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Chas. E. Wynne, division freight agent of the Frisco and Albert L. Reed, traffic manager of Sanger Bros., of Dallas, were here this week to meet with the business men and lay before that body plans being perfected by the "Let Texas Feed Itself Club" and to obtain information that would help in their work.

This club is advocating diversification and circulating literature in an effort to get the farmers to join in a move to raise more to eat in Texas, and keep Texas money at home. They are disseminating information they should cause every consumer in

Texas and every producer to stand up and take notice.

A meeting was called at the Y. M. B. L. rooms while the gentlemen were here, and the work in hand discussed at length. The visitors briefly outlined what the object of their club was, and in turn they were given the benefit of what was being done in this county along the lines of diversification, stock and poultry raising, and they were surprised and pleased to learn that Runnels county was in the lead on such matters, and that the farmers of this county had long since realized

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Made Little Bales Cotton Big Bales

Sheriff Perkins arrested J. T. Reese and placed him in jail first of the week on charges filed in Hill county, and Wednesday Deputy Sheriff Wilson of Hill county, arrived here and escorted the prisoner back to Hillsboro where he will be tried for forgery on five different complaints.

Reese is an old man, giving his age as three score and ten. Sheriff Perkins located him at Talpa, where he was buying cotton, and when informed by the sheriff that he was wanted and would have to accompany him to jail, remarked: "O, I know what that is for; it is something about some cotton."

Deputy Sheriff Wilson says that Reese is only wanted on five charges, but that the grand jury could have found forty or more bills against him if it had been necessary. According to a statement from the officer who is here after the old man, it seems that Reese spent the early part of the cotton season at the little town of Aquilla, in Hills county, and was active in the cotton market. When he purchased a bale of cotton and after getting possession of the ticket he would alter the weights, by changing the figures of the cotton ticket. Some time after he had quite the market and disappeared from that place, it developed that the cotton tickets had been changed, and an investigation followed.

When the trouble was located the officers were put on the trail of Reese and he was followed to Kansas City, and from there into Kentucky, and back to Texas. He cently wrote to a party at Waco, and put his return on the letter as though it was written from Winters. Sheriff Perkins went to Winters, but found no such man, and later learned that a man suiting the description was at Talpa, and there he found him.

Deputy Sheriff Wilson returned to Hill county with his prisoner Wednesday afternoon.

Jim Mater left Tuesday afternoon for Beeville, Texas, where he has accepted a position for the ensuing year.

GERMAN OFFICER DYNAMITES BRIDGE

VANCEBORO, Maine, Feb. 2.—A German army officer by the name of Horne, dynamited the Canadian-Pacific bridge here over which munitions of war were being shipped. Horne was arrested and confessed. The bridge was only slightly damaged, and traffic has been resumed. The prisoner was carried to St. Crox, Canada and placed in jail.

VANCEBORO, Maine, Feb. 3.—Werner Van Honre, the German army officer, who yesterday attempted to dynamite the Canadian-Pacific bridge on the Canadian side, applied to the German ambassador today, asking for protection against extradition to Canada. It is expected that the British ambassador at Washington will demand extradition.

SCHEDULE AFFECTS TWO SANTA FE PASSENGER TRAINS

A new schedule which will effect two trains of the Santa Fe, on eastbound, the other west, will become effective February 7, Sunday, according to an announcement made by General Passenger Agent W. S. Keenan at Galveston. Train number 77 which has been arriving in Ballinger at 12:50 p. m. will after February 7 arrive in Ballinger 20 minutes later, or 1:10 p. m. Train number 78 which has been arriving in Ballinger from the west at 4:30 p. m. will hereafter arrive here at 3:50 p. m. or an advance of 40 minutes. The last named train will arrive at Coleman in time to connect with train number 79, the new transcontinental Santa Fe train, carrying through Pullman sleeper to San Francisco via the Coleman cut-off.

ROAD BOND ISSUE MEET CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 11

For the purpose of discussing the road bond issue, petitions for which are now being circulated among the property owners of Road Precinct No. 1, the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County will meet with the business men of Ballinger and the farmers of the precinct which would be affected by the issuance of bonds, at the rooms of the Young Men's Business League, Thursday, February 11th.

County Judge M. Kleberg granted the conference on this date after he had been solicited by the committee, composed of George P. McLelland, county farm demonstrator, and Ed Spill, secretary of the Young Men's Business League.

The question of issuing the bonds will be discussed. It is understood that there is a little opposition to the issuance of bonds in this precinct, and that a special road tax is preferable to bonds

maturing in forty years. This matter will be thoroughly thrashed out at the meeting, Thursday, Feb. 11. Every farmer, every landowner who will be affected in any way by the construction of good roads by means of the money received from a bond issue, is requested by the Young Men's Business League to be present at the meeting which has been called for 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The members of the commissioners' court, it is understood, will give their ideas of a bond issue and will, doubtless, throw some light upon the subject of goods roads in Runnels County.

The meeting is declared by the officials of the commercial organization of this city to be one of the most important to be held at this particular time. A large attendance is desired owing to the significance of the subject which will be discussed.

Wilson Again In Big Race

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—After a conference with President Wilson today at the White House, Chairman McCombs of the Democratic National Committee, said that the 1916 campaigns are on.

It is inferred from this remark that President Wilson has consented to again become a candidate for the presidency of the United States. Democratic leaders in Washington regard the conference of McCombs and his announcement immediately following the meeting as indicative that the President has given positive assurance that he will make the race for the high office of the land.

TALK ABOUT LUCK

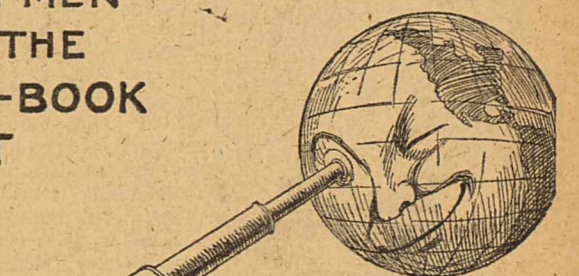
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ZUDORA

A Great Mystic Story
By Harold McGrath

SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000. She is 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.

"Well, well," says Hassam Ali, "if you take such a stand I'll compromise. Solve my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fall in a single case and you must renounce him."

Zudora, using the knowledge gained from years of association with her uncle, unravels a baffling mystery and wins her first case—a case in which John Storm is saved from being convicted of a murder instigated by Hassam Ali himself.

Zudora and Hassam Ali visit Nabok Shah's house, where sleep overcomes every one whenever Nabok attempts to marry a princess. Storm, seeking Zudora, is made a prisoner. Zudora foils Nabok Shah, restores the princess to her original lover and saves Storm from death.

A maker of diamonds tells Hassam Ali his secret. Storm informs Zudora that his life is being attempted frequently. Storm suspects Hassam Ali. Storm is arrested for stealing the diamond maker's gems, but Zudora discovers the real thieves—a pair of mice.

The negro help employed on Storm's father's farm are fleeing because a great skeleton hand appears at night upon a hill near by. Storm is baffled in his investigation, but Zudora learns that her uncle has employed Jimmy Bolton, a half-witted man, thus to annoy Storm's parents. Zudora finds Bolton operating a big magic lantern and is attacked by Bolton. Storm opportunely appears and saves her from Bolton.

CHAPTER V.

The Case of the Perpetual Glare.

HASSAM ALI played with his gold, digging his hands into the cold, glittering metals and letting them stay submerged for a moment or two. No coin ever went into this chest dull. He had a simple little preparation with which he washed each coin until it shone like a fresh minted one. Bankers did not particularly love Hassam Ali. He was always bringing gold certificates and having them exchanged for the coin. Whenever he had bills to pay immediately from his pocket (dreadful thought) invariably the paper money was redeemable only in silver. Having satisfied his craving to play with his board, he closed and locked the chest, secreted it and went into the mystic room.

"I wish to write and send a note. Arrange the desk. I will be in in a moment."

"Yes, sahib."

When Hassam Ali finished his note he destroyed the blotter and the sheets of paper which had underlain that upon which he had written. This note he gave to the servant. He felt no worry about this note. The man who received it would immediately destroy it. To keep it and use it in the aim of blackmail would only tighten the rope about his neck. As has doubtless been surmised by this time, Hassam Ali was a master criminal. They say that every man who commits a crime leaves something behind. Hassam Ali had winnowed down his risks until they were almost negligible. Every man who worked for him did so under the unwritten contract of life or death. Nearly every tool Hassam Ali had stood under the shadow of death. That was principally why nothing ever led the trail to his house. There was among the various cliques over which he held sway no ordinary crook. The porch climber, the yeggman, the forger, the pickpocket, had no standing among these men. They were all more or less men of scientific attainments in whom the criminal instincts had been born, not created by environment.

At 9 o'clock Amed came into the mystic room and announced that two gentlemen wished to see him. Amed was bidden to bring them in forthwith. They were old men, hawk-faced, with high foreheads and brilliant eyes despite their apparent antiquity. They greeted Hassam Ali re-

spectfully, but there was nothing servile in their attitude. They needed Hassam Ali, who in turn needed them. Thus they were equals.

"You have it still?" inquired Hassam Ali.

"Yes; we have never dared to patent it. We are holding it until some great war breaks forth."

"Listen."

For half an hour conversation was carried on in a monotone. At the end Hassam Ali sighed, drew out his wallet and gave each man a roll of banknotes, careful to observe that there were no gold certificates. As the visitors stood up, about to make their departure, Hassam Ali bade them wait a moment. He summoned Amed and ordered him to bring Zudora down. The expressions of the two old men changed surprisingly. When Zudora entered she beheld two old men, benevolent patriarchs, who bowed profoundly and smiled upon her benignly.

"A case for you, Zudora."

She smiled expectantly.

"These two gentlemen are curio collectors. They have lost a remarkable brilliant, one of the most ancient known. Find it and your fifth problem may be relegated to the past."

"Was it stolen?"

"They can't quite figure out. It is gone. Yesterday it reposed in a little Florentine casket. The casket remains, but the gem is gone."

"I can make an effort," said the girl.

"Where do you two gentlemen live?"

They named a small suburban town. They lived in a house on the North



She Beheld Two Old Men, Benevolent Patriarchs.

road, which was a continuation of the village main street. When the two old men had departed—and Zudora was struck by their extraordinary likeness to one another—Hassam Ali rubbed his hands.

"A curious case, my dear. These two old chaps live very moderately. Every penny they can scrape together goes to purchase some curiosity. This gem has the true wanderlust of diamonds. It has been stolen several times, and always they have managed to recover it. But this time they are at sea. It was really an heirloom, the nucleus of their collection. In some way they have heard of your success and believe a clever woman will succeed where a man would fail. Besides, they can't offer much in the way of reward. I don't think the smallness of the reward will stand in your way. You have a trifling income of your own," lightly.

"And heaven only knows how I'll ever be able to get rid of a tenth part of this income. Some day I'm going in for charity."

"Charity makes the recipient only the poorer," he commented.

"I don't mean that kind," she replied. She was thinking of establishing some day a community. But until her tongue was free and until she could confide utterly in her lover she must perforce hold this ambition on the leash.

When she returned to her boudoir she found a note from Storm via the pigeon. John stated happily that he was free for a week or ten days and wanted to know if she would not go out and make a visit with him to the old folks. She hated to disappoint him, but she was compelled to write back that she was going to be very busy and that it would be impossible to join him, much as she would have liked to. The next morning a pigeon delivered a note to Hassam Ali, Zudora already having gone upon her new quest. Hassam Ali destroyed the message. So Storm was given leave to infer that Zudora had ignored his note.

Zudora went out to the village. The house occupied by these two old curio collectors was a ramshackle affair. It looked to Zudora as though some violent hurricane had taken it up miles away and set it down upon the hill haphazardly and indifferently. The sight of it did not create any distrust in her mind. Most collectors were mad persons, who cared little or nothing for the roof over their heads or the clothes on their backs so long as they possessed the wherewithal to pursue their idiosyncrasies. She learned that the two old fellows were twins. One of them met her at the station, and the other greeted her at the door of the house. A quick glance at the interior of the house convinced her that what curios they had were securely locked away. The first thing she did was to ask the complete history of the missing stone. It had come from India originally, a part of some loot long years before the mutiny. Its real value lay in its eternal fire. There were times when this gleam was discernible even in a dark room. They wanted it back very badly and would be willing to pay as much as \$500 for its return. Zudora

inquired if the brothers had seen any strangers recently. No. Did the village people know anything about their collection? The old men laughed and shook their roused heads.

"They know nothing. They think that we are a couple of foolish old misers. No; in no way can we account for the disappearance."

"Can you describe the diamond?"

"We have something better than a description. Here is a photograph of the stone."

The producing of this photograph quieted any doubts Zudora might have had. Collectors were generally slipshod and careless in all respects except in the matter of their hobby. A true collector always wants a photograph of each of his treasures, partly



She Found a Note From Storm Via the Pigeon.

to identify it and partly to exhibit in testimony of his possession.

"There is always fire in the stone," said one of the old men. "In a room that to you may look dark there will be a speck of light. This stone would always catch it and you could see it flash. Oh, it was a very interesting stone."

"Very interesting," repeated the brother.

"I think," said Zudora, "that I will return to the city. A jewel like this will be found in some pawnshop. No one would dare to go to a jeweler of repute. There would be too many questions."

"You see, we have said nothing to the police because we do not want any newspaper notoriety. We have other trinkets," with a singular smile.

"I may take this photograph along?"

"Certainly. We have duplicates."

Zudora left the old house, and the two old men watched her until she disappeared around a turn in the road. Then they laughed quietly and went back into the house.

Zudora began to go over the brief facts. There was no lead anywhere as yet. The metropolitan pawnshops were the only things she could think of. All the while she was thinking she was aimlessly picking late flowers. Eyed and eyed it curiously. Suddenly her hand became warm. To her utter dumfoundedness the photograph burst into flames. She dropped it in terror and stood as if paralyzed while she watched the cardboard shrivel into dull brown ashes. How in the world had this happened?

When she reached home that night she asked Hassam Ali a good many questions about these two brothers. Each and every one of his answers left nothing to be desired.

"But in heaven's name how could this thing blaze up like that when there wasn't a match within a mile?"

"I'm in the dark as much as you are. Give up the case if you want to. I



Hassam Ali Stole Away From Another Exit.

diately to ply her with questions, many of which seemed odd to Storm. No; Zudora admitted that as yet she had not picked up any clew. Had she been to the pawnshops? No. Had she shown the photograph to any one yet? She had not shown it to a living soul. And out of the corner of her eye she noted the look of surprise which was exchanged between the two. This glance, swift as it was, gave her a clew, but one which had no significance, so far as the missing diamond was concerned. She at once determined to say nothing about the burning of the photograph or the hat.

"You have lost your hat?" said one.

"The wind carried it off just as we were crossing the bridge. We tried to fish for it, but the current was too strong."

There was no glance between the brothers after this statement. They knew that she was not telling the truth.

"Let us get away from here," whispered Storm when he had the opportunity to do so unobserved.

"Why?"

"I don't quite like the looks of your clients."

"Very well. Neither do I." She turned to her hosts. "Tomorrow or the next day at the latest," she said, "I expect to bring you some news regarding the diamond. A gem like that cannot totally disappear."

"Won't you have some tea?"

"No; thanks. Good day until tomorrow."

It was only idle people who gossiped; busy persons always minded their own business. At any rate, the place was such a short jaunt out of town that they could return each evening.

As John knew little or nothing about chemistry, it was beyond his power to reason out the problem of the burning photograph. The two were on the way to the old house when the second phenomenon occurred.

"Zudora, your hat!"

"What's the matter with it?"

"It's on fire!"

Storm tore the hat from her head and threw it on the ground, stamping on it.

"I'll be tinkered!" he exploded. "How did that happen? I wasn't smoking, and even then a spark could not have set fire to a hat like that. My dear girl, my advice is little old New York on the next train. A photograph starts burning in your hand, your hat flames up on your head. There's some devilment going on that I neither like nor understand. Who are these old men?"

