

HELP BALLINGER GET THE CENTRAL WEST TEXAS NORMAL BY VOTING FOR GOOD ROADS APRIL 10

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U. S. SHOW INTEREST IN ISSUE

The United States government takes a great interest in the construction of good roads. Uncle Sam, however, doesn't build high ways, but backs her citizens up in all movements for their construction.

Uncle Sam is interested in Runnels County. So much so that a representative of the Highways Division is coming to Ballinger Monday, April 5, to talk to the voters of the Ballinger precinct. He's bringing with him lantern slides which will be flashed on the screen at the Queen Theatre beginning at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. There he will talk.

He has something in store for people of Ballinger and the Ballinger territory. Had he not, he wouldn't be sent by the government to Ballinger. He means business.

The construction of good roads is a business proposition. It involves money expended and money saved. The latter supercedes the former in this part of the state where highways can be constructed cheaply.

Runnels County wants good roads. The Ballinger road district have the privilege on April 10 of letting the world know of the fact. The passage of the bond issue will be flashed from one corner of the State to the other. Newspapers clamor for such a great item. Editors realize that when a bond issue carries it means a new era for the people who live within that district affected. Newspapers print items signifying prosperity. The bond mean an era of prosperity and happiness.

Pryor Mapes of the Pony creek country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Oscar Paschal and Aron Cole of the Pleasant Retreat neighborhood, were visiting in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

THE BOND ISSUE FARMER'S BENEFIT

If you, Mr. Farmer, knew that a week from today it would commence raining and continue for ten days, making your twice-a-week trips to Ballinger impossible because of the bad condition of the road connecting your farm and the city, wouldn't you think seriously of a method of constructing a good linking high way?

If you knew that the \$60,000 which will be procured by the county by the passage of the bond issue April 10, would build a good road between your farm and the city before the first drop of rain falls, wouldn't you vote for the issue?

You ought to know these things. Runnels County stands back of the answers to the questions. The officers and the citizenship in general of the county urge that the voters cast their ballot for the bonds Saturday week.

Good roads over the entire Ballinger road district will be constructed immediately following the sale of the bonds.

Vote for the Bonds!

WILL MAKE SORGHUM MOLASSES THIS YEAR

G. H. Strum will run a gasoline power press this summer to make up sorghum molasses and says the farmers need not be afraid of planting plenty sorghum as he will be in shape to work it up for them in the best shape and turn out good syrup. He will be located just across the river in South Ballinger. Mr. Strum spent a year in South Texas, but is now back in good old Runnels county for "keeps" and among the supply of household necessities orders the Banner-Ledger for a year.

T. G. Marburger left Tuesday morning on a short business trip to Bangs and will also look after his farm near Santa Anna while gone.

Ira Turner, Carl Black and Gene Rayburn, of the Norton country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

HIGH COST OF LIVING GOES LOWER

Look at What \$1.00 will Buy at Ballinger's Greatest Store.
\$1.40 WORTH OF GROCERIES FOR \$1.00

Assortment No. 1	Worth	Assortment No. 2	Worth	Assortment No. 3	Worth
2 pound National Blend Coffee	.60	1 gallon P. & F. Syrup	.60	1 Bottle Grape Juice	.25
1 pound Arm & Hammer soda	.10	1 can Tomatoes	.10	1 bottle Club House Catsup	.25
1 package Black Pepper	.10	1 can Corn	.10	1 bottle Olives	.15
125c can Jack Frost Baking Powder	.25	1 pound National Blend Coffee	.30	1 can Apple Butter	.25
1 can Old Dutch Cleanser	.10	1 pound Arm & Hammer soda	.10	1 pound Powdered Sugar	.20
1 can Bon-Ami	.10	1 box Black Pepper	.10	1 can Fig Jam	.15
3 bars Bob White Soap	.15	1 box Argo Starch	.10	1 box Knox's Gelatine	.15
	\$1.40		\$1.40		\$1.40

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BATTLE POSTPONE TO SUNDAY

BROWNSVILLE, March 31.—After a fight lasting not more than half hour just after midnight the Mexican troops at Matamoros quieted down. Dynamite bombs were used in the brief battle, but results are in doubt. It is thought the skirmish was made to test strength of Matamoros troops.

The United States artillery are on hand for any emergency that might arise when the attempt to take Matamoros by the Villistas. Villa's artillery is coming up and will reinforce the troops waiting to attack Matamoros. The battle will probably be delayed until Sunday.

Fighting at Lampazos is imminent, and preparations are being made to assault Nuevo Laredo.

MASS MEETING CALLED TO LAUNCH NORMAL CAMPAIGN

Setting April 7, Wednesday as the date for a rousing mass meeting of the citizens of Ballinger, at which time various committees will be named and activity begun in the summer campaign for the Central West Texas Normal, and hearing Judge R. S. Griggs, representative of this legislative district, the board of directors of the Young Men's Business League in special session Tuesday afternoon at the League rooms discussed the normal question from every conceivable corner.

At the invitation of the directors, Judge Griggs appeared before the officials of the League to discuss the normal with that body. He told the history of the bill which would create a normal in this part of the state and suggested a plan for the directors to pursue in arousing the keenest interest in the movement. It was at Judge Griggs' suggestion that a mass meeting was called by Vice President Victor Miller, who was officiating in the absence of President C. A. Doose.

The meeting will be held in the League rooms at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of April 7, Wednesday. Various committees, such as site, clean up, street, application, finance, entertainment and a general normal committee under whose jurisdiction the whole force would work, will be named at the mass meeting. Every citizen of Ballinger, whether he is a member of the Young Men's Business League or not, will be urged next week to attend the gathering. Nothing will be left undone to cause the keenest interest to be aroused in the fight which will be made by Ballinger for the State school.

Judge Griggs in his talk before the directors said that in his opinion the greatest fight lies between San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater and Ballinger. Of these four towns, he believes the matter will resolve itself down to Abilene and Ballinger.

The bill which was passed by the legislature a few weeks ago and signed by Governor Ferguson last week, asks for the establishment of three state normals to be located in the years

1917, 1918, and 1919. One will be placed in Central West Texas, this being the one Ballinger is seeking, another in Northeast Texas, and a third in South Texas. The committee which will have charge of the election of the three sites will also have charge of the matter of saying which one of the normals will open first and which second.

It was explained by Judge Griggs that all the state asks for is fifty acres of land suitable for a site for a normal. It was pointed out by the directors that there are several such sites in Ballinger, all of them good. The consensus of opinion of the directors was that it would not be an over-difficult matter to find a most convenient location for the state normal. No bonus is asked for by the state.

Ballinger, according to the directors of the League, will demand that the normal of Central West Texas be established first and that it be located in Ballinger.

The meeting of the board of directors of the League Tuesday afternoon made Ballinger an avowed candidate for the normal. It was decided by the officials that water, climate, a most beautiful site, the city's centrality of the district, and its famous brotherhood feeling, linked with a high standard of morality, would be features of the data upon which special emphasis would be laid, at the proper time before the locating committee.

The following directors were present: President C. A. Doose; Victor Miller, John Dean, F. T. Rushing, J. H. Taylor, John A. Weeks, H. C. Gardner, and Secretary Ed Spill. Mr. Doose called the meeting but was called away shortly thereafter. Mr. Miller acting as chairman during the remaining part of the conference.

Wood McKissick, the young grocery merchant of Crews, was supplying in Ballinger Monday and says he has marketed in Ballinger 960 dozen eggs during the past week.

HELP THIS MAN FIND HIS WANDERING BOY

Editor Ledger:

Can you give me any information of the whereabouts of my son George Whiteley? He worked around Miles from October to January 1st, and was part of the time in Tom Green county, but got his mail at Miles. He is 23 years old, weighs about 150, height about five feet 8 inches, and is rather red complected with light red hair. He had a scar on one arm caused from vaccination. Member W. O. W. Lodge.

Please do all you can to help me locate him as I think he is dead. Any information will be highly appreciated by his father and mother.

J. R. WHITELEY,
Temple, Texas.

3 SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM

LONDON, March 31.—The British officially announce that the liner Flaminian has been torpedoed off Sicily Island. It is also rumored that the Crown of Castile was sunk by German torpedo.

The steamer South Atlantic sunk in collision with an unknown vessel.

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"Just a line in praise of Sloan's Liniment. I have been ill nearly fourteen weeks with rheumatism, have been treated by doctors who did their best. I had not slept for the terrible pain for several nights, when my wife got me a small bottle of the Liniment and three applications gave me relief so that I could sleep."—Joseph Tamblin, 615 Converse Street, McKeesport, Pa.

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LEG BLOWN OFF WITH DYNAMITE

R. J. Fannin left Saturday afternoon for Abilene where he goes to be with his brother F. M. Fannin who was seriously injured by a premature dynamite explosion and would have to undergo an operation for the removal of his leg.

The unfortunate man was at work arranging a blast in doing some excavation work near Abilene and the charge of dynamite exploded before Mr. Fannin could get away from it.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by druggists. Price 75c. per bottle.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

THE BALLINGER BARBER SHOP

The Ballinger Barber Shop will be the name of the barber shop now occupied by the Ideal proprietors and Messrs. Hugh and Perse Griffin, Wm. Strom and Julius Bauman will be the barbers to take charge Thursday, April 1, at which time the Ideal will move to their new home in the Currie building. The proprietors of the Ballinger Barber Shop have an ad in today's Daily Ledger soliciting your patronage. These gentlemen are no strangers to the Ballinger trade and need no introduction at our hands.

C. H. Calvert left Monday for Austin, where he goes in response to message stating that his brother-in-law was seriously ill and not expected to live.

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.



HIGHWAY WORKER COMING

The Young Men's Business League has arranged for a visit from B. K. Coghlan, a highway worker from the A. & M. College. The expert and authority on good roads and road building will be here on April 5th, which is first Monday, and an effort will be made to get every one who is in any way interested in good roads—and that means every man, to attend the good roads meeting and hear this man talk.

It is the plan of the Y. M. B. L. to arrange for showing illustrations of good roads and the method of building them, and Mr. Coghlan will bring his slides and these will be shown at one of the picture shows if arrangements to that end can be made.

The road bond election will be held on April 10th, and it is believed that it will carry by ample majority. Those who are not prejudiced against the move for good roads, and who have investigated the proposition are fully convinced that it is the only solution of the bad roads troubles. Those who are opposed to the bond issue should not vote against it until they have investigated for themselves, and are in a position to cast an intelligent vote and not a prejudiced vote.

Whooping Cough.

Well—everyone knows the effect of Pine Forests on coughs. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for whooping cough, loosens the mucous, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all coughs and colds. 25c at your druggist.

Electric Bitters a Spring Tonic.

Theo W. Thorp, of Round Rock, who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. L. Ellis and other relatives in Ballinger the past few weeks, left Monday afternoon for his home.

Go to Winters Saddle and Harness Shop for anything in leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. O. W. Jolly, Mgr. 10-tfw

J. W. Carr of the Bronte country, came in Monday to meet his daughter, Miss Martha, who came in at noon from Glen Cove where she had been attending school. While here Mr. Carr renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

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

Mrs. Fisher of Brownwood, who attended the marriage of Miss Huggins at Winters, passed thru Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route home.

APRIL ELECTION MONTH IN BALLINGER

The voters of Ballinger will be called upon to go to the polls four times in April and express themselves in passing on questions that vitally interest every citizen and tax payer of the county.

The election for the naming of school trustees will be the first election and will be held on April 2nd.

The second election will be held on April 6th for the purpose of electing city officers.

The third election will be the road bond election, and will be held on April 10th.

The fourth election will be held on April 12th to determine whether or not Ballinger shall adopt the commission form of government, and to name two commissioners to serve, in case the new form of government is adopted.

All the names to appear on the school trustee ticket are good men and we do not believe that the people can make a mistake in that election. The same applies to the city election.

The other two elections are of great importance to the people. The result of the road bond election will determine the progress of this county. If the issue is defeated it is safe to say that the people will be compelled to suffer the consequences for several years, because those in favor of the method to carry out the work of improving roads will not again sacrifice their time and make another effort. It will be defeated that will discourage others, and retard the good road work of this county for years to come.

The prospects are promising for a large grain crop, and the county is undergoing development along all lines that makes the demand for better highways greater than ever before. The farmers are prospering; they will continue to buy autos and good vehicles. We are traveling in a different age, and time is money to the man with produce to market.

There is no way for him to find relief for the bad roads trouble except by issuing bonds and building the roads. We can not believe that the people will go backward in this election.

The commission form of government has been adopted for other towns and cities. It seems to be proving successful, and satisfactory where ever adopted. The mayor and two commissioners will take the place of the present for which is composed of the mayor and five aldermen. The salary of the new officers will be about the same as the present officers, and the commissioners are empowered to employ all help necessary in carrying on the city's work, and all employees are responsible to them for the success or failure in the performance of their duties.

Little is being said about this election, but it is believed that the new form of government will be adopted.

Told That There Was No Cure for Him.

"After suffering for over twenty years with indigestion and having some of the best doctors here tell me there was no cure for me, I think it only right to tell you for the sake of other sufferers as well as your own satisfaction that a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets not only relieved me but cured me within two months although I am a man of 65 years," writes Jul. Grobien, Houston, Texas. Obtainable everywhere.

