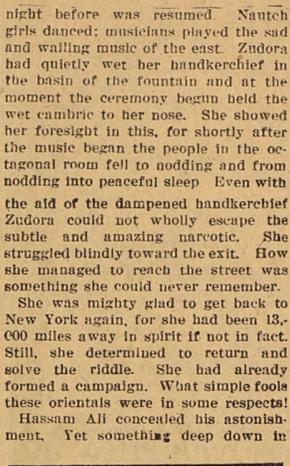
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"You promise never to go anywhere without first sending the pigeon?"

"Yes."

"And now what the dickens made those chaps go to sleep?"

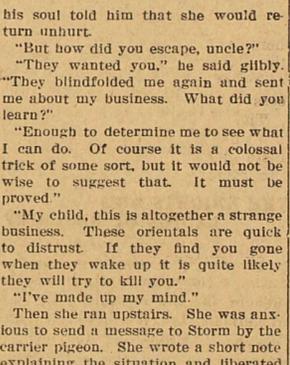
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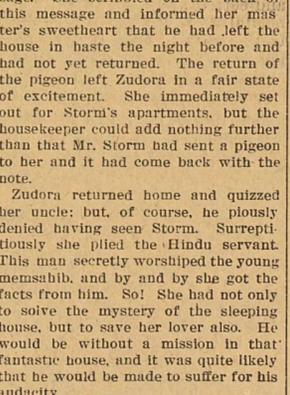
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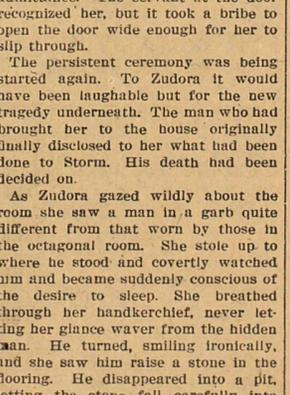
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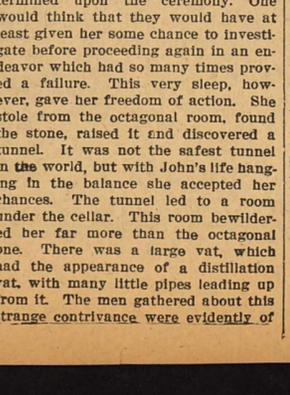
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which superinduced sleep. It was quite transitory and harmless. The pipes led to all the elephant trunks, and each time the ceremony began the vapor was liberated at a signal from the watcher above.

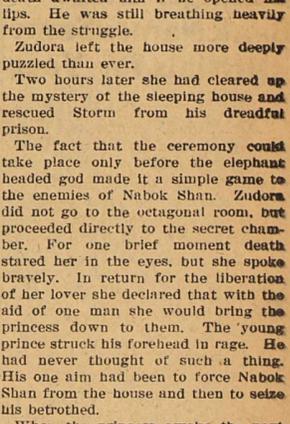
"That's the oriental mind, John. They cannot go at anything in a straightforward way. It must be all mystery and trickery."

"Do you know, Zudora?" he said unambivalently.

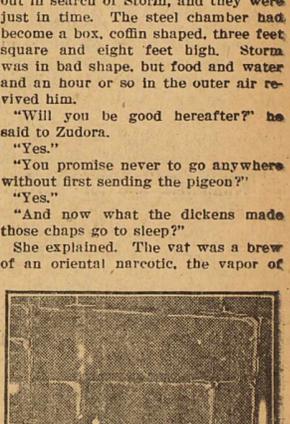
"Know what?"

"That I've an idea we'll be married before the year is out!"

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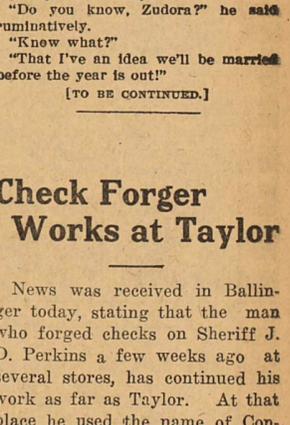
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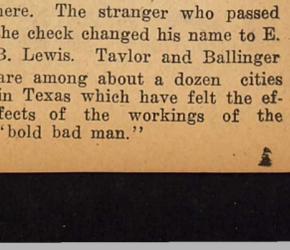
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## Check Forger Works at Taylor

News was received in Ballinger today, stating that the man who forged checks on Sheriff J. D. Perkins a few weeks ago at several stores, has continued his work as far as Taylor. At that place he used the name of Constable Louis Lowe. The amount was for the same \$7.70 as used here. The stranger who passed the check changed his name to E. B. Lewis. Taylor and Ballinger are among about a dozen cities in Texas which have felt the effects of the workings of the "bold bad man."