Zudora shook her head dazedly. She had paid \$30 for that hat, she thought with grim humor.

"Let us go back home," he urged.

"No, John. I intend to find out what all these strange things mean. You can go back if you wish."

"Hang it, I'm thinking of you!"

"I know that, John. But I do not want any failures to my credit due to lack of spirit. I'm going to see what this means. I have an idea that I shall never find any diamond."

"I'm glad you think that," he replied.

"My dear girl, some one is aiming at you, perhaps some friend of that chemist Craig or whatever his name was. To tell you the truth, it is for that sort of reason that I did not want you to go into this detective business. There's always some one hiding around the corner with reprisal. But you are determined to go to the end of this?"

"Absolutely determined."

"I might kidnap you."

"If you had kidnaped me months ago, John, I should have been a happy woman," she said sadly. "But now it's too late. I've got to go on, just got to. I am sorry that I cannot explain any more to you. You've got to trust me wholly."

"I do, girl, only I worry for your safety. In a game like this a woman is given no more chance than a man, and she is handicapped because she is a woman. She can't fight like a man when she's in a corner. The very clothes on her interfere with her freedom of action. All right, but there's one thing that's got to be settled here and now."

"And what is that?" still eying the hat.

"That I shall always be in on your cases, somewhere in the background, where I can hear you call when you need me."

"I shall be glad of that, John."

"If you'd only marry me and settle the whole business!"

"I will some day. Supposing that we now make that call we started out to make."

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"What do you propose to do?" John asked rather impatiently.

"Find out what agency burned that photograph and one of my best hats," ruefully.

"Here comes a farmer with a hay wagon. Let's ride into the village."

Zudora agreed, with a laugh. John had a singular idea, but he did not confide it to Zudora. So they stopped the farmer, and he entered into the joke readily enough. City folk were always wanting to take a joy ride on the hayrack. No sooner did he start on again than flames burst forth from the hay, and it was a dangerous game the effort to put it out. The farmer accused Storm of having dropped his



A Thousand Thunders Seemed Ringing in Their Ears.

cigarette. As he knew argument would be of no avail, he gave the old man a five dollar bill.

The two young people continued their journey on foot very thoughtfully.

"A hundred years ago," mused John, "I should have said that the devil was in it."

"Maybe the devil is in it," replied Zudora enigmatically.

"Maybe he is," thinking of her uncle.

"There's a shack up yonder," she said suddenly. "Suppose we hide there for awhile and watch the house. I want to see if any one comes or goes."

"A good idea."

They reached the hut and entered it and looked through the window at the house of the two strange brothers. A quarter of an hour passed without reward. There was no sign of life at that house. By and by John sniffed.

"Girl, I'm hanged if I don't smell smoke!"

"So do I!"

"Let us hike while hiking's good."

They were less than a dozen feet beyond the doorway when the shingles on the roof began to curl into bright, angry flames.

"A close shave, girl. And now I'm going back to interview those two devils with the looks of two St. Peters."

It was a stormy interview, but it resulted in the embarrassment of both. They were set upon so swiftly and skillfully that they had no time to struggle. After the two were securely bound Hassam Ali stole away from another exit. It had been a narrow squeeze for him.

Zudora and Storm were left alone in the house. There were evidently no servants. And now that they had time to inspect the room closely they drew the same conclusion—that the house had been furnished for this special occasion. Storm set himself working as best he could at the stout ropes which bound the girl. Once she was free she could easily liberate him. It seemed weary hours to them before the cords fell from Zudora's hands. She then hunted about for a knife and found one with an edge like a razor.

"Are you satisfied?" John asked, ironically.

"As to what?"

"That my death and perhaps yours is wanted."

"Surely. And I'm going to tell you what's been in my mind for weeks. I'll stake my oath that that precious uncle of yours is back of all this."

"My uncle! John, that is utterly impossible. I am his flesh and blood."

"I tell you he has committed a crime of some sort and wants us out of the way before we discover it."

"And what crime could he possibly have committed that he should want us both out of the way?"

"I'd give a year of my life to find out," bitterly. "Come, there's no use loitering around here. The sooner we get back to town the better. And when we get to town we'll go right in to Uncle Hassam Ali's study and ask a few questions."

"John, that would be utter madness."

"Well, something definite may result from it. If you will not go with me I'll talk to him alone."

"And come to blows, as you did the other time, and give him a good legal excuse to harm you."

"I've made up my mind," doggedly.

"Then I don't suppose it would do any good to argue with you."

Indeed, Storm did waste his time on Uncle Hassam, as he now called the

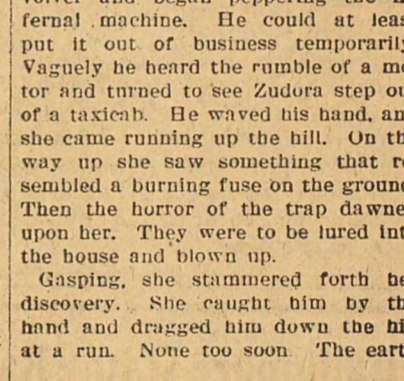
mystic. He saw that individual at the head of the stairs and rushed up. When he arrived at the landing Hassam Ali had disappeared as effectually as if he had vanished through the wall, which, in fact, though John was not aware of it, was exactly what Hassam Ali had done. John went downstairs again, swearing under his breath. He was terribly angry, and when he finally departed he left his sweetheart in tears.

There was a good vein of stubbornness in Storm's makeup. On the way home he determined to have a reckoning with those hoary old scamps who were working in Hassam Ali's interest. At least they could satisfy his physical needs, that of bumping their heads together. They were the manipulators of some devil machine which had caused these mysterious fires, always in the vicinity of Zudora.

In the morning Zudora telephoned to learn that John had gone out of town. Instinctively she knew just where he had gone, poor, foolish lover, and so she set out after him, distracted. It was quite reasonable that the twins would be expecting John and would be prepared for his reception. She therefore made the village about an hour later than John and hired the only taxicab she could find.

John found a very queer made apparatus back of the house on a knoll. He had read about something of the sort, a perpetual ray gathered from light and capable of sending forth a terrific heat, something like a crystal focused under clear sunlight. He could sense a mild warmth as he neared it—a mild warmth because the reflectors had been momentarily deflected, not focused. He knew nothing about the house being mined and ready for his advent. He drew his revolver and began peppering the infernal machine. He could at least put it out of business temporarily. Vaguely he heard the rumble of a motor and turned to see Zudora step out of a taxicab. He waved his hand, and she came running up the hill. On the way up she saw something that resembled a burning fuse on the ground. Then the horror of the trap dawned upon her. They were to be lured into the house and blown up.

Gasping, she stammered forth her discovery. She caught him by the hand and dragged him down the hill at a run. None too soon. The earth



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A Test for Liver Complaint Mentally Unhappy—Physically Dull.

The Liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the Stomach and Liver are doing their work. Keep your liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills; they empty the bowels freely, tone up your stomach, cure your constipation and purify the blood. 25c at druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve excellent for Piles.

Dee Oliver, of the Valley creek country, was marketing oats in Ballinger Saturday and ordered his weekly Banner-Ledger and also for his father D. M. Oliver, of San Saba for the ensuing year.

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 pasture and hay. But—Be sure it is pure.

W. W. FOWLER, M. D.

Croup and Whooping Cough in Children.

Many people rely upon Chamberlain's Cough Remedy implicitly in cases of colds and croup, and it never disappoints them. Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I have found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best medicine for colds and croup I have ever used, and never tire of recommending it to my neighbors and friends. I have always given it to my children when suffering from croup, and it has never failed to give them prompt relief." For sale by all dealers.

W. A. Hill, the Benoit postmaster, was among the large crowd in the city first Monday.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge destroys and expels the worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Miss Addie Meadows of the Crews country was the guest of her cousin Mrs. C. A. Watson in Ballinger Saturday.

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. 12-1m0n d&w.

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Dr. Fred Tinkle's Antiseptic Healing Oil for Man and Beast.

It is an external remedy for wire cuts, wounds of any nature, eczema and all skin troubles. You can get it at the undesignated drug stores, use it and if not satisfied, bring the empty bottle back and get your money. If it pleases you, tell your friends.

Walker Drug Co., Ballinger Tex.; Owens Drug Store, Winters, Tex.; City Drug Store, Miles, Tex.; Palace Drug Store, Rowena, Tex.; Middleton Drug Store, Bradshaw, R. L. Sides, Hatchel, Texas; J. D. Miller, Norton, Texas; Rainwater Bros., Crews.

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

City Barber Shop

H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor.

YOU'VE GOT TO EAT IF YOU STAY HERE.

Then why not eat the best at the same price.
A short lunch or long lunch, you pay for what you eat and eat what you want.

Laxson's Restaurant

Do Your Building Now! It Will Never Cost You Less.

Are you going to build a store, a house, a barn, a fence, or anything at any time in the near future?

Take our advice and do it now. Lumber and other expenses will never be lower than they are now.

See us about your lumber, lath, shingles, casings, cement, lime and anything else you need.

We Carry Them All In Stock.

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

OUR NEW DISTRICT WILL BE NUMBER 17

The bill to redistrict the state, known as the Haney-Griggs substitute for the Griggs bill, which when adopted will give Texas two new congressional districts, has been reported favorably by the house committee. It is claimed by Griggs and Haney that 90 per cent of the members favor the bill as it now stands.

The two new districts will embrace West Texas, with Abilene serving as the center of one and Amarillo the other. The district taking in Runnels county will be number 17, while at present we are in the 16th district, or what is more commonly known as the "Jumbo" district.

The following counties comprise the 17th district, which takes in the home of Congressman Smith:

Seventeenth—Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, Menard, Schleicher, Crockett, Sutton, Kimble, Edwards, Valverde, Terrell, Pecos, Reeves, Cuberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Brewster.

GIRLS! THICKEN AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

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

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

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

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

RUNNELS COUNTY MILLETT

H. C. Moten, one of the prominent and successful citizens of the Wingate-Winters county, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday and handed us a dollar on his weekly Banner-Ledger. Mr. Moten says he shipped out a car load of millett, last week raised in his neighborhood and will ship another car this week besides quite a number of carloads of maize to the Eastern part of the state.

What Will I do With Them Cotton Stalks?

Tell your troubles to L. S. Evans of Ballinger and place your order with him for a machine that will strip your stalks of limbs and burs, cut the stalks in small bits, three rows at a time. A machine that will crush your clods, smooth the land and mark off three rows, at the time. A machine that will drill, harrow 20 to 30 acres of crop per day until it is 8 or 10 inches high. Will it cut green or wet stalks, no sir, nor no other stalk cutter that we ever saw.

Let me show you my cutter. Let me try it on your farm. Satisfaction guaranteed or no sale. Will cost less than a one row cutter and do three times the work and better. Home invention, home-made. Place your order today, so your machine will be ready for you when you need it. L. S. EVANS, R-1-4 Ballinger, 22-2twpd

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

BROWNWOOD HAS DIAMOND BURGLARY

BROWNWOOD, Feb. 1.—At 7:15 o'clock Saturday an unknown man smashed the plate glass window at the M. O. Curry Jewelry store grabbed a tray in which there were fourteen diamonds rings, dropped four of them in the window and made way with the remainder. The total loss is \$2,165, according to a statement by Mr. Curry this morning. The robber ran east, turning the corner into Mayes street, then turning into the alley that leads by the Gaither & Buck cleaning establishment. He was not seen after entering this alley.

At the time of the robbery that portion of Center avenue was almost deserted only two or three men being on the street. Jack Ragsdals was alone in the jewelry store, and was standing near the vault in the rear when he heard a terrible crash at the show window in front. He saw a man step back, saw the glass falling, and then the man running. Mr. Ragsdale hastened to the front, saw that a robbery had been committed, and saw the robber turn into Mayes street around the corner of the Terry grocery. Running to this corner, Ragsdale saw the robber turn to the left and enter the alley.

The stolen diamonds were all set in rings and were in a small tray with a cover. The tray was made to hold 12 rings and Mr. Ragsdale the day before had placed two more heavy rings on top of those in the case. When the robber grabbed the tray out of the window the two extra rings fell off on the sidewalk.

The window glass was insured, but Mr. Curry carried no burglar insurance on the diamonds and the loss falls pretty heavy on him.

FOR SALE—125 acres improved land 3 1/2 miles west of Ballinger, 75 acres deep sand, good 5 room residence and outhouse, 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. 292tw

R. T. Williams returned home Monday morning from Belton and we are glad to learn that his daughter, Miss Helen, as much improved when he left her bedside. Mrs. Williams will remain with her daughter a few days longer.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Walter Schumann and two little sons, of Rowena, came in Saturday afternoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel of West End for a few days.

CALOMEL SICKENS! IT'S HORRIBLE DON'T STAY BILIOUS, CONSTIPATED

I guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone will give you the best Liver and Bowel cleansing you ever had.

Calomel makes you sick; you lose a day's work. Calomel is quicksilver and it salivates; calomel injures your liver.

If you are bilious; feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. 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, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like working. You will be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Your druggist or dealer sells

you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick.

I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable, liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist about me.

FUNERAL SERVICES

The remains of Miss Octavia Wade were shipped to Ballinger at noon Friday and were met by a large concourse of Ballinger friends and the remains were taken to the Ballinger cemetery for interment, Rev. Doss conducting the services at the grave.

Judge W. R. Spencer and wife, of Lubbock, and Mrs. T. E. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pickens of Sweetwater accompanied the remains to Ballinger. The floral tribute was large and beautiful attesting the loving esteem in which the deceased was held.

A host of friends in Ballinger join the Ledger in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives in this hour of bereavement.

DIED SATURDAY MORNING.

S. O. Padgett, father of W. T. Padgett, tax collector for Runnels county, died at 2 o'clock Saturday morning at the residence of his son, 1108 Broad Street. Mr. Padgett was 80 years old and because of his old age partly, death was suffered. The funeral services were conducted this afternoon from the residence of his son W. T. Padgett, and interment was in the City Cemetery.

DIED.

R. H. Hamilton, a young man about 25 years of age, died Saturday night from bowel trouble and his remains were shipped to Leaday Sunday for burial in the cemetery at that place.

Mrs. C. N. Deatherage, who had been suffering with consumption died Sunday night and the remains will be shipped to Hamburg, Ark., for interment. She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her death. The family had only been in our city for about 30 days and came here for the benefit of her health.

W. A. Breedlove, received the sad news Thursday that his brother, of Oklahoma died at a sanitarium in Sherman, Texas, Wednesday from an operation for kidney trouble. Mr. Breedlove has the sympathy of many friends in Ballinger in this sad hour of bereavement.

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

A LONG TIME BETWEEN VISITS

The Macon (Mo.) Times-Democrat has the following to say with reference to B. W. Pileher, when he and his wife were back at their old home recently on a visit:

B. W. Pileher and wife returned to their home at Ballinger, Texas, last Thursday, after a very pleasant visit with his sister, Mrs. W. L. Thompson, her husband and other relatives and old friends. Mr. Pileher, who is the "baby brother" of Mrs. Thompson, was born and reared near old Bloomington, and holds the old place in dear remembrance although his visits thereto are long between this being his first in thirty-five years. He is fondly remembered in the neighborhood, however, and the glad hand was extended to him and his pleasant wife by all of the "old timers." Mr. Pileher has met with good success in his Texas home and is held in the very highest esteem by the people of his section. For the past twenty-three years he has been constable of Ballinger and is now making the race for city marshal. Needless to state his old friends here sincerely hope for his success in the campaign.

Mr. Pileher brought back from his old home a chip off of one of the cherry trees under which he played and eat cherries forty years ago and also had the pleasure of taking a skate on the ice on East Fork Creek, one of the streams in which he fished when a boy.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take Herbine. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

The deal was closed Friday in which Elder W. D. Black sold to Lee Evans his two acre block and residence in South Ballinger.

For Sale.