M. Barbee returned home Monday at noon from Wichita Falls where he had been to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. R. M. Redden who died on the 24th of this month at her home in that city, at the ripe old age of 77 years.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY, wtf
Concho county, Tex

J. S. Reese of the Benoit country, was in Ballinger a few hours Monday and said he had just closed out 64 bales of cotton at eight cents around and had his land in shape to begin another crop and would begin this week to put in his feed crops.

FULL SCHOOL TERM UNCERTAIN

The school board is unable to announce the closing date for the Ballinger schools. They are some what discouraged at the manner in which the patrons are treating the proposition, only a few having added their names to the subscription list during the last three or four days.

Just about one half the shortage has been subscribed, and less than one-half the patrons have responded to the appeal from the board for help. The patrons do not seem to understand what a loss it will mean to their children to cut the school short before the grade term is completed. The children will be deprived of that promotion which they all so eagerly look forward to at the beginning of each new term.

The winters school ran short of money, and had the same trouble to contend with, and the citizens met in a mass meeting and subscribed \$800 in a very short time.

The Ballinger board has the matter under consideration and will perhaps make some announcement the last of this week. If the money is not in sight the board will announce the closing of school for April 23.

AH! MY TIRED FEET ACHED SO FOR "TIZ"

How "TIZ" eases sore, swollen, burning, calloused feet and corns.



"Just couldn't wait to take my hat off!"

Just take your shoes off and then put those weary, shoe-crinkled, aching, burning, corn-pestered, bunion-tortured feet of yours in a "TIZ" bath. Your toes will wriggle with joy; they'll look up at you and almost talk and then they'll take another dive in that "TIZ" bath.

When your feet feel like lumps of lead—all tired out—just try "TIZ" its grand—its glorious. Your feet will dance with joy; also you will find all pain gone from corns, callouses and bunions.

There's nothing like "TIZ." It's the only remedy that draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up your feet and cause foot torture.

Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" at any drug store or department store—don't wait. Ah! how glad your feet get; how comfortable your shoes feel. You can wear shoes a size smaller if you desire.

L. A. BEDFORD BUYS SOUTH BALLINGER LAND

Through T. G. Marburger, the deal was closed Thursday in which Thos. Lilly sells his 23 acre fruit farm in South Ballinger to L. A. Bedford, of Bangs and takes in part pay 100 acres of land near Bangs.

CITY ELECTION ORDER

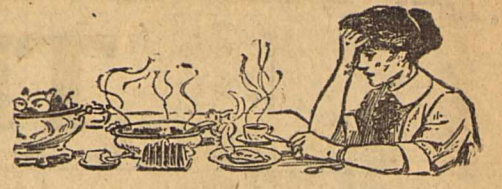
By authority vested in me, as Mayor of the City of Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas. I call an election to be held April the 6th, 1915 in the City Hall of said city to elect the following officers: mayor, secretary, marshal, treasurer, attorney and two aldermen as officers of said city.

I appoint C. R. Stevens as presiding officer of said election.
J. W. POWELL,
26-6tw Mayor.

D. F. Welch, of Cleburne, who had been prospecting in this section for a business location, left for his home Monday afternoon. He expressed himself as well pleased with Ballinger and would more than likely locate here in the near future.

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

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You are losing strength and vitality. That listless, languid feeling is due to the weak condition of the system.

These are sure signs of a breakdown. Check same quickly and effectively by using Electric Bitters, greatest of all tonics. If you feel worn out and run down, it is time for a tonic. Use Electric Bitters early—do not wait until you are worse.

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Keep your stomach in order, increase your appetite, restore your system to a healthy condition by taking Electric Bitters. All Druggists.

Miss J. E. VandeSande, Kirkland, Ill., writes:—"On account of nursing a relative through three months serious illness, I was run down, exhausted, nervous, could hardly eat or sleep. That I did not break down, I am convinced was due to several bottles of Electric Bitters I then took. I am never without them in the house and recommend them to others."

Get a bottle to-day. Helps every time.

RABBIT DRIVERS SLAY 500 RABBITS

About a hundred men met in the Pony creek neighborhood to exterminate the "Jack Rabbit" race. The corps of men made two drives killing something like 250 of the pests and then a bountiful picnic dinner was served, the bill-of-fare being every thing good to eat, including barbecued mutton, together with the cow punchers' favorite dish.

After we did justice to the 12 o'clock lunch, we made another drive and caught Mr. Coyote in the round up which in his effort to escape furnished excitement for the crowd. When he broke through the ranks he had about all the lead he could carry. He ran about 100 yards passed the line and dropped dead. There were five or six wolves routed but they are too sharp to be entrapped.

There are about five hundred less rabbits today than yesterday morning.

The writer is entirely to sore to write a full description of the fine time we all had.

ONE OF THE PARTY.

A prudent mother is always on the lookout for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

LEFT FOR AUSTIN.

Mrs. W. B. Ray, Mrs. A. S. Love and Missie Bettie Miller and Ila Garlington left Monday afternoon for Austin to attend the state Sunday school convention which convenes in that city Tuesday. Mesdames Ray and Love represent the Ninth Street Baptist Church and Misses Miller and Garlington represent the Eighth Street Presbyterian church of our city.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty.
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SMOCK STACK IN POSITION

The Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill smoke stack that fell down just one week ago Monday is now back in place and the short length of time, one week, was a marvel of scientific skill and Mr. Creasy thinks was done in half the time that it was at first thought to take to have the big stack in position. It is 130 feet high and 5 feet 2 inches in diameter.

All the men are back on their jobs again Tuesday and will run about five or six weeks before the close of the season at this place.

Have You?

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

R. E. Morse, of Houston, accompanied by his brother D. L. Morse, who had been visiting their brother, D. Morse of our city the past few days, left for their home Monday afternoon.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin, is Ballard's Snow Liniment; it is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

REMODELING DOCTOR'S OFFICES

The offices in the Ballinger State Bank building are being changed so as to form a large waiting room for the patients who call to see the different physicians officing in that building.

The lobby or hallway in the building, has been changed and a large office arranged at the head of the steps. Three offices will open into the large waiting room will be used by Dr. W. B. Halley, Dr. A. S. Love and Dr. J. W. Bladdell, each one of the physicians having a private office adjoining the general waiting room.

The work is about completed and makes quite a change in the appearance of the interior of the second story of this building.

Your Child's Cough is a Call for Help.

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 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. It's guaranteed. Just get a bottle from your druggist and try it.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE TO MEET

Max Zieschang, chairman of the livestock committee of the Runnels County Diversification and Marketing Association, has called a meeting of his committee for April 3 at 2 o'clock at the rooms of the Young Men's Business League.

Questions of importance will be discussed and the matter of treating blackleg and other disease and for arranging for breeding higher grade stock will be looked after.

CITY PUMP IN SPLENDID SHAPE

Judge C. H. Willingham and J. R. Lusk, water superintendent spent a few hours at the pump station and the judge says all the machinery is in tip-top shape and much credit is due to the efficient work of Bill Pears who has just overhauled the entire machinery.

Swish! Corns Gone! We Use "GETS-IT!"

2 Seconds, 2 Drops - Corns Vanish! For everybody with corns, there is in every drug store in the land one of the real wonders of the world, and that's "GETS-IT" for corns! It's the first and only corn-cure ever known that removes



"Some Foxy Trot, Mamselle, What? Corns Gone? Yes, I Used 'GETS-IT.'" any and every corn or callus without fail, without fussing with thick bandages, toe harnesses, corn-swelling salves, irritating ointments. It's applied in 2 seconds—bing, bang—2 drops, the work is done, the corn shrivels up, your corn agony ends and the corn leaves forever! All the limping, the pains that dart to your heart's core, the crucifixion of having to wear shoes over scorching corns, the danger of blood poison from making them bleed by using knives, razors and scissors—are gone at last! "GETS-IT" is the new way, the sure, simple, painless way. Try it for corns, calluses, warts and bunions. "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.

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 undersigned 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.

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 per cent. 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.

DRILLING RESUMED AT TALPA WELL

TALPA, Tex., March 27.—After a delay of several weeks caused by the necessity of changing from a rotary to a drop drill, work at the well began yesterday noon. Bad roads, bad weather and other natural causes not within the control of man prolonged the delay, but with the clearing up of the weather conditions, the installing of the massive drop drill, and all other changes being completed, it is the belief of the promoters that from now on the work of active drilling will go on with out ceasing until the well is completed. That the drilling will be prosecuted with all possible diligence goes without saying and Mr. Clemenenger confidently expects to bring in a paying well within the next 60 days.

NEW OIL DRILL IN POSITION

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brookshire and daughters, of the Benoit country were shopping in Ballinger Monday and Mr. Brookshire informed us that the big new oil drill is now in position and the work of drilling progressing right along. They have gone through the first thick rock and now on the second rock which he says they think is not as thick as the first and all indications point to oil nearly in sight.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

It's War Time Aspect.

LONDON, Mar. 31.—The women of England are doing their duty. They are taking care of the wounded, or if they cannot assist in work of that kind they are adding their savings to promote the good work. They the knitting and sewing for the soldiers at the front. The suffragists have given so little trouble to the government that it will undoubtedly soften the hearts of those in Parliament, since the "militants" have turned all their energies to aid the fighting men of England, and so suffrage may soon come after this terrible war is over.

Thousands of women in America have overcome their sufferings, and have been cured of womanly ills by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This medicine, though started nearly half a century ago, sells more widely today than any other womanly tonic. It can now be had in tablet form as well as liquid, and every woman who suffers from backache, headache, nervousness, pain at times, should take this "Prescription" of Dr. Pierce.
Many a woman is nervous and irritable, feels dragged down and worn out for no reason that she can think of. In ninety-nine per cent. of these cases it is the womanly organism which requires attention; the weak back, dizzy spells and black circles about the eyes, are only symptoms. Go to the source of trouble and correct the irregularities, the drains on the womanly system and the other symptoms disappear.
Doctor Pierce's Pellets are unequalled as a Liver Pill. Smallest, easiest to take. One tiny, sugar-coated Pellet a Dose. Cures sick headache, bilious digestion, bilious attacks, and all derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels. 25 cents vial, by druggists.—Adv.


Mrs. M. M. Caperton left Monday afternoon for Austin to join her daughter, Miss Alpha who is teaching in the public schools of that city.

W. B. Thompson, of Concho county, was supplying in Ballinger Monday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for a year.



A TEXAS WONDER

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

G. H. Dierschke, of the Olin country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.



The Longest Railroad In the World
From Cape Town and from Cairo, for years the engineers have been pushing through desert, jungle and forest, over rivers and across lakes, the longest railroad in the world. The dream of the late Cecil Rhodes, this road is by this time almost completed. About a year and a half ago the line was pushed from Cape Town northward 2250 miles in the Belgian Congo.
At that time the terminus was Kambove, the little African village shown in the illustration.
The first train arriving at Kambove was illuminated with **TEXACO ILLUMINATING OIL** the Red-Star-Green-T brand made in Texas and known all over the world for its quality.
That quality and service distinguish all the Texaco Products sold in your town. Our agent is ready to serve you. Call on him. The goods are worth while.
The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas
No. 30

BANKS GETS ATTENTION

The F. & M. Bank at Ballinger, in mailing out its regular monthly letters, recently, mailed a copy of the letter to the extension department of the A. & M. College, and Clarence Ousley, director of that department, was so favorably impressed with the letter, that he requested Jo Wilmeth to permit him to send the letter to other banks, and suggested to them that they take up Mr. Wilmeth's plan of mailing out letters.

The following correspondence explains the plan as carried out by Mr. Ousley. The letter sent out by the local bank was one of its regular monthly letters to its patrons.
College Station 3, 27, 1915.
Mr. Jo Wilmeth,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I attach copy of my letter transmitting your letter to about 800 Texas banks.
Yours truly,
Clarence Ousley.

To Texas Bankers:
I beg to call your attention to the enclosed letter from the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Ballinger to its rural patrons. This letter was enclosed in a communication to this office and it struck me as such a happy way of exercising a little wholesome influence in behalf of better farming that I asked Mr. Jo Wilmeth, president of the bank, to let me have enough of the sheets to send to the other banks in the cotton belt.
I take the liberty of suggesting that if your bank has not already done so it would be well worth your while to address a similar communication to your customers in the country. This letter is only one of the many letters relating to various phases of agriculture and farm management that Mr. Wilmeth sends to his customers from time to time. As you will see, it is written in such a kindly spirit that it cannot possibly give offense, and I am sure that it will do much good.

The fact that banks have more influence with farmers than many bankers are aware. If they will use their influence gradually, patiently and sympathetically they can do more for profitable agriculture than any other class of citizens.
Clarence Ousley, Director.

A. & M. CONDEMNS HALF AND HALF COTTON

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, March 30.—That "Half and Half" cotton, the staple which has been discussed so much these days does not compare at all favorably with the native Texas varieties is the statement of H. H. Jobson, assistant agronomist to the experiment station at the A. & M. College and who is in charge of cotton investigations. Mr. Jobson says that the staple is not so good as the Texas varieties and that in tests at seven of the Texas stations within the past few years the "Half and Half" has ranked from twenty-seventh to fifty-seventh in productiveness.

Splendid for Rheumatism.
"I think Chamberlain's Liniment is just splendid for rheumatism," writes Mrs. Dunburgh, Eldridge, N. Y. "It has been used by myself and other members of my family time and time again during the past six years and has always given the best of satisfaction." The quick relief from pain which Chamberlain's Liniment affords is alone worth many the cost. Obtainable everywhere.

W. B. Kelsy and son, of the Norton country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and Mr. Kelsy says he is moving along with farm work and the land in fine shape. He has 30 acres of corn that is up and looking well.


