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Ballinger Auto Co.

RETURNS WITH NEGRO PRISONER

Sheriff Perkins returned from Belton at noon Tuesday, having in charge the negro wanted here for robbing a local dry-goods store.

The negro, it will be remembered, was arrested in a drag made by the Bell county sheriff at Belton last Saturday, in which the sheriff was looking for another party. The negro had too many clothes, the officer thought for one negro, and he was held and word of the arrest reached Ballinger through an account of the arrest and finding of the surplus clothes in a newspaper.

The negro did not tell in detail how he robbed the store, but told the sheriff that he carried the clothes to the river and hid them and later packed them up and expressed them to Belton and going down later on a freight train he paid the clothes out of the Belton express office, and "soaked" some of them at a pond shop.

The clothes and a pair of shoes

have been identified as the one stolen here, and about all that remains to be done in the case is for the court to pass sentence on the negro and he will be carried to the pen where it is stated that he has served one term for a similar offense.

RACE HORSE BILL CAN'T PASS HOUSE

AUSTIN, March 3.—The race horse bill which carried with it pari-mutuel gambling, will not pass the house. A poll of the house this morning resulted in a majority against the bill.

TOWN MOVES ON ELECTION DAY.

Brokoshe, Okla., March 3.—The town of Milton, Okla., a socialist colony a few miles from here today was virtually moved to Brokoshe in order that the paid-up stockholders of the socialist colony might vote in their city election to the exclusion of the non-paid-up stockholders. Voters are given their ballots after having shown their credentials proving their assessments paid.

C. W. Schwartz, of the Crews country, was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday.

176 Die In Big Mine Explosion

HINTON, W. Va., March 3.—Seventeen dead bodies have been recovered from Leyland mines where a terrific explosion occurred yesterday and entombed 176 men. Nine living have been recovered.

Over 100 men are still entombed in the wrecked mine, and it is not thought that any of them will be rescued alive.

From outside evidence the force of the explosion must have been terrific. The stone arch over the main entrance of the workings was destroyed; windows within a 300 yard radius were broken and

the explosion felt for miles around.

A. B. Cooper, who was delivering groceries to a house within 75 yards of the mine entrance, was blown against a telegraph pole and killed.

The first rescue party which penetrated the mine, a drift working, found bad slate falls. They reported the air courses good. Company officials refuse to give out any information concerning the accident. Most of the entombed miners are of foreign birth, but there are also a large number of Americans.

CORPSE CREMATED WHEN HOUSE BURNS

The body of Bernardino Lopez, an aged Mexican, who had died Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock at his home on West Eleventh street, was practically cremated at 7:30 o'clock, five and one-half hours later, when his home burned to the ground and the man, who had been sitting up with the corpse, narrowly escaped death. It is thought that a candle, one of a number which were burning about the cot on which the dead man lay, tipped over and ignited the bed clothes. The watcher had fallen asleep.

The home was little more than a two-room hut and burned like tinder. A neighbor girl saw the smoke issuing from the building and rushed in just in time to save the man who had been on watch. He was scorched somewhat and his hair singed. The undertakers and firemen who rushed to the scene did not ascertain his name. —San Angelo Standard.

Uncle Johnnie Hoffman and son Joe, of the Benoit country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Earl Clinger of the Maverick country was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

BOUNTEOUS RAINS BOOST GRAIN CROP

The prospects for a large small grain crop was never better in this county than at this particular time. The rainfall for January and February has been better than usual and distributed in such way as to be of the greatest benefit.

The fall rains—especially the rain through the month of December was heavy and left the ground soaking wet. This followed by the slow rains through January and February has been as beneficial to the large acreage planted in small grain the farmer could wish for.

While the total fall for the first two months of the year has not been great, it has been all that was needed and properly distributed. 1.55 inches makes up the total rainfall for the two months, as follows:

January 2150
February 1915
February 2040
February 2630
February 2720

Total1.55
The rainfall for the same period last year amounted to only .40.

Weather Forecast.
Tonight cloudy and colder; Thursday fair and colder.

NEW AMENDMENT PASSES THE HOUSE

AUSTIN, Feb. 27.—The House passed finally the resolution submitting constitutional amendment permitting vote away from home. This is the bill favored and urged by traveling men.

Governor Ferguson issued a proclamation designating March 10th as Texas clean-up day.

LOBBY REGISTER ADVANCED

Austin, Tex., March 3.—After thoroughly condemning the lobby register as "ridiculous," the senate discarded it. The lower branch of the legislature, however, today continues to require representatives of special interests to register their name and the legislation for which they are "lobbying."

O. L. Dahlgren, of Hatchel, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Brownwood on a short business trip.

DALLAS FASHION SHOW GIVES U. S. A. STYLES

DALLAS, Tex., Mar. 2.—"Made in U. S. A." is the slogan of the Spring Styles Show which opens here tomorrow and will continue for the remainder of the week. The biggest automobile and accessories show ever staged in the Southwest was the central feature of the celebration, while the drawing card was Enrico Caruso and several other famous artists in concerts.

The department stores and many other business houses have decorated their buildings with flags and bunting. The principal streets downtown were gayly decorated and special efforts have been made to present many artistic show windows. Thousands of out of town visitors are expected.

J. A. DeMerville had official business at Miles between trains Tuesday.

RABBIT HUNT POSTPONED

On account of the rains we are requested by John H. Webb to say that the rabbit hunt announced for March 4th down the river is postponed to a later date. Please take notice and watch for further announcement.

MRS. EDWIN DAY PAINFULLY HURT

Mrs. Edwin Day suffered a dislocated arm Tuesday evening when she made a mistep and fell while ascending the steps of her home.

Mrs. Day was arranging to have a number of friends take six o'clock dinner with her and was in the act of going up the steps leading into the back door of her home when in some way she made a mistep and fell several feet.

The right wrist was dislocated, making a very painful injury, one the physicians say is more painful and requires longer time to recover than a broken bone. A physician was called in and the injured wrist replaced and placed in a cast, and Mrs. Day is getting along as well as could be expected.

It will be remembered that Mr. Day lost one arm in a gin acci-

MUST KEEP THEIR PROMISES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—In a regular interview with newspaper reporters this morning, President Wilson said: "Whether the belligerents keep the international law between themselves or not does not concern the United States. But their promises made with the United States in international conventions must be kept." The President emphasized this stand in his interview, and said that the administration was still "digesting" England's latest "blockade" declaration.

P. J. Waecker, of Austin, who had been visiting Ballinger friends the past few days, left for his home Saturday.

dent last fall and the accident to Mrs. Day flowing so close after the gin accident makes the trouble all the more serious to the family. Mr. and Mrs. Day have the sympathy of their friends in their misfortune.

Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

"The Non-Interest Bearing and Unsecured Deposits of this Bank are Protected by the State Bank Guarantee Fund."

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Your Business and Deposits are Cordially Solicited We Promise You SERVICE and ATTENTION. "We Take Care of Our Customers" In Bounds of Safety and Conservatism.

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A strong bank with the EQUIPMENT, the EXPERIENCE and the STRENGTH to give THE BEST SERVICE,

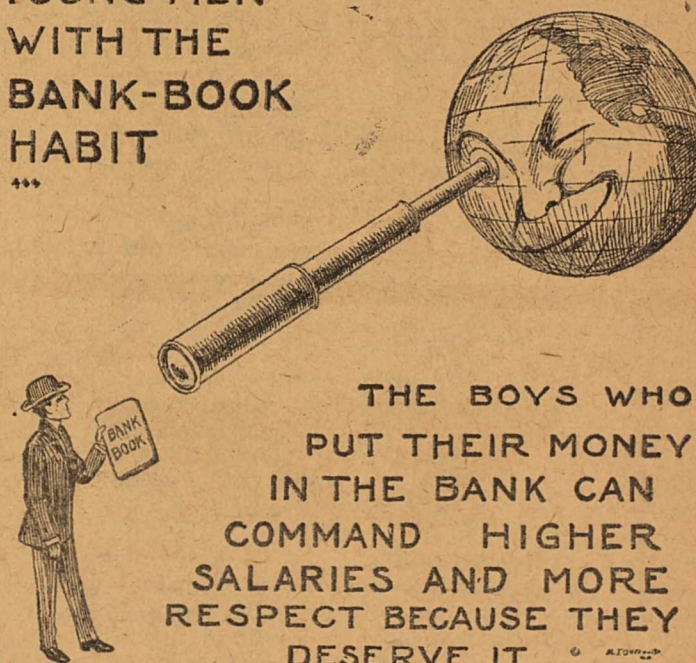
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That is sufficient proof to us that we are filling a place of usefulness in the Winter country. If you have not taken advantage of our facilities we most cordially invite you to come in and talk it over with us. We are here to serve you in every way in keeping with conservative banking.

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



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

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

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

In Use For Over 30 Years
The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

STEALING MILK COMMON OCCURENCE

Milk thieves are operating in Ballinger and have been for some time. The work is not confined to any particular part of the city, but families in different sections of the city have been deprived of cream for their coffee for the morning meal.

It was the opinion of the milk customer when he failed to find the milk bottle at the usual place, that the milk man had overlooked him, but the numerous complaints made caused the dairymen to become suspicious, and it has developed that the fault is not with the dairymen but is due to some one "swiping" the bottle of milk after it has been delivered, on the porch, the gate post, or wherever the customer has directed that his milk be delivered.

It is believed that the work is that of mischievous boys, who perhaps do not mean to really commit crime, but steal the milk and used it in filling that space that often comes to the boy between meals. However, it is a violation of the law, and a boy that will steal a bottle of milk will find himself taking something of greater value after awhile.

RUB RHEUMATIC PAIN, SORENESS, STIFFNESS

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

What's Rheumatism? Pain only.

Stop drugging! Not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St Jacob's Oil" directly upon the "tender spot" and relief comes instantly. "St Jacob's Oil" is a harmless rheumatism and sciatica liniment which never disappoints and can not burn the skin.

Limber up! Quit complaining! Get a small trial bottle from your druggist and in just a moment you'll be free from rheumatic and sciatic pain, soreness, stiffness and swelling. Don't suffer! Relief awaits you. Old honest "St Jacob's Oil" has cured millions of rheumatism sufferers in the last half century, and is just as good for sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago, backache, sprains and swellings.

J. D. Buckle, of Fort Worth, who was in the city Saturday looking after insurance adjustments, left for the east Saturday afternoon.

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 the head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

BOGUS CHECKS IN CIRCULATION

The Santa Fe has issued a notice to the public, and warned banks and business men to look out for forged Santa Fe checks. The first appearance of forged checks was found at Brownwood Friday, when some one passed a check supposed to have been issued by the Santa Fe, but which was a forgery.

The bogus checks are made out on blue paper, and seems to be the kind of a check that the Santa Fe used last year. The 1915 checks are written on brown paper, and are water marked with the Santa Fe trade mark. So far the bogus checks have not made their appearance in Ballinger, and probably will not be put in circulation here, but it is wise to hedge against loss through cashing stranger's checks.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Miss Ann Van Doren left Saturday afternoon for Belton to visit her mother a few days.

Rev. Father Goldbach left Saturday afternoon for Santa Anna, where he went to hold services for his people over Sunday.

CITY ELECTION ORDER

By authority vested in me, as Mayor of the City of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas. I call an election to be held April 6th, 1915 in the City Hall of said city to elect the following officers: mayor, secretary, marshal, treasurer, attorney and two aldermen as officers of said city.

I appoint C. R. Stevens as presiding officer of said election.
J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

W. E. Chambers of Tyler, a former newspaper man of Runnels County, came in Monday from Winters to look after business affairs and visit Ballinger friends a few days.

J. D. Coulter returned home Monday morning from a short business trip to San Angelo.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Joe T. Ward, the Ballinger band instructor, returned to the city Monday at noon from his old home at Mart.

Runnels County Has Four Schools in Inter- scholastic League

A. J. Robinson, Athletic Director of the University Interscholastic League, reports that a total of 605 schools have taken out membership in the League. There are 125 counties of the State represented in this organization. Runnels County has four schools in the League, as follows: Ballinger High School, Supt. W. S. Fleming; Hatchel High School, Supt. H. G. Seerest; Miles High School, Supt. J. C. Wells; Winters High School, Supt. Jas. E. Parks.

County directors are sending in gratifying reports as to the number of schools they expect to take part in the various events, including spelling, essay writing, declamation for boys and also for girls, debate, tennis, basket ball

and track.

The first county meeting will be held in February 26-27 at Three Rivers in Live Oak County. State Chairman E. D. Shurter and A. J. Robinson, Director of Interscholastic Athletics, have agreed to attend this meeting and assist as officials.

The next county meets of the season will be held March 5-6 when Erath, Leon, Medina, Blanco and Red River Counties will decide who their representatives shall be at their respective District contests.

March 12-13, Bell, Jasper and Milam Counties will hold their county meets; and the following week Marion, Travis, Hopkins, Karnes and Walker Counties will do the same.

BOY CARRIES GUN

DAD PAYS THE BILL

West McCracken was arrested at Coleman a few days ago and returned to Ballinger to answer a charge of carrying a pistol. The young man was en route to his home at Palestine when the Coleman officers were notified by the Ballinger officers to meet the train and stop McCracken and return him to Ballinger.

McCracken came to Runnels county with the rush of hands to help gather the big crop. He spent five or six months in this county, and for the past three or four months has been working at a gin at Rowena. After completing his work he visited San Angelo, together with other young men, and it was after the trip to San Angelo that he "put on the show" that was responsible for his trouble.

McCracken was called down in a barber shop for being a little too hilarious, and it was in quelling the disturbance that the officers removed from the young man's pocket a pretty little pistol. The matter was not reported to the officers at Ballinger until McCracken was on his way to his home at Palestine, or some other place, and a phone message stopped him, as above stated.

The young man was placed in jail at Ballinger, and the trouble reported to his father at Palestine. He pleaded guilty to the gun charge and the father notified of the amount necessary to get his boy out of trouble. The total cost to the father was \$127, and this amount came by wire, and the young man was released Thursday and left for his home.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter 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

MARKETING HOME GROWN HOGS.

H. Lindeman, who lives east of Ballinger, was marketing hogs on the local market Saturday. Mr. Lindeman brought a wagon load of eight months old pigs to Ballinger and they netted him better than \$12.50 per head, weighing 250 pounds and bringing 5-7-4c.

UNCEASING MISERY.

Some Ballinger Kidney Sufferers Get Little Rest or Comfort.

There is little sleep, little rest, little peace for many a sufferer from kidney trouble. Life is one continual round of pain. You can't rest at night when there's kidney backache. You suffer twinges and "stabs" of pain, annoying urinary disorders, lameness and nervousness. You can't be comfortable at work with darting pains and blinding dizzy spells. Neglect these ailments and serious troubles may follow. Begin using Doan's Kidney Pills at the first sign of disorder. Thousands have testified to their merit.

E. G. Smith, farmer, twelve miles south of Ballinger, says: "I had soreness in my back and was troubled by my kidneys for two years. I had trouble in passing the kidney secretions. I felt miserable in every way and my health was very much run down. Soon after taking Doan's Kidney Pills I felt their beneficial effects and when I had finished one box, I was completely cured."