Old work mule in good flesh, Peter Schuttler wagon, almost new, double set of chain harness, at a bargain. J. M. LONDON, Sixth St. 22-2tw 1tdpd

J. W. Mathews of the Pumphrey county was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

War or No War

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

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

For further particulars call on, phone or write

C. A. Doose & Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

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Can you vote?

Why didn't you pay?

Now you'll be sorry.

Iceland has banished booze. What a shiver.

You will not have as much say in the campaign as a woman.

The senate at Austin reported favorable on woman suffrage at a ratio of 16 to 1.

The man that was raised on corn bread now has something to be thankful for.

Cheaper water will be responsible for more pretty yards in Ballinger. Turn it on.

"Let Texas Feed herself" is a new club in the field of diversification. We are willing.

Some people can't see any good in anything started by a man they don't like. Envy blocks many a move for progress.

Good roads will make Ballinger a better market, and make it easy for the farmers to get to market.

Requiring the lobbyists to register at Austin is a wise idea; it makes it easier for the police to locate them when investigating poker playing.

The slogan "Let Texas Feed Herself," is meeting with a hearty endorsement by Runnels county farmers.

There are a few people left in Bell county and Gov. Ferguson has about filled all places in his official family.

The poor fellow in town working on a small salary may live out of ten cans and paper sacks, but there is no excuse for the farmer to live that way.

There were many changes in weather Saturday and Sunday, and the man that didn't at least find two hours to suit him is hard to please.

Ballinger, Jefferson, does not sound as good to us as Ballinger, Texas, and we will not stand for the change. We prefer to remain in Texas.

We could fill a page of our paper with experiences of profitable poultry production in Runnels county. Its hard to fail if you half way look after this industry.

The visitors to Ballinger in the interest of "Let Texas Feed Itself Club" says Runnels County is the most prosperous county in the state. That's talking about a good thing and is the truth.

United we stand, divided we fall applies to every community. Runnels county people should unite good and strong on every question that is for the best interest of the people. Let's build good roads.

Dr. Geo. Rankin had perhaps as many political enemies in Texas as any man, but Texas will be made to grieve on account of his death. For twenty years or more, he has been editor of Texas Methodist favorite religious paper, and has fought hard for pure politics. The Methodist of Texas, as well as other denominations have profited by his works.

The voters of precinct No. 1, Coleman county, have secured the

requisite number of names on a petition to be presented to the commissioners court of that county, asking for a bond issue election for \$100,000 road bond issue. The Coleman people too, have been the folly of their way, and are determined to adopt the only sane and economical way of building roads. Runnels County should not let Coleman County put one by us in this work.

Flour has leaped sky high again and the farmer with the grain can now get \$1.50 per bushel for his holdings. Warning has been sent down the line that in all probability this grain will go to \$2 per bushel before it finds a resting place. The warning is worth nothing to us for we can only buy one sack of flour at a time at the present price. We will risk the future to take care of the price fixing, and if the \$2 mark is reached we will buy by the half sack.

There seems to be no opposition to the \$60,000 road bond issue, and it is freely predicted that the question will carry by a handsome majority this time. The people in the rural districts realize the great importance of good roads, and have at last been made to see that they can hope for nothing permanent until they supply the road commissioners with some thing to work with. The unlimited supply of material and the natural advantages for building roads in this county, and especially in the Ballinger district, makes it all the more unanswerable why we should delay road building.

WHAT'S INDIGESTION? WHO CARES? LISTEN!

"Pape's Diapepsin" makes sour, gassy stomachs feel fine at once.

Time it! In five minutes all stomach distress will go. No indigestion, heartburn, sourness or belching of gas, acid, or eructations of undigested food, no dizziness, bloating, foul breath or headache.

Pape's Diapepsin is noted for its speed in regulating upset stomachs. It is the surest, quickest and most certain indigestion remedy in the whole world, and besides it is harmless.

Millions of men and women now eat their favorite foods without fear—they know Pape's Diapepsin will save them from any stomach misery.

Please, for your sake, get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store and put your stomach right. Don't keep on being miserable—life is too short—you are not here long so make your stay agreeable. Eat what you like and digest it; enjoy it, without dread of rebellion in the stomach.

Pape's Diapepsin belongs in your home anyway. Should one of the family eat something which don't agree with them, or in case of an attack of indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or stomach derangement at daytime or during the night, it is handy to give the quickest, surest relief known.

PROMISES.

How many of us have made 'em—The promises I mean—For this New Year upon us, This year nineteen-fifteen?

How many of us will break 'em, Though small as they may seem.

Not ever a one is broken But it spoils some one's day dream.

Let's all just keep one promise, And that is not to break A single little promise That we have happened to make.

MRS. J. Q. McADAMS, Winters, Texas.

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 nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

MONTHLY REPORT OF BROOKSHIRE SCHOOL

Teacher, Miss Stella Nix. The third month of the present session of our school closed Friday 29, with a total enrollment of 30 for the term.

Reports for the term show that 98 per cent of the pupils enrolled in school for the third month passed in their work. In this connection it is gratifying to note the loyal co-operation on the part of the patrons of the school in keeping the children in school and in not allowing them to engage in outside activities during school

nights. Below are given the names of those who ranked first and second in their respective grades during the first, second and third months also the names of those who were on the honor roll during the first, second and third months.

In order to get on the honor roll, a pupil must make an average of 90 or more in scholarship and a grade of 95 or more in deportment for the month.

First and Second Months.
Ninth grade: first, Chester Brookshire, and Lucy Stephenson. Honor roll: Chester Brookshire and Lucy Stephenson.

Seventh grade: first Lois Cook. Honor roll: Lois Cook.

Sixth grade: first, George Cook. Honor roll, George Cook.

Fifth grade: first, Lovedy Brookshire, second Thelma Brookshire, Ruth Clark and Homer Clark. Honor roll: Lovedy Brookshire, Thelma Brookshire, Homer Clark and Ruth Clark.

Fourth grade: first, Isaac Howell, second Irving Stephenson. Honor roll: Isaac Howell and Irving Stephenson.

Third grade: first, Della Brookshire, second Bessie Cook.

Second grade: first, Jeff Kennemer. Honor roll: Jeff Kennemer.

Third Month.

Ninth grade: first, Chester Brookshire and Lucy Stephenson. Honor roll: Chester Brookshire, and Lucy Stephenson.

Seventh grade: first, Lois Cook. Second Raymond Houston.

Sixth grade: first, Hubert Houston and Lovedy Brookshire; second, George Cook, Thelma Brookshire, Ruth Clark and Homer Clark. Honor roll: Thelma Brookshire and Ruth Clark.

Fifth grade: first, Arnold Houston and Annie Whittaker. Honor roll: Annie Whittaker.

Fourth grade: first, Mildred Whittaker, second Isaac Howell, Irving Stephenson and Garland Harris. Honor roll: Mildred Whittaker, sallie and Garland Harris.

Third grade: first, Robert and Thomas Simpson; second, Della Brookshire, Jeff Kennemer and Bessie Cook. Honor roll: Jeff Kennemer.

Second grade: first, Eunice Houston; second Ella Whittaker.

First grade: first, Norman Houston; second Ellabe Cook. Honor roll: Oily Harris and Norman Houston.

Eggs

Brown Leghorns 15, \$1.00. Cooks \$1.00 each. Mrs. Sam McPherson, 302, Tenth Street, 2 blocks from Santa Fe depot. Phone 417. 5-tfw

WANTED—Work plowing, hauling, planting or moving. Price reasonable. Apply to G. R. West, Phone 550. 5-4tw

LITTLE MARY PICKFORD COMES HERE SATURDAY



Little Mary Pickford, the best known and most popular motion picture actress of the world will be at the Princess Theatre Saturday night in a novel and typical characterization "The Eagle's Mate." Miss Pickford has charmed audiences from Borneo to Labrador, and all accord her the highest rank possible to motion picture art. Though but twenty years old "Little Mary" has had experience in the best of companies, both moving picture and dramatic. She played in "A Good Little Devil" produced by David Belasco and at the time was the youngest leading lady on the American stage. She has that quickness of mind and body that enables her to see far in advance of many veteran actors. Little Mary is here to stay.

The play is taken from the novel by Anna Alice Chapin and dramatized by Daniel Frohman and produced by the Famous Players Film Co. The picture is five reels in length, but the small admission price of five cents is being charged. This is but one of the splendid features being put on at the Princess Theatre and you are missing the chance of a life time if you do not see this one.

OUCH! ACHING JOINTS, RUB RHEUMATIC PAIN

Rub Pain right out with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacob's Oil."

Rheumatism is "pain" only. Not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Stop drugging! Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil" right into your sore, stiff, aching joints, and relief comes instantly. "St. Jacob's Oil" is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints and can not burn the skin. Limber up! Quit complaining! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacob's Oil" at any drug store, and in just a moment you'll be free from rheumatic pains, soreness and stiffness. Don't suffer! Relief awaits you. "St. Jacob's Oil" is just as good for sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago, backache, sprains.

OFFICE DAYS OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

During the months of February and March I expect to be in the superintendent's office at the court house every Monday and the first Saturday in each month. The remainder of the time I expect to spend in the country with the schools.

W. W. WOOTEN, County Superintendent.

WILLIAMS-THOMAS

The marriage ceremony will be performed Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas of Valley Creek, that will unite the two happy hearts of Mr. Austin Williams and Miss Mattie Thomas. Miss Thomas is one of Runnels county's favorite daughters and Mr. Williams, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Williams, of Hatchel, and is a young man of sterling worth and ability. The Ledger joins a host of friends in advance congratulations for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

How To Give Quinine To Children. FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

BUYS ARC LIGHT SALOON.

The Arc Light Saloon, which for years has been known as the property of the late T. H. McCloskey, was sold this week to Clint Pinson, the terms being private.

The new proprietor has for the past year been the manager of the Arc Light and recently entered into negotiations for its purchase. The saloon is one of the best known in West Texas and has been closed ever since the death of its former owner.—San Angelo Standard.

Dr. J. W. Blasdel came in Tuesday afternoon in his auto from San Marcos and will make Ballinger his future home.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

Which is Better—Try an Experiment or Profit by a Ballinger Citizen's Experience.

Something new is an experiment. Must be proved to be as represented.

The statement of a manufacturer is not convincing proof of merit. But the endorsement of friends is.

Now supposing you had a bad back. A lame, weak, or aching one. Would you experiment on it? You will read of many so-called cures.

Endorsed by strangers from far-away places. It's different when the endorsement comes from home. Easy to prove local testimony. Read this Ballinger case:

Mrs. J. C. Orange, 505 Thirtieth St., Ballinger, says: "I was troubled by my back for some time. I was so stiff and lame that I could hardly walk. This would go away after I moved about awhile, but was sure to come back the next day. The kidney secretions caused annoyance. After using half a box of Doan's Kidney Pills the lameness left. I am glad to tell others how much I was benefited."

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

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dole of the Valley creek country, passed thru Ballinger Saturday afternoon and route to the Benoit country to visit Joe Hoffman and family over Sunday.

Charlie Wimberly, R. L. Bates and Joe Vinyard and W. M. Gray, of the Crews country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

J. L. Jordan, of the Old Runnels neighborhood returned home Monday at noon from a visit to his brother A. J. Jordan of Hico. Elbert Evans of Talpa, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

Eggs For Sale

For setting hens, I have for sale Silver Laced Wyandotte eggs, 50c per setting of 15 eggs. Write or phone 6305 rural. W. G. CHAPMAN, Route No. 1 Ballinger, Tex. 5-2tw

Posted.

No hunting, fishing, wood hauling or trespassing allowed in my pasture 9 miles north of town. MRS. MAUD VANCIL. 5-2twpd

MUST HAVE HELP.

Uncle Sam says he must have help. He wants stenographers for his office in Washington, and throughout many of the Southern States, at entrance salaries of from \$840 to \$1200 per annum. He has some vacancies in his Philippine offices and in Panama, for which he pays an entrance salary of \$1200 to \$1500 per year. He advances on merit, if you are competent you will soon draw a most attractive salary and only work from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., with thirty days' vacation during the year with pay. Five different examinations were held here in our city during the past year by the Civil Service Department, to secure help for the Government. Special letters were received by our school, urging that our graduates take these examination. We prepare students to pass examinations for several departments for Government work. Owing to America being the great department store of the world during the European war, Uncle Sam will need far more help this year than ever before. Young men and women, ambitious to succeed should give this Civil Service work prompt and serious consideration. The position is certain, the salary good and the pay sure.

Business men desiring efficient office help, bookkeepers, stenographers, secretaries or operators, at salaries in keeping with the quality of service rendered, should phone or write us just the kind of help they want and we will take particular pains in selecting it, either from students just graduating or from former graduates who are desiring advancement. We have an enrollment of more than two thousand per year, and ten thousand former students from which to select just the kind of help you want. We have an expert in charge of our Employment Department who will take special interest in serving you without charge.

Those interested in preparing for either Government or Commercial positions, phone us, at our expense, or write us for particulars Catalogue free. TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, Tyler, Texas.

The many friends of Jesse Landers will be glad to learn that he was able to be on the streets of Ballinger Wednesday for the first time since a very serious operation at the sanitarium some weeks ago.

Most Old People Are Constipated

The wear of years impairs the action of the bowels. With advancing age people are disposed to restricted activity and exercise, which is responsible for the constipated condition of most old folks. The digestive organs are more sensitive to the demands made upon them and rebel more quickly.

A mild, effective remedy for constipation, and one that is especially suited to the needs of elderly people, women and children, is the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that is sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

A GOOD SHOWING.

R. L. Wiley, of the New Home neighborhood, was in the city Tuesday and informed us that he had finished gathering his 1914 cotton crop first of this week and had made 49 bales of cotton besides a good feed crop. He gathered his crop with his own extra and was only out \$3.00 for extra work on the entire cotton crop.

"The Best Laxative I Know Of."

"I have sold Chamberlain's Tablets for several years. People who have used them will take nothing else. I can recommend them to my customers as the best laxative and cure for constipation that I know of," writes Frank Strouse, Fruitland, Iowa. For sale by all dealers.

Uncle Warren Williams, of Miles, was visiting relatives and greeting Ballinger friends Tuesday.

Resolutions

Resolutions of respect of Brother J. A. Warren, a deacon: Whereas it has pleased God to call from the toils and cares of this life our beloved Brother, J. A. Warren, we bow our heads in grief yet submitting to the will of our Lord as one that doeth all things well:

There be it resolved: By the Union Missionary Baptist Church that in the death of our Brother which occurred at his home on the 5th day of November 1914 we have lost one of our most valued members and the home a loving husband and father and we all mourn this great loss but we realize by the consecrated life that he lived that he is now enjoying that mansion of eternal joy and bliss that is prepared for the children of God.

May God's love and mercy sustain his beloved wife, children, father, mother, brothers, and sisters in this sad hour of grief.

We commend them to our heavenly Father for that consolation, he only can give.

Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the bereaved family and a copy spread on the minutes of the church record, and one sent to the Banner-Ledger with the request that it be published. Respectfully submitted.

P. M. CAUDLE, Church Clerk.

The above was read and adopted at regular conference meeting October 14th, 1914, Ballinger, Texas.



The Eagle's Mate" Princess Theatre Saturday, Matinee and Night.

THE MASTER KEY

By John Fleming Wilson

By special arrangement for this paper a photo-drama corresponding to the installments of "The Master Key" may now be seen at the leading moving picture theaters. By arrangement made with the Universal Film Manufacturing company it is not only possible to read "The Master Key" in this paper, but also afterward to see moving pictures of our story.

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CHAPTER III. The Runaway Car.