LARGEST DISPLAY ROAD MATERIALS

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, March 30.—The largest display of road materials and apparatus ever assembled in Texas will be shown at the A. & M. College when the County Judges and Commissioners Association and the Good Road's Association hold their joint meeting here August 5-6. R. L. Morrison, professor of highway engineering at the College is assembling the exhibit. Another feature of the gathering will be the testing of road materials at the A. & M. laboratory. This work is carried on free by the College the year around.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

A. P. Serratt of the Norton country was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

Notice to the Public
I have opened up a Grocery Store at Crews and have a nice fresh line of Groceries and will appreciate your trade. I buy all kinds of country produce and pay the highest market price.
WOOD McKISSICK
26-4tv



Roadster \$479.00
Touring Cars \$529.00
F. O. B. Ballinger

When the Ford needs repairing, Bring it to the Ford home, and talk to our expert Ford mechanics
Harwell Motor Co. Ballinger, Texas

THE BANNER-LEDGER

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY. The Banner-Leader and the Rannels County Ledger were consolidated January 28, 1913.

Get your FLY swatter ready. Vote for good roads and forget your troubles.

What are you going to do about the road bonds; don't you think we have been in the rut long enough?

The campaign for good roads and the campaign for the normal are closely related. If we get good roads it will be a great help in pulling for the normal.

It is said that much of the fruit has escaped. A few more budding seasons like the present one and we will show Luther Burbank how to grow winter peaches.

The Menard Messenger is angry because some one has referred to that town as a "tough place." Well, its close to Eden, that should overcome some of the evil.

Style seems to bring out new freaks every day. The young girls just entering their teens want their dresses built to the ground, and the old girls, just leaving their teens want them out short. But why protest, that's their business.

Its happy man who can control his wants by the weight of his pocket book. It is a right to want a car if you can afford it, and it makes for discontent if you want without the price.

Every farmer who lives on a good road has railroad facilities right at his door, and has the best

paper in the journalistic field of Voice made its appearance Monday, and is a newsy paper, carrying the United Press news service. The editor of the new paper in making his little opening speech says, "The paper will be issued so long as the business may justify and the local public demands. If at any time the business fails to justify its existence, its publication will be discontinued and no apologies made." If the Coleman people realize what is best for them they will not permit the paper to discontinue for the want of business. We welcome the Voice to our exchange table and wish for it a long and loud voice and one that the people will always be glad to hear.

Wilson seems to be handling the Mexican border situation very satisfactory without the aid of ex-Gov. Colquitt. Gov. Ferguson says it is Mr. Wilson's job and in this the governor and ex-governor do not agree. We are paying Uncle Sam to protect us and he has men on the pay roll for that purpose, and Ferguson is wise in passing this trouble up to the U. S.

In an effort to find out what Texas needs, Labor Commissioner Woodman, addressed letter to 400 commercial organizations in the state. He is receiving replies which show that Texas is short on food supplies and other commodities that should be produced in Texas. And, it might be added that it is also short on capital to develop the wonderful resources of the state.

It seems that the girl who must work for a living has a friend in Gov. Ferguson. He signed the fifty-four hour law, which means that all business concerns except cotton mills, that work women more than fifty-four hours each week, are subject to a heavy fine. The law will not effect Ballinger because the Ballinger merchants close their places of business at six o'clock. However, the law applies to all business concerns, irrespective of where located.

Latest press reports from the Mexican border says that the situation at Brownsville is acute, and that the United States has again made urgent demands up-

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MILES MESSENGER ISSUES SPECIAL.

The Miles Messenger came out this week with its Sunday clothes on. It was a booster edition and was a dandy good one, and will no doubt be worth much to that town in the way of bringing it back more prominently on the map.

Miles, like many other small towns in this section of the state, suffered seemingly more than its share of the hard times during the last three or four years. The good crop last year, and the prospects for the big irrigation project being successfully put through is bringing the town back into the line light, and the Messenger in coming out with an illustrated edition, carrying many columns of valuable information about that part of Rannels county and its advantages as an ideal home for good people, is very timely, and the Miles people should appreciate the enterprising spirit of its editor Tom Cooper.

On Friday, October cotton went within a few points of 10 cents per pound. We never had any fear about the price of cotton after the bulk of the crop got out of the farmers hands. It always goes up.—Abilene Reporter.

There will be a general unloading when the ten cent mark is reached. The sell-a-bale movement will take on a boom. But don't you expect that some of those buy-a-bale fellows have long

JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

Where is the old-fashioned woman who instead of taking a beauty nap in the afternoon found beauty in making up the beds and performing other household duties?—Bonham Favorite.

You'll find her at the steering wheel of an auto or astride the saddle horse.

Canned eggs improve with age, according to Dr. Smith, chemist and food expert. But just the same we will continue to prefer the plain, unwhiskered variety, fresh from the hen.—Temple Mirror.

The old hens are kept busy supplying the present day demand, and the egg canner will suffer for the want of raw material. There must be a reduction from the present price before many eggs will go to the canning factory.

That Indianapolis negro who said that he was superstitious about selling his vote, but took two dollars to get something to eat, had more honesty than any of the men who were mixed up in the buying.—Temple Mirror.

The criminal who is a coward and hasn't the nerve to commit a crime and hires the other fellow to do the dirty work, is the biggest criminal of the two and should be punished as such.

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CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP! ACTS LIKE DYNAMITE ON LIVER

Don't lose a day's work! If Constipated, Sluggish, Headachy, take a spoonful of "Dodson's Liver Tone."

Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work!

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it

doesn't straighten you right up, and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is a real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

improvements first. Modern "spooping" is calculated to make even an airplane "dippy."—Waco Morning News.

When the twentieth century boy and girl go out scooping they leave behind all thoughts of danger. They'll take chances that will make the most reckless dare-devil shudder with fear. They will use an airship without a stabilizer just as quick as they will use the parlor with the curtains pulled down and the light flickering low. They never stop to think about a stabilizer until the honeymoon days are past.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

not merely to cultivate the religious instincts of men, but to exert a refining spiritual influence upon the rising generation thru social organization intended to amuse, instruct and refine.

Notice Of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters

THE STATE OF TEXAS. Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that W. A. Ogle, whose postoffice address is Ballinger, Texas, did on the 11th day of March A. D. 1915, file an application in the office of the board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas in which he applies for a permit to appropriate 2 1/2 cubic feet of water per second of time, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter describ-

Foster Many Severe Storms for the Spring Months

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

Predicts

BALLINGER INSURANCE AGENCY, Ballinger, Texas. Office with Bennett Abstract Company.

T. J. GARDNER, Manager

of the city dyspeptic who lives out of tin cans and paper bags. The farmer is the man who should vote for the bond issue.

Governor Ferguson is opposed to the use of the state militia in handling the Mexican border situation, and says that it is the duty of the federal troops to keep peace with our neighbors. Well, there is that much difference between Gov. Jim and Colquitt.

It is said that man is growing weaker, and to substantiate the claim it is pointed out that man sheds tears more easily than in years past. It is perhaps just a changing of sex sentimentality, and man must do the crying for awhile.

The liberal hearted Americans have sent 110,000 tons of food-stuff to the Belgians, the value in dollars and cents amounting to more than twenty-one million dollars. Uncle Sam's charity has won for him the admiration of the world.

Texas will now begin upon the job of educating by law. Every child should be in school, and it is unfortunate that the state must pass a law compelling the parents to do for their children what they should do without a law. It's a good law, but the state has a big job on its hands.

While the government and the advocates of "half and half" cotton are determining the value of the cotton over regular old cotton, or whether it is inferior to cotton with the usual two-thirds lint, Rannels county farmers can go ahead and plant half and half chickens; chickens that will produce half chickens and half eggs. There is big money in that kind of a crop.

Mr. Hobson advances the argument that all Europe is ready for peace except England. The authority on such matters may be imminently correct, but for the benefit of future generations we think somebody should get "lick

ed" before the scrap is brought to an end. A compromise, or a returning of each nation to its own land would not settle the trouble that brought about the war, and it would only lead to the preparation for a greater war at some future date. Let 'em fight it out now.

Temple is waging a trade at home campaign that is attracting the attention of the state. The Temple Telegram launched the move and through a systematic method of exposing the evils of the mail order house the people are waking up to the realization that its self destruction to live in one community and spend your money in another. If we buy everything we use from the mail order house, and you buy everything you use from the mail order house what kind of a town would Ballinger be any way?

Claud Callan says, "When a woman finally builds all the new rooms that she needs, fixes the sleeping porch just as she wants it and has everything on the premises arranged conveniently, she is ready to sell the place and buy another." Claud generally knows what he is saying when he talks, but this is one time he is judging woman falsely. Ninety-nine women out of one hundred will not sign the document transferring the home to the other fellow until her husband has made promises that are tempting.

Vermont has adopted the eugenic marriage law. It is now a fine of \$500 for any person to marry without first passing an examination and being granted a permit showing that they are physically and mentally qualified. Cupid is a daring little fellow and has been known to face death in his mad race for love. We predict that the law will be a dead letter, and will be the means of helping the matrimonial business in adjoining states. They'll get married when they agree and a \$500 fine will not stand in the way.

The Coleman Daily Voice is a Central West Texas. The Daily

TO MOTHER.

When the cold, still sod is broken To prepare my "six by three" And those I love have gathered To pay their respects to me; Recall these words, Dear Mother, Wipe the tears from out your eyes,

For I wouldn't have you weeping, While I'm rejoicing in the skies

When the family gathers at the table, And view there my vacant chair Remember that God has called me Is the reason I'm not there; Recall these words, Dear Mother, And don't break down and cry, For I'll be feasting yonder with Jesus,

In the bright, Celestial sky.

When you view the cheerful candles Within the family Christmas tree, And Old Santa is giving out presents To each one in the family, save me;

Recall these words, Dear Mother, Don't weep when my name isn't called, For your love will ascend to Heaven, And reach me—A gift far better than all.

—Earl Mayhew Jackson.

HOW PAINT.

The first cost of a good job of paint—Devoe—is \$50 (average size, of course). The first cost of a second or third or fourth rate job, \$55 to \$100.

The wear is likewise. The better you paint, of course, the longer it wears. And the more you pay for your job, the shorter it wears!

Devoe is one of a dozen good paints. There are hundreds of bad ones. As likely as not, Devoe is the only good one in this town.

DEVOE. Ballinger Lumber Co., sell it.

since violated their promise, and now have ten cent cotton to sell.

Don't judge a man by his clothes. God made one and the tailor made the other. Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain was of a good family. Don't judge a man by his failures in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed. Don't judge a man by the house he lives in, for the lizzard and the rat often inhabit the grander structure. When a man dies they who survive ask what property has he left behind, the angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him.—Ex.

An eight-year-old negro boy "beat his way" across the state of Texas on freight trains. Transportation is becoming cheaper.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The fellow that rides the side-door pulman pays dearly for his riding. We are not speaking from experience, understand, for we always found walking cheaper.

What has wrought the change? Once the ladies wore their dresses so low they touched the ground and so high they touched their ears. Now they wear them, ah well.—Killeen Herald.

MAN.

The Houston Telegram has turned up its nose to the daisies. Business depression and no apparent prospect for improvement are the reasons assigned for the suspension.—Brenham Banner.

We predicted as much. The day has come when the people will not dig up to support more papers than the town or city needs. In every case where the field is overcrowded it is a fight for the survival of the fittest, and the people have come to realize that one good paper is worth more than two make-shifts.

It is freely predicted that it will be but just a short time until the aeroplane is not only the favorite instrument for honeymoons but for courtships as well. But the young Texan with the stabilizer will have to perfect his

When is a City Great?

By W. Bion Adkins

A city is not great because it contains many dwellings and covers much territory. Its greatness does not consist in mere numbers and in commerce. Its eminence is determined by the character of its civilization and its provision for the material, intellectual and spiritual wants of its citizens. Life, liberty and property must be secured, order maintained and the law enforced. The best system and appliances of education must be provided for its children; there must be adequate means of recreation from infancy to old age; the young must be trained to habits of obedience and diligence; outlets must be provided for their physical energies. The population must be properly housed, perfect sanitary conditions must prevail, the standard of living must be raised and parks and pleasure grounds provided on a scale which will enable every dweller in the city to exclaim.

I care not, fortune, what you may deny. You can not rob me of free nature's grace.

Schools for commercial and technical education must be provided at night, so that artisans of talent and ambition may have the opportunity to develop natural capacity to its full extent; the evil influence of demoralizing resorts must be counteracted by the opening of museums of art, science and industry, so that the population may become familiar with the highest types of beauty and the results of genius; free libraries and reading-rooms must be provided on a scale demanded by the intellectual wants of an intelligent population; such provision should be made for the poor that there will be no excuse for the presence on its avenues of tramps and beggars; its streets should be well paved and clean; transit should be speedy and cheap; and, above all, the churches should be conducted in a spirit so liberal as

ed, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the Colorado River by means of pumping plant, located on the S. C. Cleveland Surveys Nos. 354 and 355, on the north bank of the Colorado River, six miles west of the Town of Ballinger, Rannels County, Texas.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are described as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of Survey No. 354; thence N. 30 E. 741 varas; thence South 80 East 528 varas; thence South 58 1/2 E. 226 varas; thence South 82 East 320 varas; thence S. 30 W. 120 varas; thence S. 30 W. 500 varas; thence up the river with its meanders to the place of beginning, containing 100 acres out of the S. C. Cleveland Surveys Nos. 354 and 355, and situated in Rannels County, Texas.