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

INTERURBAN PEOPLE

TO MAKE INSPECTION

Within the next ten days, according to a letter received by the secretary of the Young Men's Business League, a committee from the Dallas and Southwestern Traction Co., will visit Ballinger, and the other towns along the proposed route of the Dallas-Ballinger interurban.

The letter states that F. R. Perkins, engineer in charge will head the committee, and the trip will be made in autos for the purpose of viewing out a route for the proposed line.

The exact date of the coming of the builders of the interurban line will be announced later. It is probable that a meeting will be called of the citizens of Ballinger, and the proposition outlined, and some definite announcement made.

The company behind the proposition are pushing the work in a hurry and seem to be determined to build the road. A representative of the company visited Ballinger about a month ago, but was here only a few hours, and did not discuss the proposition at any length with any one. The meetings to be held when the tour of the country to be traversed is made will determine the route to be selected by the company.

IT'S GREAT FOR BALKY BOWELS AND STOMACHS

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

E. A. Werner, of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and he is one of the Runnels county farmers who raised his own hogs and made corn to fatten them, and besides plenty for home consumption, has lots of fresh hog meat to sell which he is marketing at a good profit.

Health Promotes Happiness.

Without health, genuine joy is impossible; without good digestion and regular bowel movement you cannot have health. Why neglect keeping bowels open and risk being sick and ailing? You don't have to. Take one small Dr. King's New Life Pill at night, in the morning you will have a full, free bowel movement and feel much better. Helps your appetite and digestion. Try one tonight.

Jack Nogle, the cotton buyer, who visited Ballinger friends the past few days, left Saturday afternoon for points east.

Calvin Allison and J. M. Schneider, two of the prosperous irrigation farmers near Ballinger, were transacting business in the city Saturday afternoon.

My new stallion, Suffolk, and same Jack will make the season at the Joe Routh place one mile east of Ballinger. Fees \$10 insure live coldt. L. H. Hamilton. 26-2w.

M. D. Chastain Grain Company

Pay the highest Market Price for MAIZE, OATS and COTTON SEED

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

FRANK CHAPMAN

Hutchings Avenue Ballinger, Texas

To Our Country Friends

The old Rock Stable is now the Leach Auto Works—a place where your car can get supplies of all kinds.

Special Attention to Hurried Calls. LEACH AUTO WORKS

PHONE 69

NOTICE

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

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

DELICATE APPETITES

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

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

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

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.

PHONE 66

Hall Hardware Co.

Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills
Studebaker and Schuttler
Wagons

Hall Hardware Co.

SLIGHTLY DISFIGURED BUT STILL IN THE RING.

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

EDWIN DAY.

DAY GIN

CALOMEL IS MERCURY, IT SICKENS! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS GENTLY

Don't lose a day's work! If your liver is sluggish or bowels congested take "Dodson's Liver Tone."

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, you may lose a day's work.

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

If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guar-

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

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

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

TOM GREEN PROHIBITIONISTS ORGANIZE WITH 1200 MEN

SAN ANGELO, Mar. 1.—An enthusiastic mass meeting of men was held here Sunday afternoon for the purpose of perfecting the Tom Green County Prohibition Club.

The meeting was scheduled to be held at the court house at three o'clock, but before that hour the court room was filled to overflowing and the crowd repaired to the First Baptist Church.

L. L. Farr, vice president of the Western National Bank, was elected chairman; G. S. Mason, secretary, and C. H. Powell, cashier of the First National Bank, treasurer.

An executive committee of twenty-five men from San Angelo and other voting precincts in the county was formed and these men will have charge of the campaign.

It was announced that more

than twelve hundred men had signed the membership list of the prohibition club, pledging themselves to work and vote for the abolishment of the saloons from this county. The voting strength of the county is about 2400. The petition asking for the election is ready and will be presented to the court next Monday.

Before the meeting adjourned Chairman Farr made a short talk, and called on all those in the audience who voted the anti ticket in the past, but who had changed and would vote pro at the next election to stand up. About fifty men responded, and quite a number of them made short talks and told why they had joined the pro ranks.

The anti are busy and it is expected that they will organize at an early date and contest every inch of the ground in the coming campaign.

RABBIT HUNT.

C. E. Tolliver, of the Valley creek country, was in Ballinger Saturday and requested us to announce a rabbit hunt on Valley creek on Friday, March 5th. The starting point will be at R. B. Armstrong's place and hunt up the creek and dinner will be served at the bridge on the Ballinger and Maverick public road. A cordial welcome is extended to all hunters to attend and enjoy the day with the people of that neighborhood.

Herbina cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

Editor Kubela and little daughter, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger Monday, between trains.

J. R. Minor, of Smithville, came in Monday at noon to visit his friend C. W. Towler a few days.

"Me for 'GETS-IT' When I Have Corns"

Simple As Saying It; Never Fails

It does your heart good to see how easily and quickly any corn comes out when you put "GETS-IT" on! And then when you've gone along for years trying



"Look, 'GETS-IT' Makes Corns Fall Right Off!"

everything, when you've sat up nights wrapping up your toes in bandages, smearing on salves that rub off or swell up the corn, pasting on cotton plasters that make corns pop-eyed, slaughtering your toes with razors, jabbing them with knives and prying to the quick with scissors—and then you put on 2 drops of "GETS-IT" and see your corn fall right off—why, it just looks like a miracle. Just try it. "GETS-IT" never fails. No pain, no trouble. Use it for any corn, callus, wart or bunion.

"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.

WORTHY OF EMULATION

J. S. Flanagan, of the Valley creek country, was in the city Saturday and is one of the Runnels county farmers who raised something to sell nearly every time he comes to market. He is paying his sanitarium bill with home-made ham and lard and other produce raised on his farm and still has plenty for home use and some to sell to others.

The Court of Last Resort.

Around the stove of the cross roads grocery is the real court of last resort, for it finally overrules all others. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been brought before this court in almost every cross roads grocery in this country, and has always received a favorable verdict. It is in the country where man expects to receive full value for his money that this remedy is most appreciated. Obtainable everywhere.

INFANT SON OF MR. AND MRS. W. R. BUSHONG DIED

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bushong, died Saturday night and was buried in the Ballinger cemetery Sunday afternoon. The infant was only about two weeks old and had not been well since its birth.

Many friends join The Ledger in condolence and sympathy to the bereaved parents in this sad hour.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

SPECIAL TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that a special examination for teachers' state certificates will be held at the office of the County Superintendent on the first Friday and Saturday in April.

W. W. WOOTEN.

SAYS BUSINESS LEAGUE GREAT HELP TO TOWN

F. W. Greber, manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., was here a couple of days this week looking after the interest of his company. The telephone company is stringing about three thousand feet of new cable, extending their lines south of Ballinger, adding to the rural switch board quite a number of subscribers.

Mr. Greber says that the increase in new phones is an index to the growth of the town, and that during the last two or three months his company have added many phones at Ballinger. The local manager, Mr. Day, says that a new directory has become necessary earlier than the regular time for issuing it on account of the rapid increase in phones, and this will be issued during the early spring.

In commenting on the prosperous condition of Runnels County, and the even tenor with which all lines of business seem to be moving, Mr. Greber says that the citizens have just cause for feeling proud of their Young Men's Business League and the work that organization is carrying on.

"Such organization does a great deal more good for a town than the average business man knows anything about," said Mr. Greber "and I know from experience. Unless a man takes an interest in the work of the Chamber of Commerce and keeps in touch with what they are doing he does not realize the great amount of good they accomplish for a town."

Mr. Greber is president of the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, and he talked interestingly of the work at that place, and stated that their Chamber of Commerce had become almost a clearing house, or exchange and that it was through the instrumentality of that body that the seller and buyer had been brought closer together, and successful marketing plans perfected. Recently the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce acted as agent in the distribution of a car load of fine brood sows in Brown County, and other work of similar nature performed.

The West Texas Telephone Co., is contributing liberally to the support of the Ballinger Business League, paying about fifty dollars a year, and they do so because they realize that it is money well invested.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that can not be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Frank J. Cheney, Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

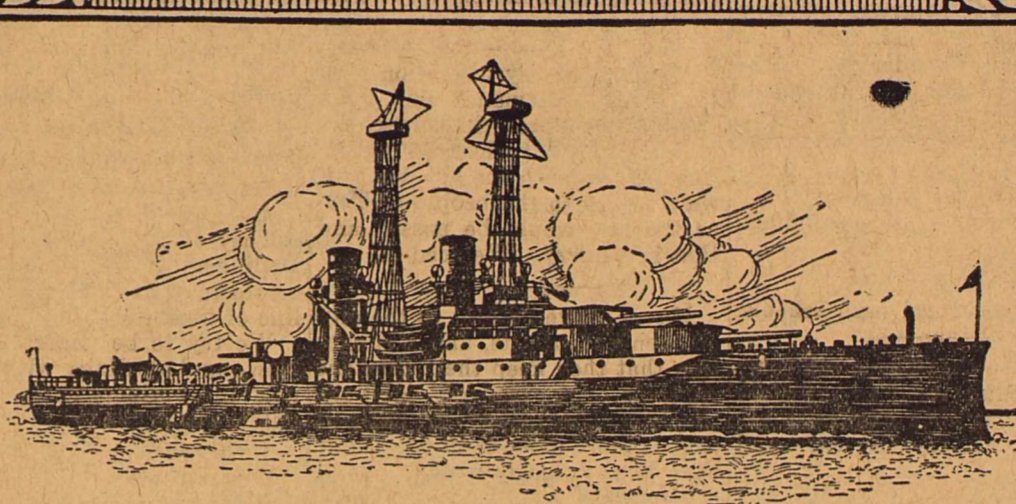
ROBBER SAYS HE WAS BOSS OF A TEXAS RANCH

C. R. Rendleman has sent the News a copy of the Arkansas Gazette giving an account of the capture of "Pat Murphy" at Little Rock recently.

Murphy claims to have been boss on a ranch near Santa Anna until recently. He was captured after having been shot through the ankle.

The Gazette says Murphy is wanted for a number of hold-ups in Texas. At least two of these hold-ups were for jewelry, and it was the sale of some of this jewelry that led to his arrest.

If Murphy lived, as he says near Santa Anna until recently it is possible that he is the man who robbed the Curry jewelry store at Brownwood last month.—Santa Anna News.



The William Cramp Sons, Ship & Engine Building Co.
Office of the Chief Engineer
Philadelphia, U. S. A.
August 6th, 1912.

The Texas Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen—Texaco Ursa Oil was used for turbine lubrication on the recent trials of the destroyer "Beale" and battleship "Wyoming," proving very satisfactory. Both vessels successfully completed their official contract trials at sea without having had any preliminary trials of machinery beyond dock trials at low power. Consequently, the journals had very little previous wearing in to take off the high spots, and the fact that we had no bearing trouble of any importance during the sea trials, reflects great credit upon the lubricant used. Yours very truly,



F. J. METTEN,
Chief Engineer.

No comment is needed on this letter. It tell more about Texaco Quality than volumes.

Texaco Quality and Service are available for you. Consult our agent about the "made in Texas" products you require.

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

No. 23

CHURCH ATTENDANCE MUCH GREATER THAN PICTURE THEATRE

Using for his Sunday evening theme a subject that appeals especially to the young people, and preaching a series of sermons for the special benefit of the young people, and taking advantage of the columns of this paper to advertise this special feature of the services at the Ninth Street Baptist Church, the pastor has worked up an interest that is filling his church to overflow.

Last Sunday night Rev. Adkins preached upon the theme: "A Young Man's Concept of an Ideal Young Woman." In addition to the usual announcement in the church column of this paper, the pastor purchased space and advertised the meeting. After filling the aisle and other vacant space with chairs, quite a number of people were turned away on account of being unable to get seats.

Next Sunday evening the pastor will preach on the theme: "A Young Woman's Concept of an Ideal Young Man" and the services are being advertised through a display ad. in this paper.

We recently stated in these columns that the picture show attendance on almost any night in Ballinger was greater than the attendance upon all churches on Sunday. There is a reason for this and it is one that the churches must work out for themselves.

We are glad to note that church attendance is increasing, and with preaching at an average of about four churches each Sunday, and in a city with the population that Ballinger claims, each church should be well filled at the 11 o'clock hour and at the evening hour on Sunday, and when this is not true it is time for the church people to wake up and see which way they are drifting.

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 of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, or 25 year-old name on box. Always Reliable.

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE



P. J. Waecker, of Austin, who had been visiting Ballinger friends the past few days, left for his home Saturday.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS REPORT INTERESTING

It is the desire of this paper and it is of interest of the various Sunday Schools of the city, to publish each week a complete report of the Sunday Schools.

We attempted to do this once before, but on account of the secretaries of the Sunday Schools failing to furnish us with the reports we were compelled to suspend the feature. It was too much trouble to send a Ledger reporter out to interview each secretary on Monday and get the information for the report. It would be an easy matter for the secretary to compile the necessary data to make his report as he makes up his record each Sunday, and on Monday morning drop by the Ledger office and leave this or give it to us over the telephone. We will be glad to carry the report, and we believe that it will be of great benefit in creating more interest in Sunday School work.

Ninth Street Baptist.

On roll	193
Present	153
Collection	\$4.98
Present last Sunday	157
Collection last Sunday	\$5.01
Present one year ago	110
Collection one year ago	\$3.20

Eighth Street Presbyterian.

On roll	103
Present	82
Collection	\$3.87
Present last Sunday	83
Collection last Sunday	\$3.45
Present one year ago	80
Collection one year ago	\$3.32

CITY HAS SELF DENIAL DAY.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 1.—Society women and shop girls, business men and laborers—every resident of St. Paul, in fact—were asked to deny themselves something today, and to give the money thus saved, to the Belgian fund of which Mrs. C. W. Ames is local head. Men were asked not to smoke or drink today, and if a friend offered a treat, the faithful man was supposed to ask that friend to give the money to the Belgian relief fund.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Koenig, of the Bethel neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Monday and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman accompanied them home to visit a day or two.

KEEP CHICKENS ON YOUR OWN PREMISES, SAYS MAYOR POWELL

At the request of quite a number of ladies, and it being my own sentiments, I earnestly request all persons owning chickens to keep them on their own premises. It is very annoying to those who try to ornament their homes with flowers or try to raise a garden to be constantly annoyed by a neighbor's bunch of chickens. The city would be justified in passing an ordinance covering such cases. It would be hard to enforce in all cases and it would be unjust in some cases where people live far apart when chickens being out would not bother any one. I believe an appeal to honesty and justice, just the calling attention to this annoyance will be sufficient to all those that want to do right, and who appreciate being a good neighbor to a good neighbor. Now friends take this to yourself, if your chickens are fretting and spoiling the temper of a neighbor keep them up and be a good citizen.

Respectfully,
J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

Mrs. D. Reeder and son, Roy, left Sunday afternoon to visit in Dallas a few days.

E. P. Norwood, a prominent insurance man, came in Saturday night to visit his brother J. D. Norwood and family and to look after business affairs a few days.

Have you Catarrh?

Is nasal breathing impaired? Does your throat get husky or clogged?