ANY man writes down on paper the things he cannot articulate. Thomas Gallon, dreaming of two women, taciturn and silent as he was, wrote down the thoughts which he could not express in speech. His diary, well thumbed, held the history of many a lonely night, but of all these nights there was one that stood out in his mind. It was the darkness inclosing a woman on a bed. He still heard her whispered cry, "You speak of God, Tom, but I have no religion but motherhood." Before his closed eyes came the vision of a lamp lit, then almost an apparition—the face of his daughter. One life had fled, possibly appalled by the horrors of a world that reeks not of our poor humanity. Yet there was in the dead woman's arms a child, grotesquely asleep, as if unawakened to the sorrows this mother had known. "Ruth!" he cried. There was no answer from the still woman in the darkness, but thus he had christened his only child.

It seemed to him as if that echo still reverberated from the moon washed hills which marked the site of "The Master Key."

"I am getting old," he thought as he turned the pages of the diary as if unconsciously counting the years since a woman had leaned over his shoulder. "Ruth!" he murmured again.

The problem before him was no longer dim and vague, as it had been in the days of his prime, but absolutely distinct and clear—what was to become of Ruth when he died? With his trained business intelligence he set himself to solve this question.

He reviewed in his mind all the men and women he had known. It was a strange procession. They marched before his sharpened vision, old partners, fresh young girls, mature women, men with check books in their hands, men dying of thirst on the desert—and Wilkerson. He sternly put out of his mind the thought of his former partner—the man—was he dead? If he had not died that night in the gulch, if he were still alive, knowing the secret of "The Master Key," who would save Ruth from his vengeance?

Then there rose before his mind the straight, strong, almost austere figure of his mining engineer, John Dorr—youthful, of course, but he had proved himself wholly competent in almost every task that had been given him.

The old man thought more deeply. He recalled his own former years. He himself had broken down the iron barriers of a cold world for the sake of a woman whose image Ruth was. He had seen in John Dorr's eyes the growing flame of love. Long experience had taught the old man that there is no passion so dependable in this world as love.

John Dorr loved Ruth. It needed no monetary bond to assure his fidelity to her interests, and with the sudden, swift, alert step of a man who had made his final decision he went out on the porch and called, "John, John!"

Within the interior of the little house down the hill the engineer of Thomas Gallon's mine had abandoned his blueprints to study the letters on a little pennant which represented his first victory, a touchdown on the football field within the last ten seconds of play. He knew better than any one that his mission to Valle Vista was futile. Using every resource at his command, he could find no paying ore, and yet—there was the pennant, the emblem of victory hard fought and hard won. Should he give up now? He heard a clear, stern call from up the hill—"John, John!"

"I'll win out yet for Ruth's sake," he said as he answered that imperious cry.

Other ears heard that call, and as John hastened down the hill he saw Ruth's figure by the side of the bungalow, and as if by the opening of a shutter he once more saw the lights of Broadway and a table spread with linen, two people sitting there—his evil geniuses.

In this complex and highly organized civilization of ours no man can be assured that at any moment some other man possibly thousands of miles distant is not planning an act whose portent would never occur to him.

At a table in a New York restaurant a man and woman were sitting with the words "Gallon," "Dorr" and "Wilkerson" on their lips.

"Harry Wilkerson has found Tom Gallon," she said quietly. "I wonder what will happen?"

Her companion laughed. "Gallon? I had a college mate named 'Dorr,' who is working for a man named 'Gallon' somewhere out in the mines."

The woman's dark eyes lit up, and she seemed more strikingly handsome as she allowed her sudden passion to flood her somber face with color.

"There is money in that mine, George Crane," she said. "But this man Dorr—what sort of chap is he? You min-

ing stockbrokers usually have information as to all these engineers."

The slender man with the shrewd face seated opposite her dropped his eyes. "To tell you the truth, Mrs. Darnell, I never liked John Dorr."

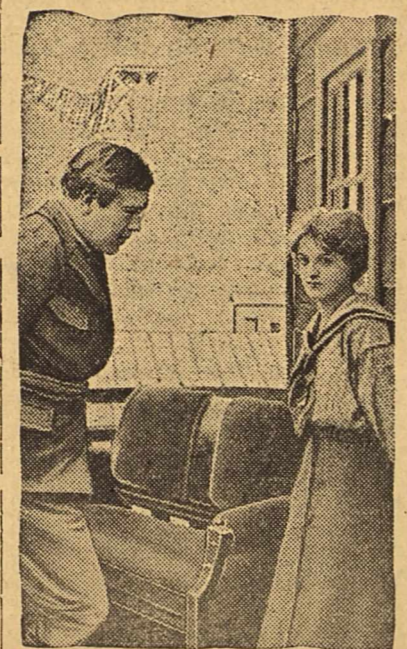
"Neither does Harry," she put in quickly.

The stockbroker looked at his plate a moment and then pulled out his memorandum book. "Listen, Jean," he said in a tone she recognized as utterly businesslike. "Shall I buy 'Master Key' stock?"

"There is a girl back there"—she went on intensely.

Crane looked up swiftly. He caught a glint of the jealousy in the woman's eyes. For his own purpose she was most useful, so he snapped the rubber band around his memorandum book, put it back in his pocket and said with finality, "Jean, I'll buy 'Master Key' stock at any price."

Mastering the cry which had come to him from Thomas Gallon's bungalow and realizing that in it was a tone



"Leave it to me."

he had never heard before, John Dorr strode down the hill. As he crossed the gulch he saw the door of the bungalow open, and Ruth appeared.

"I thought I heard your father call," he said awkwardly.

"He was calling you," she answered quietly, "but he went over toward the dump. I think he wants you there."

Ruth laid her little hand on John Dorr's brawny arm. "John," she said, the swift color rising in her cheeks, "I don't want to say anything to make trouble, but father is worried. He trusts you; but you know, we haven't recovered the lost vein."

John looked her straight in the eye. "Leave it to me."

Her appealing hands crept up his arms, and for one moment she allowed him to read her soul. She made a potent plea, directed by the instinct of a woman who is loved. "John, look after him. He is doing it for me."

Dorr hesitated a moment. It was the first thing Ruth had ever asked him. He felt that he ought to respond to this appeal in some most convincing way, but he could formulate no phrase that would express at once his determination to do everything in his power to help her father and his gratitude that she had taken him into her confidence, so he merely smiled, waved his hand and went down the hill toward the dump beneath the head end of the spraddling trestle.

She called him back. "I forgot it was lunchtime," she said shyly.

"I must get down to your father," he said rather brusquely.

"Then I'll bring you both down your lunches to the mine," she said. "We can have a little picnic all by ourselves."

As he went up toward the end of the trestle Dorr observed that the engineer running the donkey engine seemed hardly to know his business.

"My dear fellow," he said quietly, "you're allowing too much slack on your cable. It is dangerous. Those ore cars are coming down that trestle too fast. If their brakes give way it means disaster!"

"What's the trouble?" said Gallon, coming up with a piece of ore in his hand.

"It was just telling Bill Tubbs that if he did not keep up the slack on his cable on those cars he would whip them over the end of the trestle," said John.

He turned toward the old man and said in a different voice: "You called me. What is it that you want?"

"Look at this, John," said the older man, handing out the piece of ore—"dirt, not gold bearing quartz. I want to talk to you; I've got something to say to you."

Involuntarily John looked down the street. He saw Ruth coming, swinging the lunch basket in her hand. He re-

membered her shy appeal that he would do the best he could for "The Master Key."

"I think we had better go into the mine; we can talk there," he said.

"They are setting off a blast," Gallon remarked.

Dorr looked up at the car roaring past them overhead and said suddenly: "Before anything else you ought to fix that trestle. Some day a car will go over on the dump."

Gallon looked up and then glanced at Dorr. "I guess you're right, John; I've thought of that myself. Things have kind of gone at loose ends. Now I'll see to it myself with your help, because I have something to say to you."

"There comes Ruth with a basket of lunch," said Dorr.

"Oh, yes. When I am away from the house she often picnics with me here in the mine. Say, I'm going up on the trestle. Have another talk with Tubbs. He is all right, but he has got careless. Tell him to keep up the slack of his cable. I tell you, John, I have wanted to talk to you for a long time, but first I'm going to look after that cable, because I can see you are right and we might have a bad accident."

As the old man started into the mine, putting one foot after the other with that carelessness characteristic of men becoming decrepit, a man ran out of the mouth of the mine waving his arms. Almost instantly following him came a puff of gray-blue smoke, which soared upward and spread out as if it were the blossom of a cloud warmed into full bloom by the hot sunlight pouring down into the valley.

Ruth let fall the lunch basket and stared upward at that dark, murky hole in the hill. Was John there? Was her father there? She knew that that bulky cloud blooming into the heavens meant death beneath the ground. Unwittingly she cried "John!" Then she remembered her filial duty, and her next word, whispered toward that billowing, eddying mass of vapor was "Father!"

Thus do maidens confess to God the secrets of their heart, but let us see how they conceal from men these same sacred mysteries.

Ruth hastened her pace toward the entrance of the mine. The shale gave way under her little feet, but she struggled upward until she reached the trestle. Having lived all her life in a mining camp, there was no terror for her in anything but falling rock. That effusion of smoke floating over the hillside seemed to speak of disaster. She knew the peril of a premature explosion, and she also knew every working of "The Master Key." And again she wondered whether it was John Dorr or her father or both who were stifling for air within that dark tunnel.

She did not see John Dorr talking to the engineer below her, nor did she see the miner who had just left the mine and was scrambling down the ladder. Her thought was that during this noon hour, when both shifts were off duty, her father had gone in and accidentally set off a blast. What blasting was done in "The Master Key" usually took place during the nooning, but owing to carelessness it was sometimes the case that all the blasts were not set off. She had seen men belched out of that dark hole before furious gusts of gas. And yet why was the ore car inside? That, too, spelled disaster.

She dropped the lunch basket and pulled out the pocket electric light which she always carried. It burned only a tiny hole in the billowing smoke. She rushed blindly in, trusting to her long familiarity with the tunnel to find her father.

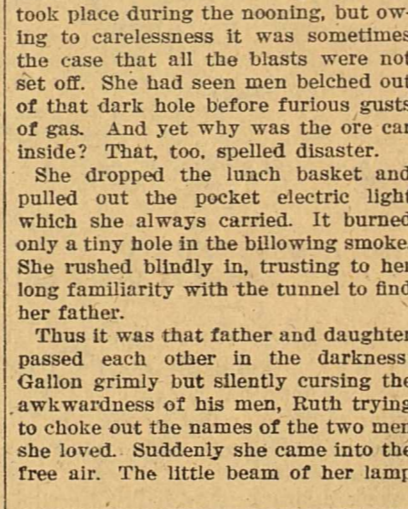
Thus it was that father and daughter passed each other in the darkness; Gallon grimly but silently cursing the awkwardness of his men, Ruth trying to choke out the names of the two men she loved. Suddenly she came into the free air. The little beam of her lamp

showed her nothing but an ore car and the tools dropped by the last shift when they had quit for dinner.

"Father!" she cried, peering into the darkness beyond.

"John!"

She stepped into the shadow and called again. Her foot slipped on the rough floor of the tunnel, and as she tried to save herself her lamp fell. A moment later she saw a trickle of fire running along toward the heading. It was a fuse leading to a blast that had not yet been shot. With all light gone except that blue flicker, panned in as she was by the ore car, standing there with set brakes, what hope had she? How long would it be before that little gust of flame reached the powder?



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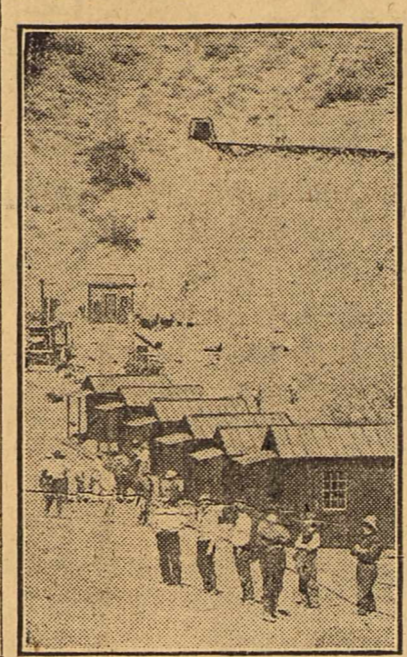
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Thomas Gallon was old fashioned in many ways. Instead of using 60 per cent dynamite everywhere and detonating it by electricity, he still insisted on using old fashioned powder and tamping it with a fuse, a sign of his obstinacy.

She climbed into the ore car and tried to unset the brakes. It was her only hope. Then she realized that the cable was still attached. She climbed down by the light of the now flaming fuse and unhooked the heavy shackles. A moment later she was again in the car with her little hands firmly on the lever. With strength bred of desperation she managed to release it.

The heavy car slowly creaked away down the dark tunnel. Then it came



"The Master Key" Mine.

over Ruth that she was not strong enough to stop its momentum on the long trestle that led to the dump. She was fleeing death by fire and gas and rock only to be hurled headlong over the lofty end of the track. A vision rose before her of being flung through the bright California air right at her father's feet. Behind her she heard the sputtering of the last few inches of the fuse. She crouched in the car. Just as it emerged from the tunnel's mouth it was as if a huge hand thrust the car forward. The boom of the explosion deafened her. She stood up now in the wildly speeding car and cried, "John, John!"

CHAPTER IV. The Rescue.

AFTER talking to the engineer, John Dorr had missed Gallon and saw him at the anchorage of the ore cable car up the hill, across the gulch from the trestle.

"John," said Gallon, "I am getting old. Years ago there were two partners of us prospected this country, and we found free milling gold. I say 'we,' John, but there was a little girl—I kept the location of that mine to myself. There was trouble, John. He suspected me"—He turned his dimming eyes on the stalwart young man in entreaty. "I guess you know why I tried to keep those plans to myself."

"Who is the man?" demanded the engineer, patting the great iron ore carrier with his hand as a man pacifies a restless animal.

At that moment there came a faint cry from a miner on the trestle.

"What does he want?" demanded Gallon peevishly.

John Dorr's eyes saw the miners in the camp, wives and all, streaming out and staring upward. They had got the meaning of that cry. He thought to himself, "Where is Ruth?" It came over him that she was bringing luncheon to her father and himself in the mine. He stared up at that dark hole in the hillside and saw an eddy of smoke. Instantly he knew that she must be somewhere within that dark depth.

With all the force of his lungs he bawled down to the engineer, who was staring stupidly upward; swung himself into the bucket, pulled his signal whistle out of his pocket and blew it furiously.

The engineer seemed to listen for a moment, then kicked off his brake and blew his answering whistle. A second later the bucket was swinging down the lofty cable across the gulch.

It was not clear in John's mind how he could rescue Ruth. The quickest way to get to the trestle was by the bucket; then he would have those long, long stretches of ties to traverse, and when he reached that smoke filled tunnel could he get through? He must He steadied himself and thought, his eyes fixed on the hole in the hillside.

The bucket was still surging a hundred feet away from his goal when he saw the ore car emerge and in it the slender form of Ruth. No one realized better than he that her strength was not equal to setting those brakes and that she had escaped one death only to meet another.

His trained eye caught sight of one chance. He yelled down to the engineer, "Quick, quick, Tubbs!"

The engineer's blank face upturned toward him seemed that of a man dazed by imminent disaster, but John Dorr's imperious will reached across and down that space. The engineer pulled his throttle wide open, and as he did so John Dorr swung himself over the edge of the bucket and, hanging down by his knees right over the trestle, waited for the oncoming car.

"Ruth!" he cried. "Ruth, come to me!"

He saw her turn toward him, balance herself in the swaying ore car and lift up her arms. He stretched his own down, and as the mass of steel and ore dashed under him, caught her up. He did not hear the crash that

followed. All he saw was the upturned face of the girl he loved, swinging a hundred feet above death in his strong arms, safe.

About 3,000 miles away a dark and splendid woman was looking critically at her maid. "Eloise," she was saying, "I don't like to be waked this early in the morning. I have told you often enough about this. What do you mean by disturbing me for a mere letter?"

"You told me, madame, always to call you when there was a letter in this handwriting."

The woman under the roseate coverlets held out her jeweled hand. The maid gave one swift glance at her mysterious avaricious eyes and vanished. As she closed the door after her the envelope, torn into shreds, fell to the floor.