**DON'T BE CONSTIPATED**

Everyone knows when he is constipated, and everyone should know the risk he is running when he fails to promptly correct it.

**PRICKLY ASH BITTERS**

Is a Bowel Tonic and Regulator.

It empties the bowels just as thoroughly as the harsh, gripping cathartics and does it mildly, comfortably, pleasantly. Moreover, it leaves a beneficial influence behind it because the bowels remain healthy and regular thus there is no return to constipated conditions.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label. Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

**Ballinger State Bank Names Same Officials for Year**

The shareholders of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Company met Tuesday morning in the directors room of the institution and re-elected the same officers and board of directors, with the exception that C. A. Orbeeh was made assistant cashier. Sam Baker also was named as assistant cashier. Chas. S. Miller will continue to serve as president of the banking house.

**Notice of Final Account THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Rannels County—Greetings:

Jo Wilmeth Guardian of the Estate of Herbert Gilbert and Orville Gilbert, Minors, having filed in our County Court his application for discharge as Guardian of Herbert Gilbert, together with his final account of settlement with said Ward.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days before the return date hereof in a newspaper published in the County of Rannels, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account of Final Settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto if any they have, on or before the February term 1915, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the town of Ballinger on the 1st day of February, 1915, when said Account and Application will be considered by said Court.

Witness O. L. Parish, clerk of the County Court of Rannels Co. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office, in Ballinger, Texas, this 2nd day of January A. D. 1915.

O. L. PARISH County Clerk, Rannels County. A true copy, I certify: J. D. Perkins, Sheriff, Rannels County. 8-4tw

**RESIGNS POSITION**

Mrs. A. H. Wigle has resigned her position as telegraph operator at the Santa Fe depot, and is succeeded by W. H. Edwards, of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Wigle has made a faithful, courteous and efficient operator and it is with deep regret that the business men and public generally of this section see her resign from this position.

**Native Pecan Trees, Grafted and Budded.**

Have your native seedling pecan trees budded and grafted to improve papershell variety that sell for 35c to \$1.00 per pound. It is not an experiment but a proven horticultural and financial success. I have several years experience and have successfully topworked hundreds of worthless pecan trees to improve varieties that are now bearing large, fine nuts and can do the same for your trees. I can give good references. All work guaranteed. Address, C. E. KAIGLER, BALLINGER, TEXAS

**THE CASH MEAT MARKET (The Globler old Stand)**

Will deliver to any part of the city on short notice, the very choicest meats of all kinds, the best that the market affords. Will buy your Hides, Beef and Hogs and pay the top market prices. Give us a trial. See or call on Joe Turner or

**FRANK CHAPMAN**

Hutchings Avenue - - - Ballinger, Texas

**First National Re-Elects officers for Ensuing Year**

At a meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank this morning, the same officers and board of directors were elected to serve during the ensuing year. The officers elected were: J. Y. Pearce, president; D. M. Baker, vice president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; J. Whit Patterson, John Thurman and W. R. Bogle, assistant cashiers. The board of directors re-elected were J. A. Walker, of Brownwood, J. Y. Pearce, Gus Noyes, E. L. Rasbury, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor, G. J. Webb, D. M. Baker, R. A. Hall of San Angelo and R. G. Erwin.

I want to thank my many friends for their kindness in helping me to win my beautiful doll (Claudia Taylor) with best wishes, I remain,  
MYRA LEE TURNER.  
1tdwpd Norton, Texas.

**THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY**

The Knights and Ladies of Security elected and installed their officers for the ensuing year at Woodman Hall Wednesday night. Mr. F. P. Bransford district organizer occupied the chair, and the following officers were elected.

President, Don A. Swett; vice president, J. B. Moore; second vice president, Thos. O. Whitaker; financier, Dias. B. Wood; Medical examiner, Dr. J. A. Leggett.