Modern science proves that these symptoms result from run-down health. Snuffs and vapors are irritating and useless.

The oil-food in Scott's Emulsion will enrich and enliven the blood, aid nutrition and assist nature to check the inflammation and heal the sensitive membranes.

Shun Alcoholic mixtures and insist upon SCOTT'S.



THE BANNER-LEDGER
PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY
THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

The Banner-Leader and the
Rannels County Ledger were con-
solidated January 25, 1913.

We will get good roads.
We will get compulsory educa-
tion.

We will get rural high schools.

We believe that Texas can come
as near feeding itself as any state
in the Union. We can raise every-
thing necessary to eat and wear.

We will get everything needed
for the advancement of Rannels
County, if the people will stand
together and work in harmony—
co-operate, that's the word.

Fort Worth bank clearings for
February promise to equal the
clearings for November, the great-
est of any month in 1914. Its
just the wave of prosperity that
is sweeping over his country.

According to a recent ruling of
the court of appeals a thief can
steal a \$6,000 auto and only be
punished for a misdemeanor. Just
another case of expert law mak-
ing.

There are a few vacant lots in
Ballinger that need attention.
Dead weeds are still waist high.
Just a touch of a match on a
windy day would start a fire and
might not stop at that.

Ballinger will be a better market
and the farmer will conse-
quently get more for his produce
with the coming of good roads.
Ballinger will pay the big end of
the taxes, but the benefit will be
mutual.

high as \$60,000 per month for
the Santa Fe at Ballinger, you
can expect other transportation
companies to look this way with
longing eyes.

The compulsory education bill
will create a demand for more
school, and more school teachers.
It is hard to tell what the legisla-
ture will do with the bill, but if it
wa left up to the people of Tex-
as the law would be passed and
that in a hurry. We need it.

Mayor Powell's hint to the city
chicken enthusiasts, and a sugges-
tion that they keep their chickens
on their own premises, is very
timely and in place. An old hen
can do more damage in one hour
than your neighbor will forget in
a life time.

The new election gambling law,
which by the way is among the
first bills signed by Governor
Jim, fixes the lowest penalty for
betting on elections at \$100 fine,
and the highest penalty \$1000
fine or imprisonment or both fine
and imprisonment. Boys, be care-
ful how you bet on Angelo's pro-
hibition election; it may come
cheaper to buy your hats.

There is no doubt in our minds
but what this world would at
least appear to the average man
to be a better world if the news-
papers would publish only the
good things people do, and sup-
press the bad things. But then
the people would not read the pa-
pers. Its the scandals and sensa-
tional news the subscriber craves
for and demands. Why?

East Texas is following after
the prosperous Central West Tex-
as, and the farmers in that part
of the state are organizing hog
clubs. We are pleased to note
that the old counties are learning
lessons from those they formerly
called "drouth stricken" peo-
ple.

ties they never heard of before,
and for an article they know noth-
ing about, when they will not pay
the home merchant until he deliv-
ers the goods, and many times
will not pay him then.

IS THIS A FAIR PROPOSITION?
The Ledger has nine men on its
pay roll regularly.

Seven of them are men of fami-
lies.
They all spend their money in
Ballinger for the necessities and
comforts of life, patronizing every
line of business here.

We try to be liberal in our
views and dealings with individ-
uals and business enterprises and
public questions.

We decline to favor any person,
persons, or factions partially.
It is our purpose to boost im-
partially all enterprises, public
and private, that are worthy of
the support of the people.

When we do this we feel that
we are entitled to your loyal sup-
port.

Printing that should be done at
home is going away from Ballin-
ger because the customer thinks
we have a monopoly and are charg-
ing exorbitant prices.

This is not true.
While practically everything used
in a printing office has advanced
during the last six months, our
prices remain the same.

Our rates on advertising, sub-
scription and job printing are
practically the same as they were
when Ballinger had three print-
ing offices, notwithstanding that
almost everything else that man
uses has advanced in price.

Our rates are reasonable and we
are here to make good every job
we deliver.

You keep your money at home,
and it returns to you for what you
have to give the printer in ex-
change.

Is this a fair proposition?
MAKING IT PLAIN
In an opinion rendered yester-

**JUST FOR ARGUMENT
SAKE**

The "unwritten law" is becom-
ing one of the most plainly writ-
ten laws on the court records.
Where will this theory of legaliz-
ed homicide end?—Brownwood
Bulletin.

It will never end as long as the
red handed murder can go out
and kill some fellow he has it in
for and then escape punishment
by bringing his wife, daughter, or
sister into the crime and disgrace
them by making his defense. Its
the duty of every man to protect
the chastity of his home, and the
average man will do so at any
cost, but too often is murder com-
mitted on the pretense of family
disgrace when there is no dis-
grace, but some other grievance
back of it all. And, again, the
law is at fault. When the brute
passion of some villian in human
form wrecks a home the head of
that home realizes that he can
not depend on the law to punish
the guilty party, and he must
take the law in his own hands and
commit murder to avenge for the
wrong that has left a stain upon
the character of those of his house-
hold. The pleading of the un-
written law would not be so com-
mon in our courts if there were
mere stringent laws to protect
the home against the lustful fiend
who is responsible for it all.

Rannels county will raise more
wheat and oats this season than
any other year in the history of
farming in that county. But the
cotton acreage, it is reported, will
not be decreased to any appre-
ciable extent. Old Human Na-
ture is on the job. Is cotton acre-
age reduction beginning to back-
slide. — Fort Worth Star-Tele-
gram.

Rannels county soil is especially
adapted to cotton as well as for
diversification. The progressive
farmer in this county will plant

preaching. We can't understand
why people will allow the pro-
hibition question to disturb that
spirit of co-operation and the good
feeling that should prevail be-
tween neighbors any more than
any other question. But they'll
do it.

The vote on the issuance of
\$500 bonds for the completion of
the Sonora High School building
equipment and grounds was in fa-
vor of the issuances. The vote
was 50 for and 1 against the
bonds.—Sonora News.

Those who are behind the move
to issue \$5000 worth of bonds for
the remodeling of the Central
school building at Ballinger pre-
dict that the opposition will al-
most figure out at the same ratio
—1 to 50. At any rate we be-
lieve that if every man who is to
have a voice in the proposition
would take the time and visit the
building and see for himself what
is needed he would vote for the
bonds. If he does not inform him-
self he should not allow himself
to be guided by prejudice and
vote against the improvements
that are absolutely necessary for
the safety and comforts of the
four or five hundred pupils that
spend an average of six hours per
day in the building for more than
half the days in each year.

Trade at home and help the man
who always helps you.—Throck-
morton News.

Some people trade at home only
when they buy on a credit. When
they have cash to spend they pa-
tronize the post office and buy
money orders to send to the mail
order houses.

Griggs, of Ballinger, Wagstaff
of Abilene, Metcalf of San Angelo
and almost every other representa-
tive from Central West Texas,
voted for the woman suffrage res-
olution. The final vote on the
submission of the amendment
must get a two-thirds majority,

**USE "TIZ" FOR SORE,
TIRED, ACHING FEET**

No more puffed-up, burning,
sweaty, calloused feet
or corns.



Good-bye sore feet, burning feet,
swollen feet, smelling feet, tired
feet.

Good-bye corns, callouses, bun-
ions and raw spots. No more shoe
tightness, no more limping with
pain or drawing up your face in
agony. "TIZ" is magical, acts
right off. "TIZ" draws out all the
poisonous exudations which puff
up the feet—the only remedy that
does. Use "TIZ" and wear small-
er shoes. Ah! how comfortable
your feet will feel. "TIZ" is a
delight. "TIZ" is harmless.

Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now
at any druggist or department
store. Don't suffer. Have good
feet, glad feet, feet that never
swell, never hurt, never get tired.
A year's foot comfort guar-
anteed or money refunded.

Mrs. Donahon and three chil-
dren, of Brownwood, who had
been visiting her sister, Mrs.
George McLain and family the
past few days returned home Sat-
urday afternoon.

Foster Predicts Many Severe Storms for the Spring Months

ONE HEAVY HAIL STORM IN FEBRUARY FELL SOUTH AND EAST OF BALLINGER. GRAIN GROWERS CAN PROTECT THEM-
SELVES AGAINST LOSS BY INSURING THEIR CROPS WITH

BALLINGER INSURANCE AGENCY, Ballinger, Texas. Office with Bennett Abstract Company.
T. J. GARDNER, Manager

A man was arrested in East
Texas for stealing a yoke of
steers. He offered as an excuse
for the theft that he was hun-
gry. The steers had not been but-
chered.

Six deaths in Texas last Thurs-
day were charged to present day
methods of traveling — street
car, auto and motorcycle. We are
traveling in a hurry, but the full
limit of speed has not been at-
tained.

If the allies permit the Ger-
mans to maintain the submarine
blockade, and continue sinking
ships at the rate of two per day,
we see no reason why the Germans
should not run things to suit them-
selves in Europe.

The prospects for another big
crop this year makes it all
the more imperative that the voters
approve the sixty thousand dollar
road bond issue. The farmers are
going to need the roads.

The fighting nations have estab-
lished a reputation for making
false statements about each other.
The American people have become
disgusted over the contradictory
reports, and only believe what is
favorable to their views.

A few men continue to write
anti-suffrage letters to the pa-
pers for publication, and sign
their wives names to them. Why
should a woman oppose the vote
that is offered her?

The five lads who left Ballin-
ger a few days ago, seeking plac-
es in the U. S. navy, probably
have been reading about how the
German submarines have been
sinking English ships loaded with
soldiers.

The Santa Fe has announced
that it will spend nearly a quar-
ter million dollars improving its
lines in Texas this year. The
Santa Fe is getting the business
and can afford to be the best
road in Texas.

With passenger receipts run-
ning as high as \$15,000 per month
and freight receipts totaling as

F. W. Greber, of Brownwood,
said, while here on a visit Friday,
that his county was losing by not
having a farm demonstrator. Mr.
Greber is correct. Any county
that has as much good farm land
as Brown, and as many farmers,
is losing enough every year to
pay forty demonstrators. Take a
lesson from the work in Rannels
county.

Griggs, of Ballinger, Wagstaff
of Abilene, Metcalf, of San An-
gelo, and almost every other rep-
resentative from Central West
Texas, voted for the woman suf-
frage resolution. The final vote
on the submission of the amend-
ment must get a two-thirds maj-
ority, and as the vote just cast
stood 84 to 42, the amendment
will not likely be submitted by
the present legislature.

The Brownwood Bulletin is tak-
ing the lead in its city, and came
out with an announcement last
Saturday that the size of the pa-
per would be doubled, and new
features added, with the publish-
ers taking all the risk and stand-
ing all the expenses. The Bulletin
has been a constant booster
for Brownwood for many years,
and we regret to note, that the
patronage from the business men
has not been in keeping with the
spirit that should prevail in that
town.

We are against the race horse
bill now pending before the law
makers. If Texas is going to al-
low gambling on horse races just
to "encourage" the breeding of
fine horses, poker playing should
also be included just to encourage
more betting on horse races. If
the argument is good the more
gamblers we raise the greater will
be the demand for race horses.
We will just bet a little on Griggs
voting against the enactment of
any such law.

Postmaster General Burleson's
statement that the American peo-
ple had been defrauded out of
\$351,000,000 during the past five
years through the fraudulent use
of the mails only proves that the
American is an easy victim for the
swindler. Some people will send
money through the mails to par-

day the Court of Criminal Ap-
peals again calls attention to the
fact that the law does not make
the theft of an automobile a fel-
ony.

As a general rule theft of any
article of the reasonable value of
\$50 is a felony, while theft of an
article of less than the value of
\$50 is a misdemeanor. In the ordi-
nary course of events the theft
of an automobile would be a fel-
ony but the law distinctly says it
is not. The judge in writing an
opinion in which he reverses a
conviction in such case of theft,
explains that he can not do any-
thing else since the law is abso-
lutely plain.

This is a matter that ought to
come to the attention of the Leg-
islature because theft of automob-
iles is becoming all too common
in this State.

We are also informed that the
taking and using of an automob-
ile can not be construed into a
theft until an effort is made to
sell the machine. The state of
affairs has discouraged peace
officers and resulted in very few
arrests being made in cases where
"joy riders" take a car from the
curb and ride in it all night, leav-
ing it in the street when they are
tired of it. Such abuse of private
property ought to be punish-
able by heavy penalty. The fre-
quent occurrence of such cases is
sufficient argument for legisla-
tion.—Austin Statesman.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kid-
ney and bladder troubles, dis-
solves 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 sel-
dom fails to perfect a cure. Texas
testimonials with each bottle. Dr.
E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St.
Louis, Mo Sold by druggists.

I. D. Evans left Monday after-
noon for Lampasas to visit with
relatives and friends a few days
and to look after business affairs
in that section.

cotton only for a surplus money
crop and will raise plenty to eat
at home. That's the real human
way out here.

"One kind of a nuisance is the
man who works but tries to im-
press people with the idea that
he doesn't have to," remarked the
Abilene Reporter. And another
kind of nuisance is the man who
doesn't work and tries to im-
press people with the idea that
he does.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Its the man who doesn't work
and has no income, and yet seem
to "get by" so easy. He is the
man that keeps the world guess-
ing. You'll find a few of just
such breed in every town.

In Fort Worth Robert Sim-
mons who had mourned the death
of his brother, J. A. Simmons, for
fifteen years, discovered that his
dead brother was living within
five blocks of him and had been
living there for a year.—Coleman
Democrat.

So many people wake up after
worrying for many years over
trouble that did not really exist
Too many of our troubles are im-
aginary.

"Half of the automobiles in use
in America are owned by farm-
ers," says the Kansas City Journal.
If the prices of wheat and corn
continue to soar they will be fi-
nancially able to own the other
half.—Bonham Favorite.

The farmer is so situated that
he can get more for his money
when he buys an automobile than
any other man. As a rule when
he needs anything on the farm
that he must send to town for, he
is in a hurry for it. With a good
auto he can live twenty miles
from the nearest town and yet be
within an hour's reach of the
market. We are glad to note
that half of the autos in use in
America are owned by farmers.

The further the citizen gets
away from controversies with his
neighbor over prohibition, the
nearer he gets to the solution of
those problems that relate to his
prosperity in business or on the
farm.—Fort Worth Star-Tele-
gram.

That's what we have been

and as the vote just cast stood 84
to 42, the amendment will not like-
ly be submitted by the present
legislature.—Ballinger Ledger.

It would seem that since these
gentlemen voted for the bill, it
must of necessity be a wise one.
Perhaps they have come to the
conclusion, that many have arrived
at, namely, to give women the
vote, as they declare they will
continue their fight until a bill is
passed. The gentlemen possibly
know what that means.—Abilene
Reporter.

The increase in the length of
human life during the last half
century indicates that the world
is growing better. The almost in-
credible improvement has been ef-
fected from an average longevity
of about thirty years in 1875 to a
little over fifty years in 1915.