Mrs. Darnell sat up alertly and quickly perused the slow, even script written on the old fashioned blue lined paper of a country hotel:

Dear Cousin Jean—Since you last heard from me I have found Gallon. I am leaving today for Silent Valley. His "Master Key" mine is only ten miles from there. Won't he be surprised to see me? I will let you know later how our scheme comes out.

Goodbye for now. Keep mum! As ever, HARRY.

When Gallon thought he had killed Wilkerson he became infected with the ineradicable disease of dread. In his conversation with John Dorr he had given first expression to his feelings. The young mining engineer on account of his youth did not fully understand that men do not speak of such things until age—loosener of tongues as well as of the chords of life—suddenly oppresses them—makes them feel helpless, brings them to a realization of what the ultimate fact of death means.

He had barely caught the appeal in the old man's voice when he had comprehended Ruth's peril.

The old man, with shaking limbs, had watched the rescue. When he saw that his daughter was safe he also perceived the solution of his problem. Here was a quick mind needed to protect Ruth's property. Somewhere in that hill was the richest of California gold. Once more he said to himself, "John Dorr can find 'the master key.'"

Feeling himself too weak to meet the girl who was now clinging limply to her rescuer and also discerning in his own slowing pulse that his time was short, he went down the hill, crossed the gulch without a word to the wondering miners and entered the bungalow.

A moment later John Dorr entered with Ruth in his arms. The old man merely looked up. "Always look after her, John," he said slowly, "and if Wilkerson comes back!"

Dorr looked at the old man with pity in his eyes. "She isn't hurt," he said, gently putting her down on the couch. Then he straightened up. "I'll always look after her," he promised.

Gallon stared over at the white face of his daughter as she lay unconscious on the couch. "Humph"—thus expressing to himself his own comprehension of the fact that there was coming such a period in his own life. He went out without a look backward. When he returned the room was empty. He fingered the books on the table and fell into a state of profound thought. He did not hear the door open behind him.

Ruth, freshly clad and wholly recovered from her experience, wondered at her father's attitude. She stepped softly toward him. He did not turn. She went nearer. She laid her soft hands on his shoulder and then, as if the fingers of life long fear were touching the very nerves of his being, Thomas Gallon slowly twisted his head by a supreme effort of will to see the sight which of all things in the world he did not want to see—the face of his enemy.

By the magic of the strange phantasmagoria which represents our mental processes if we look at them carefully he did see the face of Harry Wilkerson.

"A-a-a-h!" he breathed. His eyes closed, compelled to by his troubled conscience, but he was recalled by a loved and familiar voice; it was Ruth bending over him, saying, "Father, father, what is the matter?"

The old man suddenly looked up, still fearful that he was to see that feared and hated face. "Ruth!" he said, and it struck him that on her face was a look almost of terror.

He must reassure her. Dread and fear and terror do not belong in the

He had heard a great deal about Gallon's mediocre success, and he did not fully understand why it was that "The Master Key" mine did not pay better. Was it possible that his former partner had not been able to find that rich vein of gold after all? He smiled again. He would find it.

Then there was that girl whose vivacity and beauty he had heard so much about.

Some instinct told him that Gallon must be ever thinking of him, and with the dramatic impulse of a man who has long nursed the hope of bitter vengeance, he planned his reappearance. He would find his old partner alone, and there and then they would once more have it out. This was the reason that he had not taken the motor stage, but had come on horseback, silently watching for his opportunity. His keen eyes scanned the scene below him and easily picked out the bungalow.

Those whom we most want to forget reappear at strange times. Thomas Gallon saw the ghost of the partner he had murdered on the crest of the hill above the mine they had discovered years ago together.

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As Ruth closed the door softly behind her she saw a light burning in John Dorr's cabin, and there flooded over her a sense of relief that there was some one to whom she could go. Careless of maiden modesty, western girl as she was, obsessed by the fear of that strange scene she had just left in the bungalow, she fled up the hill toward that one beacon that held out hope of life and—did she know it?—love.

Once at the door she knocked hard because it seemed to her that she had been pursued up the hill by some strange and miserable demon.

"John, John!" she cried.

The door was flung open, and he appeared, his bulk filling the yellow opening from jamb to jamb.

The moment he appeared it came over her that she had done an unconventional thing, yet there was that demon of fear creeping up the hill after her, and she turned her eyes to the kind, brave face of the engineer and held out her slender arms and whispered: "John, I don't understand. Something has happened. I am scared."

John Dorr looked down at her fair face for a moment and shut his eyelids. Was it true that she had finally come to him? He, too, felt the presage of dread. Way down the hill, across the gulch drenched in moonlight and shadows, it seemed to him that he saw one of those grotesque and impossible figures, mirages of the desert night. Then he took Ruth into his strong arms.

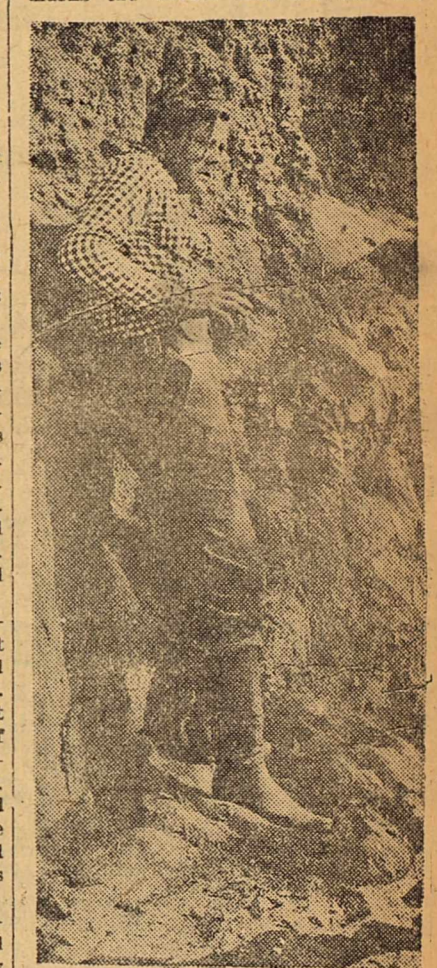
Thus it is in this world that those whose arms are empty feel the fingers of fear at their throats, and only those whose arms are filled can look boldly into the night and defy the fiends of darkness.

And the man whose arms held nothing, whose hands were clinched in an agony of culminating fear, saw through the window a figure of a man on horseback on the crest of the hill.

A tall, dark, stern man, who did not tip the porter, got off the Overland express at Silent Valley. The little hamlet lay there like a mirage of some man's dream. There was but one familiar building in the place, and Harry Wilkerson gazed at it and smiled.

"Well," he said audibly, "this looks like old times! Now to find Gallon!"

It seems that in that clear dusk which marks the border line between life



Wilkerson Remembered That Long Night When He Had Crept to Safety.

and death we see things more clearly than at any other time, and Harry Wilkerson, as he looked over the familiar valley, remembered that long night when almost mortally wounded by Thomas Gallon's bullet he had crept to safety. Every peak, gully and gulch was as plain to him as it was on that night, but this time it conveyed a different meaning. During those long hours of agony and thirst years ago this scene had meant to him simply a hell from which he must struggle out. Now it was a paradise he was going to regain.

He had heard a great deal about Gallon's mediocre success, and he did not fully understand why it was that "The Master Key" mine did not pay better. Was it possible that his former partner had not been able to find that rich vein of gold after all? He smiled again. He would find it.

Then there was that girl whose vivacity and beauty he had heard so much about.

Some instinct told him that Gallon must be ever thinking of him, and with the dramatic impulse of a man who has long nursed the hope of bitter vengeance, he planned his reappearance. He would find his old partner alone, and there and then they would once more have it out. This was the reason that he had not taken the motor stage, but had come on horseback, silently watching for his opportunity. His keen eyes scanned the scene below him and easily picked out the bungalow.

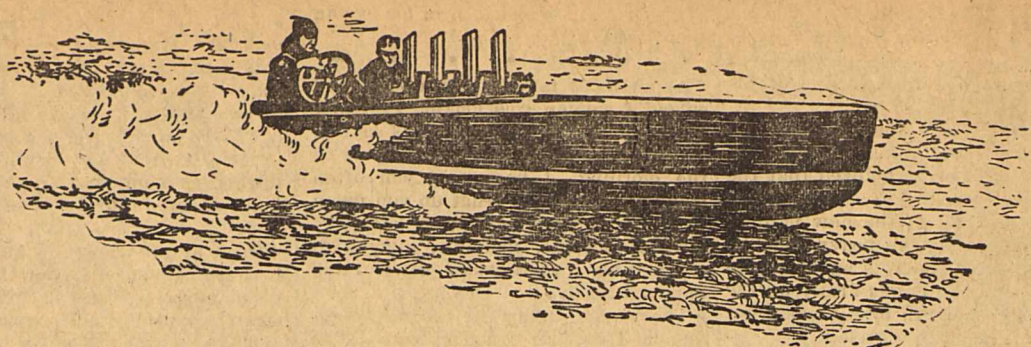
Those whom we most want to forget reappear at strange times. Thomas Gallon saw the ghost of the partner he had murdered on the crest of the hill above the mine they had discovered years ago together.

How shall he still save for his daughter Ruth the property for which he gave his happiness?

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The Fastest Boat in America

Up at Lake George last summer, on July 31, the motor boat "Baby Speed Demon" broke the world's record for speed, covering the thirty miles at the rate of 50 59-100 miles per hour. At Buffalo the "Baby Speed Demon," driven by Robert Edgren, sporting editor of the New York World, got two firsts and one second. In all, this little marvel won six firsts in nine free-for-all races during the season.

Baby Speed Demon was supplied with

TEXACO MOTOR OIL
and
TEXACO GASOLINE

and in a letter Robert Edgren says, "Texaco is good enough for me in the future—a tankful of your oil lasts twice as long as any other I have tried."

Other famous winners, such as the "Jay Dee Ess" won with Texaco motor products.

Quality and service are responsible for these results. Quality of product which made the results possible, prompt and efficient service in delivery.

The same quality and service are at your hand. Texaco products manufactured in Port Arthur, Texas, are known to be equal to the most severe requirement in any part of the world. They are superior in value for your requirement. Buy them.

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

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STRANGER LOCATED THROUGH LETTER PUBLISHED IN LEDGER

Two prisoners confined in the jail at Gatesville sent a notice to the Ledger in an effort to locate a man that went from this county to Waco early in the fall to secure cotton pickers. The first letter inquiring for the Runnels county farmer was addressed to the F. & M. Bank. The bank replied to the letter stating that they did not know who the party wanted was, and a later letter requested that we advertise for him.

It seems that the parties in trouble at Gatesville were with the Runnels County man in Waco and later they were arrested at Gatesville upon a charge committed on same day, and they were making an effort to get in touch with the Runnels county man in order that they might prove an alibi.

The men in trouble did not know the name of the man they were looking for, and sent a description here to be published and requested that the man who was wanted write them. R. D. Loiaka of Route 1, Ballinger, saw the story in the paper and wrote to the prisoners. Mr. Loiaka says

the men were with him on the day they claimed to be, but he knows nothing of their trouble. He will testify if wanted to the whereabouts of the men on the day he was in Waco, but further than that he knows nothing of them.

It is not known here what the men are being held for.

Keep It Handy for Rheumatism.

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and draw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to go right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against colds, sore and swollen joints, lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle today.

H. Giesecke and little daughter returned home Sunday from a short visit to relatives at San Antonio.

E. H. Redman of the Rowena country, was supplying and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Rev. Doss, of Ballinger and Revs. Speer, Neil and Bawman of Winters, came in at noon Monday from Bangs where they had been to attend the pastor's conference of the M. E. church.

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

O. W. JOLLY, Mgr.

wf.

George McLain left Monday for points east to look after phone trouble for the West Texas Telephone Co.

See us for tin and pipe work. Phone 22. DUNN & GLENN. Next door to fire station. 27-10d4w

COTTON LOAN POOL BENEFITS EXPIRED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Benefits of the federal "cotton loan pool" expire today. This is the last day for applications for loans from the \$135,000,000 fund voluntarily pooled by national banks. The federal reserve board decided that it was unfair to the banks to have money tied up awaiting cotton loan applications longer than today, believing that all cotton growers, warehousemen or brokers hit by the war have had time to ask and receive money from the pooled funds by this time.

The federal reserve board which had in its unofficial capacity as the central committee to handle the cotton loan fund subscribed by all national banks, thinks the situation is now well in hand. Only a comparatively small part of the \$135,000,000 subscribed has been loaned out.

Recognized Advantages

You will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has recognized advantages over most medicines in use for coughs and colds. It does not suppress a cough but loosens and relieves it. It aids expectoration and opens the system to throw off a cold. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.

Preston Dunn was in the city Saturday from the Dean Brothers irrigated farm up the river and is now comfortably situated in his new home and will begin to look after his hog raising and alfalfa crops at once and we feel sure will make a big success this year as he has always done in the past with all his other undertakings.

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

SOUTHWESTERN TRACTION COMPANY MAY BUILD HERE

A prominent traction company man visited Ballinger Saturday, and spent the day here conferring with men who are interested in seeing Ballinger forge forward. Coming here as a representative of the Southwestern Traction Co., of Dallas, the gentleman made his business known in a quiet way. His mission was more to get a line up on the lay of the land, make observation of the development of the country, the resources, etc., and then make a report to his company at a meeting to be held in Dallas within the next few days.

Mr. Riley, for that is his name, is viewing out a route for a line of electric railway from Dallas to San Angelo, via Cleburne, Glenrose, Stephenville, Comanche, Brownwood, Coleman, Ballinger. He said his company would extend its line and connect Ballinger with Dallas by an electric railway if the proposition looked

good to them, after going over the proposed line, interviewing the people and etc.

The Southwestern Traction Co., is a Texas company, composed of Texas men, and it is the object of the promoters of the extension of the line to keep it a Texas company. E. P. Turner, formerly with the T. & P. Ry., Co. is president of the company, G. A. Dunn, vice president; Wm. Poin-dexter, of Cleburne, B. M. Sansom, of Alvarado, Ben Cain, of Dallas; Geo. Williams, Sam P. Cochran, of Dallas, constitute the board of directors of the company. At present cars are being operated from Dallas to Cleburne.

The only problem that would probably block the building of this line is the fuel problem. If oil wells are developed in this section the line is sure to come, together with other great industries. After the Dallas meeting we trust to be able to give a report of the findings of Mr. Riley.

OIL PROSPECTS GROWS BRIGHTER DRILL GOES DEEPER

The Talpa Post, in making a report of the progress of the oil developments in that community says:

"Parties interested in the Talpa Oil Co., Well No. 1, tell us that the work at the well is progressing nicely and good depth being made by the big drill every day. Several stratas of hard rock with oil shale between has already been passed through, and the indications of making a paying strike grow better with every days work. Although at only a shallow depth, one small pocket of gas has been struck, and oil shows on the water most continually. Shale that will burn has been taken from the well at several places, and the driller as well as the owners, of the well are confident of reaching pay dirt in this well. Prospectors continue to visit the town and look the situation over and we can see indications of a raise in property values already."

Gather or boll cotton ginned right at Ira L. Sim's Gin at Pony. Now installing new huller gins, ready about Jan. 25th. Also have a boiler and cleaner which helps wonderfully as to grade. wtf

WORK RESUMED ON SHULTZ OIL WELL

The Shultz Oil Company have been at a standstill for the past several months, because of two strings of tools lost in the well at a depth of about 1300 feet; but now they are ready to start to work again as yesterday the last obstruction was fished out and removed. There had been a fine grade of oil found, but in small quantity, just before the misfortune in hanging the tools. The indications are thought that more oil will be found near at a lower depth so the company were going on down. They will continue the drilling and all who have watched the operations hope and expect a rich find. The well has been developed mostly with home capital.—Paint Rock Herald.

Lost.