A hearing on the said application of the said W. A. Ogle will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the City of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Monday, the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1915, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said board, in Austin, Texas, this 13th day of March, A. D., 1915.

(SEAL) J. C. NAGLE, JOHN WILSON, E. B. GORE, Board.

Attest: W. T. POTTER, Secretary.

Henry Benham, of Cisco, came in Sunday on a prospecting trip and will likely locate in our city if he finds a proposition to suit him. He has just sold out his ice and light plant at Cisco.

The Master Key

By John Flemming Wilson.



CHAPTER XIX. A Message From the Grave.

WILKERSON'S fall from the trestle had not been unnoticed by his outlaws, and before any one in the camp could make sure that the man was dead a couple of the Mexicans had quickly slipped down the hill to him. They found him still alive. Without paying any attention to John Dorr's men, who were still doubtful of the outcome of the battle, they dragged their fallen leader away and up into their own temporary camp.

It was not long before Wilkerson revived. He was terribly bruised and almost insane from physical pain and wild rage at his defeat. It was with difficulty that the unsmiling outlaws restrained him. Their chief took upon himself the task of making it plain to Wilkerson that this was no time for rash and unorganized attack.

"They have beaten us so far, senior," he said quietly, "and you are very sick. Tomorrow we shall see."

The next morning's sun had scarcely touched the peaks of the mountains when Wilkerson stretched his stiff sore limbs and began a fresh campaign. He made it clear to the leader of the Mexican outlaws that they must work swiftly.

"It won't be long before the news of this fighting gets out and the authorities take a hand," he said. "But if we can just get this mine into our possession in the next three days I can hire you and your men as peaceable workmen and swear that Dorr and his gang are trying to take our property away by force. I guess my word will be as good as his."

"Very well," agreed the Mexican after thoughtfully considering the matter. "We can get back into Mexico in twenty-four hours from here. So long as you pay us and let us—what do you call it—loot, my men are with you."

Wilkerson covertly studied the desperado's impassive visage. Jose Vigos bore a renowned name on the border for daring shrewdness and wickedness. He was known as "The Merciless." For five years he had had a price set on his head, yet because of the loyalty of his adherents and his own fearlessness he had escaped.

No man better fitted for a sinister purpose could have been found. Yet mingled with Wilkerson's satisfaction at having such a tool to his hand was a dread of the man himself, and his calm insistence on the privilege of looting the camp when it was captured gave him a sense of nausea.

After all, they were Americans down there in the "Master Key" camp. Through his binoculars he could see Ruth on the porch of the bungalow. Vigos, too, saw her. He took no pains to conceal the cruel interest in his eyes.

The next few days resulted in little advantage to either side. John Dorr could not reopen the mine nor even send in for much needed supplies because of the constant menace of the outlaws, who occasionally fired scattering shots down into the gulch as a warning that they were vigilant.

On the other hand, Wilkerson found it impossible to seize the camp without precipitating a battle, from which he shrank. Deeply involved as he already was in crime, he dreaded to cross the border line which would forever place him beyond the pale and make him an outlaw.

Instead, he used every method to put himself outwardly in the right. He sent plea after plea to the sheriff of the county to come and restore order, asserting that he had been driven from his rightful property by violence and that the situation was such that, with out interference from the authorities, there would be serious trouble and very likely bloodshed.

These pleas availed only partially. The sheriff made a trip into the mine, talked with John Dorr and Tom Kane and then sought out Wilkerson.

"It looks to me as if this was a case for the courts," he said slowly when he had examined Wilkerson's forged deeds. "I knew old Gallon pretty well, and he thought a sight of that Ruth girl. Fact is, he told me he intended her to have the mine and left it to her in his will. Now you toddle along with these papers and want to take it away from her."

"Gallon and I were partners years ago," Wilkerson insisted. "We located this mine together, and when I came back he gave me over my share."



F. E. Clayton and Mesdames Archie Brookshire and W. T. Hill of the Benoit country, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Joe Vineyard, the stockman of the Crews country was in Ballinger Tuesday.

"But you want it all," the sheriff said dubiously.

"Sure; it's all mine," persisted the other. "Didn't Gallon use all the money he got out of it while I was away? And when we came to a settlement he found that the mine wouldn't pay half he owed me."

"I'm simply a peace officer," the sheriff said finally. "I don't know who's in the right. That's for the court to decide."

"Wasn't I in possession?" demanded Wilkerson. "Haven't I been driven out by force, me and my workmen?"

"From what I've seen of your workmen," was the curt response, "I don't like their looks. And there are tales going around that Vigos is in the country."

"How can I help who's in the country?" demanded Wilkerson, much injured. "That's your lookout, not mine. All I'm asking for is protection."

The sheriff departed without giving him any satisfaction, and Wilkerson determined that he would act. The



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Mexicans were getting restless, and the sardonic Vigos hinted sharply that he was impatient.

"All right," Wilkerson agreed. "We'll just go down to the road in the morning and then walk into the camp. Leave it to me. I'll simply say I've come back to take charge and you are my miners."

Vigos twirled his wiry mustaches. "And then?"

The men looked each other in the eye. That evil glance was sufficient.

John Dorr and Tom Kane, meanwhile, had been in constant consultation. One thing was constantly in their thoughts.

"Ruth oughtn't to be here," John would say dismally. "If it weren't for her we could quickly settle these outlaws, for that's all they are."

"I reckon nobody would cry at the inquest," the cook returned. "If we did pot a few of them. But, as you say, the girl is here, and that puts fighting out of the question. Unless they start it," he added cautiously.

"Wilkerson is bound to make some kind of a move mighty soon," said Dorr. "He can't satisfy those fellows of his for long."

Yet when Wilkerson appeared at the entrance to the camp one morning with a motley train of followers Dorr was at a loss to know what to do. Wilkerson was apparently peaceful and expected a peaceful reception. His boldness had almost carried him through when the ignorance and cupidity of one of Vigos' men gave John and Kane the sorely wished for opening.

The Mexican peered into the window of one of the cabins and saw a gold watch on the table. Instantly he broke the glass with the butt of his carbine and reached in for his booty.

Dorr and Kane had warned the miners at the first appearance of Wilkerson that there might be trouble brewing, but that the first blow must come from the other side.

"Boys," said the old cook, "you know the sheriff. He's listened to both sides, and he don't rightly know which is the one to take. But one thing is certain—he's got to keep order and protect human life and our property. If those fellows make a wrong move we've got the sheriff on our side. See?"

They had seen the point, with many mutterings. They had quietly prepared themselves for just the occasion which the Mexican's act now gave. As the bandit pulled his arm back with the watch in his hand a revolver cracked, and the arm fell shattered to his side. And as Wilkerson glanced furiously about him he saw the camp ready. He cursed the maddened Mexican and grasped Vigos by the arm.

"Stop your men!" he implored. "Don't let them fire a shot or we are lost!"

It was too late. Passions long restrained now broke out, and within a minute a battle was raging between the walls of the gulch.

The miners had the advantage. They fought from the shelter of their own cabins, and they were united by a common purpose. Their attackers were scattered, were divided between lust for loot and thirst for blood and had no sure refuge nor rendezvous. Yet they would eventually have made the camp untenable had not the thoughtful sheriff prepared a surprise for both parties.

After consultation with his advisers in the county seat he had appealed to the governor on the ground that as one of the opposing forces was Mexican

he felt that a superior authority should handle so delicate a situation. The governor had agreed and ordered a troop of cavalry to the "Master Key" to preserve order. It was just when Wilkerson had seen his chance for a grand coup that the troopers arrived.

Ruth, with some of the women, had taken refuge in John's house on the hill, with old Tom Kane as their bodyguard. Wilkerson knew that if he could capture Ruth he could make his own terms. He directed several of his men to make a detour around the hill and effect this. Meanwhile he set fire to a cabin below in order to distract the attention of Dorr and his men.

The ruse had nearly succeeded but for Kane's quickness. Though he had not used his gun for many years, he had lost none of his old time skill, and when the marauders made their final dash on the porch of the house the cook, with a single glance over his shoulder, shot from the hip. His man tumbled dead at Ruth's feet, and his companions sneaked back.

At that instant the cavalry rushed in, and before five minutes were passed their commander had separated the combatants and proceeded to disarm them.

He then called Dorr and Wilkerson to him and curtly stated that his orders were to see that there was no trouble. "What your quarrel is I don't know," he said.

Wilkerson tried to argue, but neither the officer nor the sheriff, who now arrived, would listen to him. They also turned a deaf ear to John Dorr's statement of Wilkerson's crimes, including the kidnaping of Ruth in San Francisco.

"If you have anything against Wilkerson," the sheriff asserted, "swear out a warrant for him. I'll serve it quick enough."

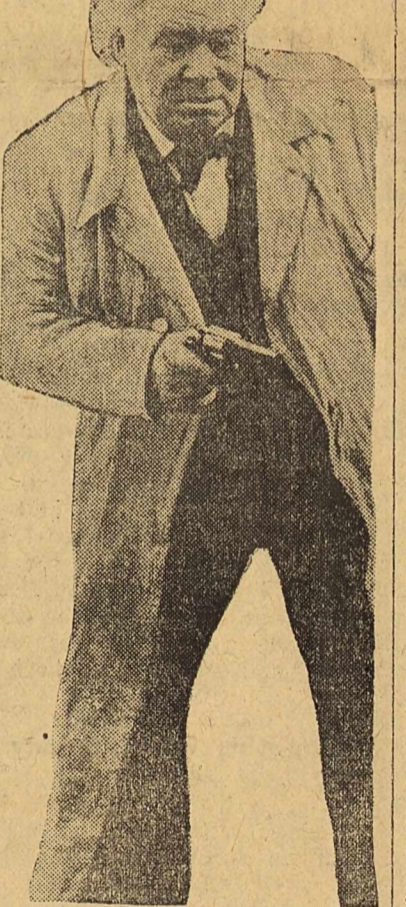
With this John must perforce be satisfied, but after a conference with Kane it was agreed that the latter should go to the county seat and make formal complaint and procure a warrant for Wilkerson's arrest on the ground of forgery.

"You and I know those deeds he flourishes aren't genuine," John said earnestly. "Let's make it an issue and try it in court. At any rate, we'll be rid of him for awhile."

"I know you're right," the old cook assented heartily. "I'll be off today. With these troopers around the greasers won't dare do anything openly. But keep your eyes open, John! They will sneak something across if they can."

"Trust me for that," was the reassuring response.

But when Kane had gone Dorr realized that he was in a nasty predicament. Wilkerson was desperately play-



The Cook Shot From the Hip.

ing so bold a game that it would take every resource at his disposal to meet him successfully. Ruth must be protected in her rights. The "Master Key" mine must remain in her possession undisturbed. That would be impossible until Wilkerson was eliminated. And that man was after great stakes; otherwise he would never have ventured so far.

As he debated this inwardly John went over in memory all the events of the brief period since old Thomas Gallon had died, leaving his daughter in his charge. Before his mind's eye ran the pictures of the last scenes and then—

Like a flash it came to him! What was it that letter the old man had so carefully cherished and handed him at the last? Had Gallon foreseen something like this and prepared for it? In his last days had his failing powers concentrated on his single aim and evolved a final safeguard for the "Master Key?"

With the sealed letter in his hand John Dorr stared at the superscription: Not to be opened until my daughter's eighteenth birthday or before then if her welfare is threatened.

Quickly he tore the envelope open. The inclosure fell out in two portions. He put them together, with a muttered ejaculation at his own carelessness and read the crabbied script:

Silent Valley, Cal., June 20.
Little Girl—Read carefully what I write. On this depends your future welfare. The "Master Key" mine discovered by me five years ago contained a mother

lode of invaluable worth. The exact location of the lode is written on a slip of paper, which I placed in the head of an Indian idol in an old sea chest, which went down with the ship on which I was wrecked.

On the master key, the key to that chest, and which you wear on your neck, is carved the location where the vessel went down. Find that slip of paper and the wealth is yours. Your devoted father,
THOMAS GALLON.

CHAPTER XX. The Rival Wrecking Crews.

FOR some moments Dorr stared at this message from the dead. True, it was addressed to Ruth, but its message was to him, John Dorr. Now, he knew something of the tremendous stake for which Wilkerson was playing. So deep in thought was he that he did not notice that he was being spied upon. He must see Ruth and tell her. He slipped the letter into his pocket, not observing that the torn portion dropped to the table.

As he hurried out, fat with his news, a Mexican stole into the room and, after a keen glance around, picked up the bit of paper. He had seen the triumphant expression on Dorr's face. That writing must be valuable. He tried to decipher it, but failed. So he thrust it into his shirt and stole away.

Half an hour later the last few lines of that letter were in Harry Wilkerson's hands.

It was not until he had explained to Ruth the circumstances under which he had opened the letter and handed her the inclosure that John discovered that the last portion was missing, the part that told of the figures on the key. Together they sought it in vain.

"Well," said Ruth cheerfully, "at least I have the key and now we know what those figures stand for."

"Yes," he assented, "the latitude and longitude where the wreck sank. But I don't like the disappearance of that last part. It was rank carelessness of me. What if it should fall into Wilkerson's hands?"

Ruth laughed, dangling the key by its ribbon. "We have the master key!"

"Yes," John replied more cheerfully. "He won't know where the place is, anyway. But we must arrange to find that wreck and get the chest."