We are living longer than the
ancients lived because we are
more careful as to the details of
our daily lives. In other times
people were fatalists as regards
death. They believed that a mil-
lion years before they were born
their deathbeds were prepared
for them and the dates fixed,
hence there was little use of try-
ing to forestall the grim ferryman
and his silent boat or to seek by
any inconvenient means to head
off the black camel. The result
was that men and women died
quite resignedly in their 40s and
50s, calling it the will of God as
written in the book of fate since
the foundation of the world. Of
course that was an extremely ego-
tistical view to take, as well as
one difficult for the doctors to
counteract. Also, of course, an
occasional hardy person lived on
and on through all sorts of scour-
ges and epidemics, becoming in
due course an oldest inhabitant
and a landmark. But the average
of life was one of few years and
many ailments. The people then
had no knowledge of germs, and
they magnified a pneumonia bac-
illus, for example, into a judg-
ment of God. They lost their
teeth early and took on indiges-
tion. From indigestion they took
rheumatism, and from rheumatism
they went by regular stages to
the scrap pile. The old-timer's
idea of a bath was to slosh a lit-
tle water onto himself at the

horse trough after dark once or
twice during a long winter and to
take a few turns in a duck pond
a few times during a hot sum-
mer. Hence they dusted back to
dust without much ado over it,
and the green grass grew all
around. It was while that sort
of thing was going on that the life
insurance companies perfected
their mortality tables, by the way,
and those tables are still in use.
Consequently the life insurance
business has grown right profit-
able. But it is all right. If we
live longer than the ancients we
ought to be willing to pay for it.
—Dallas News.

**GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery
Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lan-
ford for Saddles, Harness, etc.
Complete line of Saddlery goods,
and accessories. Shoe work and
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CHAPTER XI.

Sing Wah and His Wiles.

JOHN DORR stood stupidly staring at the papers which he had found in the locked drawer of the dresser. His brief inquiries at the desk had only served to make the matter darker, so he had come back to the room to puzzle things out.

Painfully he set the facts in order before him. The first was that Ruth had gone to New York to deal with Everett about money for improvements to the "Master Key." The second was that she had evidently not been able to find Everett and had started west again. The third was that she had been in this very room. There lay the papers that represented the mine and its value. But how—where—how could it be?

His businesslike senses returned, and he proceeded to wire Everett's office in New York, with the result that he was soon in possession of his address in San Francisco.

"So Everett's here, too," he muttered. "That is stranger yet. I guess it was time I dropped in. Now to find Ruth!"

He thrust the packet of papers in his pocket and then withdrew them and locked them again into the dresser drawer. He had a dim notion that Ruth might come back for them. Then he telephoned to the St. Francis hotel and left word for Everett, who was reported to be out.

Still following what his common sense told him was the logical method of unraveling the tangle he went down to the desk and entered into conversation with the clerk. Meanwhile his eye ran down the register. Opposite the number of the room he now occupied he saw a heavily scrawled "Mrs. J. Darnell and daughter."

He frowned, and the clerk said sympathetically, "You must have a nasty headache?"

"I have," John returned. "Met with an accident in an auto that rather upset me." He laid his finger on the register and, controlling his voice, went on as if casually, "I see Mrs. Darnell stops here."

To Dorr's secret amazement the clerk became mysterious, leaning across the desk to whisper, "Ah, you know her?"

"I wanted specially to see her," John equivocated. "Is she here?"

"She is not, and she left in a very strange way," the clerk explained quietly. "She came here last evening with her daughter. I gave them the room you have now. Along in the late hours she suddenly came down with the girl unconscious and told me that she had been taken very ill and she was hurrying her to a hospital. There were a couple of men with her, and the house detective didn't like the looks of the whole affair, so he followed them."

"Was the girl very fair haired—and beautiful?" Dorr managed to ask in an indifferent tone.

"Precisely," responded the clerk, suddenly matching his guest's manner. "If you want to find Mrs. Darnell maybe the house detective got her address—or the address of the hospital they took the girl to."

Presently, in response to a summons, appeared the detective, who scanned John's somewhat bruised face thoughtfully, saying nothing until the clerk explained that Mr. Dorr wished, if possible, to get into communication with Mrs. Darnell.

"The best I can do is to find the taxi driver for you," he said slowly, still studying John's stalwart figure. "He may be out on the stand now. Let's see."

As they passed out the detective continued hesitatingly. "Do you know Mrs. Darnell very well?"

There was that in the man's tone that made John pause before answering. He glanced at the cool, impassive face and caught the glint of the steady eyes. He took a sudden resolution.

"I believe you're really interested in this matter," he said briefly. "Suppose we talk this over before hunting the taxi chauffeur."

"I was merely curious, that's all," was the noncommittal murmur.

"That girl is not her daughter," John continued. "I have reason to believe that it is Miss Ruth Gallon, the heiress to the 'Master Key' mine, whom she is abducting." His passion blazed forth in spite of his self-restraint. "I must find her and save her."

"Might I ask what relation you are to the young lady?" asked the detective mildly.

John stared at him and then realized the oddity of his actions and words. He briefly explained his position at the mine and his wardship of the heiress. He also went into detail as to what he suspected Wilkerson of, describing him carefully.

"He was one of them, sure enough," agreed the detective. "But young heiresses ain't being kidnaped days like these out of hotels like this."

"I may be mistaken," John assented wearily. "All I know of Mrs. Darnell is from occasional words dropped by Wilkerson. But I suppose we might get a clew as to where they went anyway."

After some search of the long line of taxis they came to one which the detective identified as the one Mrs. Darnell had taken the night before.

"Driver, take us where you did those fares who were in such a hurry last night," the detective ordered.

The chauffeur shook his head. "You can search me for the address," he returned. "There wasn't any."

The driver leaned out from his seat and went on earnestly: "You know how they jumped in and we rolled off. Well, it seemed it was a case of life and death, according to the woman, and I stepped on the machine and hastened some toward the North Pacific hospital. But when we got into Chinatown one of the men hailed me and told me to drive just as he said. He got out here in front with me, and when we reached a certain spot they all beat it."

"Can you take us to that spot?" "I was just wondering to myself whether I could find it," was the response. "But I'll try."

He threw in his clutch and the car left the line and started up the hill toward California street. John Dorr leaned back against the cushions with a strange sense of at last being on his way toward his goal. He barely heard his companion's murmur, "Evidently they took her into the lower part of Chinatown."

We usually credit the oriental with little or no imagination, pointing to his art, his clothes and his language as evidences. As the fact runs, even the Chinese coolie uses the faculty of imagination more frequently than his white brother on an equal social plane.

Sing Wah, or Wah Sing, as he was indifferently called, was outwardly a stolid, dull eyed Chinese of uncertain middle age. His picture—it was in the gallery of every secret service office from Singapore to Philadelphia—was not less changeless of expression, nor more taciturn than he. Yet in spite of his somber clothes and general air of blank stupidity, Sing Wah was a man of mark, a man with a history replete with adventure and, not too seldom with crime.

If the ordinary criminal could have an office or a store he would quadruple his profits. But the common run of rascals must steal and fly. Their post-office address is a figment. They are not at home when opportunity knocks. Sing Wah knew this, and it was his boast that for thirty years any one who wanted him, either day or night, could find him.

So he sat at the back of his little store night after night, blinking through the wooden screen at the various customers who came in to trade or barter. And year after year they came to his door, the pirate and the thief, the smuggler and the robber, and he took his toll of them and passed them on. Whether? Sing Wah never told. And because he did not tell they came back with greater loot and richer booty, and he again passed them through his store to vanish utterly from the haunts of men and the purview of the police.

Among the many hundreds who had availed themselves of Sing Wah's aid was Wilkerson, who, during dark periods of his career, had several times run athwart the barriers of the law and been compelled to seek refuge where he could.

Harry Wilkerson was not a fool. In some ways he was brilliantly endowed. He recognized Sing Wah's superiority to all others in the great game of outwitting the law. He perceived beneath the stolid mask the alert, active, studious mind which was ever vigilant, never forgetful, always intelligently watching the world that passed before his filmed eyes. The Chinese had, as well, acknowledged Wilkerson's adeptness and persistency. In several deals they had been partners to their mutual profit.

"You are a very good fellow, Harry," Sing Wah had told him once as they drank tea in a little room in the rear. "You are a smart man—almost as smart as I am. But you are too hungry. You cannot resist your appetites. Now, I"—he made a slight gesture of distaste with his lean brown hand—"I have no appetites."

Wilkerson nodded. "I guess you're right, Sing Wah. You even haven't any pride. You talk pidgin English to the tourists and the rest, instead of speaking the perfect English you know."

The dull eyes lit for a moment humorously. "I have always felt that I owed it to Oxford not to flout my education in a small tradesman's shop, don't you know?"

The imitation of the Oxonian drawl had been so natural that Wilkerson had slapped his thighs in delight. Thereafter he took a peculiar pleasure in watching Sing Wah's assumed silent stupidity and comparing it with what he knew to be the real person behind the dull features.

It was to Wilkerson that the Chinese had explained his reason for never changing his address, no matter how brisk the police might be. "And I have thought out a scheme which you will like," he went on. "Come with me."

It was then that he showed Wilkerson the cylindrical room which had a single door and revolved at a touch on a lever.

"Dangerous stuff!" commented Wilkerson. "If the police find that they'll sure land you."

Sing Wah's pallid lips opened in faint smile. "I built it for them. And the Chinatown guides know about it and will charge \$10 extra for a trip through the horrors of the underground, as they call it." The Chinese sneered. "Let them play with such things while I use the brains heaven gave me. And yet, sometime that trick room may serve a purpose."

Thus it came about that Harry Wilkerson, driven to his wits' end to accomplish his designs, betrouth himself with Sing Wah and fairly drove Jean Darnell and Drake before him.

To Mrs. Darnell's credit it must be said that she rebelled strongly. But she bitterly consented to Wilkerson's hastily outlined plan of hiding Ruth away somewhere in Sing Wah's precincts until they could once more get their plans into working order.

Before she would leave the place she must indeed see Sing Wah himself. "Will the girl be safe here?" she demanded.

The Chinese looked at her flushed and passionate beauty in silence until she repeated her question. Then he said quietly and in his own exquisitely modulated English: "You need have little fear. The servants are honest and discreet. And—he let his eyes meet hers fully—"I think it is possible that she is safer now than she has been for some time. Good night, madam!"

While Wilkerson and Mrs. Darnell had been hurriedly arranging matters with Sing Wah, Drake had gone in search of lodgings nearby. He found them in what had once been a noted hotel, which had fallen into sad-decay. It was in the faded rooms he engaged here that the three met to consult on the future.

"The first thing to do is to get hold of those deeds and papers she has in her grip," said Wilkerson. "I wonder you didn't think to get them before, Jean."

The woman's eyes lit with dull hatred, but she made no answer. She watched him fuss with the locks of the hand satchel which she had indicated as the one in which Ruth carried her valuables. When it opened and Wilkerson thrust his clutching fingers downward into it, Mrs. Darnell leaned forward as if in protest. He paid no attention to her, but continued his search with ever increasing haste. At last he straightened up with an oath so venomous and deadly that even Drake shrank back.

"The deeds aren't here," Wilkerson said thickly. "She's hidden them!"

"But where?" This question seemed to break Wilkerson's almost steely intensity of purpose. The question put his whole problem before him in two words—but where? He shifted his eyes from the emptied satchel to the curtained window. Instantly there leaped before him the picture of the truck turning slowly over in the gulch, of the huge billow of smoke, of the little lances of fire that charged through the dry undergrowth as if to preserve to the flames their prey. Was it for this that he was a murderer? The curtain blew inward before some vagrant wind from the bay, and Wilkerson drew back in terror.

"What is it, Harry?" demanded Mrs. Darnell, instantly taking alarm.

"Nothing," he said sullenly. "I was just thinking of something." He turned on Drake. "You've got to do the trick," he went on.

"How's that?" demanded the younger man.

Wilkerson eagerly formulated his plan, ticking off the points on the tips of his quivering fingers.

"First you've got to get the girl to the hotel," he said.

"You can't travel straight, even when it pays you. Why in God's name you ever took that girl to that place of Sing Wah's is beyond my comprehension. Any place would have been better. Now you have put the heads of all of us in a noose. You know what people will say when—"

"They'll say nothing," said Wilkerson furiously, and he proceeded once more to argue that Drake could easily continue to impersonate Everett and in that guise carry their scheme to its profitable conclusion. In spite of his eagerness and sophistry he was unable to move either Drake or Mrs. Darnell from their attitude of frightened contempt. At last Drake agreed to do his best to make Ruth trust him.

"But I don't like this impersonation business," he said firmly. "I might go to a hotel and hand in my broker's card and ask for an interview, but I haven't lost my senses."

"Well," growled Wilkerson, "just see to it that you worm out of her where those papers are."

Drake laughed ugly. "I look like the kind of joker who would dress up as a banker and then proceed to renew my client's acquaintance in a Chinese joint. How am I supposed to know she's there? I tell you, Wilkerson, that you can't travel straight, even when it pays you. Why in God's name you ever took that girl to that place of Sing Wah's is beyond my comprehension. Any place would have been better. Now you have put the heads of all of us in a noose. You know what people will say when—"

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CHAPTER XII. Crossed Wires.

THUS it happened that just when Drake entered Sing Wah's unpretentious doorway the taxi with the hotel detective and John Dorr drew up in a side street and stopped.

"It was here they left me," said the chauffeur sulkily.

The detective and John got out and stared about them. They were in the lower part of Chinatown, a single tier of blocks that stretched beyond the bounds toward the bay—not in the quarter, but of it.

"Which way did they take the girl?" said the practical detective.

The driver led them around the corner and up an alleyway. He pointed to Sing Wah's door. "I think they went in there," he muttered.

"Ah!" said the detective thoughtfully. "When I was on the police force I used to know that Chinaman. He's the smoothest rascal in America, bar none."

John gritted his teeth in helpless rage. "And she's in that fiend's foul clutches," he groaned aloud.

At this moment a policeman came along and accosted John's companion familiarly. In a few words the case was explained to him.

"You won't find anything, of course," the officer remarked. "But just for satisfaction let's have a look-see and a chin-chin with Sing Wah."

They entered the shop just as a Chinese was closing a panel door after Drake, who had come to make his promised attempt to win Ruth's confidence. Sing Wah was nowhere to be seen.

After some futile parley with the Chinese, whose ignorance was complete in every detail, the two officers agreed that they were wasting time.

"Old Sing's the boy to see," said the house detective. "Let's wait awhile."

Now, Sing Wah had pondered the affair during the night, and the more he thought over having a lovely white girl in the cylindrical room the less he liked it. It was deadly dangerous. Courts might be lenient with the smuggler and the go-between. Sing Wah knew that if even a suspicion got abroad that a young white woman was imprisoned in his quarters a ravening mob would tear his place stick from stone and hang him without trial. He was determined to get the girl away immediately. So he was unfeignedly glad to see Drake.

Drake attempted to explain what Wilkerson wanted, but the Chinese cut him short.

"Harry is insane," he said quietly. "He is mad over that woman. I have done all I can. You must get her out of here."

"But how?" demanded Drake. "She doesn't know me very well, and she'll scream her head off, and I'll be arrested, and we'll all be in a mess."