Beteen town and my home Navjo saddle blanket. Reasonable reward for return to me. OSCAR ROUTH. 29-2td1wpd

D. E. Cordle, of the New Home neighborhood, returned home Saturday at noon from an extended business trip to Temple, Fort Worth, Dallas, Abilene and other points in the state and says he returned to Runnels county better satisfied that he lives in the best part of the state, and is more convinced every time he goes away and returns to his splendid surroundings in this county.

C. E. Davis of the Wilmeth country and J. L. Elkins of the Mud creek neighborhood, were among the visitors in Ballinger first Monday.

We make tanks, water troughs, flues and do all kinds of pipe work. DUNN & GLENN. Next door to fire station. 27-10d 4w

WINTERS STARTS MOVE ROAD BOND ELECTION

WINTERS, Tex., Feb. 1.—The citizens met in a mass meeting here Saturday afternoon, and put on foot a move for better roads in this precinct.

The advisability of asking for a bond issue election was discussed and every one present voted in favor of the bond issue proposition. A committee was appointed to prepare petitions and circulate same and arrange to go before the February term of commissioners' court and ask for an election.

The committee appointed were instructed to work out all details determine the territory to be included in the district and the amount of bonds to vote for, etc. It is probable that the entire commissioner precinct No. 2 will be included, as it is the desire of the Winters people and the citizens of the north end of the county to build good roads to connect with the Ballinger precinct.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and was made up of the representative citizens, both farmers and business men. It is the general opinion among the voters that the issue will be easily carried as most of the roads leading into Winters are almost impassable.

IF CHILD IS CROSS FEVERISH AND SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, cleanse little bowels with "California Syrup of Figs."

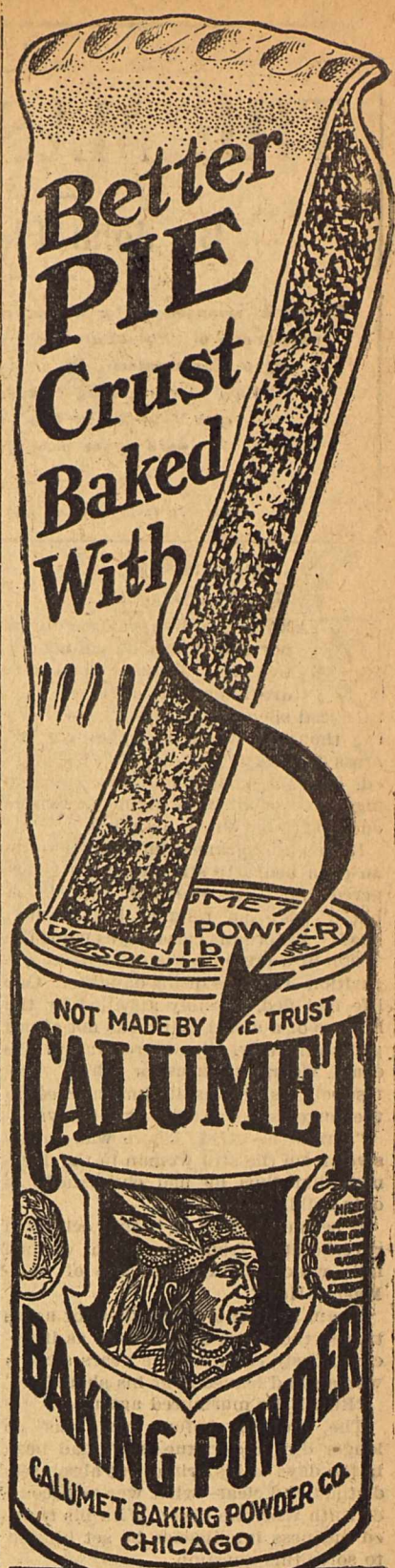
Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sours, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother. See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a 50 cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages, plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

We are sorry to report that Earl Collins had the misfortune to get his hand badly burned at the Cotton Oil Mill Saturday but we hope nothing serious will result from the effects of the burn.



Better cookies, cake and biscuits, too. All as light, fluffy, tender and delicious as mother used to bake. And just as wholesome. For purer Baking Powder than Calumet cannot be had at any price. Ask your grocer.

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

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

DIDN'T RUNAWAY, BUT CAME TO BALLINGER TO MARRY

Miss Nora Davis and G. W. Bruster, of Coleman, arrived here Sunday. They immediately called on the county clerk for marriage permit, but being unable to convince the clerk that the young lady was of age the wedding was postponed until early Monday morning, when the sister of the bride, Mrs. L. W. Wade, vouches for her age, and Judge Kleberg tied the knot.

Have it ginned at Ira L. Sims' Gin, at Pony, as he has a boiler and cleaner in connection with new huller gins now being installed. Ready about January 25th. wtf

BUYS POULTRY BUSINESS

A. J. Zappe bought out the poultry and egg business from O. L. Hurley Thursday and Mr. Zappe says he will continue the same line of business and is in the market for all the chickens, eggs, etc., in this section at the very best prices at all times

Hens and Toms for sale. Mrs. G. M. Milliken, phone 4605, rural, Full Blood Burbon Red Turkeys Ballinger. w 4t p.d.

Mr. and Mrs. George Predecker of Rowena, came over Monday morning to consult a physician for a broken shoulder Mr. Predecker sustained by a runaway team Sunday. Mr. Predecker is one of the prominent business men of Rowena and his many friends hope that nothing serious will result from the accident.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy only from Druggists. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND-BRAND PILLS, made years known as Best. Safe. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

IS YOUR BLOOD RICH?

Poor Blood is the indirect cause of much winter sickness—it allows chills, invites colds and sickness.

NOURISHMENT alone makes blood—not drugs or liquors—and the nourishing food in Scott's Emulsion charges summer blood with winter richness and increases the red corpuscles.

Its Cod Liver Oil warms the body, fortifies the lungs, and alleviates rheumatic tendencies.

YOUR DRUGGIST HAS IT. 14-45 SHUN SUBSTITUTES.

SCOTT & BOWNE, BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

2 Drops of "GETS-IT," Out Comes the Corn!

It's the World's Wonder; Never Fails.

You'll make goo-goo eyes at your feet, after you use "GETS-IT," and you'll find the places where those blabby corns used to be, just as smooth as your cheek.



"How Wide is a 'GETS-IT' Smile? Well, a Good Deal Over 2 Feet!"

There's no corn or callus among the millions of feet in the world that "GETS-IT" will not remove—there's no escape. "GETS-IT" is the new way, the simple, common-sense, sure way. It does away with greasy ointments, salves, pads, cotton rings, harnesses, knives, scissors, razors, files, and the limping and the painful pigeon-toe walk of so many corn-pestered people. All you do is put 2 drops of "GETS-IT" on the corn shrivels up—and good bye. Nothing else in the world like "GETS-IT." Millions are using it. There's no pain, no trouble, no changing shoes because of corns.

"GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.

Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn cure by Walker Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce and City Drug Store.

REAL ESTATE WORK BEEN VERY HEAVY

According to real estate dealers of Ballinger, business was unusually heavy for the month of January which closes tomorrow. Not within the past several years has there been such a great volume of business being transacted among local real estate dealers during the month of January. Many farmers have moved to the city within the past thirty days to school their children in the Ballinger public schools. For this reason rent houses have been in great demand.

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.

Louis Hale left Monday afternoon to visit his sister at Temple a few days.

2,000 BALES GINNED 1914 AT HATCHEL

HATCHEL, Tex., Jan. 30.—There were about 2000 bales of cotton ginned at Hatchel in 1914 and the first three weeks of 1915. 32 car loads of cotton seed were shipped, and of course each farmer put up several bales for home use.

The gin at Hatchel was erected in 1909 by the Western Gin Co., at a cost of \$10,000. It was five, seventy-saw stands. All of the plant is equipped with electric lights. Mr. B. F. Guinn is manager.

There more than 2000 bales of cotton raised here.

The gin was broken down several times and during that time the farmers hauled their cotton to Ballinger and Winters. The gin has no "boller," and of course, as a great deal of the cotton was pulled, it had to be ginned at other places.

There is cotton to pick yet and bids fair to be until March.

About 110 cars of wheat, oats, milo maize, cattle, etc., were shipped from Hatchel the past fall.

There are two gasoline plows in the community and several of the farmers are having their land broken with them.

Poultry raising is carried on extensively by a few people. Mr. W. W. Wycle raises the White Plymouth Rock chickens. He has won prizes a number of times on them. He won several prizes at the last poultry exhibit at Ballinger.

Hogs are also raised. Some of the girls and boys won prizes on hogs at the exhibit at Ballinger.

The farmers have been so busy harvesting their crops that they have done very little toward preparing for another. There is going to be more grain raised and not so much cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Athey, of the Norton country, left from this point Monday afternoon for Montgomery, Ala., where they will make their future home.

T. E. Brown of San Saba who had been visiting in our county the past week, returned home Monday afternoon. Mr. Brown says he will likely return to Runnels county his home again in a few weeks.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,
Concho county, Tex

Effects of Great Kidney Remedy is Soon Realized

I feel it my duty to let you know what Swamp-Root did for me. I was bothered with my back for over twenty years and at times I could hardly get out of bed. I read your advertisement and decided to try Swamp-Root. Used five bottles, and it has been five years since I used it, and I have never been bothered a day since I took the last bottle of it. I am thoroughly convinced that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root cured me and would recommend it to others suffering as I did.

My husband was troubled with kidney and bladder troubles and he took your Swamp-Root and it cured him. This was about five years ago.

Very truly yours,
MRS. MATTIE CAMFLELD,
R. F. D. No. 3 Gobleville, Mich.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1909.
Arvin W. Myers,
Notary Public,
for Van Duren Co., Mich.

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

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

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

E. C. Mars and J. H. Wheeler, who are interested in the Benoit oil wells proposition, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

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

R. W. Smith of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to his farms on valley creek near Norton.

Mrs. L. M. Wade of Cleburne, came in Tuesday at noon and will be the guest of Mrs. Jack Hill and other Ballinger friends.

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

Misses Ila Hurley and Cathreen Jeanes left Monday afternoon to assist in a meeting of the Nazarene church for a few days.

Editor Ed. P. Eason of Winters was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

CONSOLIDATION STRONGLY OPPOSED

Judge Jno. I. Guion, a member of the board of regents of the A. & M. College, attended a meeting of the board at Austin this week, at which meeting the matter of consolidating the states two most prominent educational institutions was discussed.

Judge Guion, together with the other members of the board are opposed to consolidating the two schools, and an address setting forth their objection was prepared and will be delivered to the legislature and also published.

In discussing the move to consolidate the two schools Judge Guion says that consolidation will not settle anything, but will merely plunge the two institutions into politics. It is proposed to create a board of six members to control both schools. Judge Guion says this will not benefit the schools, but will draw them into political strife that will injure them.

"I am in favor of an amendment," said Judge Guion, "providing for a separation of the two institutions. The legislature has not the power to pass a law bringing about the separation, and I am in favor of a straight amendment, with no tax qualifications, or anything strings tied to it, but just a straight amendment to the constitution separating the two schools. I am also in favor of an amendment making provisions for adequate buildings for the University, and a division of the land and endowment money."

Judge Guion is interested in the question that is up for improving the A. M. & University, and he thinks that the schools should be kept out of politics, and each maintained under the control of separate boards.

MOVING TO NEW HOMES

I. O. Rhodes purchased the residence on Broadway, occupied for some time by Carl Jeanes, from Dr. W. W. Fowler, and will move to same in a few days and make it his home.

W. E. Brooks, who has been occupying the Shepherd residence on Eighth street has purchased the Harry Sharp place in West End and is moving to his new home.

Carl Jeanes is moving from the Dr. Fowler place on Broadway to the Shepherd residence vacated by Mr. Brooks.

How to Prevent Bilious Attacks.

"Coming events cast their shadows before." This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail, you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three of Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as these symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

Grippy? Feverish? Chest Stuffy? Bad Cough?

Drive those Ugly and Annoying Feelings Away with
Dr. King's New Discovery—Pleasant, Soothing, Healing.

No need to suffer these annoying and sometimes dangerous ailments. Just ask your Druggist for a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. Take a dose at night, repeat every time you have a spasm of Cough. Notice how well you sleep and how much better you feel to-morrow. Dr. King's New Discovery contains the necessary elements to quickly check your Cold and stop your Cough. So many have used it with gratifying results. Don't put

it off, get a 50c bottle to-day and start using at once.

Mr. A. Cooper, Oswego, N. Y., says: "It is a real pleasure to testify to the excellence of Dr. King's New Discovery. I have for many years been afflicted with a Cough that had become chronic, and nothing ever prevented night coughing until I used Dr. King's New Discovery." Trial bottle mailed on receipt of 4c in stamps.

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

BUSINESS LARGER BUT NOT BREAKER

Although the receipts at the Ballinger postoffice will be large for January, it is stated by Postmaster J. J. Erwin and his assistants today that the January business will not be as heavy as that of December. The December business was a record-breaker in the Ballinger office, and it is not expected that the January total income will figure in the neighborhood of that of the last month of the year. The clerks are busy today compiling statements of the month's business.

BREAKS A COLD IN JUST A FEW HOURS

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends
grippe misery—Don't Stay
stuffed-up?

You can end grippe and break up a severe cold either in head, chest, body or limbs, by taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick 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. Be sure you get the genuine.

C. W. Barrett, of the Norton county and John Simmons, of the Pony creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Chickens, eggs, and produce wanted at Central Hotel. Top prices paid. 1-wf

Dr. J. A. Leggett and family left Tuesday afternoon for Menard where they will make their future home. They have many friends in Ballinger who regret to see them leave our city but wish them success in their new home.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of Ballard's Snow Lintiment on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

W. P. Woods, of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger first Monday and had his figures on the Banner-Ledger set up a year.

J. D. Reynolds of the Maverick country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and kindly remembered the Ledger with a subscription.

WANTED TO BUY—Good second hand motorcycle. Must be a bargain. See C. C. FORGY, Old Runnels school. 30-2td1wfp

Judge Snodgrass, of Coleman, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from Paint Rock, where he had been looking after legal business in the district court.

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.

SECOND PETITION HERE NEXT WEEK

The second bond issue petition which is being circulated among the voters of Precinct No. 1 of Runnels County, will arrive from Pony the latter part of next week, according to John Hopkinson, chairman of the committee appointed by the Young Men's Business League to circulate the petitions. The second paper is still being signed by the voters of the Pony neighborhood and indications point to the probability that every citizen of that community will have signed it before it is returned to Ballinger. In the meanwhile, Mr. Hopkinson is continuing putting the Ballinger petition in circulation. Over fifty names have been attached to the document but efforts will not be stopped until at least two hundred voters will have signed it. When that number is secured, however, according to Mr. Hopkinson who is working enthusiastically on the proposition of good roads, it does not mean that the work of securing signatures calling for an election, will be stopped. Instead, it will be worked to the very last day when the county commissioners are to meet here. The petitions call for a bond issue of \$60,000 in Precinct No. 1.

\$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

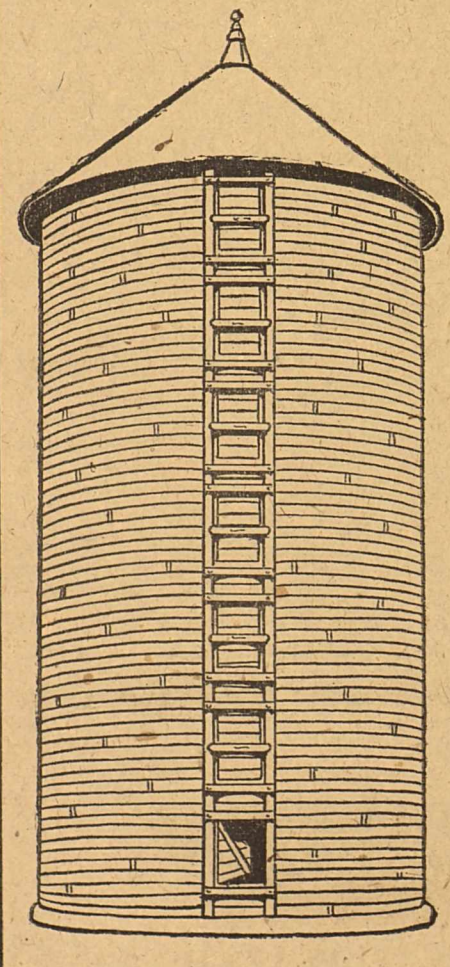
Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

J. S. Flanagan and W. V. Tubbs of the Valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and both took a year's supply of the Banner-Ledger and Dallas News.