"But if the ship sank?" she said.

"Lots of people will remember the wreck," was the response. "And with this accurate position of where it went down a diver will be able to recover what we want."

They discussed this for some time and decided that as soon as Kane returned with the warrant for Wilkerson they would start out for San Pedro and proceed to locate the sunken vessel and find if possible the chest and its precious contents.

"With Wilkerson safely in the sheriff's hands and Kane on the job here all will be safe," John said finally.

But Wilkerson, with the torn scrap of paper in his hand, was planning swiftly and certainly. With Vigos he laid a scheme for that night. When the details were settled the bandit smiled crookedly. "I'll get the key myself," he remarked. "It will be a pleasure."

"No roughness," warned Wilkerson. "With a lady" demanded Vigos silyly. "Never!"

"All right," was the response. "But remember these troopers aren't overly fond of you."

The Mexican made his preparations to get the key that held the secret of the treasure with peculiar care. One would have thought he was going to a ball, so fanciful his dress, so careful his whole get-up. When he had completed his arrangements he presented a striking and gaudy figure, with silver-banded sombrero, heavy studded belt, embroidered shirt and flowing scarf.

Wilkerson contemplated him moodily. "You'd better wear a jumper and overalls," he snarled. "Any one can spot you a mile in that dandified dress."

Vigos kissed a dirty hand to the stars. "In honor of the lady," he said, with bravado. "Never shall it be said that Jose Vigos was ignorant of the niceties of demeanor, senior."

Finding his protests useless, Wilkerson subsided. Vigos departed, apparently for a stroll through the silent camp. He even stopped for a chat with a watchful trooper, who readily believed his casual statement that he was going on a lover's expedition.

It was just midnight when Vigos stood over the bed on which Ruth lay asleep. For a long moment he stood there in his gaudy finery watching her. He seemed almost on the point of waking her in order to satisfy his overweening vanity. But the clank of a bridle chain outside warned him that he stood in great peril. With swift fingers he touched the ribbon, bent over and gently drew out the key. He cut the ribbon with one slip of his knife and looked at his booty. But the girl's immovable and lovely face drew his eyes again to her. With a sweep of his arm he lifted his heavy hat to her and passed out, silent as a cat of his native mountains.

With the key in his possession Wilkerson became suddenly his own nervous self. He must get away instantly, he knew. Kane would be back in the morning with a warrant. Already he was being watched by the suspicious troopers. He must escape this very night.

After a short conversation with Vigos and the appointment of a future rendezvous, Harry Wilkerson armed himself and started lazily down into the camp to see what was moving. Nothing stirred. He returned to the hill camp and thence swiftly and quietly made his way upward, taking advantage of every bush and rock that might afford him screen.

He was almost to the top when s-

entry challenged him and stepped forward.

"I'm merely goin' out a little ways for a walk," Wilkerson explained.

"Not allowed after nightfall," was the response.

Without further parley, Wilkerson leaped forward, grasped the man's rifle and tripped him. A moment later he was footing it up to the crest at top speed, with the sentry's cries for help urging him on.

Before he could reach the divide a bullet whizzed by his head, then another. He turned madly and fired rapidly down into the shadows at his pursuers. He cursed himself for his folly when a second sentry appeared above him, drawn by the flash of his shots to his hiding place. There was but one refuge, the mine shaft. He plunged obliquely downward for it.

Naturally enough, the troopers thought their quarry was cornered, but Wilkerson drove straight on downward to an old working, mounted again, crossed by a disused gallery and finally emerged far up the cliff. On his way he had picked up a coil of rope, and when he found himself on the edge of the precipice and his pursuers gaining on him he made one end of the rope fast and speedily started to descend. But the distance was too great. Before he was halfway to the bottom he had been discovered, and he felt the rope being hauled up. In despair, with a madman's strength, he swung far out and then in, dropping on a little ledge concealed by the overhang of the cliff.

As the rope came free in their hands the pursuers realized that their prey had escaped them. They peered over. Surely he had foiled the law only to meet death on the rocks far below.

On his giddy perch Wilkerson heard their awed speculations and laughed silently. Then he crawled away. In the distance he heard the screech of a locomotive whistle, marking the passage of an express. The freight would be due in two hours. He must make it.

Tom Kane arrived early in the morning to find the camp in an uproar. The Mexicans had quietly vanished. Ruth was mourning the loss of the master key, and the sheriff, staring at the now useless warrant, was beyond words to express his chagrin.

John Dorr alone was serene, though he realized that Wilkerson had again checkmated him. But the immediate need of the hour was haste. He instructed Kane to take charge of the mine and directed Ruth to prepare for a trip to the coast that afternoon.

"Luckily I copied those figures," he said grimly.

Two days later John Dorr and Ruth were steaming up the channel from San Pedro in a launch fitted with diving outfit. The skipper of the launch remembered perfectly the burning of the steamer and, now that he knew the position where it sank, gave out great hopes of finding the bulk.

"The sea is shallow there, and the tides aren't strong enough to move her," he stated. "The only thing is, somebody may have been ahead of us."

"Wilkerson couldn't be ahead of us," John assured Ruth. "I inquired carefully at San Pedro."

Yet at noon his unspoken fears were realized. There was another powerful launch ahead of them which their captain identified as a diving and salvage boat from San Diego.

"Then they'll get ahead of us," Ruth mourned. "After all our trouble!"

The launch captain and the diver both comforted her by stating that their position was not far away, that it was sometimes a matter of days to find a wreck even if the approximate location was known and that at any rate they would soon be near enough to see whether the other craft was successful.

Two hours later Wilkerson's launch was swinging easily over the low

swells not a mile from the bluff shore, and they could see his diver preparing to go down.

"I hope he doesn't find it!" breathed Dorr as he urged his own men to greater speed.

"They've struck the spot if those figures of yours are correct," was the reply. "But time will tell."

When the two boats were close together John saw that Mrs. Darnell was with Wilkerson. He could see the bronze glint of her eyes, her eyes filled with a mingling of triumph and hatred. And that look grew brighter and more malicious when the diver, coming up from his first descent, showed a large bit of wood, evidently from a wreck. Though they could not hear the words, those on Dorr's boat could understand the directions that were being given.

"Get over and send your man down, quick!" commanded Dorr.

"Wait and see," said the imperturbable diver.

Half an hour later John turned to Ruth and said miserably: "Well, they have got it. That ends this excursion."

"Is that your chest, missy?" demanded the captain.

"Yes, yes; my father's!"

"Well," he said slowly, "there's nothing to hinder us going over and seeing what it looks like, is there?" He signaled his engineer and put his helm over.

As they ranged alongside the other launch Wilkerson raised his face to Dorr's wrathful gaze and smiled. Instinctively John put his hand on his gun. A rough touch on his shoulder recalled him.

"This ain't any piratical cruise," the skipper remarked meaningly. "That man was hired the same as me, and we ain't got no fight with each other."

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The captain and the diver glanced at each other doubtfully; then the former shook his head.

"No," he said gruffly. "They found it, and it's theirs by sea law. Anyway I ain't going to send my man down when there's danger, as there always is with two men working under water at cross purposes."

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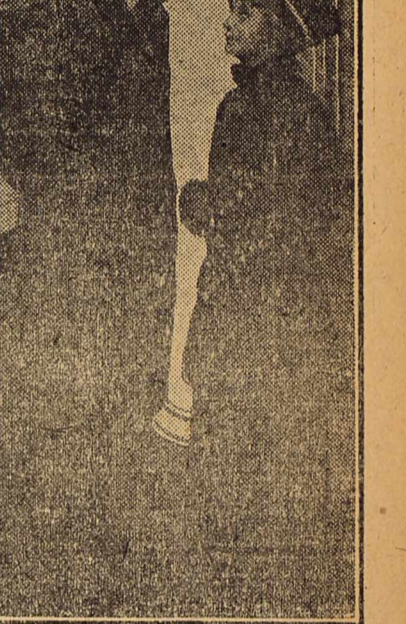
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Ruth Tried to Comfort John Dorr.

John back on his own deck, and his skipper, thinking that matters had gone far enough, soon put a safe distance between the two craft.

A little later Wilkerson's launch started off down the channel.

"Now or never," said Dorr to the captain of his own boat. "Don't lose sight of them. I must know where they land and what they do with the chest."

"They're hurrying some," was the response, "but I guess we can keep 'em in view, at least till night comes on."

While the moon was lighting up the smooth waters of the channel that night Ruth tried to comfort John Dorr. And as he listened to her gentle words and watched the loveliness of her face under the silver beams he forgot the bitterness in his heart and knew something of a happiness that Wilkerson, pawing over water soaked rags in raging despair, was never to know.

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Election Notice.

Whereas a petition signed by over ten per cent of the voters of the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, was presented to me as mayor of said city, requesting that an election be ordered to determine whether said city shall adopt the Commission form of government.

I therefore order said election to be held on April 12th, 1915, in the City Hall of said City, to determine whether or not the Commission form of government shall be adopted. And I hereby appoint J. F. Lusk, presiding judge of said election.

There shall be elected at said election two commissioners who shall serve until the first Tuesday in April following, and until their successor shall have been elected and qualified.

J. W. POWELL,
Mayor of the City of Ballinger.
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Elder R. A. Biggs and wife of Santa Anna came in Tuesday at noon and Mr. Biggs will hold services at the Christian church in our city tonight at 8 o'clock. They will visit their son J. B. Biggs and family a few days before returning home.

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CHICKEN WITH TWO HEADS

W. A. Tally was exhibiting the freakiest chicken freak of all freaks this week. The freak was a product of the poultry yard of E. E. Spencer, driver of the city fire wagon, and Mr. Spencer gave the freak to Mr. Tally and the latter preserved it in alcohol. A chick with two heads, and almost double in other respects to make two chickens constituted the freak. Two bills, four eyes, and while we did not see the inside workings of the chick, we are informed that it had two hearts, three livers and an extra supply of other choice pieces that would make the breed a very valuable one if it could be propagated.

Mr. Spencer did not discover the freaky fowl until it had died, but it was hatched out fully developed, and he thinks if it had been properly cared for when first hatched it would have lived, for awhile at least.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Miss Louise Peyton of Dallas, came in Monday at noon to visit her aunt Mrs. Orgain and daughter a few weeks.

**RUNNELS COUNTY LOSES
TWO GOOD CITIZENS**

People have been coming to Runnels county during the last months a great deal faster than they have been moving away, but the county was called upon Monday to give up two of its best citizens. J. D. Maxwell, who has been a citizen of this county for about fifteen years, or longer, left with his family Monday for Olney, Young county, where they will make their home. A trade that Mr. Maxwell made makes it advantageous for him to make this move, and he stated that he might come back some day.

S. H. McPherson, who is well known all over the county, left for Hamilton county Monday, where he will join his family and they will make their home. Mr. McPherson recently purchased a small grain crop in Hamilton county, and he goes to look after that, and he says that if things pan out right down there he will remain there and make it his home. Mr. McPherson has been here for several years and many citizens will regret to know that they have moved away.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**LARGE ATTENDANCE;
SPLENDID PROGRAM;
JOINT AID MEETING**

The first joint meeting of the ladies aid societies of the different churches in Ballinger was held Monday afternoon at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church.

The attendance was good, the house being comfortably filled and those who were instrumental in the federation are hopeful of much good from the united work of the ladies aids.

The program was carried out as announced, every one being called on to take part in the program responding. The meeting was opened with an instrumental solo by Mrs. Harry Gardner. Mrs. George Pearce entertained with a reading, and was followed by Mrs. R. T. Williams with a splendid vocal solo. A reading by Miss Evans, instrumental solo by Miss Velma Walker, and a duet by Mrs. C. P. Shepherd and Miss Doss made up the program.

After a paper on "The Work and Report of the Organization," by Mrs. Geo. M. Vaughn, the organization was perfected by the election of Mrs. R. R. Rives, president; Mrs. T. C. Jester, vice-president and Miss Zadie Royalty, secretary.

A program committee consisting of Mesdames A. S. Love, T. C. Jester, C. R. Stephens, Geo. Pearce, J. M. Skinner and C. R. Crews, was appointed. The program committee was also authorized to select the next place of meeting, which will be at one of the churches of the city.

The federated society will meet on the fifth Monday in each quarter, and all the ladies of the town, whether members of any of the societies or not, are most cordially invited to attend these meetings.

The paper read before the meeting by Mrs. Vaughn was pronounced the feature of the meeting and the ladies were unanimous in their request that the paper be published, and we are pleased to print in full herewith the splendid paper, and which follows:

"Its a glorious thought that the Christian women over all our broad land are united in one great sisterhood of service; and though gathered indirectly only in small denominational or sectional groups; all are inspired by one common purpose—not alone our own spiritual illumination and election; important as that it, but that in thus coming together we may the better pray and plan and labor for the extension on earth of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"We have assembled here the Christian women workers of our churches. Women who do with their might what their hands find to do. They furnish the congregational prayer meeting. They furnish the congregational prayer meeting. They teach in the Sunday school. They nurse the sick and feed the poor of their respective churches. They raise the money to finance the various departments of their work. They meet and note continually complicated problems. They stand for the betterment and improvement of this community.

"This gathering is the out-

flowing of the most useful impulse in womankind. The impulse to get together. The great lesson that the human race is slowly learning is that, the betterment of all is accomplished not by competition but by co-operation.

"Civilization is at foundation no more nor less than getting together. The more you know people the better you like them, and the greater pleasure association becomes. We need the exchange of ideas that creates interest in any gathering. We need the co-operative effort that friendly relations among neighbors promotes.