Sing Wah nodded thoughtfully. Then he looked up and listened to the low words of one of his clerks. Dismissing him with a single grunt, he turned to Drake.

"There's not much time," he said softly. "They are on the trail all ready."

"Who?"

"The police." He motioned Drake to a chair in the little alcove, where they stood and went on: "Stay here a moment. I will see for myself."

He pulled a lever, and the room swung around till the door was opposite him. With long, slender fingers he slipped back the panel and vanished.

Ruth lay on a couch, open eyed and white faced. Beside her a richly dressed Chinese woman crouched, whisper-

ing soothingly. At sight of Sing Ruth Gallon suddenly sat upright in silent horror.

"I beg your pardon, miss," Sing said in his silkiest English. "I have come to take you back to your friends outside."

The girl shrank back. "No, no, no!" she moaned. "They are not my friends."

"Surely Harry Wilkerson"—Sing suggested craftily, to see how the land lay.

"Wilkerson!" she whispered. "Is he—was he here?"

Her tone conveyed all that he wished to know. He motioned to the woman to leave and when she was gone pulled a cord, which let down a light rope ladder.

"I am sorry, madam," he said quietly, "but I shall have to ask you to climb up this. It is the only safe way out." He laid one hand gently on her arm.

Now, Ruth was California bred, with all the prejudices for and against the Chinaman. She screamed. At that instant there was a crash of a shattered door in the distance and the sound of men talking in excited tones.

"You must come," said Sing Wah. "I will take you to a place of safety. All I ask of you is to follow me and be silent."

His earnestness was unmistakable, and Ruth yielded. A moment later they both stood on a small landing place above the cylindrical room. Sing Wah carefully drew up the ladder and coiled it again on the wooden trigger that had released it. Then he led the way down a dark passage to stairs lit by a mere glimmer of gas. Ruth drew back, but he indicated that she must go on. Even as she obeyed his imperious gesture there rang out the muffled clangor of revolver shots. Then again came the sound of doors yielding to violence and the shouts of wrathful men.

Sing Wah hurried her on, down steps, along shadowy passageways and

Examination proved the wound to be slight. They glanced up from it to see the doorway swing slowly away as the room revolved.

"Trapped, by smoke!" said the lieutenant. He laid a warning hand on Dorr's arm. "Keep quiet. We've lost our directions and we must wait a moment till we discover where that doorway is."

So they stood hesitant for a few seconds. A panel slipped open in the wall and a woman's face appeared for an instant. Swift as the Chinawoman was, the police officer was quicker and he plunged through the shallow panel, with Dorr at his shoulder.

Once through they paused in the semidarkness to orientate themselves. Finally the lieutenant stepped forward. "This way," he said. "I hear voices."

At that very moment there came up to them an unearthly scream, a shriek of pure terror.

"Ruth!" John yelled, and he and the officer both plunged forward.

Instead of the firm footing they expected empty air received them. Twenty feet below they struck the water. Spluttering and swearing, the policeman helped Dorr to a little ledge that ran alongside the tunnel.

"The miserable Chink dropped us into the big sewer," he gasped. "It runs into the bay just a little ways on. We'll have to swim for it, partner."

Dorr looked down at his arm and shook his head. "Isn't that a boat over there?" he demanded, pointing into the shadow.

"Blamed if it ain't," said the lieutenant, much relieved. "We'll soon be out of here."

In spite of his wound Dorr insisted on rowing, and the officer philosophically allowed him to, seating himself gingerly in the stern of the little craft and fending it off the brick walls of the tunnel with his hands as the swift current drew them onward.

To John the whole affair seemed like a dream. He saw the great dripping arches sliding past overhead to join the long vista of arches that bridged the glimmering water which splashed gently along to the call of the tide; he saw the dark bulk of the lieutenant in the stern; he felt the pain of his wound; he still heard Ruth's wild call for help. But it was all unrelated, as if each were a fact by itself, isolated. He struggled to gather his senses together.

"Look out!" shouted the policeman curiously as the great half cylinder curved sharply and a blast of fresh air struck them. "We'll be swept out into the bay! Keep the boat trim!"

Awakened by this warning, John devoted himself to his oars and a half moment later steered their little craft out under the piles of a wharf.

"Where to now?" he demanded dully.

The lieutenant pointed a thick forefinger toward another small boat a few rods away. "There is Sing Wah now, by smoke!" he exclaimed.

John Dorr glanced around. He first saw the impassive visage of the Chinese and then the figure crouched in the stern sheets. It was Ruth! He raised his voice in a triumphant yell. Hearing that call from her mate, the girl roused herself and cried back across the water: "John! John!"

At this point the police officer took part with a stern order to Sing Wah to stop rowing and surrender. He emphasized this command by covering the Chinese with his revolver.

Sing Wah was of no mind to be caught in this way. With a dexterous sweep of his sinewy arms, raised her up and seated her in the stern of the boat. A moment later he had cast off the painter and shipped the oars. The boat slipped silently away on the current into the murk.

After some talk between the officers John Dorr was informed that if he liked they would enter Sing Wah's and make a thorough search.

"Not that I think we'll find anything or anybody," said one of the policemen, "but it never does any harm to take a look-see through Sing Wah's, and the lieutenant is coming down now to take charge."

A moment later that officer arrived, and John Dorr made his tale as convincing as possible. The lieutenant seemed dubious.

"Isn't it like the old rascal to run his head into danger that way," he insisted. "I think you are on the wrong trail. Who did you say was the man who did all this?"

"Wilkerson—Harry Wilkerson," John answered bitterly.

"Wilkerson?" repeated the lieutenant. "That puts another color on the matter. Wilkerson and Sing Wah used to be pals. This'll bear looking into. Come on, men."

With wonderful quickness the officer disposed his men so that every known exit was guarded. Then he motioned to John to follow him and went boldly up to the shop door and entered.

Followed again a futile parley with a Chinese who professed to know no language but his own. The lieutenant's quick ear caught a sound of something moving directly behind the impassive clerk. Brushing him aside, he smashed in the door in the partition and strode into the hallway beyond. John Dorr was close at his heels.

The next few moments were to live long in John's memory as the strangest of his life.

NEGRO WHO ROBBED STORE HERE CAUGHT AT BELTON SATURDAY

Sheriff Perkins left Monday afternoon for Belton where he will find waiting for him in jail, a negro wanted on charge of burglary at Ballinger.

It will be remembered that the Missouri Salvage store at Ballinger was robbed about three weeks ago. The officers suspicioned negroes, but a thorough search failed to bring to light any of the stolen goods, and no clue was

found until Sunday, when the Temple Telegram carried the account of the arresting of a negro at Belton with more clothes than most negroes carry around with them. H. M. Jones, of the Ledger, a regular reader of the Telegram saw the story and called the officer's attention to it. The clothes then as the ones taken from the store here, and the sheriff at Belton notified to hold negro until Sheriff Perkins could call for him.

Following is the account of the arresting of the negro, and is just another proof of the power of printer's ink:

In his dragnet yesterday, Sheriff Hugh Smith turned up what

rather believes to be an interesting find.

The sheriff was on the alert for the man or men who burglarized the store of Sam Walker in Belton, and was not overlooking any passing or promising possibilities in his quest.

Coming in from the west he picked up a negro, whom he identified as one Charles Cass, an convict, sent up from Bell county in 1909, for burglary.

Cass claimed to have been pardoned, and, according to his statement, he had a clean bill, and in all but one exception he was apparently in the clear, according to his story.

That exception was that he was carrying a wardrobe that would do credit to a modern Chauncey Alcott—having in his possession no less than four extra suits of elegant new clothes in addition to the one which he sported upon his august person.

"Them's to many fine clothes for any one nigger to have in these hard times," mused Sheriff Smith as he laid a determined and official hand upon Mister Cass.

The sheriff is of the opinion that the several suits of clothes were stolen from some store in the west, and for the information of the mercantile establishments in that section, he gives an itemized list of the apparel taken from the suspect, as follows:

Four suits of blue serge. One was a dark blue suit with a small stripe, made by the S. L. Nelson Custom Tailoring Co., for J. H. Fain, on April 11, 1914. Another blue serge suit was made by the Schwab Tailoring Co., of St. Louis. Size 40. Three other blue serge suits were marked "Designers Brand—Correctly Tailored."

Sheriff Smith wishes to put the merchants in the towns west of Temple on notice, as it is his opinion that the Cass negro has been working in the west, along the Santa Fe between here and Brownwood, or beyond. He is held subject to orders.

32 STATES CONSIDERING TUBERCULOSIS LAW

Bills dealing with tuberculosis are now being considered in 32 state legislatures, according to an announcement made today by The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

In 6 states, Alabama, Arizona, California, Iowa, Tennessee and Washington, bills are being considered which call for the reporting and registration of all living cases of tuberculosis. Alabama, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia are working for laws which will require that consumptives who refuse to observe sanitary regulations and are a menace to others may be removed and detained in hospitals. In Alabama, Arizona, California, Illinois, Maine and Missouri, legislation permitting the establishment of county or local hospitals for tuberculosis are being discussed, and in California, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Missouri and New Hampshire state subsidies of \$3 to \$5 per week per patient are being asked for such institutions. A more or less complete reorganization of the state health work is sought in several states, especially Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas and Arizona. In Indiana and Alabama bills providing for full-time county and city health officers are being considered.

As an aid in furthering these and similar bills, the National Association has issued a pamphlet entitled "Tuberculosis Legislation," which contains a digest of existing laws in this field with comments and comparisons of some of the most important ones.

A WONDERFUL HEALING INFLUENCE IN KIDNEY TROUBLES

A year and a half ago I was taken with a severe attack of Kidney trouble that pained me to such an extent that morphine had to be given me. Was attended by a doctor who pronounced it as Stone in the Bladder and prescribed Lithia Water. I took Lithia Water and Tablets for some time and received no relief from them. I stopped taking medicines for some time, later having some Swamp-Root in the house I decided to try it and felt much relieved. While taking the second bottle commenced to pass Gravel in urine until I had passed in all at least a half dozen or more and have not suffered the slightest since—and in all have taken one bottle and a half and feel very grateful to Swamp-Root.

Yours very truly,
H. W. SPINKS,
Camp Hill, Ala.
Personally appeared before me this 16th day of August, 1909, H. W. Spinks, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

A. B. LEE,
Ex. of Justice of Peace.

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.

BOMB IN ICE KILLS THIRTY-FIVE

GALVESTON, Mar. 1.—Thirty persons, including five women, killed when the gunboat Progress was blown up in Progress harbor by a bomb. The bomb was smuggled aboard the ship in a shipment of ice.

No details can be had at this hour.

T. J. Gardner, the insurance man, left for Talpa Monday morning to adjust some cotton insurance.



Your Child's Cough is a Call for Help.

Answer it with Dr. King's New Discovery. It is Pleasant, Soothing, Healing.

Don't put off treating your Child's Cough. It not only saps their strength, but often leads to more serious ailments. Why risk? You don't have to. Dr. King's New Discovery is just the remedy your Child needs. It is made from Pine Tar mixed with soothing, healing and antiseptic balsams. Will quickly check the cold and soothe your Child's Cough away. No odds how bad the Cough or how long standing, Dr. King's New Discovery will stop it. Just get a 50c bottle from your Druggist. Give it to-night and you will notice an improvement to-morrow.

Here's proof. M. J. Parnell, Whiteboro, Texas, says: "I can recommend Dr. King's New Discovery for it saved my Child's life. She was taken with a cough and given up to die five times. One 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery cured the cough and saved her life."

Excellent for Children and Delicate Women. It is Mild, Pleasant and effective.

Trial bottle mailed on receipt of 4c in stamps.

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

COLORADO RAILROADS UNDER STRICT PROBE

DENVER, Mar. 1.—The Colorado Public Utilities Commission today opened an investigation in the passenger rates of all railroads operating in the State. Representatives of 28 different roads appeared in answer to subpoenas issued by the Commission.

The decision to make the investigation, which is expected to result in many substantial rate reductions, followed the receipt of complaints from various parts of the State. There is absolutely no conformity in rates, the Commission declares. Fares vary three cents a mile to as high as 11 cents a mile on some of the mountain roads.

A state-wide investigation into the rates charged for carrying coal by the railroads is planned by the Commission to start March 15th.

The principal roads affected by the investigation starting today are: The Santa Fe, Burlington, Colorado & Southern; Rock Island Colorado Midland; Denver & Rio Grande; Denver & Salt Lake; Great Western; Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific as well as 18 subsidiary branch and local lines.

No Use to Try and Wear Out Your Coughs and Colds through Neglect and Delay.

Thousands keep on suffering Coughs and Colds through neglect and delay. Why make yourself an easy prey to serious ailments and epidemics as the result of a neglected Cold? Coughs and Colds sap your strength and vitality unless checked in the early stages. Dr. King's New Discovery is what you need—the first dose helps. Your head clears up, you breathe freely and you feel so much better. Buy a bottle today and start taking at once.

Proper Treatment for Biliousness

For a long time Miss Lula Skelton, Churchville, N. Y., was bilious and had sick headache and dizzy spells. Chamberlain's Tablets were the only thing that gave her permanent relief. Obtainable everywhere.

TURKS LOSE HEAVY IN DARDANELLES

LONDON, Mar. 1.—Turkish losses in Dardanelles so far total five thousand dead and many wounded.

MOVING REMAINS OF BURNED BOX CARS

Roadmaster Whidden, of the Santa Fe, with a wrecking crew and loading outfit, was here Saturday and loaded out a train load of the scrap iron, trucks and other damaged material left after the compress fire.

The steel frames and trucks of the cars were loaded on flat cars and will be shipped to the machine shops, where it will be worked over and the scrap iron will be carried to the company's plant at Corwith, Ill. There all worn out and useless steel is melted and used in the construction of new equipment.

The railroads lost fourteen cars at Ballinger, nine of these being on the Santa Fe track and five on the A. & S.

THICK, GLOSSY HAIR FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Girl! Beautify your hair! Make it soft, fluffy and luxuriant.

Try as you will, after an application of Danderine, you cannot find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most, will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is immediate and amazing—your hair will be bright, fluffy and downy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance, the beauty and shimmer of true hair health.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all.

RELIEF SHIP TO SAIL

BOSTON, Mar. 1.—The New England Belgian committee announced today that a second relief ship for Belgium will be ready to sail within twenty-four hours.

For Reliable Abstract Work See **SECURITY TITLE CO.** "Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

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.

M. C. SMITH. Attorney-at-Law. Office up-stairs in C. A. Doose Building. Examining Land Titles a Specialty.

A. K. Doss J. H. Baugh DOSS & BAUGH Lawyers. Office over Ballinger Loan Co. Ballinger, Texas.

HARRIS & HARRIS Corporation. Collections and Land Litigation. Specialties. Office over Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.

Q. VICTOR MILLER ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office with Security Title Co. Will Practice in all the Courts.

G. P. Shepherd County Attorney Runnels Co. Civil Practice Solicited. Ballinger, Texas.

FIRE INSURANCE THE BEST COMPANIES Prompt Service. Your Business Solicited. Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's office. Phone 215. SEE ME. M. KLEBERG JR. Attorney-at-Law. Office at Courthouse.