We make tanks, water troughs, flues and do all kinds of pipe work. DUNN & GLENN. Next door to fire station. 27-10d 4tw

J. W. Rogers of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to his old home in Williamson county.



A Few Cold Facts For The Skeptic Or In Other Words "Light Thrown On The Silo Question."

You have heard the statement made on the streets that the silo is an experiment, and that in a very few years they will be a thing of the past, and what are now standing, will have fallen down, and the use of them discontinued.

We want to ask those who made these statements the following questions: Do you know that the silo has been in existence for 300 years, in fact in a small way since antiquity. Do you know that state Wisconsin alone has over 52,000. Do you know that there are over 170,000 in Mississippi-Valley. Did you know that you had made these statements in the face of the fact that there were between the almost unbelievable numbers of one half and three quarters of a million silos now standing in the United States.

If you don't want a silo that is your business and we don't blame you for not buying one, but don't throw cold water on a proposition that is a God send to the farming people of our country.

Now we are selling silos, and we are also in the Retail Lumber business, and have been for the past 35 years in Texas and Oklahoma and aim to continue in same.

If we thought you would have more money without silos do you think we would try to sell them to you.

Now we have the exclusive agency for the CRAINE TRIPPLE WALL SILO

A silo we have chosen out of them all, and only after careful and painstaking investigation. A silo we believe that has no peer. One that has stood the test for 12 years. One that you can go to rest and sleep soundly, full knowing that it will be there in the morning. No hoops to tighten or loosen. Air tight, water tight, acid proof. Made of the best known wood in the world for lasting "Cypress." They may play out as someone said but it will never fall down.

We would be very much pleased to demonstrate it at anytime. Remember we are here on the ground, we have an interest in your present and future. Don't be caught buy one of those traveling salesmen, who cares not what happens after he has your money and is gone.

Wm. Cameron & Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

PE-RU-NA
LAXATIVE-TONIC

"I was taken with a severe headache and cold, which finally brought on constipation and bowel trouble. Physics of all kinds were used, and we were obliged to resort to the fountain syringe for help. I could drink castor oil like water, but it did no good. Salts were of no use. The doctors were puzzled. After using three bottles of Peruna I consider myself entirely well." Mr. John B. Capers, No. 610 Pecan St., Fort Worth, Texas.

Those who object to Liquid Medicine will find Peruna Tablets a desirable remedy for CATARRHAL CONDITIONS.

PE-RU-NA
LAXATIVE-TONIC



BAD DIGESTION

Biliousness and constipation bring on kidney disease which is the great destroyer of life. The safe course is to remove bilious disorders as soon as they appear.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a system tonic and corrective which carries its cleansing and stimulating influence to every part of the body, drives out impurities, strengthens digestion and quickly restores energy and cheerful spirits.

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

PRICE \$1.00

Sold by Druggists.

Y. M. B. L. IS A VERY BUSY BODY

Amending that part of the constitution which specifies the number of men to constitute the board of directors of the Young Men's Business League, endorsing the movement to purchase a trophy to be given to the best debating class of the various schools of Rannels County, appointing a committee to accompany a committee of bandmen of the city in furthering the interests of a musical organization, and transacting other business were the main items brought up for discussion at a rousing meeting of the membership of the Young Men's Business League, held Monday night.

Motion of Q. V. Miller, to the effect that the constitution of the League be amended so as to increase the board of directors of the organization to more than five, but not more than ten was adopted. The matter of naming at least three farmers on the new board was discussed and seemingly was favorable. H. C. Gardner then made a motion asking that the election of the new members of the board be postponed until the next meeting. During the present time, the body will consider the best material for directors.

Prof. W. W. Wooten, superintendent of the Rannels County schools, was present at the meeting, and asked that the league sponsor a movement for a trophy to the best debating and declamation class of Rannels county schools. The matter was brought to the attention of the league in a forcible manner and with due consideration was it received by the membership. Roy Sharp made a motion to the effect that the league cooperate with Mr. Wooten in securing sufficient funds to purchase a suitable trophy for the best debating club of this county. A committee will be named soon by President C. A. Doose of the league to make the necessary steps with the Superintendent.

A number of the band men of the city present at the meeting discussed with the league, the advisability of going about securing the services of a director. After considerable discussion, a plan

was formulated by Diaz Wood for the maintenance of a musical organization of the city, and the services of a director. It is the intention of Mr. Wood to raise one-third of the amount necessary for the maintenance of a band, among the band boys of the city, the balance to be raised by subscriptions from those who feel the band an absolute necessity for the well-being of the City of Ballinger. The following committee was named by President Doose to accompany a committee from the band boys, to secure subscriptions at the opportune time: A. W. Sledge, R. G. Erwin, Roy Sharp and J. P. Martindale.

A letter from Chas. B. Metcalf, member of the legislature from the San Angelo district, was read by the secretary. Mr. Metcalf asks whether the league would be willing to co-operate with San Angelo in extending to the Texas legislature an invitation to visit the two cities about the first day of March. The league took action upon the proposition, believing that it is highly favorable and to the best interest of the city. Secretary Ed Spill was requested to write Mr. Metcalf a letter immediately securing full details of the idea.

The attention of the league was called in the form of a communication from one of its members and a citizen of Ballinger, to the number of hogs within the city limits. Secretary Spill was requested to call the attention of the mayor to the communication, and ask that official if the statement, that there are many hogs within the corporate limits, is true.

As to the good roads petitions, praying for the construction of first-class highways in Rannels County by the funds of a \$60,000 bond issue, which the league is fostering, it was decided by the body that Mr. Geo. P. McLelland, county farm demonstrator, and the secretary of the league get in touch with the commissioners' court and determine what date is most suitable for that body to convene with the directors of the league, the farmers of the county and business men of the city, and discuss the submitting of the petitions for the bond issue to that honorable body.

Rev. R. R. Rives, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church of this city, was a guest at the meeting, and following the transacting of the important business items before the body, was asked by President Doose to deliver a talk to the membership. In a thorough manner, Rev. Rives set forth the great object of a commercial organization and the value it is to a town. He told the members to set their eyes on the larger things for the best interests of the city and county, to train themselves to look at big items. A vote of thanks was extended the speaker after the conclusion of his interesting talk.

The meeting of the league was one of the best yet held. A good attendance was had and each of the several items brought up for consideration was important and necessitated action by the league.

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 mucous, stops the cough and soothes the lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your druggist.

W. E. Branch came in Tuesday at noon from the east to spend a few days with his family.

SCHOOL TERM MAY BE CUT SHORT

The present term of the Ballinger schools will be cut short unless the people pay their taxes, is a statement made by the school board today. On account of the great number of delinquents, and the failure to pay taxes the treasurer is running low.

All this and tax paying time expired on Feb. 1st. The county and state can continue to handle its business whether the county and state taxes are paid or not, until pressure is brought to bear and the delinquent taxes collected, but this is not the case with the schools in this district. The school board have no other resources to fall back on, and when the tax payers fail to pay it is up to them to suspend school until the taxes can be collected.

It is to be regretted that the delinquent taxes are greater this year than usual and that the school fund is badly crippled on this account. Those who have not paid should consider the condition that the school is in and make some arrangement to at least pay their school tax.

IF CONSTIPATED OR BILIOUS "CASCARETS"

To-night! Clean your bowels and stop headache, colds, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box. Take a Cascaret to-night to cleanse your Liver, Stomach and Bowels, and you will surely feel great by morning. You men and women who have headache, coated tongue, a bad cold, are bilious, nervous, upset, bothered with a sick gassy, disorder stomach, or have backache and feel all worn out. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascares—or merely forcing a passage every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil?

Cascares immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels. Remember, a Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning. A 10-cent box from your druggist means healthy bowel action; a clear head and cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children.

BIG BOY WOODEN RETURNS TO FT. SMITH

Willard Wooden left Sunday for Brownwood where he will spend a few days before going to Fort Smith, Ark., where he will join the Fort Smith base ball team for the coming season. Willard was with the Arkansas boys last season and his work on the Fort Smith team caused the manager of that team to sign him for this year.

Have You? Got your Free chance on the Saddle, Bridle, and Spurs at H. L. Wendor's, the Busy Shop? d&w tf

C. W. Arthur, of Hillsboro, came in Tuesday at noon to look after property interests in Ballinger and this county. Mr. Arthur recently bought the Ballinger opera house on Hutelings Ave and also some residence property and a farm in the Crews country. He will arrange to move his family here to make their future home in a few weeks.

See us for tin and pipe work. Phone 22. DUNN & GLENN. Next door to fire station. 27-10d4w

Edgar Jayroe, of the Crews country passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon en route home from a business trip to points west.

Miss Gladys Oliver of Winters, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. Terry of Jourdon, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

Ira L. Sims Gin at Pony is equipped to do it properly. New huller gins with a boller and cleaner insure your securing a higher grade on your bolls or gathered cotton. wtf

Miss Maurice Truly left for Santa Anna to look after her music class in that city a few days.

BOARD RETIRES \$5000 IN BONDS

At a recent meeting of the school board of the Ballinger Independent District, the board retired \$5000 worth of the school bonds. The voucher was drawn and the bonds cancelled.

This automatically reduces the tax rate five cents on the hundred dollars, and the tax rate for next year will be five cents less than the year just closed, unless the citizens and patrons of the school see fit to reissue these bonds and give the board money with which to make improvements that are needed so badly. If the patrons of the school will vote a reissue of the bonds, the tax rate will remain the same, and the great difficulty that is confronting the board can be successfully handled.

A prominent member of the board says, "we've got to do something before next school term. I wish the patrons of the school would visit the central school and see what condition that building is in. It was necessary today for us to remove two teachers and their pupils from that building until temporary repairs could be made, and we have no funds with which to do the work."

The old building is in bad shape and it will be taking great chances to try to house the children in it another term. With the re-issuing of these bonds the building could be put in shape and the improvements that are absolutely necessary made.

The school board will probably issue a statement in the near future and will call on the patrons of the school to come to their rescue.

SANITARY MEAT MARKET.

We have our place of business in a perfect sanitary condition and in compliance with the pure food laws of the State, have just built a perfectly sanitary slaughter house, complete in every respect, and will keep it in splendid shape at all times.

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. ftdw Stanley Cameron, Prop.

CALIFORNIA COUNTY BUILDS ROADS CHEAPLY

Santa Ana, Cal., Feb. 2.—Orange county, California, challenges the nation to surpass a good-roads construction economy record which it has established. To keep pace with the wonderful highway work being done by California counties, Orange, two years ago, issued bonds for \$1,270,000 to be used for the construction of county boulevards. The county's highway engineers, them selves, were astounded when they completed the work outlined, with \$240,000 of the amount realized by treasury. The money will be by the bond sale still in the contingent for further highway paving.

WANTED—We have a client who wants a good gilt edge \$5,000 vendor's lien notes drawing 10 per cent interest. Apply to C. A. Doose & Co. 1-3td1tw

MUCH MAIZE LEAVING COUNTY

The little town of Winters has presented a busy scene during the past week. Many car loads of milo maize have been shipped from here to points in East Texas, and the work will continue for some time. The farmers are hauling the maize from their farms to the car where they are receiving 85 cents per hundred for it.

The maize crop was the largest for the past year in the history of the county and the good price is bringing prosperity to this section.

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.

NORMAL SLATED FOR LOCATION IN 1917

According to normal bills favorably recommended by the house committee, Texas is to have three new state normal schools; and instead of costing \$100,000 each they will cost double that amount.

It will be remembered that in an interview published in this paper before he left for Austin Representative Griggs stated that he would work for a normal to be located at Ballinger. Later it developed that it would be better to frame the bill so as to call for a normal some where in this district. As will be seen from the following dispatch from Austin the bill is favorably before the house but will not establish the normal until 1917. In the meantime we should not overlook any thing that will help us to land this institution.

The house committee on educational affairs favorably recommended three bills today providing for the establishment of additional normal schools in Texas. One is proposed to be established in East Texas in 1916; one in South Texas and one in Central West Texas in 1917. They will cost approximately \$200,000 each. The committee recommended that the matter of location be left to a committee consisting of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Doughty, Representative Edgar P. Haney, Senator Carlos Bee, a Railroad Commissioner Earl Mayfield and Judge Nelson P. Phillips of the supreme court. The insurance committee of the house met today and favorably recommended a bill making district road bonds Texas securities.

SURGICAL MAGNETS

Paris, Feb. 4th.—In the hospitals of France magnets have been developed that will draw fragments of shrapnel to the surface from a depth in the flesh of even six inches, and steel-jacketed bullets have been drawn out from a depth of more than two inches.

At the Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., are many as wonderful electric machines, high frequency currents, X-ray, violet rays. Then Dr. Pierce has equipped the Sanitarium with every known device to aid the sick and in the Surgical Department every instrument and appliance approved by the modern operator. The permanent cure of rupture is accomplished here without pain with local anaesthesia. Stone in the Bladder and Gravel are removed in many cases without pain and the patient can return home cured in a few days.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, nearly half a century ago, devised and used two prescriptions which were almost unailing. They were made without alcohol or narcotics, extracted from roots and herbs by using pure glycerine and the ingredients are made public.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a tonic and blood purifier that cures pimples, blotches, sores, humors, eruptions and diseases of the skin.

Nothing stands as high today in the estimation of thousands of women as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—this is a soothing nerve which cures the functional derangements and painful disorders of women. For girls about to enter womanhood, women about to become mothers and for the changing days of middle age Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription should always be on hand. In liquid or tablets. Write Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for free 136-page book on woman's diseases. Every woman should have one.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser, cloth-bound, sent free to you on receipt of 3 dimes (or stamps) to pay expense of mailing only—Adv.

Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Bandy of Alpine, who had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Lusk, and family, the past few weeks returned home Monday at noon.

Jersey Cows for Sale. Fresh in milk, young and gentle. A. E. CRIFFIS, Route 4, Winters, Texas. 29-6td 1tw pd



Rheumatism For Young and Old

The acute agonizing pain of rheumatism is soothed at once by Sloan's Liniment. Do not rub—it penetrates to the sore spot, bringing a comfort not dreamed of until tried. Get a bottle today.

RHEUMATISM

Here What Others Say: "I highly recommend your Liniment as the best remedy for rheumatism I ever used. Before using it I spent large sums of money trying to get relief of the misery and pains in limbs and body, so I tried your Liniment both internal and external and I found quick relief, and now am well and strong again."—Geo. Curtis, 225 N. 15th St., Springfield, Ill.

Here's Proof: "I wish to write and tell you about a fall I had down fourteen steps, and bruised my neck and hip very bad. I could not sleep at all. I sent my wife for a 25-cent bottle of your Liniment and in two days' time I was on my feet again."—Charles Hyde, 1333 1/2 Prairie Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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for neuralgia, sciatica, sprains and bruises. All Druggists, 25c.

Send four cents in stamps for a TRIAL BOTTLE

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FOUND POT OF GOLD IS BROWNWOOD REPORT

While there may be some truth in the story, the Bulletin has been unable to verify the rumor that a child Saturday night uncovered a pot of Spanish gold which had lain for many years beside the stream while countless explorers unearthed thousands of cubic yards of dirt in a vain search for the treasure.