"The general federation of women's clubs has proven what a power there is in combining forces from all parts of the country. Can we not learn a lesson and profit by their experience and lay aside our church names and work together as Christians for the good of our community and our own spiritual uplift?

"To secure definite results organization and plans for work are necessary and one of the greatest obstacles we shall meet is in a plan of work, for nothing is more dangerous to growth than poorly laid plans. So we must study the subject from all points of view and choose wisely as to what we shall attempt.

"The great subject of Home and Foreign Missions, in which every woman in the church should be interested, might be studied with great profit as well as pleasure.

"We could have associated charities and help the men with the burden they are carrying in looking after the poor and distressed in our town. If we are willing to give them time and do the work we could accomplish great things in social service, which furnishes such a large field for many workers. Trying to promote home and personal hygiene; caring for the neglected children of the community; making of better and more sanitary homes and improving civic conditions. Seeking out strangers, especially foreigners, and by Christian courtesies and ministries drawing them within the influence of the church. Co-operating with the various pastors in visiting and caring for the sick and distressed.

"But whatever line of work we may decide to attempt, may we learn to move with a spirit not of success but of sacrifice; not thinking how happy we are, but how helpful we may be; not how our personal ambition shall be gratified, but how love is served; for living is giving and loyalty is known by its fruits.

"The great subject of this movement is to reach higher and better things. It is a widening of opportunities; it is enlarging the field of usefulness; but it is also the opening of the doors of the soul to responsibilities of life. It is the awakening of our better selves to a recognition of the needs of our fellowman and an appreciation of our mutual kinship. It is the banding together of the Christian women of Ballinger to hasten the oncoming of the kingdom—a kingdom not made with hands—eternal in the heavens."

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NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP.

Jim Fields, who recently moved to our city to make home has just completed a blacksmith shop on Hutchings Avenue next to the Star Wagon yard. He comes highly recommended as one experienced smith and stands high in the esteem of the citizens of San Angelo his former home.

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So many people troubled with indigestion and constipation have been benefited by taking Chamberlain's Tablets that no one should feel discouraged who has not given them a trial. They contain no pepsin or other digestive ferments but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

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AVIATOR TO BOMB THE ENEMY

By United Press: BROWNSVILLE, April 1.—Matamoros is quiet today after a night of desultory firing. Villa aviator announced that he will make an attempt to bomb the enemy tonight.

ANOTHER WARSHIP TO MEXICAN WATERS

By United Press: WASHINGTON, April 1.—The United States Cruiser Olympia has been ordered to Mexico.

Mrs. Z. S. Thorp of Round Rock, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Ellis and her son Dick Thorp, the past few weeks, left for her home Wednesday afternoon.

Bob McElrath of Winters, who had been visiting his brother-in-law, G. R. West, and family, the past day or two, left for his home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. Padgett left Wednesday afternoon for Lubbock to visit her daughter, Mrs. Frank Maddox, a few days.

Mrs. W. C. McCarver and little son left Wednesday afternoon for Santa Anna to visit relatives a week or two.

A NARROW ESCAPE

A most successful and pleasant turkey hunt is reported by Messrs. Preston Dunn, R. P. Conn, H. M. Linecum, H. O. Rhodes and Dr. Douglass for the past few days on the Llano and returned home Wednesday afternoon highly elated over the splendid luck while gone. But for one circumstance nothing occurred to mar one of the most pleasant hunts in the history of these gentlemen and that was the narrow escape of Mr. Rhodes from being devoured or seriously hurt by a master mountain lion, but by the expert shots and clubbing with his gun Mr. Rhodes finally succeeded in exterminating the awful beast.

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FRENCH LOSE BIG STEAMER

By United Press: DOVER, April 1.—The French steamer Emma was torpedoed in the English Channel last night. Two of the crew have been rescued, two dead bodies recovered and seventeen are missing. The survivors say that the Emma was torpedoed without warning. The Emma was en route from Dunkalk to Bordeaux.

ARNOLD DALY PLAYING "CRAIG KENNEDY" IN EXPLOITS OF ELAINE

George M. Cohan says of Arnold Daly in the April issue of The Green Book: "Mr. Daly is the best play-reader I know." Mr. Daly was once an office-boy for Daniel Frohman, and has literally grown up in the stage environs. He has played numerous roles, taking the stellar part in many of them, playing with such artists as Ethel Barrymore, Lillian Russell, and other like emments. The part of "Craig Kennedy" is one of the best roles Mr. Daly has ever appeared in, and the character of scientific detective is known to millions of readers of the Cosmopolitan Magazine, the Popular Magazine, and the Adventure Magazine. This unique scientist-criminologist was created by Arthur B. Reeve, and is responsible more than any other one thing for the rapid increase in circulation of these magazines. Mr. Daly interprets the part with a dramatic force and verve that cannot be excelled. Pearl White who is well known to Ballinger through "The Perils of Pauline," takes the part of the has an infinitely better part than in the "Perils" and she has advanced and developed wonderfully from the former melodramatic maiden. The "Exploits of Elaine" is emphatically not a melodrama, however it is not devoid of thrills. Pearl White is probably the most vivacious actress in motion pictures, and her beautiful blonde curls are the envy and despair of countless admirers. Incidentally Miss White is not married.

Another great name who has been added to the cast is that of Sheldon Lewis, whose name has taken up hundreds of inches of space in dramatic reviews in the metropolitan journals. "The Exploits of Elaine" will attract a class of patrons never before seen in theatres, and in addition will appeal to the hardened moving picture fan as the serial classic. The pictures will be shown at the Princess Theatre and the story published in the Daily Ledger and the Banner-Ledger. Watch for dates of the opening exploit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Bloomtritt of the Miles country, came over in their auto Wednesday afternoon to do some shopping and to look after business affairs a few hours.

Mrs. M. J. Smith left Wednesday afternoon for Cameron and other points in that section to visit relatives and friends a few weeks.

TOM GREEN REMAINS WET BY 34 MAJORITY

The largest vote ever polled in Tom Green County was the count in the prohibition election held in that county Wednesday. The antis received 1185 votes and the pros received 1151, giving the antis 34 majority.

The city of San Angelo voted wet by a majority of 161, and the pros acknowledged defeat when the returns from the city boxes were announced.

The county went wet in the last election, held on August 29, 1911, by a majority of 54 votes.

Following is the vote polled Wednesday by boxes: Precinct—

	Dry	Wet
1 Court House	160	237
2 Cameron Office	121	134
3 Richardson Office	138	209
4 Chadbourne Street Box	225	220
5 Kirk's Residence	22	17
6 Lakeview	98	90
7 Skinner	15	2
8 Harriett	20	12
9 Concho	9	11
10 Mereta	27	28
11 Vancouver	14	13
12 Mullin	23	20
13 Wall	36	20
14 Powell	2	5
15 Scherz	12	5
16 Cat Claw	28	13
17 Mt. Nebo	20	9
18 Carlsbad	21	40
19 Water Valley	19	23
20 Ben Ficklin	4	2
21 Sims	6	4
22 Christoval	55	26
23 Knickerbocker	30	8
24 Midway	5	1
25 Twin Mountains	2	4
26 McGill	14	3
27 Seelye	9	13
28 Tankersley	8	12
29 Reed's Ranch	8	4
Total	1151	1185

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Mrs. Claud Brice and children of Ballinger, passed through Ballinger Thursday at noon en route to Houston to join Mr. Brice where they will make home for the present.

Mrs. Susan Bost, of Rockwall county, came in Thursday at noon to spend a few months with her son, Rev. Bost and family of our city.

Mrs. Preston McKinley of Miles, who had been visiting relatives in Ballinger the past day or two returned home Thursday.

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Y. M. B. L. MAKES SPLENDID REPORT

We have the pleasure of reporting the following work accomplished by the Y. M. B. L. for the month of March, 1915.

Waged a systematic campaign in behalf of the \$60,000 bond issue.

Inaugurated a fight for the location of the Central West Texas Normal at Ballinger, and planning convincing argument that this city is the logical site for such a State Institution.

Set dates for the Runnels County Fair on Nov. 10 and 11, and were successful in securing as a big drawing card for the exhibition, the Ballinger Floral Show, which will be conducted on the same dates as the fair, immediately following the decision as to dates, the Secretary was requested to begin giving the exhibition all publicity possible.

Assisted in the organization of sub-divisions of Runnels County Diversification and Marketing Association, in Winters and Miles. These two towns are closer linked with the county site now as a result.

The Secretary has been corresponding with the Southwestern Traction Co. about an inter-urban proposition.

A total of 420 letters, mostly all dealing with inquiries of this city and County, have been cared for by the Secretary.

Two directors meetings have been held in the auditorium of the League.

Membership collection for the month amounted to \$179.60.

The League continues to push the publicity end of the work to the very limit, believing that more good can be accomplished for a city situated as Ballinger, than any other one thing at this particular time. Various articles concerning the city and county, some accompanied by photographs, have appeared in the Farm & Ranch, the Houston Chronicle, Houston Post, Temple Telegram, Dallas News, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Fort Worth Record, and San Antonio Express. Nearly every state paper is desirous of using articles about the city and county. The Fort Worth Record in calling for an article, avers: "The Record is stuck on the Ballinger way of doing things and the manner in which Runnels County backs up her county town." Other papers of the state are awaiting lengthy articles accompanied by photographs.

The League ordered for farmers in the Ballinger territory about 100 bushels of peanut seed which were distributed at cost.

With several big items which will take time to thresh out thoroughly and numerous smaller ones coming up every day of the month, every member should be ready to work in any capacity for the betterment of Ballinger.

This is your organization. Help it to maintain the present capacity to do things for the city and county.

Cordially yours,
C. A. DOOSE, President,
EDWARD SPILL, Sec.

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ALLIES RELEASE ENEMIES SUBJECTS

PARIS, March 31.—Since the beginning of the war 9,000 of the Austrians and Germans who were being held in the French concentration camps have been allowed to return home. They were all either women or children or men over 60 years old. In the 560 concentration camps now being maintained in France there are still 17,000 of these Austrians and Germans. Practically all of them were residents of France when the war broke and failed to take advantage of the brief interval of time given by France for them to leave the country.

RABBIT HUNT

Corum Russell was in Ballinger Wednesday and requested us to announce a rabbit hunt for the Bethel neighborhood for Thursday, April 8th, and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend and enjoy the big dinner, and the day with the hospitable citizens of that neighborhood.

RABBIT HUNT.

There will be a rabbit hunt next Thursday, April 8th in the Dr. Fowler and W. T. Nichols neighborhood. Meet this side of Dr. Fowler's place on W. T. Nichols farm. Dinner will be served at the Bethel church. Good barbecue. Everybody invited.
WILLIS DAVIS,
J. P. Knight.

REVIVAL SEASON OPENS APRIL 11

The first revival for the season will begin at the Methodist Church Sunday, April 11th. This announcement was made this week by the local pastor, Rev. W. H. Doss.

Arrangements are being made for one of the most successful revivals ever held in Ballinger. Evangelist J. T. Bloodworth will have charge of the revival and will be assisted by his wife and son, the young man, L. P. Bloodworth, directing a large choir that will be organized for the series to be held.

These people are successful Christian workers. They have held some of the most successful revivals ever held in the state, and their coming to Ballinger is being looked forward to by the local Methodists and those interested in the uplift of Ballinger to a higher plane of Christian living.

Miss Dovie Pipkin left Monday afternoon for Fort Worth to continue her shorthand and book keeping in the business college of that city, after a pleasant visit of a week or two with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reynolds of the Maverick country, were shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

John Norman of Paint Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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Those who object to liquid medicines can now procure Peruna Tablets.

ALMOST UNANIMOUS FOR BOND ISSUE

Brownwood voted almost unanimous for the issuance of \$15,000 sewer bonds and \$15,000 school bonds last week. The opposition only polling 12 votes against the issuance of the bonds.

If we can do as well on road and school bonds it will mean a new era of progress for Ballinger. Let's do it.

SOME DON'TS

For Stomach and Liver Sufferers.

Don't take medicine for your Stomach ailments morning noon and night, as usually such medicines only give temporary relief and simply digest the food that happens to be in the Stomach.

Don't permit a surgical operation. There is always serious danger in operations and in many cases of stomach, liver and intestinal ailments the knife can be avoided if the right remedy is taken in time.

Don't go around with a foul smelling breath caused by a disordered stomach and liver to the discomfort of those you come in contact with.

If you are a stomach sufferer, don't think you can not be helped probably worse cases than yours have been permanently restored by Mayr's Wonderful Remedy.

Most Stomach ailments are mainly caused by a catarrhal condition. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy not only removes the catarrhal mucus, but allays the chronic inflammation and assists in rendering the entire alimentary and intestinal tract antiseptic, and this is the secret of its marvelous success.

Don't suffer constant pain and agony and allow your stomach ailments to physically undermine your health. No matter how severe your case may be or how long you have suffered—one dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy should convince you that you can be restored to health again. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy has been taken and is highly recommended by Members of Congress, Justice of Supreme Court, Educators, Lawyers, Merchants, Bankers, Doctors, Druggists, Nurses, Manufacturers, Priests, Ministers, Farmers and people in all walks of life.

Send for FREE valuable booklet on Stomach Ailments to Geo. H. Mayr, 154-156 Whiting St., Chicago, Ill.

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.