This organization has in effect about \$50,000.00 worth of insurance and promises to be one of the most popular fraternal insurance organizations in the city.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

W. F. Atnip of the Valley Creek country, was supplying in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and says he has about 100 acres of oats in nice shape and will be able to get to plowing in a few days on regular farm work if the rains stay off.

**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.

**HOMANN APPOINTED BANK EXAMINER**

Jno. S. Patterson, the newly appointed banking and insurance commissioner of Texas, last night handed out his appointments for insurance examiners, bank examiners and chief clerks.

A. C. Homann, of Ballinger, received the appointment as bank examiner, and is one of six new examiners that were appointed, the other ten being reappointed.

Mr. Homann received the first news of his appointment in a telegram of congratulations from his father early Thursday morning, and the morning papers carried the various appointments.

When called on today by a Ledger reporter Mr. Homann stated he had not received notice of his appointment from Mr. Patterson, but that he presumed that the report reaching him indirectly was true, and that he would accept the appointment.

"Ballinger will continue to be my home," said Mr. Homann, and I will not move my family away from here." It is probable that Mr. Homann will be assigned to districts in this part of the state and it will be convenient for him to be at home often. The state is divided into a number of districts, but the examiners are changed from one district to another, and Mr. Homann feels sure that he will be in this part of the state part of the time.

Mr. Homann was formerly cashier of the Rowena State Bank having moved to Ballinger last fall to accept a position with the F. & M. Bank. He has many friends in this county, who will be glad to know of his promotion in banking circles.

**COURAGE IN WAR.**

What war teaches—as well as business life.

Courage in war or business is born of good pure blood. Pure blood is the greatest blessing man kind can have.

Millions of people need this powerful vegetable remedy that puts the stomach, liver and bowels in fine condition; that clears the skin of pimples, rash, blemishes and eczema; that dissolves boils and carbuncles; that makes nerves stronger and steadier and gives to pale, weak, rundown people the fullest measure of health and happiness.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, free from alcohol or narcotics, does just what is stated above, simply because it banishes from the blood all poison and impure matter. It is the world's great Blood Purifier; so enters joints, dissolves the impure deposits and carries them out, as it does all impurities, through the Liver, Bowels, Kidneys and Skin.

If you have indigestion, sluggish liver, backache over the kidneys, nasal or other Catarrh, unsteady nerves or unsightly skin, get Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery today and start at once to replace your impure blood with the kind that puts energy and ambition into you and brings back youth and vigorous action.

**A GREAT BOOK EVERY WOMAN SHOULD HAVE**

If you will pay the mailing charges, Doctor Pierce will send you his cloth bound book of over 1000 pages newly revised with color plates and illustrations.

Everyone should read and have it in case of accident or sickness in the home.

Treats of so many subjects in such an interesting manner that knowledge of the human body is quickly and easily attained by all who read the book.

Send 20 cents in stamps for mailing charges to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., and enclose this notice.

**NEGROES CONFESS TO GAME CHARGES**

Caught with the goods, two negroes were arraigned before justice court this morning charged with gambling. They confessed to having "shot a little," paid their fines and went away rejoicing. Sheriff J. D. Perkins made the arrests.

FOR SALE—Black horse, six years old, splendid driver, works single or double. W. B. ADKINS 539 North 9th Street. 1td-1tw

**MOTION PICTURE OF BALLINGER SOON TO BE MADE**

Through the efforts and espousage of the Young Men's Business League, our City is to be clothed in her Sunday best and everybody will be on the tip top of expectancy to see themselves reflected from the movie picture screen as in actual life.

A special committee of leading ladies of the city are busy naming the cast of characters in the wonderful portrayal of Ballinger and Rannels County of today. It will be necessary to have 100 or more prominent citizens of the town to put on this stupendous attraction.

The moving picture squad will arrive in Ballinger in the near future and go over the ground in order to make suggestions to the property owners in what way to arrange their subject matter.

The original special committee and cast will have the privilege of censoring the film after it is completed. It is the intention of those financing the proposition to compile about 1400 feet of film to be cut down, if thought advisable to at least 1000 feet, making a standard film which will be the exclusive property of the Y. M. B. L.

Secretary Boler will compile a lecture to be given on the showing of the film in all the towns within a radius of 50 miles from Ballinger, which will emphasize the main advantages we possess in regard to elevation of the city, guaranteeing good health; the unlimited water supply; quality of soil and railroad facilities. Also the annual production of agricultural wealth and each and every business and residence represented in the special divisions, of the film will be given a synopsis showing the amount of money invested in the annual pay roll, description and quality of products, etc. The educational and religious institutions will be given special attention. In fact, a thorough analysis of the city and county will be compiled as a location for a desirable home and proper point in which business might be done.