The story gained circulation Sunday. The rumor states that a little girl, a member of a family camping on the Bayou near town was attracted by a glitter in the sand at a point where the waters of the stream had washed away the earth. Upon investigation it was found that she had discovered the fabled pot of gold for which search had been made by so many different people. It was declared that the gold was in the shape of Spanish coins, and that the total value of the find was about \$40,000.

Today inquiry was made all over town, among officers and at every place at which anyone would likely know of the discovery. No one was found who could give definite information, each man questioned stating that he had merely heard the story. At any rate, none of the gold of Captain Kidd is yet in circulation in Brownwood, though its advent would be much appreciated in the channels of trade.—Brownwood Bulletin.

When the bowels become irregular you the uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using Herbine. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Fresh Fruits, Fresh Cider, Fresh Candies.

Do your Confection buying from me, We sell the good things to eat.

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THE CASH MEAT MARKET (The Globber 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

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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

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Everything in the leather goods line. All kinds of repairing done neatly and promptly. Shoe shop in connection.

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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.

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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

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 holden 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 unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld 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 due thereon for a period of more than five 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

LEDGER FORCE GIVES BANQUET TO SPILL

In honor of Ed Spill who retires from the Ledger force as reporter, bookkeeper, and assistant manager, of the Daily Ledger and Banner-Ledger, to begin his duties as secretary of the Young Men's Business League next Monday the Ledger boys pulled off a little banquet at the Club Cafe Friday night.

Plates were spread for ten and an elegant seven course luncheon was served in a pleasing manner and to the satisfaction of those who were fortunate to participate.

The boys assembled at the office at 7:00 o'clock and attended the Queen Theatre, then went to the Club Cafe and indulged to their hearts content in the elegant spread. Mr. Spill was presented with a box of cigars by the editor, A. W. Sledge, and in presenting same Mr. Sledge told him that he, in presenting them, was reminded of the pungent odor of the "Twofoers" he had inhaled for the past eighteen months during his stay with the Ledger force.

Others responded with short talks and a generally good time was had. After the banquet the boys went to the Princess where they enjoyed a good show. Many were the kind expressions from the force in behalf of Mr. Spill.

One of the happiest hits of the evening was a response to the toast "Why I am a Bachelor," responded to by James M. Skinner, Jr., who will succeed Mr. Spill as reporter, bookkeeper and assistant business manager. On account of his timidity, it was believed that he would be a little backward about expressing himself freely on this most important subject, but he pulled off his gloves, rolled up his sleeves, as it were, and warmed up to his subject and made a manly and well-framed argument in favor of the bachelor life as versus that of a benedict.

- Following is the menu:
- HOT METAL
 - Oyster Cocktail
 - MATS QUOINS
 - Crackers Cheese Straws
 - SEVENTY-TWO POINT BOLD
 - FACE
 - Turkey.
 - STRAIGHT COMPOSITION
 - Dressing
 - ADSTYLE LIGHT FACE
 - Gravy
 - ART ORNAMENTS
 - Olives
 - THIN SPACES TYMPAN
 - Potato Chips Ham
 - TAB STICK 'EM HELL BOX
 - Candied Yams Cake
 - ADSTYLE BLACK.
 - Coffee
 - "30"
 - Cigars

GOOD MAN RECOGNIZED.

Ballinger, Tex., Jan. 28.—Ed Spill, a young newspaper man of this city, has been named to succeed Ed R. Boler as secretary of the Young Men's Business League of this city. Mr. Spill besides being affiliated with some of the state papers as correspondent, has been associated with the Daily Ledger of this city for the past eighteen months.

(The readers of the Daily Telegram are indebted to this progressive young man for the splendid news service from his section and it may be stated without arousing hardfeelings that he is the best correspondent the Telegram has ever tried out.—Ed. Telegram.)—Temple Telegram.

H. L. Norred returned home Saturday from an extended business trip to several points in North Texas and says he is glad to be back in Ballinger and Runnels county.

E. F. Edwards of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home from a business trip to Coleman.

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 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. 14

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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THIRD CAR EGGS

SHIPPED SATURDAY

For several days, cotton seed hulls in one of the Winters oil mill sheds have been burning, originating from spontaneous combustion. Most of the hulls in the vicinity of the smoldering fire have been removed to safer quarters, and the fire is today about extinguished, according to a report reaching the offices of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Company. The loss is not very great, it is stated. Some time ago fire broke out in the hull house, damaging grain belonging to J. M. Edwards, state treasurer of Texas. Putting water on the fire at that time is said to be the cause of the fire which has been burning this week.

TO GUARD AGAINST BURGLARS AND FIRE

WINTERS, Tex., Feb. 1.—On account of the numerous robberies being committed in neighboring towns, the business men of Winters have employed a night watchman. This was decided upon at a meeting of the business men held Saturday. It will be the duty of the watchman to also guard against fire.

While assembled together the business men of this place also decided to organize a Retail Merchants Association.

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

The third car load of eggs to leave Runnels County since January first was shipped out of Winters Saturday afternoon. The Rossen Produce Co., at that place loaded a car Saturday, and two cars had previously been shipped from Ballinger, the last car being partly loaded here and completed at Santa Anna by the Jeanes Produce Co.

The produce dealers are very optimistic over the outlook for a heavy egg business during the spring months. January is not supposed to be a heavy egg month, and this is the heaviest shipments ever made from here in January, and this too in face of the unfavorable weather for poultry.

The heavy egg production is due to the development of the poultry industry here. Practically every farm has a few hens supplying eggs, and when they are gathered up from all over the county they make a big pile of eggs. And the poultry growers have learned what kind of poultry bring the greatest number of eggs, and they are raising poultry on scientific lines, and with a flock of good young hens on the farm the egg problem is solved and many dollars are made to come this way that the farmers have been missing in years gone by.

J. M. Garlington, trustee for Guin & Franks of Wingate spent Saturday with home folks and to look after business affairs.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Gardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Gardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Gardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

GARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Gardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Gardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Gardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

Petticoats

Special lot fancy petticoats in new circular effects. Pleated sectional flounces, all the new and wanted shades **\$1.50**

Ballinger's Greatest Store

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE OUR INITIAL SHOWING OF ALL THAT IS NEW IN

Ready-to-Wear For Spring

HERE YOU WILL FIND ALL THE NEWEST STYLE CREATIONS IN

Outing Gowns

Outing gowns at a great saving, a few odds and ends in all sizes and kinds. Worth up to \$1.50. Special **98c** while they last

Ladies' and Misses' Suits, Waists And Dresses, At Moderate Prices

No. 827 A beautiful suit, empire effect in the new putty shade. Prunella, this is a very new and attractive model at the exceptionally moderate price of **\$17.50**

No. 986—Suit of navy blue gabardine with military tendency. Full flare skirt, a serviceable and up-to-the-minute suit. Priced at **\$20.00**

No. 711—A new and very rich cloth, Matelasse Crepe Worsted. Short jacket in the sand shade, matched lining of extra good mescaline. Priced at **\$25.00**

No. 1417—Battleship gray suit in the swagger 1915 Norfolk of exceptionally good quality covert cloth lined with yarn dyed Peau de Cyne. Full flare skirt. Priced at **\$20.00**

You Will Appreciate These Distinctive Styles

Dainty Blouse Creations

Beautiful flowered crepe de chine, silk shadow lace sleeves and center, also many flowered chiffon and plain crepe de chine, colors are flesh, maize and white, sizes 34 to 44. Prices **\$5.00**

Striped Seco Silk best quality in light blue, pink, helio and black stripes in white. Venice lace edges, the convertible collar of white Seco silk. Priced at **\$1.50**

Middies for House and Outings

We have an exceptional strong showing of serviceable outing middies made of khaki, cloth laced with red cord. Sizes from 34 to 44. Priced at **\$1.25**

Wonderful assortment of linen and galata middy blouses, showing all the newest and best styles with many clever combinations. All sizes. Prices from 50c to **\$1.25**

FOR MY LADY'S BOUDOIR

No. 829—Fancy flowered crepe gowns linen lace trimmed, sizes to 17. One of the daintiest creations of the season **\$1.25**

No. 975—Beautiful White crepe gown kimona. All sizes **\$1.50**

Large line nainsook combination suits, val lace and beading necks **\$1.50**

No. 826—White crepe gown embroidered in pink, blue and lavender with ribbon lacing to match. Priced at **\$1.25**

No. 727—Solid color crepe gown with linen lace yoke and sleeves **\$1.50**

Large line of rompers in good fast color gingham Blue only, price 25c to **50c**

Utility House and Porch Dresses, Misses' and Children's Dresses and Play Suits

Never before have we shown such a complete line of good durable dresses in so many new and attractive styles

Fast colored gingham dresses in tan, pink and blue all sizes \$1.00 to **\$2.50**

No. 104—Dress of black and white Shepherd check suiting 34x44 at **\$4.00**

Misses dresses of quadria cloth modified middy in blue and red, trimmed in black and plaid **\$2.50**

Mercerized gingham trimmed with fancy plaids and pique. Bringing out the long new waists and circular skirts, sizes 6 to 16. Prices \$1.00 to **\$3.00**

Dresses for the little tots, white linen with blue and pink decorations. Sizes 2 to 6. Prices 75c and up to **\$1.25**

Punch and Judy rompers, light blue waists with dark blue trousers and suspenders to match, sizes 2 to 6. Price **50c**

Oliver Twist suits for boys, fast color gingham. Sizes 2 to 6. Price **50c**

Large line of rompers in good fast color gingham Blue only, price 25c to **50c**

DON'T MISS OUR INITIAL SHOWING OF SPRING MILLINERY FEATURING THE NEW MILITARY TOQUES AND SMALL SAILORS WITH CIRCULAR VEILS

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO. "Ballinger's Greatest Store"

POLL TAX PAYMENTS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

Eighteen tax payers waited until the eleventh hour and called at the tax collector's office Sunday and were supplied with tax receipts. The office closed Sunday night for tax paying, and those who failed to pay now add ten per cent when they go to settle.

The poll tax payments came up much better than was at first expected. Payments had been slow throughout the month, and many waited until the last day or two, and then made a rush on the collector's office. It was necessary to employ additional help in order to wait on the crowd, and the office was kept open almost day and night. The records show that there were issued 2559 poll tax receipts. This number includes the exemption certificates. 2650 receipts were issued last year, 2540 in 1913 and 2868 in 1912. Following shows the payments by boxes:

Voting Box	1915	1914
Ballinger No. 1	349	344
Hatchel	87	91
Benoit	55	52
Crews	135	153
Tokeen	47	58
Truitt	33	37
Winters	342	342
Antelope	35	41
Pumphrey	70	74
Wingate	125	130
Baldwin	35	36
Wilmeth	109	106
Cochran	40	31
North Norton	58	49
Marie	27	30
Maverick	52	57
South Norton	48	46
Pearce S. II.	60	62
Brookshire	16	19
Miles	197	221
Rowena	162	171
Olfen	51	53
Pony	71	90
Ballinger No. 24	355	346

Total, 2559 2650

It will be noticed that the payments in some boxes were greater than last year, while others show a decrease. The Winters box paid exactly the same number for the two years. The rolls show that there were 2676 polls assessed and of the number paid at least fifty were not assessed.

407 City Receipts Issued.
City Collector Lusk reports that he issued 407 poll tax receipts which is two more than were issued last year and 29 more than were issued in 1913.

Notice to Everybody
I have secured Mrs. Radican as a sub-agent for the Watkins Remedies in Ballinger. She will keep her stock of goods at her father's store, (the Ostertag Furniture Co.) Help her and yourself by calling there and getting you a supply of the best goods to be had for your home and your stock remedies, flavoring, spices and toilet articles.
D. B. HORN,
2-2td2twpd Salesman

CONCHO PRISONERS GO TO PAINT ROCK

The cases of four men charged with different crimes in Concho county has been slated for the present term of district court at Paint Rock. Three of the prisoners, two Mexicans and one negro, who have been in the Ballinger jail since arrested several months ago, were carried to Paint Rock Wednesday, Sheriff Puett coming after them. Another negro charged with killing another negro on the Rosalee farm, near Concho in the early part of the fall, is out on bond, is here and will go to Paint Rock when his case is called or set for trial.

The negro carried to Paint Rock Wednesday is charged with assault and attempt to murder, having cut another negro. One of the Mexicans is charged with a similar offense, having used his knife on another Mexican. The third prisoner confined here for some time is a Mexican charged with "bootlegging."
Concho has no jail and that county pays Rannels county the usual county hotel rate for taking care of her prisoners.

Carload of high-grade Oklahoma Flour to arrive today at Roark's Feed Store. Prices right. 5-1tw

Barred Rock Eggs
\$1 per setting of 15 eggs. Mrs. R. L. Wylie, Route 4, Ballinger, Texas. w 4t pd

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Running from 2 p. m. Until 12:00 p. m.

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MARY PICKFORD

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"THE EAGLES MATE"

In Five Reels.

A Gripping Drama of the Mountain Country Abounding in Honest Exquisite Thrills.

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CALL MEETING HOG GROWERS

A meeting of the Rannels County Hog Growers Association will be held at the Business League rooms on Saturday, Feb. 13th at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and attending to such other business as may be necessary. The association has had a very successful year and the hogs which will be shipped at an early date opens up a new industry in this county.

SEE ZAPPE.

Zappe wants your poultry of all kinds at highest market prices, also for sale Red Rust Proof Seed Oats. Remember good turning plows at \$5.00 each. 3-2td 1tw

CASTORIA

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

Let Texas Feed Itself Club Gets Encouragement

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that in order to prosper they must produce something to eat at home, and quit living out of tin cans and paper sacks. The visitors went away from Ballinger greatly encouraged in their work, and can go into other counties and point to Rannels county as an example of what living at home amounts to in dollars and cents.

The Let Texas Feed Itself Club have compiled figures and using the U. S. census report as proof of their figures, it is shown that Texas people send more than three hundred million dollars annually for things they could raise at home. Three hundred thousand farmers in Texas do not grow forage crops for their own animals, but buy imported feed. Fifty-four million dollars are spent annually for imported garden produce, having no garden on

their farms.

The last U. S. Census showed 306,000 farms in Texas on which no hay or forage was grown, 369,000 that grew no sweet potatoes, 124,000 without a pig, 92,000 with out a dairy cow and 60,000 on which were no chickens.

Estimates secured from the most reliable sources available show the following amounts shipped into Texas each year:

Pork products	\$54,000,000
Corn	60,000,000
Kaffir	20,000,000
Flour and wheat	15,000,000
(Home Consumption)	
Oats	\$ 4,800,000
Potatoes	13,000,000
Hay	10,000,000
Dairy products	15,000,000
Beans and peas	3,000,000
Nuts	3,000,000
Honey	2,000,000
Tobacco	2,000,000
Broom corn	500,000
Sugar	10,000,000

Not even an estimate can be secured of the value of canned goods and dried fruit shipped into the State.
The Dallas Chamber of Com-

merce found that nine million dollars worth of farm products are shipped yearly into Dallas.

Waco Chamber of Commerce found that in 1914 there was sent out of the county \$1,277,500 to buy pork products; \$375,000 for Irish potatoes; \$90,000 for sweet potatoes, many cars coming from as far North as Illinois and \$425,000 for beans.

This club is not asking the people for any money to carry on their work, and realizing that the prosperity of Texas depends on the prosperity of the farmers and that the prosperity of the farmers depends on the farmers producing more to eat and more to sell and the curtailment of importing produce that should be raised in Texas and sent to other countries, a move has been started, and is proving of much benefit to create an interest in the development of the resources of Texas that have in years past been overlooked.

What Texas is doing every Southern State should do, and the money center would soon be changed from the North to the South,

and the Southern people would be the most prosperous people on earth.

FRENCH REMEDY FOR STOMACH TROUBLES

The leading doctors of France have for years used a prescription of vegetable oils for chronic stomach trouble and constipation that acts like a charm. One dose will convince. Severe cases of year's standing are often greatly benefited within 24 hours. So many people are getting surprising results that we feel all persons suffering from constipation, lower bowel, liver and stomach troubles should try Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. It is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.