T. C. Corder and R. B. Armstrong of the Valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and both renewed with the Banner-Ledger and Mr. Armstrong sends his copy to his son, Paschal at Ft. Worth.

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WELL REPRESENTED AT TEACHERS MEET

According to the Brownwood Bulletin Runkles County is well represented at the mid-winter meeting of school teachers which held a two days session at Brownwood, Friday and Saturday.

The Bulletin says that three hundred teachers assembled in the Howard Payne auditorium. Sixty-five teachers went from Ballinger, which shows that Runkles County teachers practically have charge of the meeting in numbers.

Mayor Looney, Courtney Gray, president of the School Betterment League, and F. W. Greber, president of the chamber of commerce, welcomed the teachers to the Bayou city.

Superintendent Fleming, of the Ballinger schools was slated to respond to the address of welcome, but he was confined to his bed with the grip, and could not attend, and Miss Edna McDaniel, of the Ballinger schools, ably filled Prof. Fleming's place on the program, and the Brownwood Bulletin says, "was thoroughly enjoyed and heartily applauded by the large audience. Miss McDaniel in her response to the address of welcome, said:

"I thank you, Mr. President for the privilege of representing the members in an expression of appreciation of the opportunity which we enjoy of meeting in this city of schools and colleges. For some weeks we have been looking forward to this hour with the most pleasant anticipations, and we assure you, Mr. Mayor, that those anticipations are already more than realized in the cordial welcome which you have extended, and which we are certain finds a grateful response in the hearts of all who are present.

"In Brownwood we have the ideal place to come together, since your schools and colleges will appeal with peculiar force to the minds and hearts of all who are connected with the great work of public education, and who believe that it is the great mission of the public schools to train a citizenship worthy of the heritage which has come down to it from the past.

"In retrospect we see that Brownwood builded well her school system, when she requisitioned the services of such a busy lawyer as Justice Charles H. Jenkins, now of the Court of Civil Appeals, to serve as president, of your Board of Education for a score or more of years; or, when that versatile, yet oft-times unappreciated, yet always undaunted in civic pride, Will H. Mayes served you so long and efficiently as Secretary of the Board before he was summoned into a sphere of larger usefulness by abandoning the second highest office in the gift of the people to renew his allegiance to the teaching profession as the Dean of the school of Journalism. By no means least in this triad of pioneers for higher education was that lovable spirit who thought always of the teacher: her trials and perplexities. I'm glad that within sight of his earthly home your citizens have erected such a magnificent school and worthily named it the Ford school for this splendid advocate, defender and generous man, Henry Ford. Oothers there were who ably assisted and seconded these men: their names, too, are firmly fixed in the affections of a grateful citizenship, whose boast is her magnificent, modern, efficient system of public schools. To such a Mecca have we come to place our problems at your shrine; to carry back, if we may, something of your progressive optimism.

"If the school of today is good, the school of tomorrow must be better, for it is one of the mightiest factors for good in both individual and national life. That it may be so, we have come to share your hospitality while we study of the immediate problems that confront us. We sincerely thank you for your gracious words which make us feel at home in your beautiful city by the Bayou, a drink of whose waters used to be fraught with many possibilities."

How To Give Quinine To Children.

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

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LOSS OF APPETITE

Most Successfully Treated by Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Loss of appetite is accompanied by loss of vitality, which is serious.

It is common in the spring because at this time the blood is impure and impoverished and fails to give the digestive organs what is absolutely necessary for the proper performance of their functions.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old reliable all-the-year-round medicine, is especially useful in the spring. Get it from your druggist. By purifying and enriching the blood and giving vitality, vigor and tone, it is wonderfully successful in the treatment of loss of appetite and the other ailments that are so prevalent at this time. It is not simply a spring medicine—it is much more than that—but it is the best spring medicine.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the rich red blood that the stomach and other digestive organs need. Get it today.

WOMAN CONFESSES TO MURDER

WACO, March 29.—Mrs. Kate Wilganoski, who was brought here from Marlin Saturday night for safe keeping, has made a full confession to the murder of her husband, a wealthy farmer near Marlin.

After confessing to the awful crime the woman tried to end her own life by gashing her left arm to the bone with a piece of glass she picked up from the floor.

According to the confession made by Mrs. Wilganoski, she hit her husband over the head with a stick of stove wood, but did not intend to kill him. She claims that he would not supply her with food. After she had killed him she burned the body during the next two nights and placed the charred remains in peat holes, where they were found Sunday by Sheriff Platt.

Wilganoski has been missing since February 15th, but it was not known until Saturday that he had been murdered, and the charge made against his wife.

IS IT YOUR KIDNEYS?

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles. A Ballinger Citizen Gives a Valuable Hint.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is where danger often lies. You should realize that these troubles often lead to dropsy or Bright's disease. An effective remedy for weak or diseased kidneys is Doan's Kidney Pills. Read the experience of a resident of Ballinger who has tested Doan's.

J. H. Taylor, farmer, Ballinger, says: "One of the family complained of weakness and pains in the back and hips. The kidneys were disordered, the kidney secretions being unnatural. Doan's Kidney Pills made a complete cure. I am only too glad to recommend this remedy to other kidney sufferers."

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

J. A. Davis and son, of the Pumphrey country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and spent the night with his father-in-law, N. W. Gray of South Ballinger.

Sol Thompson of Coleman, who was buying mules for the army and bought a bunch in our city from Street and Middleton, left for his home Monday afternoon.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
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SHAMEFUL ATTACK ON GIRL TEACHER

(Brownwood News.)

This city and those localities throughout the county where the occurrence is known, have sustained something of a shock the past week from the information that a young woman teacher of the county was recently painfully beaten by the women of two families composing a part of the patrons of the school where she was employed.

The victim of the assault was the teacher of the Ashcraft school, located nine miles northwest of Brownwood. It seems that on Thursday morning, March 11, the young lady was intercepted on her way to school by two men and their wives, and while the men looked on the two women beat the girl and subjected her to humiliating treatment.

On Saturday, two days following the assault, the young lady came to the county attorney's office upon the latter's request. She was accompanied by one of the trustees of the Ashcraft school. Her statement as to the cause for the treatment accorded her, it is learned, is in substance that she had, some time ago, drilled her pupils for a school entertainment. About this time there was some disagreement between two of the school patrons, one of whom withdrew his children from taking part in the entertainment just at a time to make it a failure. Some weeks later, she prepared the pupils for another school play and intentionally left out from the program those children who had been withdrawn from the former entertainment. This, and the fact that she had changed her boarding place is given as the main reasons for the assault.

The young lady teacher on this visit to the county attorney's office bore but few outward evidences of having been physically injured, but she testified to having been painfully bruised about the body and limbs. In her statement she said that she was kept for several hours by her tormentors, who took turns in abusing her and that at times one would sit astride of her body while the other kicked her.

It is learned that the two men connected with the affair came to the courthouse on the day that the assault occurred and plead guilty to an affray in the names of their respective wives. One of the men also plead guilty to the charge of using profane language over the phone, and paid a fine. The other man, it is learned, will contest a similar charge against him.

It is also learned that charges of aggravated assault have been preferred against the two men connected with the affair. The victim of the assault is a girl 20 years of age, prepossessed intelligent and highly respected and withal a capable teacher. Her home is in Comanche. She is an orphan, her nearest male relative being an uncle by marriage who is a cotton buyer in Brownwood.

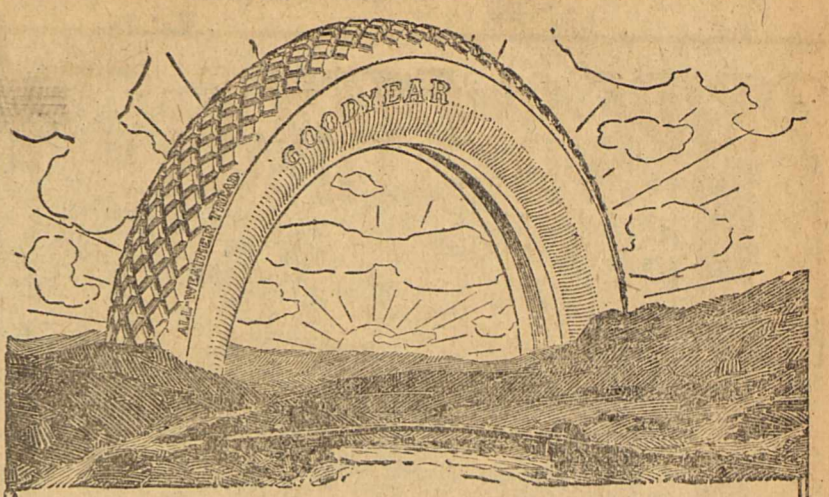
The people of the Ashcraft community, as a whole, are not to be judged by this affair, and they undoubtedly feel as keenly as sensitive people could feel the disgrace that has been brought upon them. Whether or not the causes for the outrage are correctly accounted, no provocation could have warranted it. It is the most shameful thing imaginable and will be a lasting disgrace upon the county.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

From a small beginning the sale and use of this remedy has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. When you have need of such a medicine give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and you will understand why it has become so popular for coughs, colds, and croup. Obtainable everywhere.

CONSIDERABLE FRUIT LEFT

W. A. Taylor and F. T. Rushing of South Ballinger were in the city Saturday afternoon and both say there is considerable fruit still not killed in South Ballinger. Mr. Taylor says where he used the smudge pots on his Elberta's he has a large per cent. still alive and that the general crop where he did not use the pots still have a good per cent. in good, live condition. Mr. Taylor is well pleased with his smudge pots and says the cost has not been so great compared with the amount of fruit saved.



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 superior 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?

Isn't best average service, as proved by Goodyear supremacy, the right way to judge a tire?

Lower Prices

On February 1 Goodyear made the third big price reduction in two years. The three total 45%.

Yet the tires are constantly bettered. In five costly ways—each exclusive to Goodyear—our Fortified Tires excel any other tire built. And each is a great trouble-saver.

They mean for you tire content. They mean most for your money, because of our matchless output. For your own sake, try them. The following Goodyear Service Stations will supply you:



Goodyear Service Stations--Tires in Stock

S. L. Henderson Leach Auto Works
Nearby Towns Winters.
A. L. Bean.

RETURNS FROM HUNT.

H. Giesecke, Will Dunlap and Charlie Northington returned home Saturday from a hunting trip on the Llano river in Mason county but owing to the threatening rainy weather only remained one day and night in camp. They were joined by Mr. Giesecke's of San Antonio. H. Giesecke succeeded in killing one large turkey gobbler which he sent to his mother at San Antonio by his brothers.

KILLED EIGHT HUNDRED RATS

The camp set by R. W. Sisson and sons in the rat extermination is one that everybody would do well to follow. They live on the C. A. Doose pecan mott farm up the river and say they have killed 800 big rats since the fall months, by using big steel traps and also by digging out the rat holes in the cactus and other brush piles. These pests destroy lots of feed stuff in the stacks in the fields and also in the barns, besides they carry diseases from one place to another that is contagious to the human race.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

NEGRO KILLING AT BROWNWOOD

Milton Bean, negro, died at Brownwood Saturday from gun shot wound inflicted by his wife, about a week before. According to statement made by the dying negro his wife shot him because she thought he had told her a lie.

A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention

Let your liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their livers active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills. Fine for the stomach, too. Stop the dizziness, constipation, biliousness and indigestion. Clear the blood. Only 25c at a druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Houston rejoicing over the arrival of their fine boy, born to them at the home near Tennyson on March 25th.

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I

was taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest. ge today.

PRIDE of the FARM



HEALTH and peace join hands to bring happiness to the farmer while prosperity shines brightly 'round his poultry quarters when fenced with

"Pittsburgh Perfect" Poultry and Garden Fence

In quality of material, method of construction, durability with real service as well as in distinctive appearance, "Pittsburgh Perfect" Fence stands pre-eminently first.

Electrically Welded

at the joints, these are the fence's strongest parts. "One solid piece of metal" aptly phrases it. Through the hardest usage, "Pittsburgh Perfect" Fence stands erect, even and firm.

Open Hearth Wire, made from our own formula and perfectly galvanized with pure zinc (the only galvanizing metal absolutely rust-proof), is the strongest, toughest and most lasting fence wire possible to manufacture, and is used exclusively in "PITTSBURGH PERFECT" Fence.

For FIELD, FARM, RANCH, LAWN, POULTRY PURPOSES

"Pittsburgh Perfect" Fence perfectly meets the most exacting requirements.

Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Company
Ballinger's Greatest Store.

THE WELD THAT HELD

GIVE THE FARM WOMAN A CHANCE

HOUSTON, Tex., March 29.—Give the farm women a chance. She's working hard. And she wants a little of life's good things just as much as the men folks.

That's the plea of Mrs. Benigna G. Kalb of Wosumick farm, governor of the Texas Farm women's organization. She urges that a larger portion of the Smith-Lever fund be applied directly to aid of Texas farm women. Moreover, she stands squarely for a branch of the federal agriculture department to look after Mrs. Farmer.

How to produce healthy hogs or big healthy cattle isn't information that means as much to the women folks as something which will tell her how to raise her family properly and how to lighten the burdens that fall upon the housewife.

Does demonstration of the best rations for milk production and hog fattening teach the mother how to keep her family healthy, how to care for her babies and herself that all may be lusty and happy? queried Mrs. Kalb today. "Do lessons in crop rotation tell the farm wife how to save time, strength, fuel and labor?"

For lack of the proper kind of information, the farm women has suffered long, says Mrs. Kalb. Now, she avers, it's time that Uncle Samuel up in Washington, and the men charged with the affairs of Texas, sit up and take notice.