Lively action is necessary in a special feature motion picture film in order to obtain the desirable results and the going in and out and the views of the different church congregations; the assembling of the school children on the college campus will be great events.

Any business man or property owner who is interested in this project from an advertising standpoint, realizing its value, can procure all information by applying to the secretary of the Y. M. B. L.

**Cough Medicine for Children.** Never give a child a cough medicine that contains opium in any form. When opium is given other and more serious diseases may follow. Long experience has demonstrated that there is no better or safer medicine for coughs, colds, and croup in children than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

J. F. Kuhn of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

**STANLEY STILL ON IRRIGATION JOB**

(Miles Messenger)

Mr. C. M. Stanley spent Christmas at home in Miles, returning to Bronte on last Friday where he has taken up the work of completing the survey of the north side canal, which will take from three to four months, after which he will come to Miles and begin a survey of the lands that can be irrigated, making a complete topographical map of same.

The run of the main ditch begins at the dam site on the Colorado River four miles southwest of Bronte, running in a southeasterly direction, crossing East Liveoak about one mile from where it empties into the Colorado, continuing, crosses T. Ridge on the northside at the foot of same; thence a due southerly direction until Sam Noff's house is reached, thence southeast till Mule creek valley is crossed near Chosey mountain, continuing southeasterly to Red Bank or Baker Flat, thence down this valley passing Mr. Cavasa's house, thence due south across Mrs. West's pasture just west of the lake, crossing the divide, thence southwesterly to the gate at the Glendale Stock Farm on the seventeen mile road. Mr. Stanley expects that the canal will leave the dam with a twenty foot head of water.

Mr. Stanley seems in the best of spirits anent the project and the people of this section, with a few exceptions are in hearty accord with him and will put forth every reasonable effort to assist him in developing this great enterprise.

While here Mr. Stanley had on display at the Miles National Bank for several days a complete map of the reservoir, and the business men and farmers viewed same with much interest. It took an expert draftsman eight months to complete the map, which shows the dam and complete reservoir.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

J. J. Sayers returned home Monday at noon from an extended business trip to East Texas and his old home in Louisiana. He says our section is in fine shape as compared to the sections he visited. Most places no feed was raised and the cotton crop short.

**CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE**

RANCHERS: Club together and buy our fence posts. Save dealers profit by buying car lots. All kinds of cedar fence, telephone posts and blocking. S. A. PATTERSON, Belton, Texas. 8-tfw

**Sprains, Bruises Stiff Muscles**

Sloan's Liniment will save hours of suffering. For bruise or sprain it gives instant relief. It arrests inflammation and thus prevents more serious troubles developing. No need to rub it in—it acts at once, instantly relieving the pain, however severe it may be.

**Here's Proof**  
Charles Johnson, P. O. Box 105, Lauriston Station, N. Y., writes: "I sprained my ankle and dislocated my left hip by falling out of a third story window six months ago. I went on crutches for four months, then I started to use some of your Liniment, according to your directions, and I must say that it is helping me wonderfully. I threw my crutches away. Only used two bottles of your Liniment and now I am walking quite well with one cane. I never will be without Sloan's Liniment."

All Dealers, 25c. Send four cents in stamps for a TRIAL BOTTLE

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Inc. Dept. B. Philadelphia, Pa.

**SLOAN'S LINIMENT**



**Kills Pain Tax Assessor's Father Very Ill**

The father of W. T. Padgett, Rannels County Tax Collector, is seriously ill at the home of Mr. Padgett in West End. Mr. Padgett has been called from his office, due to the illness.

**Dangers of a Cold.**

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the colds themselves that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that they so often lead to. For that reason every cold should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It loosens a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all dealers.

W. M. Toliver of the Valley Creek country, was supplying in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and ordered the Banner-Ledger to the address of his brother-in-law, W. M. Telecom, at Warnego, Kansas, for the ensuing year.

I am cleaning feathers and will until Feb. 16. Those desiring their feathers made almost as good as new telephone or see me. W. E. BLAIR, South Ballinger, Phone 4002, Route 2, Box 19. 8-3td 2tw

**Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's**

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it 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.

**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.