The Country Trade. 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.

Children who have worms are pale, cross, fretful, and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites White's Cream Vermifuge is an approved remedy. When the worms have been driven out the child grows strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by The Walker Drug Co.

TAKES PHILADELPHIA CHURCH.

Philadelphia, Mar. 1.—The Rev. Dr. John Mockridge, vicar of Trinity Parish, New York, today began his new duties as rector of St. James' Protestant Episcopal church, one of the oldest and wealthiest congregations of this city. He succeeded the Rev. Dr. William C. Richardson, who died last summer while on his vacation.

Ah! The Invigorating Whiff of The Pine Forest

How it clears the throat and head of its mucous ailments. It is this spirit of Newness and Vigor from the health-giving Piney Forests brought back by Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. Antiseptic and healing. Buy a bottle today. All Druggists, 25c.

Beware of Mutuals Ricipals so-called profit sharing and unadmitted company.

Are You a Farmer?

Our company has captail stock of \$6,000,000.00 Ask a posted man about the Home of New York.

WE WANT TO WRITE YOUR

Small Grain Insurance

It would surprise you to know how little it would cost you to protect your promised crop with insurance.

IT WILL COST YOU NO MORE TO INSURE NOW THAN THE LAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE GRAIN IS CUT

If Your Crop Promises Anything Its Worth Insurance

Mr. Landlord We can write your interest of the crop if your tenant is not progressive

Mr. Tenant We can write your part if your landlord is behind to his interest

We GUARANTEE quick settlement. It helps to build up our business.

E. Shepperd & Co.

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THE HAIL INSURANCE WRITERS OF THIS COUNTY

Ballinger, Texas

Telephone us. No. 73. Call on us F. & M. Bank building.

L-A-S-T W-O-R-D—"BEWARE OF GRAFTERS. INSURE WITH PEOPLE YOU KNOW."

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

County of Runnels.

On this, the 12th day of February, 1915, this court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of J. W. Bigby and more than fifty other persons, praying that bonds be issued by Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, in the sum of sixty thousand dollars, bearing 5 per cent rate of interest, maturing forty years from date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property taxpaying voters of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, and that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas.

It is therefore considered, and ordered by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, on the 10th day of April, 1915, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 1 of Runnel, County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of sixty thousand dollars, bearing 5 per cent rate of interest and maturing forty years from date thereof; and whether or not a tax shall belevied on the property of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County,

Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper in said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, for four successive weeks before the date of said election.

Said election shall be held at the following designated voting places within said Road District No. 1, namely: at Olfin in election precinct No. 22, at Pony Creek School House in election precinct No. 23, at Court House in Ballinger in election precinct No. 1, and at the Court House in Ballinger in election precinct No. 24; and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, namely: C. R. Crews in Ballinger, voting precinct No. 1, Wm. Halfmann in Olfin voting precinct No. 22; John Bigby, in Pony creek precinct No. 23 and W. A. Tally in Ballinger voting precinct No. 24.

All qualified dproperty tax paying voters residing in Olfin voting precinct No. 22 shall vote at Olfin. All qualified property tax paying voters residing in Pony Creek voting precinct No. 23 shall vote at Pony Creek School House; and all qualified property tax paying voters residing in Ballinger voting precinct No. 1 within said Road District No. 1, shall vote in the south end of the court house in Ballinger; and all other qualified property tax paying voters residing in said Road District No. 1

shall vote in the north end of the court house in Ballinger in voting precinct No. 24.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of the Road Improvement District Act, passed at the first called session of the Thirty-first Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property taxpayers of said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballot the words: "For the Issuance of Bonds and Levying of the Tax in Payment Thereof; and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballot the words: "Against the Issuance of Bonds and the Levying of the Tax in Payment Thereof."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing General Elections.

A copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said County shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the County Judge is directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said Road District No. 1 of Runnels County, Texas, for four successive weeks next preceding said election.

M. KLEBERG,

County Judge, Runnels County, Texas.

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LABORERS ARE PLENTIFUL HERE

The great influx of laborers last fall to help gather the bumper feed and cotton crop is responsible for this county being long on hands at this season. Many laborers coming here, whites, negroes and Mexicans decided to make this their home after they had completed the harvest work, and the supply of laborers at this season of the year is greater than the demand. Many of these have drifted into town with the hopes of finding employment, and numerous calls are made almost daily at the various homes in Ballinger by men seeking employment in the yards and gardens.

It does not require as much help here to raise a big crop as it does in other sections of the state, where the most of these hands came from, and as soon as they find that they are not needed here they will drift back to their former homes.

Tom Hal and Black Sam
Tom Hal, the Lon Mapes horse, and Black Sam, the Wilks Whittaker Jack, will make the season at my place eight miles East of Winters. Fee \$10 to insure living fold. Free pasture for mares from a distance. J. A. King, Route 3, Winters, Texas. 18-11tw pd

MONTHLY REPORT OF BROOKSHIRE SCHOOL

Miss Stella Hix, teacher.

The fourth month of the present session our school closed Friday the 26th with a total enrollment of 46 for the term. This is an increase of 16 in the enrollment over last month. Our daily attendance has been good and with a possibility of 920 tardies for the month, there were only 8. The number of visits to the school during the month was 4.

Following are the names of those pupils who ranked first and second in their respective grades for the fourth month and also the names of those who were on the honor roll for the fourth month. In order to get on the honor roll a pupil must make an average grade of 90 or more in scholarship and a grade of 95 or more in deportment for the month:

Ninth grade: first, Chester Brookshire and Luey Stephenson. Honor roll: none.

Seventh grade: first, Ella White; second Lois Coow and Raymond Houston. Honor roll: Ella White.

Sixth grade: first Herbert Houston; second Lovedy Brookshire and George Cook. Honor roll: Lovedy Brookshire.

Fifth grade: first Annie Whittaker; second Arnold Houston. Honor roll: none.

Fourth grade: first Mildred Whittaker; second Garland Harris. Honor roll Mildred Whittaker, Garland Harris and Sallie Harris.

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

Second grade: first Eunice Houston and Ella Whittaker; second, Robert Harris. Honor roll: Eunice Houston, Ella Whittaker and Robert Harris.

First grade: first Norman Houston and Virgin Lee Hester; second Ellabe Cook and Oly Harris. Honor roll: Norman Houston, Virgin Lee Hester, Ellabe Cook and Oly Harris.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS

RUNNELS COUNTY THE BEST

W. T. Atnip, of the Valley creek country was among the first Monday visitors in the city and is one of the many farmers in the county who is feeling good over his past year's crop and the prospects are bright for the year 1915. He has just received a letter from an old friend in Red River County, his old home, who was at one-time citizen and farmer of Runnels County, who became discouraged with the dry years and apparent short crops and returned to Red River County and now sees the error of his way. The friend writes that he made a West Texas crop in 1914, in Red River County, only 7 bales of cotton, and feed crop short.

Mr. Atnip says his ten years average in that county was about the same as his friends', as above stated, and he was there as in Runnels County, only a one-horse farmer and that his ten years average in Runnels County of cotton has been 17 1-2 bales or 175 bales in ten years. Mr. Atnip gives these figures to show that the gentleman has only made a ten years average of 7 bales in Red River County and not up to a ten year's average in Runnels County, and as to feed stuff Mr. Atnip says he has bought less feed stuff in Runnels County in the ten years than he did in the rich Red River County for the same length of time.

The comparison is in favor of Runnels County on all kinds of crops which can be verified by the facts.

CHILDREN HATE OIL, CALOMEL AND PILLS

"California Syrup of Figs" best for tender stomach, liver, bowels—tastes delicious.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you bated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

Richard Cassidy, of Aeron, Ohio, who spent the winter in Ballinger, left for his home Sunday afternoon.

Constipation a Penalty of Age

Nothing is so essential to health in advancing age as keeping the bowels open. It makes one feel younger and fresher and forestalls colds, piles, fevers, and other dependent ills.

Cathartics and purgatives are violent and drastic in action and should be avoided. A mild, effective laxative- tonic, recommended by physicians and thousands who have used it, is the combination of simple herbs with pepsin sold by druggists everywhere under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. The price is fifty cents and one dollar a bottle. For a free trial bottle write to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452, Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

R. L. Carleton, one of the prosperous citizens of the Crewg country and Dock and Stanley Harter of the Wingate country were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

A Specific Against Colds.

If there is such a thing as a specific against colds, it is to be found in the sleeping porch or the open bed room. Next to that comes the cold sponge bath in the morning," says the Youths Companion. Be as careful as you can you will occasionally take cold and when you do you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a great help in enabling you to get rid of it. Try it. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foulger of Richland Springs, who had been visiting her father S. R. Richardson and other relatives in our county the past week or two, left for their home Monday afternoon.

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.

MITCHELL MOORE

East of City Wagon Yard

Blacksmith and Horseshoeing A Specialty.

All kinds of wood and iron work and rubber tiring etc. Carriage and automobile painting and first class work guaranteed. Give us a trial.

Sealey Ave. Ballinger

When in town drop in my old shack; and get Fresh Confections. Just because it is a shack: You will get good things and come back. Try me for Candies, Fruits and Cold Drinks; as I am out for business try me.

N. Passur

CATARRH OF HEAD AND STOMACH

Took Peruna Five Bottles Cured Me

Mr. Frank Richter, No. 309 East Second St., Winona, Minn., writes: "My catarrh was principally located in my head and stomach. I tried many remedies without success. I tried several doctors, but they were unable to cure me. I read of Peruna in the papers, and five bottles cured me.

"As a remedy for catarrh I take pleasure in recommending Peruna for catarrh of the stomach. I know what it is to be afflicted with this awful disease and consider it my duty to say a word in behalf of the remedy which gave me such relief. Peruna cured me, and I know it will cure any one else who suffers from this disease. It gives me great pleasure to testify to the curative effects of this medicine. Peruna is a well tested and frequently used remedy, and for catarrh of the stomach it is unsurpassed."

As a rule, people when ailing apply very properly to a doctor before resorting to a ready-to-take medicine. The great majority are cured by the doctor. But a per cent. of chronic cases fail to find a cure and at last begin to use ready-to-take medicines. It is very noticeable indeed the number of people among our testifiers who say that it was only after the doctor had failed to cure them that they were induced to take Peruna. Then they find to their relief, to their surprise, to their joy, that Peruna is the remedy they should have taken at first.



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

Harwell Motor Co. Ballinger Texas

PAPER SHELL PECANS

When setting out your shade trees, why not use those which are highly ornamental, and will also afford you a supply of delicious and valuable food? I have young well rooted, and vigorous pecans, budded to the Halbert Paper Shell Pecans.

FOR SALE AT ONE DOLLAR EACH

Certificate of inspection by State Inspector of Nurseries and Orchards furnished with each shipment. Address, S. B. HOWARD, 107 North 12th St., Ballinger, Tex.

CAR LOAD OF VELIE BUGGIES AND STOUGHTON WAGONS

We have just unloaded a car load of Velie buggies in designs that have never been shown before in this territory all made of clear grain second growth Hickory, wrought iron and an unlimited guarantee. Car of Stoughton Wagons. The strongest made and lightest running wagon on the market. Economically priced.

Put in your order now for that--
Jno. Deere Binder
 --or bring in your order for extras

Case Cell Drop Planter

The planter that will revolutionize the cotton industry. Five years ahead of other planters. Saves seed, saves chopping; drops but one seed at a time and thus prevents bunching. To be had in Ballinger only at this store. Six Styles of Cultivators in the celebrated Jno. Deere and J. I. Case models for which we are sole agents.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.

"Ballinger's Greatest Store"

TRUITT TRINKLETS

Truitt is still on the map, however, it lost another eye booth the last part of the week, the P'Pool store house was moved out in the Suber's for political purposes.

We have had the pleasure of seeing a nice rain fall for the past three Friday nights. Grain is coming to the front rapidly and a number of people are planting gardens.

We are sorry at this time to chronicle the death of Mr. W. R. Woods one of our best citizens, who last Wednesday was the victim of pneumonia; his body was shipped to Bell County for interment.

Mr. Bryan Bishop is having quite a siege with the rheumatism which has kindly hindered his matrimonial candidacy.

Mr. Jim Woods of Crews has been here for the past week with his brother.

D. W. Yeager says that he is beginning to realize that the people of this part of the country knows what an ugly man is, so he has begun to venture out with his cane.

J. W. Brice and family went to Bell County the past week to accompany the body of W. R. Woods.

Mr. T. J. Billups has been trying his new threshing machine on the farmers maize and is doing quite a lot of work.

The school is doing nicely with Mr. and Mrs. Harris both putting in full time, more than 60 have enrolled and quite a number are to start Monday. The Literary has been rained out for the last three nights but we are not discouraged. Plenty of rain is to be enjoyed.

As our vocabulary is not running over we will desist.

Yours very respectfully,
 A SUBSCRIBER.

MORO MOUNTAIN MUMBLINGS.

Editor Banner-Ledger:—We of this section of Rannels and Taylor counties are having moisture by the acres and as today finds us in the first round of spring, with farm work somewhat backward and but little of anything in field

spring plants.

Out around Moro Mountains are many good farms. I passed through Mr. Billups' farm of a thousand acres and the old man seems hopeful for a large grain crop. Also W. W. Allen has a good sized ranch and stock at the foot of the mountain. Mr. Allen is an old former resident of Ballinger and now wants to sell his fine ranch and move to Ballinger. Mr. Bates is the stock buyer over there and makes money too, as he should, since he is a worthy man.

Then Mr. Sanders has a good ranch at the base of Moro and about 150 acres in small grain. He too, will make oodles of the filthy lucre this year, if the weather clerk permits. Then comes Mr. Amos Lewallen and son Henry with a splendid ranch of small grain, corn and little of cotton. Amos tried the coast country, Wharton County, but had to leave that holy nigger and Mexican section to come back to this mountainous sphere. I guess all of these take the Banner-Ledger or ought too.

Well, when Europe war ends then Uncle Sam will take a Mexican vacation of rest, as the peons of that God forsaken realm will cease from troubling the money crats over there, while all Rannels County people interestingly read the Banner-Ledger.

I think this week will end the winter season and spring weather will prevail. It thundered in February, but I've known it to do that and yet frost fald to damage anything in April. So might it be next month.

Old Aunt Polly Ticks is off on a visit, when she returns will let you know.

"UNKLE CHARLIE."

A STRANGE OCCURENCE

The Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co had the misfortune to get one of their large plate glass windows, in the front of the store broken. A small hole about the size of a target ball penetrated the glass and the accident occurred in the middle of the day and a crowd all about the store, but no one has any idea how it happened. The firm was putting on a special soap sale and the articles artistically displayed in this window, and the main question now is how did the glass get broken?

AN ORDINANCE

Prohibiting the keeping or main taining of any hog pen or pg sty within the corporate limits of the city of Ballinger, and prohibiting the keeping of any hog or pig within said City except under certain conditions, and providing a penalty for violations of same. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ballinger, Texas:

I. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, corporation or joint stock association, or any agent, servant or employee of same, to keep or maintain, on any owned, rented or leased premises within the city of Ballinger and the corporate limits thereof, any hog pen or pig sty of any kind or character, where hogs or pigs are kept or where they heretofore have been kept, and any person or persons, firm, corporation or joint stock association, or agent, servant or employee thereof who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one, nor more than ten dollars.

II. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, corporation or joint stock association or any agent, servant or employee thereof, to keep or maintain any hog, boar, row, barrow or pig on any premises, rented, leased or owned by any such person within the corporate limits of the city of Ballinger, and such keeping of any such animal, within said city limits shall be deemed prima facie a nuisance, and any such person or persons who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars. Provided, that nothing in this section shall be taken as preventing the keeping or maintaining of one or more of such animals within said corporate limits of said city if the enclosure in which any such animal or animals shall be confined shall have a ground space of at least ten thousand square feet for each and every one of any such animals so kept within said corporate limits, and further provided that if by any arrangement of such enclosure in which such animal or animals may be confined, any one or more such animals be penned or confined for any length of time in a space containing less than said number of square feet, then this provision shall not apply in favor of or for the benefit of such person or persons so keeping said animal or animals.

III. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

IV. That more than one reading of this ordinance is hereby expressly dispensed with and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and approved, this the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1915.
 J. W. POWELL,
 Mayor.

(Seal)
 Attest: J. R. LUSK,
 City Secretary

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IN THE WEEKLY BANNER-LEDGER

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 Classified Ads will be taken over the telephone and are payable on presentation by collector.
 Call Telephone No. 27.

FOR SALE

Horse 16 1-2 hands high, 7 years old, works well single or double. 3 inch Peter Schuttler wagon used but little. J. M. London, 407, 6th St., Ballinger d2tw3tpd

PUMP FOR SALE—Second-hand Laidlow Dunn 500-gallon pump in good order; also second-hand boiler. See J. R. Lusk, secretary or J. W. Powell, Mayor, Ballinger, Texas. 3-6tdltw

FOR SALE—One L. C. Smith & Bros. No. 5 typewriter good as new, cost \$105.00 will sell for \$55.00 if bought at once. Have three ribbons and 90 sheets of green onion skin carbon to go with it. S. C. Harris, Winters, Texas. 2-3tdltwdh

FOR SALE—Six Jersey cows, fresh in milk, \$50 to \$75. Phone No. 3303. L. H. Hamilton, 26-2w

COTTON SEED—Pure Mebane, selected from good crop, well matured, best for planting. Oscar Routh, Ballinger, Phone 436. 26-4tw

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

Barred Rock Eggs

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

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

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS—Pure bred, pullet mated; eggs \$1.00 for setting of fifteen. R. P. Crouch, Box 271, Ballinger Tex. 18-w6t pd

WANTED

IF YOU OWN property in Ballinger and you are a non-resident, call up 545 or drop us a card. We will look after your interests in any real estate line promptly for reasonable commission.
 J. S. COLLINS & SONS
 d&wtf

WINDMILL WANTED—second-hand. See Ed. C. Pape or phone rural 4604. 3tdwpd

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

REPAIRING

WATCH and Jewelry Repairing—Mail to me your watch. I will put it in good repair for \$1.00; no matter what the trouble is. Gold rings and pectacles repaired for 25 cents. All other work in proportion, and guaranteed. J. H. Powell, Jeweler, Liberty Hill, Texas. 15-tfdw

H. R. Witt, of the Valley creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

MRS. FRANK STUART IS VERY LOW
 We regret to note that Mrs. Frank Stuart is seriously ill, and the physicians have announced that there is little hope for her recovery.

Okahoma Seed Corn selected, Ferry's Garden Seed, Flour Meal and Feed; Bright Maize and Feterrita Seed \$1.50 per 100lb.
 For good bargains in guaranteed good try us and be pleased.
 ROARK'S FEED STORE
 5 2tw pd.

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

Tyler is to vote on commission form of government on April 6th.

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. 3c

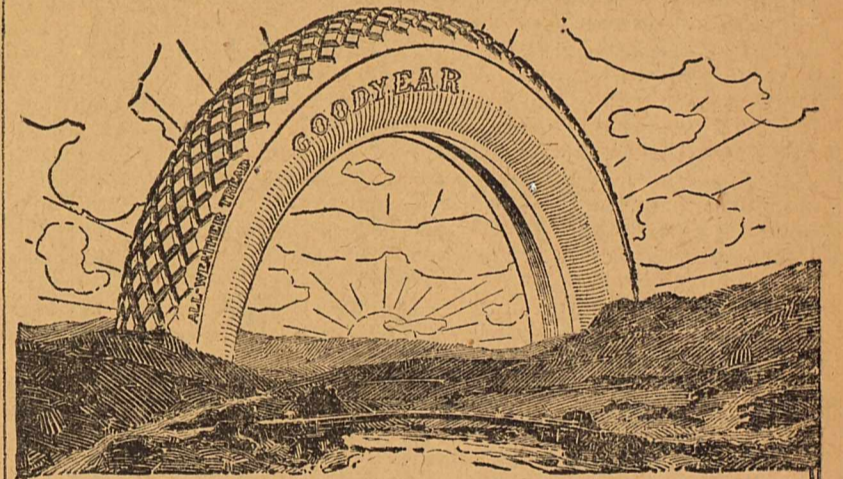
FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS

Wm. TOLLIVER DEAD

Wm. Tolliver, Jr., of the Valley Creek country, died at the home of his father Wednesday, and was buried in the Barnett cemetery, on Valley Creek Thursday afternoon. He was a young man about 25 or 26 years of age and had been suffering consumption for several months past.

He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and a young man of exemplary character and has many friends who join the Ledger in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn his death.



Fortified Tires Now in the Light

The supreme test of a tire is to hold top place—the place in the sun—and for years. Goodyear tires have done that. Long they have led, both in sales and prestige.

Men expect much of the top-place tire. They look for a super-tire in it. Any seeming fault, due to mishap or misuse, becomes a defect in this glare.

But Goodyear Fortified Tires, after years in this light, hold higher place than ever. Last year men bought 1,479,883 Goodyears of the pleasure-car type alone. That's about one tire for every car in use.

Who is Wrong?

Is it the Goodyear user, whose choice is confirmed by some 400,000 others? Or is it the man who still assumes that another tire is better?



Goodyear Service Stations--Tires in Stock
 S. L. Henderson Leach Auto Works

Nearby Towns
 Miles Motor Supply Co. Miles.

BACKACHE

Is an indication of kidney trouble. It means much to the victim because the deadly Bright's Disease begins in just such symptoms.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a successful remedy for diseased kidneys. It strengthens the suffering kidneys, helps them to perform their duties properly and by cleansing and regulating the bowels it drives out unhealthy conditions; restores strength and vigorous health.

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



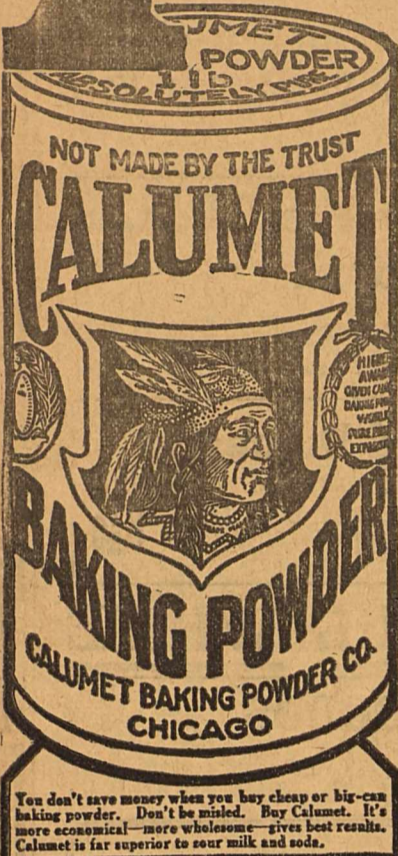
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First in Results
First in Purity
First in Economy

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World's Pure Food Exposition,
Chicago, Illinois,
Paris Exposition, France, March,
1912.



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CALUMET BAKING POWDER CO.
CHICAGO

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.

Good Roads and Education Inseparable Allies

---DALLAS NEWS

By Ed Spill, Secretary Y. M. B. L.

Education and good roads will be inseparable allies in building Texas, each being a cause, as well as an effect, of the other. Let the press wield its potent influence; let our citizenship join in giving impulses which will never cease to vibrate and let us lay out a plan and a scheme of internal development which will establish a precedent to the wisdom of which distance generations will refer.

"Let us make Caesar and the Romans and all the rest look and feel like the proverbial thirty cents. Let us begin now and make that instinct of selection which belongs to the ruling presence of a definite purpose. Let education, a net work of highly improved cardinal lateral and market roads, and intensively developed an increased farming become the trinity of Texas' political creed, and soon no Texan will be orthodox who does not subscribe to the doctrine. Then Texas, our glorious State, will truly become the empire and we the empire builders."—Dallas News, January 13, 1915.

Prof. W. W. Wooten, superintendent of county schools, is an enthusiastic booster for good roads.

This instructor believes as thousands of others do in Texas that the mud holes of the Lone Star State have been highly instrumental in causing illiteracy to jump by leaps and bounds.

The New England States are famous for their improved highways. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended for the benefit of the rural residents. The percentage of improved roads decreased as one travels southward, according to statistics gathered by Charles H. Davis, president of the National Highway Association. Illiteracy is eleven times greater in the states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico than in the territory in which the making of improved roads is a hobby among farmer and business man alike.

Prof. Wooten has probably noticed in his tours of the county in the interests of the various schools that a certain school bounded by first-class good roads contains more intellectual pupils than the one several miles away bounded by mudholes. The pupils of the first, doubtless, have no greater capacity for grasping knowledge than those of the latter institution but the mud holes passed over by the poor in intellect have been detrimental.

And the Professor also probably has been observant of the fact that schools bounded by bad pieces of road has a bad record to show, upon the visit of the superintendent, as to attendance. Pupils have been absent from their classes more than was absolutely necessary, and in their excuses in which they set forth the cause of their non-attendance, the invariable excuse for absence was the bad condition of the road to the school.

The bad roads had their effect upon the attendance of the pupils; the failure of the pupils to attend regularly and promptly had its effect upon their learning.

Building roads is the most stupendous problem confronting the people of Runnels County today. Good public highways are one of

BANISH SCROFULA

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cleanses the Blood, Skin Troubles Vanish.

Scrofula eruptions on the face and body are both annoying and disfiguring. The complexion would be perfect if they were not present! This disease shows itself in other ways, as bunches in the neck, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, wasting of the muscles, a form of dyspepsia, and general debility.

Ask your druggist for Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine completely eradicates scrofula. It purifies and enriches the blood, removes humors, and builds up the whole system.

Scrofula is either inherited or acquired. Better be sure you are quite free from it. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla and begin taking it today.

the most important agencies for the accomplishment of progress. The brains of those residing within the boundaries of the road district, which is seeking for a betterment of its conditions and the banishment of the mud holes, will receive an impetus for higher things in that your rural school will be placed on a loftier plane. Good highways, therefore, mean mental progress.

A good road has been compared by somebody to a companion agency to the church and school house of your community. A dollar spent on the good road running in front of your home means more happiness, prosperity and morality than any other means. A man who believes in meeting the expenses of the construction of good roads is good.

Material progress will ensue from the building of first-class highways in the Ballinger road precinct. Good transportation, which is a dominant factor in trade, enhances the value of your property. It allows you to go to town on a rainy day when work in the field is an impossibility, and labor in the making of farm products on sunshine day.

The election in the Ballinger road district will be held April 10, Saturday. The result of the ballot-casting will mean whether the district will continue to waddle through mud holes or first-class highways.

In a nutshell here is what the bond issue's passing will mean: Your property will increase in value—you can go to town when you want to—you can get better prices for your cotton and other products—your children can go to school regularly—you will have more comforts—the lives of your horses and mules will be lengthened—repairs to wagons and harness will be decreased—you save money by taking advantage of bargains when they are offered by city merchants—the doctor can reach you in time of sickness—you can go to church when you want to—you will be much happier and more contented.

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. wff

Mrs. W. C. Rayburn, of Midland who had been visiting relatives in this county the past few days, left Saturday afternoon to visit relatives at Rosebud a few weeks before returning home.

METROPOLITAN PAPER MAKES FEATURE STORY BALLINGER AND CO.

The last Sunday issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram devoted a page in featuring Ballinger and Runnels county progress. The article was from the pen of Ed Spill, and was illustrated with a number of attractive scenes, including the busy street scenes, ranch scenes and a picture of a special train of negro cotton pickers arriving at Ballinger to help gather the bumper cotton crop.

The wonderful progress in diversified farming, livestock, and agricultural developments were portrayed in the article, showing that during the year just closed this county excelled any previous year in its history in poultry raising, grain shipments, pork production, silos, as well as producing a cotton crop that required the importation of many hundreds of negroes to gather.

The Star-Telegram's sworn circulation ranges around the forty thousand mark, and this article will be read by thousands of people all over the Southwest, as well as all over the United States.

WOMEN OF RUSSIA

Petrograd, March 4.—As the war continues the women on the border suffer the horrors of war and the mothers and orphans left at home are the ones who suffer most. In America are many mothers and daughters, who were left penniless by the war of the Rebellion, but their suffering are as nothing to the women and children left as widows and orphans of the soldiers who have fought and bled for their country in Europe.

Many a mother and daughter have reason to be thankful to Dr. Pierce for relief from suffering and the cure of those weaknesses of their sex, because of his "Favorite Prescription." This tonic, which is strictly a temperance medicine, has cured thousands of those weaknesses, headaches, nervousness, manifestations of disease in women. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription speedily causes all womanly troubles to disappear—compels the organs to properly perform their natural functions, corrects displacements, overcomes irregularities, removes pain and misery at certain times and brings back health and strength to nervous, irritable and exhausted women.

It is a wonderful prescription prepared only from nature's roots and herbs with no alcohol to falsely stimulate and no narcotics to wreck the nerves. It banishes pain, headache, backache, low spirits, hot flashes, dragging-down sensation, worry and sleeplessness surly and without loss of time.

What Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done for thousands it will do for you. It's not a secret remedy for its ingredients are printed on wrapper. Get it this very day at any medicine dealers in either liquid or tablet form.

Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.—Adv.

HUNDRED DOLLAR REVENUE STAMP

The Guaranty State Bank received two stamps this week that were curiosities to Paint Rock people. The stamps were U. S. Internal Revenue and were \$100 and \$30 respectively. Both were to go on the Loomis deed of his Concho place to Mr. Scott of Paris, Texas. The deed calls for \$130,000 for the transfer of the ranch. —Paint Rock Herald.

Are You Rheumatic?—try Sloan's
If you want quick and real relief from Rheumatism, do what so many thousand other people are doing—whenever an attack comes on, bathe the sore muscle or joint with Sloan's Liniment. No need to rub it in—just apply the Liniment to the surface. It is wonderfully penetrating. It goes right to the seat of trouble and draws the pain almost immediately. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c 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.

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

NEGRO SMOKES WHILE PREACHER PLEADS WITH MOB

DALLAS, Mar. 1.—Three Waxahachie negroes have been brought here and placed in jail to escape mob violence for the murder of Jack Jones, a young white man at Waxahachie Saturday night.