Mrs. Kalb has put under way a movement to have every farm woman in Texas write her a letter, urging the need for a woman to direct farm work improvement among women. If every farm wife in Texas, adds her word of appeal to that of every other farm wife throughout the country, Mrs. Kalb feels, the aforesaid Uncle Samuel at Washington will have to heed the appeal.

And this mighty voice from the tired woman whose work is never done will swell through congressional halls next winter in an enormous demand that the government among women. If every farm agriculture department—one for women and children only.

SECRETARIES WILL MEET AT BROWNWOOD

A meeting has been called for the commercial secretaries of this section of the state to meet at Brownwood on April 10th, where the day will be spent in discussing things of vital interest to them in their work.

It is said that the interest of the various counties in this section of the state are so interwoven and so interdependent that it is highly important that there be a greater degree of understanding and co-operation between the commercial organizations of this territory, and the meeting has been called with that object in view.

A program has been arranged for the day, and while a brief one is made of subjects that will no doubt bring out practical thoughts that will be of great benefit in the commercial secretaries work. Following are the subjects to be discussed:

Fairs—Their value to the community. T. G. Grant, Secretary Brady Commercial Club.

Business Methods for Chamber of Commerce.—F. W. Greber, President Brownwood Chamber of Commerce.

Methods of Encouraging Diversification.—E. E. Fagg, Secretary San Saba Business Men's League.

Conventions, What are they worth.—Thos. F. Owens, Secretary San Angelo Chamber of Commerce.

How to Establish Dairying Interests.—Fred Wood, Secretary Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

Questions.—E. E. Kirkpatrick, Secretary Brownwood Chamber of Commerce.

The Young Man as an Asset.—Edward Spill, Secretary Ballinger Y. M. B. L.

Co-operative Shipping Clubs.—D. F. Eaton, Farm Demonstration Agent, Comanche, Texas.

City Sanitation.—R. G. Hollingsworth, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Coleman.

G. W. Houston, of the Tennyson country, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday and says its a baby girl instead of a son born at their home the past week.

STANLEY LAKE WILL IRRIGATE MANY AGRES

With a determination to succeed that has attracted the attention of irrigation people all over the United States, Mr. Stanley is completing the survey work and has the proposed Colorado irrigation project thoroughly mapped and data compiled that will be necessary in building the big dam and putting into operation this gigantic irrigation proposition.

The Bronte Enterprise, in making mention of the completion of the survey work, says in part:

"As we stood near the great irrigation dam site Sunday afternoon, we recognized the fact that we were looking on the elements that are bringing a new day of prosperity to Central West Texas and especially the Bronte country. There was no formalities about the occasion, and no attempt was made to celebrate with any outburst of oratory. Perhaps that was just as well, for the proposition was too big for words. Our mind was too busy to grasp the significance of this big proposition that Mr. Stanley and his associates have taken upon themselves to put through."

It is going to irrigate 200,000 acres of land. About four farms where there is now one; about four families where there is now one; about four carloads of produce to sell where there is now one; and then these figures multiplied by two, because of the fact that the water will be there all the time when it is needed—what will it mean?"

"Do you mean to say that a bunch of West Texas people has started something as big as that? That's exactly the burden of our song. If you had stood with us at the dam site Sunday afternoon you would not of had to drawn on you imagination to see bigger things than that. We're just holding our statements down for the benefits of the non-resident reader of the Enterprise who can't get the prospective afforded by an actual trip to the dam site, and who might think we were boosting without regard for the truth."

"What was there to see? you ask. What indeed? A lot of mighty good round up ground is going to be spoiled, but we are not regretting that fact a bit, for business is already picking up and the Enterprise is going to be ready for all that's coming. What to see? Wait a minute. The Bronte Good Road Club has already made up its mind that there will be a pike road from the big dam to Bronte, as straight as our county surveyor can take it with the water tower to sight

on. There will be fishing and boating and swimming and a club house, and probably a hotel, and excursion rates on all the railroads the year 'round to Bronte as a health and pleasure resort. But that's just the pretty trimming work that will be made possible by the bigger things that Stanley Lake will do.

What about something like 'steen horsepower of electricity that will be generated by the flow of water into and out of this great lake? What about an electric railroad between Bronte, Sweetwater, Miles, San Angelo, etc? And what would you say to cheap electricity for every one of the hundreds of pump-wells all over this part of Central West Texas, where Nature has stored her underground reservoirs, with the idea that some day man, in harnessing the overground floods would play team work on the job, and use the power to lift the water from below?"

The largest per cent. of the land to come under irrigation from the proposed dam lies within the Ballinger trade territory, and there is no town that will profit more than Ballinger. Ballinger people put up the cash to make the first survey of this project more than twenty years ago. The surveyor pronounced it one of the most feasible propositions ever to come under his observation, and that with sufficient capital it could be developed and made one of the most successful irrigation and power projects in the great Southwest.

About three years ago the proposition was again revived and Ballinger people put up the cash and had another survey made, and the engineer also reported favorable, and an effort was made to put on foot some plan that would lead to the completion of the big project. The local promoters failing to meet with proper encouragement from the land owners in the territory to be supplied with water the work lagged, and it was then that Mr. Stanley appeared on the scene and in February 1913 pitched his tent and began to make surveys.

Mr. Stanley has been on the job for two years. He and his associates, whoever they may be, have spent considerable money in the preliminary work. We are not able to say what their plans are for carrying the work to completion, but judging from the amount of time and money spent, on the proposition they are confident of ample financial backing to put the proposition through, which will cost in the neighborhood of one million dollars.

Mrs. Walter May, of San Angelo, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Willingham and family the past few days, returned home Tuesday at noon.

The Ideal Is Now In Their NEW HOME

Barber Shop

in the Currie building on Hutching Avenue. Everything new and sanitary. The same barbers. Call and see us and we'll see that you are satisfied.

Joiner and Woodson, Props.

WILL ELECT THREE TRUSTEES SATURDAY

The voters of the Ballinger Independent District will vote upon the election of three school trustees Saturday. The board is composed of seven members, but the terms of only three of them expire this year.

The retiring members are Dr. W. W. Fowler, W. B. Ray, and Jo Wilmeth. These three men have agreed to serve again if elected. However, they do not want to make the race against opposition, and if their services as trustees have not been satisfactory they are ready to let the other fellow have the job.

As far as we have been able to learn there is no opposition to the re-election of the new board. The president, Mr. Mack, published a notice notifying all those who desired to place names on the ticket to file names with him, and so far the above three names are the only ones that have been offered, and it is probable that no other names will be on the ticket.

RABBIT HUNT.

R. W. Gilliam, in behalf of his neighborhood, requests us to announce a big rabbit hunt on Tuesday, April 6th to meet at Mrs. E. Pape's place north of Ballinger and will drive north and through the pastures in that section.

A good dinner will be served at the noon hour and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody from this entire neighborhood to attend and assist in killing out the long eared pests.

COTTON BRINGS \$59 PER BALE

C. A. Doose & Co., turned loose 120 bales of their cotton holdings this week, selling this amount to Nicholson & Baker.

This cotton classed out different grades and was sold on a basis of 8.45 some of it bringing as high as \$59 per bale, and Mr. Doose expresses himself as being well pleased with the local market.

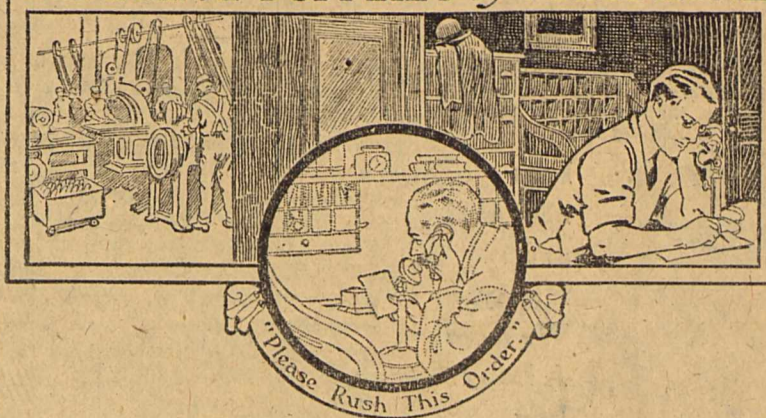
The cotton consisted mostly of rent cotton from the land owned and controlled by Mr. Doose, produced on the Houghton & Robinson, the Turner and the Wylie ranch lands, and was brought here over bad roads to market.

During the last few years these ranches have been settled with farmers, and Ballinger is the logical trading place, but it is expensive in time and wear and tear on vehicles and teams to get to Ballinger. The town and the farmers are suffering as a consequence of the bad roads. The agricultural industry of this section is in its infancy, and the longer the delay in providing good roads, the more expensive it will be to say nothing of the loss being sustained from year to year from bad roads.

Jack Johnson's Birthday.

Havana, March 31.—My birthday gift for Jess Willard will be a victory over him next Monday," was Jack Johnson's confident declaration today upon his 37th birthday anniversary. The "Big Smoke" planned a birthday dinner tonight in his training quarters—but with himself "on the wagon."

ORDERING SUPPLIES by TELEPHONE



ABOUT THAT TELEPHONE

Wouldn't it be a good idea to figure on having it installed before the spring season sets in?

It may enable you to save several half days which would be fooled away getting extra plough points, extras for the planter or cultivator, or little extra supplies that the parcels post would bring to you for a dime, when your time is worth several dollars per day.

And besides, it will be a pleasure to the entire household.

See our local manager today. Our rates are reasonable.

West Texas Telephone Company

"The System Reliable."

H. W. Day,

Manager

WARSHIP SINKS SUBMARINE

PARIS, France, March 31.—French war ship sank German submarine near Dieppe says an official statement. The warship bumped against the submarine and it disappeared under water, leaving a streak of oil in its trail.

Evade Anti-Dope Law.

Cleveland, March 31.—Hundreds of drug users are buying cocoa leaves in the raw state and brewing from them a concoction that has the same effect as morphine, opium and other drugs, the sale of which is now barred by federal statutes.

Probation officer Christian, Cleveland's "dope-fiend expert" announcement, and says drug slaves here have found a loophole in the law, which does not prevent the sale of the raw leaves.

Mrs. Jack Guy and little daughter, of Talpa, who had been shopping and visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Baker the past day of two returned home Tuesday.

MORTUARY.

Marshall Wilkerson Dead

Mr. Marshall Wilkerson, nephew of Mrs. R. H. Schooler, died at his home near Rowena Monday morning at 6:30 o'clock and the burial will be held at the Miles cemetery, but the hour has not yet been decided, as the remains will be held to await the arrival of relatives. The Ledger joins many friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn his demise.

WOODMEN SUPPER SUCCESS

The ladies of the Woodmen Circle entertained the Woodmen and their friends at the lodge rooms Tuesday night and a splendid supper was served and a large crowd enjoyed the same and a most pleasant afternoon was reported by all present.

BROWNSVILLE, March 30.

General Funston, commanding the department of the south, is in charge here with the three batteries of United States artillery. A regiment of infantry are ready to intrain at Texas City at a moment's notice.

The latest reports from Matamoros say that all is quiet today, and both Mexican armies are resting. Villa is awaiting the arrival of artillery reinforcements before renewing the attack on Matamoros, and it is probable that the big battle will be fought early tomorrow.

Miss Emma Spill of Winters came in at noon Wednesday to visit relatives.

HUMAN LIFE IS CHEAP IN HOUSTON

HOUSTON, March 30.—Human life begins to look like a rather cheap commodity in Houston. Since the first of the year the city has had seventeen murders, and several of them still remain deep mysteries.

Added to this red record are a dozen suicides, about fifty highway robberies, a score of bloody fights, several of which resulted fatally, and many burglaries.

Many of the murders have been of the cold blood variety, far worse than usual.

Only a few are classed in the justifiable homicide category. Leading among these was the shooting of J. W. Ford, Jess Willard's former sparring partner, who was slain by his sweetheart, Miss Monetta Champion to shield herself from him while he was intoxicated.

One of the unusual murders was that of Dick Lilly, a negro. He came to his death at the hands of Will Jackson, who disputed Lilly's rather evanescent glory in the title of "the best free action dancer in town."

Houston citizens now go "heeled." Revolver sales have increased by leaps and bounds since the crime epidemic struck the city. The police force is doing overtime duty, and the city officials connected with the safety department are making frenzied efforts to bring to justice the culprits and to put the fear into the hearts of other would-be offenders.

A veritable reign of terror has swept the city. If it continues, the city may seek a force of rangers to preserve peace and quell lawlessness.

GONE TO BE AT BEDSIDE OF WOUNDED SON

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. T. Bishop and Dr. W. B. Halley left Ballinger about the o'clock Monday night in response to a message stating that Mr. Bishop's son had been shot in the neck and was seriously wounded at his home near Odessa. The party went by way of Abilene going to Abilene in an auto and expected to take the T. & P. at that place.

The phone message did not state how the young man happened to be wounded, but it is known that he was seriously wounded, and Mr. Bishop wanted Dr. Halley to accompany him and do what he could to save the son's life.

MUCH INTEREST IN NAZARENE MEETING

The series of Easter services being held at the Nazarene church each evening are well attended and much interest among the members of the church and others is being manifested. Pastor Bost preaches each evening, and the sermon is preceded by a song and prayer service.

The services will continue over Easter, and every one is cordially invited to attend.