WAXAHACHIE, Feb. 28.—A speech by Rev. A. C. Parker, pastor of the Christian church, averted a lynching here this morning and furnished the police with information which may lead to the arrest in Dallas or Fort Worth of two or more negroes, believed to be implicated in the brutal murder of Jack Jones, white, 22, here some time last night.

The body was in W. B. Jackson's garage, where he was employed, about 9 o'clock this morning. The head was crushed in by a piece of gaspipe and there were indications that the murderers had made a hurried search of the garage for anything of value.

The young man had been evidently murdered near midnight Saturday night. Hearing a noise in the hall, he had stepped out in his night clothes and had been attacked. Walls and floor showed traces of a terrible and bloody struggle, the body being horribly beaten and stabbed, the head almost severed from the body and the skull crushed.

After a search of about an hour, the police invaded the home of Joe Lockett, negro, where some bloody clothing was found, and the black broke down and made a partial confession, denying, however, that he had killed Jones.

When the news of the arrest spread about the town a mob formed near the jail and took the negro from the officers before they could put him in jail. A rope was thrown about the black's neck and he was dragged to the cotton compress platform, when Rev. A. C. Parker appeared.

Facing the mob of determined men surrounding the apparently doomed negro, the preacher appealed to their better sense and urged them to disband and abandon their plan of lynching. He spoke for fully fifteen minutes, and was followed by District Judge Lee Hawkins, Sheriff Dearborn and County Attorney Whipple. The officers told the mob that if they lynched the black it was probable his accomplices would never be captured.

Judge Hawkins promised to reconvene court Monday and empanel a grand jury and try the negro at once. This and the fact that a son of sheriff Dearborn was lying in a dying condition at the jail, together with the hope that the negro would tell who were his confederate prevailed on the crowd to disperse.

A rope had been placed around the negro's neck and several tried to pull him up, but a man cut the rope. The negro calmly smoked a cigarette while awaiting the action of the mob. He was finally landed in jail.

At 4 o'clock officers started with the negro to Dallas, eluding the mob which quickly formed as soon as the negro was brought out. A shot was fired with intent to puncture a tire, but missed and the auto was soon speeding toward Dallas. Several cars pursued with the hope of securing the negro, but were outdistanced in the race.

Lockett stoutly protested his innocence. He claimed that another negro had borrowed his clothes and had returned them. The clothes had been freshly washed and a coat had been partly burned. All showed blood stains. The negro suffered severe treatment from the crowd. The mob spirit is temporarily allayed, but violence is feared when the negro is brought to trial.

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,
wff
Concho county, Tex

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. 75 cents.



Rheumatism

Just put a few drops of Sloan's on the painful spot and the pain stops. It is really wonderful how quickly Sloan's acts. No need to rub it in—laid on lightly it penetrates to the bone and brings relief at once. Kills rheumatic pain instantly.

Mr. James E. Alexander, of North Harpswell, Me., writes: "Many strains in my back and hips brought on rheumatism in the sciatic nerve. I had it so bad one night when sitting in my chair, that I had to jump on my feet to get relief. I at once applied your Liniment to the affected part and in less than ten minutes it was perfectly easy. I think it is the best of all Liniments I have ever used."

SLOAN'S LINIMENT

Kills Pain

At all dealers, 25c.

Send four cents in stamps for a TRIAL BOTTLE

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

URNS LOOSE \$5045.50 FOR EGGS IN 1 WEEK

E. A. Jeanes & Co., shipped from Ballinger last week, including the Saturday of the week before, over five thousand dollars worth of eggs. To be exact \$5,045.40.

These eggs were concentrated here from over the county, and billed out in car lots, going direct to the New York market. The greatest shipment for any one week was for last week when 700 cases, or a total of 252,000 eggs.

The shipment since January first has more than averaged a carload each week from this point and will increase with the approach of the spring months.

NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA, GAS OR INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" settles sour upset stomachs in five minutes.

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin will digest anything you eat and overcome a sour, gassy, or out of order stomach surely within five minutes.

If your meals don't fit comfortably, or what you eat lies like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of indigestion.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, nausea, debilitating headaches, dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and besides there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there.

Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent cases contain enough "Pape's Diapepsin" to keep the entire family free from stomach disorders and indigestion for many months. It belongs in your home.

BAND OF CATTLE THEIVES CAPTURED NEAR OZONA
San Angelo, Feb. 26.—Reports by telephone from ranches south and west of Ozona, Crockett county, are to the effect that a desperate band of cattle thieves have been captured. For months men have been after these thieves. More than a hundred head of cattle were stolen by them.

War or No War

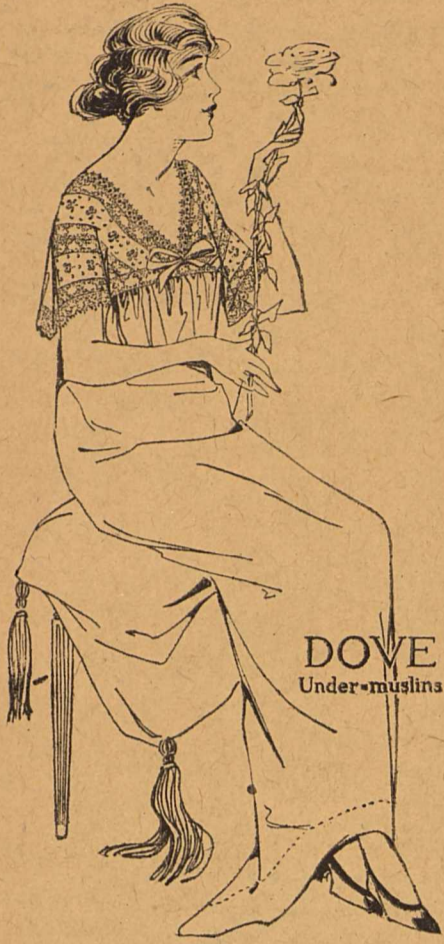
We are still in a position to make you farm loans and take up and extend your vendors lien notes in the future just as we have heretofore done in the past.

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.



ANNUAL WHITE GOODS & MUSLIN UNDERWEAR DISPLAY

Biggest Quantities! Daintiest Creations. The Event of the Year From a Woman's Point of View

SATURDAY MORNING begins the Annual White Goods Sale of Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. This great event recognized as an annual institution of importance will be of interest to all Ballinger and Runnels county. We contracted for our white goods and muslin underwear when season's low quotations were ruling the market. We positively will not be able to duplicate them later at these prices. We are prepared to meet your every want in white goods, muslin underwear for women and children. The entire millinery department will be devoted to the display of muslin underwear. Quantities are large, far greater than we've ever assembled before. Remember Saturday, March 6th and all through the coming week.

New Spring White Goods Ready

White air line cloth, white mull, crepe; Irish linen, linen sheeting, viole, dimity, swiss, fancy waisting, flaked linen, organdie, French lawn, crepes and etc.

DOVE



Under-muslins

Muslin Underwear For Women and Children

Gowns, Teddy bear suits, drawers, chemise, corset covers, princess slips, waists and skirts.

Gowns
Fine quality muslin gown, slip on and open front effect. Very special at 75c, at only **49c**

Childrens' Drawers
50 dozen children fine quality cambric drawers; extremely well made. Special 3 pairs **25c**

Lenweave
30 inch Lenweave, wonderful value at 20c extra special one week only, the yard **11c**

Bleached Domestic
36 inch Bleached Domestic full needle finish real value 12 1-2c at the yard special **8 1/2c**

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. BEAUTIFUL WHITE

GOODS READY. WHAT A HURRY SCURRY THERE WILL BE FOR THESE GOODS SATURDAY AND ALL NEXT WEEK. YOU MUST COME

Gowns

Ladies' Muslin Gowns, made of good quality muslin, slip on and open effect; 75c values at only **49c**
Ladies' fine Gowns of Crepe material in plain and fancy, real value \$1.25. While they last **98c**
Ladies' fine Cambric Gowns made of fine Cambric and Soft Lingere, Hand Embroidery and lace trimming. A wonderful assortment at \$1.25, \$1.49 \$1.75 and up.

Skirts

Muslin Skirts with salloped bottom, unusual value, a garment **50c**
Skirts, laced trimmed, flounced with lace medallions, each **75c**
Skirts, embroidery set in with embroidery bands; real values, each **98c**
Skirts in crepe hand embroidery, all whith and worth \$1.50 at only a garment **\$1.25**
Others in fine Muslin at \$1.50, \$1.98; \$2.50, \$3.50 and up.

White Goods

30 inch Dimity Checks worth 15c during White Sale, the yard **10c**
20 inch extra fine Persian Lawn, real value 15c and 20c a yard. Extra Special the yard **10c**
90 inch Linen Sheeting the yard at only **85c**
36 inch English Long Cloth very fine quality, 20c values: the yard **16c**
15c Linen and Linene Handkerchiefs, unusual value each **10c**

Millinery

New one-of-a-kind Models Now Ready At **\$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00 to \$10.00**

Featuring the new Pokes, Chin Chin, Fox Trot, Shepherdess, and Tipperary. You will find the new things here. In all the late colorings: wew rose, new green, new sand, Belgium blue, battleship grey, flag-pale-red, Palm Beach sand. A great showing of new shapes at 98c to \$5.00.

A VERY COMPLETE SHOWING OF WASH GOODS AND SILKS NOW READY

New Voiles, Plisses, Crepes, Shuddah Cloth, Dimities, Organdies, Mulls, Tub Silks, Silk Crepes. In fact this store is ready to show you the new things for Spring Nineteen-Fifteen. You will find here a spirit of willness to show our merchandise. A Glad-You-Come-to-See-Us spirit that will always greet you when you visit us,

SPECIAL ALL WEEK
18 inch Lace Camisole extra value at 35c and 50c the yd. This week, the yard **23c**

HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.

Ballinger Lampasas Teague

SPECIAL SATURDAY
5 dozen Lingerie and Crepe de chine waists, value \$1.50 and \$2.00 Special Saturday, only **98c**

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF AN ACRE

"Getting the Most Out of an Acre" is given from an extract of a book written by Bowsfield on intensing farming in European countries. In this day and time when one family is trying to cultivate 200 acres in this country, and diversified farming is so prominent in the minds of the farmers of this country, the report from a one acre crop in Europe is interesting:
The most intensively cultivated region in Europe is that part of the Province of Valencia Spain, which lies between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. It has a rain fall of only 17 inches a year, but so fertile is the soil, and so skilled are its workers, that it produces crops worth on an average of \$640 an acre. There are districts where 100 acres support 160 families and where single families live on the products of four-tenths of an acre. Farms are rented at about \$30 per acre, and the tenant pays about fifty cents per hour for water pumped on his land at the rate of 200 gallons per minute.
Most all farming is done by hand as minute attention is given to crops and even to individual plants.
The average production is given in Metric tons of 2204 pounds

and the following is the yield from the little Province:
Oranges 400,000 Metric tons.
Olives 65,000 Metric tons.
Carob Beans 72,000 Metric tons.
Peanuts 13,500 Metric tons.
Melons 36,000 Metric tons.
Grapes, 87,000 Metric tons.
Peppers 12,000 Metric tons.
Tomatoes 27,000 Metric tons.
Wheat 62,000 Metric tons.
Barley 18,000 Metric tons.
Corn 38,000 Metric tons.
Rice 200,000 Metric tons.

Sudan Seed

Proclaimed by A. & M. College and some of the seed houses as among the very best in the state.
Nearly 100 percent cream-hulled.
Free from Johnson Grass or weed seed.
Many planters and seed houses are advertising this seed at \$1.00 per pound.
I have what you want, at home at from 50c to 35c per pound.
Every farmer should plant Sudan for pasturage and hay.
But—Be sure it is pure.
W. W. FOWLER, M. D.

Ernest Marshall and G. W. Ray of the Maverick country, and J. M. Osborn of Norton were among the large crowd in Ballinger Monday.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR Y. M. B. L.

To The Members of The Young Men's Business League:
The following is the report of the work of the League for the month of February, 1915:
Activities.
Co-operated with local musicians in the organizing of the Ballinger Band.
Planning a comprehensive argument on a matter which will be of interest to the citizens of the City.
Assisted Mr. Geo. P. McLelland in organizing the Runnels County Diversification and Marketing Association.
Perfecting an organization for the growing of peanuts in the County.
Established a closer intimacy between the business man of Ballinger and the farmer of the Ballinger trade territory.
Increased the directorship of the League from five members to ten, now including five farmers of the Ballinger country.
Headed by John Hopkinson, the road committee of the League circulated and presented to the commissioners' Court petitions asking for a \$60,000 bond issue in Road Precinct No. 1. With the election called for April 10, a systematic campaign is being carried on by the League. Your sup-

port is essential to the cause.
In General.
A total of 300 letters has been sent out during the month.
Seven meetings have been held in the auditorium with an attendance of over 500.
Membership collections for the month amounted to \$143.75.
Publicity.
Particular attention has been given during the month to publicity through not only the local press, but in the state dailies. This has resulted in many inquiries of Runnels County and Ballinger, all of which will in the end be beneficial. Articles concerning diversification and the general prosperity of the citizens of the County have been found available for publication by two leading state farm journals. A lengthy story, accompanied by photographs, was used to advantage by a Fort Worth newspaper.
Agricultural.
Co-operated with Mr. Geo. P. McLelland in interesting the farmers in wider diversification movements for 1915.
Industrial.
We have been in negotiations with a broom factory and a floor sweep factory.
We call particular attention to the Creasy Rotary Filer Co., that has started here, while in a small way, is laying the foundation for a great establishment. Although the League was not in any way instrumental in the placing of this concern here, it feels that a personal interest ought to be mani-

festated in the industry.
Please call on your secretary and tell him that you are ready to work in any capacity. Now is the time, above all others, that we should put forth our greatest efforts to build this city.
Make yourself a committee of one to boost Ballinger to the front ranks, and to bring one new member into the organization. We are depending on your co-operation and support.
C. A. DOOSE, President.
EDWARD SPILL, Sec.
Keep Your Bowels Regular
As everyone knows, the bowels are the sewerage system of the body, and it is of the greatest importance that they move once each day. If your bowels become constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets just after supper and they will correct the disorder. Obtainable everywhere.
PHYSICIAN JAILED RATHER THAN PAY FINE
A prominent San Angelo physician Tuesday upon failure to pay a fine in the recorder's court growing out of a conviction for permitting a minor to drive an automobile, was lodged in the city jail. A writ of commitment for the collecting of the fine was issued Friday and it was upon this that the arrest was made. At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the doctor was still in jail and an application for a writ of habeas

corpus, filed before the county judge by S. C. Autrey, attorney for the defendant, was being considered.—San Angelo Standard.
YOU'RE CONSTIPATED BILIOUS!—CASCARETS
Tonight! Clean your bowels and end Headaches, Colds, Sour Stomach.
Get a 10-cent box now.
No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get the desired results with Cascarets.
Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, backache and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and constipated matter which is producing the misery.
A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. No more days of gloom and distress if you will take a Cascaret now and then. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle clearing, too.