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6.60 INCHES RAIN FELL IN APRIL

With twelve hours of April yet to come, and the clouds hanging heavy and threatening to turn loose in torrents at any moment, the month promises to be a record breaker for April rain.

Up to Friday morning of the 30th the total rain fall for the month amounted to 6.60 inches. This amount of water came in broken doses, being distributed throughout the month and general over a large scope of country. In fact no section of the country has failed to get its share of moisture.

With the heaviest showers of the month falling last week, from 18th to 25th, and after several days sunshine the farmers were pushing planting again, but more than a half inch rain again Thursday night stopped farm work, and while the farmers are kept out of the fields the weeds are making general, from a half to one inch double time.

The Thursday night's rain was being reported from various points. The fall at Ballinger amounted to seven-tenths.

NOTICE TO HOG GROWERS

We are planning to ship a car of hogs at an early date. All those who wish to ship in this car will please notify us not later than May 15th. State how many you can furnish for the car. Our former shipments have been successful, and we wish to keep up the good work. Notify the undersigned or leave word at the Business League office.

J. H. TAYLOR

CELEBRATES GERMANY'S VICTORIES

BERLIN, May 5.—With flags flying and bands playing this city is being swept by a wave of enthusiasm as a result of successful fighting of the German army. The reports received here that the three sections of the army are making splendid progress, and the inhabitants are celebrating the news of the victories.

The British are retreating in Flanders, and this added to the great Russian retreat of sixty miles in Western Galicia, reported yesterday and the report of the capture of 100,000 Russians by the Austro-German forces, is causing the greatest wave of enthusiasm since the outbreak of the great war.

WIPING OUT FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The believing the foot and mouth disease epidemic practically wiped out in the United States, the Agriculture Department is not relaxing vigilance. Like typhoid fever, its victims sometimes spread infection after they themselves are cured and it will be some time yet before the quarantine will be lifted entirely.

Defending the slaughter of more than 140,000 animals during the war on the disease, the department

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SHIP SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The Gulf Refining Company, owners of the steamer Gulflight, recently sunk by German torpedoes, in which two Texans lost their lives, has sent a report of the sinking of the ship to the state department. The report shows that the steamer was torpedoed without being warned by the Germans and the crew had no time to prepare for saving their lives.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Eugene Chapaneta, of Port Arthur, Texas, and Charles C. Shor, of Chicago, were among the Americans killed when the Germans torpedoed the American steamer Gulflight, says a message from Gulf Refining Co. Shor was wireless operator on the Gulflight. The captain of the steamer died as a result of the shock when the steamer was torpedoed.

Washington, May 3.—President Wilson arrived here today. He was informed of the sinking of the Gulflight while en route to Washington, but declined to comment on the incident.

The German embassy here is silent and declines to make statement. U. S. officials consider situation serious.

London, May 2.—The American oil tank steamer Gulflight, which sailed from Port Arthur, Texas, April 10, for Rouen, France, was torpedoed at noon on Saturday off the Scilly islands, according to a dispatch received today by the Central News agency.

The captain of the Gulflight, according to the same advices, died of heart failure as a result of the shock. Two of the crew jumped overboard and were drowned. The other members of the crew were taken off by a patrol boat and landed. The vessel was towed into Crow Sound and beached.

LAWRENCE HARRIS MOVING TO ANGELO

Judge L. B. Harris will become a citizen of San Angelo. His household goods are now being packed and made ready for shipment and he will move at once to the Tom Green metropolis.

The young attorney goes with his family to San Angelo to make his home. He will be associated with the law firm of Wright & Harris, one of the most prominent law firms in West Texas. It was rumored some time ago that such a move would be made, but not until Wednesday of this week was it definitely known that Ballinger would lose one of her young attorneys and a native citizen.

Lawrence Harris was born in Ballinger. He has resided here all his life, and after completing his school days, and taking up the profession of that of his father, and attending law school, he was admitted to the Ballinger bar and has been practicing law for the past three years. He was a member of the firm of Harris & Harris, his father Judge C. O. Harris being the senior member of the firm, up to the time his father moved to San Angelo some time ago.

The young man has many friends in Ballinger who will regret to learn that he and his family are moving away from Ballinger, even though he will remain a neighbor, but wish for them all the success that the new home can offer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cordell returned home Tuesday from Cameron where Mrs. Cordell had been under treatment of her old family physician for several weeks past and we are glad to report her much improved in health.

WOULD GIVE ONE MILLION TO SCHOOLS

AUSTIN, May 1.—Quite a sensation was sprung in the legislature this morning when Gov. Ferguson in a special message recommended an appropriation of one million dollars for rural schools.

The bill was referred to the committee.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

On Saturday evening the Sunday school class of W. E. Branch, with the officers and teachers of the South Ballinger Sunday school, were given a most delightful entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch. Thirty-five were present. The home was beautifully decorated with roses and spring flowers. Ice cream and cake was served. Little Edna Mae, the daughter of the home, helped to entertain with appropriate readings. Exquisite blush roses were given as souvenirs.

Master Wardlow McCamey and his dog Rover, arrived Monday night from Post City, to spend the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wardlow.

Miss Leska Hinde who is teaching the Eagle Branch school, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hinde.

The South Ballinger Sunday school continues to grow under the leadership of our worthy superintendent, Prof. Mullins. Hours of meeting 3:30 p. m. every Sunday. W. E. Branch has organized a South Ballinger choir, which meets every Friday night for practice.

Otis Lilly of Amarillo, after a pleasant visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lilly of Norton, left from this point Tuesday morning for the east in the interest of his firm.

BOUNTY ON RABBITS EFFECTIVE JUNE 15

The act of the last legislature making an appropriation of \$100,000 for paying bounty on jack rabbit scalps goes into effect on June 15th and the slaughter will start in a hurry.

Judge Kleberg has received a number of inquiries as to the date and we publish this information for the benefit of those who want to realize a little money on scalps and help to rid the county of the pests.

It is estimated that the appropriation will become exhausted within less than three months. The county that gets in the game and pushes the extermination of the rabbit early will be the county to reap the greatest benefit both in getting rid of the rabbits and in the disbursement of the funds set aside for that purpose.

LAST BALE OF THE SEASON

A bale of seed cotton came in Saturday afternoon and was taken to the gin, and May 1st, 1915, is the day the last bale of 1914-1915 was ginned and in about 60 days the new crop of 1915 will arrive in the city, which gives but a short while between the last picking of the old crop and pick of the new crop.

Max Russell, of the Grape creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Russell is manager of the Callan & Russell ranch near Leaday.

J. E. Benson left Tuesday for a short business trip to Brownwood. Mr. Benson moved from our county to Winchell but while here on a visit has decided to make this home again.

11 FISHING TRAWLERS TORPEDOED

LONDON, May 5.—Eleven British fishing trawlers were sunk last night by a big German submarine. The submarine, with an iron cross painted on its funnels slipped into the midst of the fleet and torpedoed the trawlers without warning.

It is believed that the Germans have started warfare on the trawlers as a retaliation against England for England's efforts to starve the Germans by blockade.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Clark, came in Tuesday morning to visit his brother J. S. Clark and family a few days. The brothers have not met before in several years.

CONCHO COUNTY CLAIMS THE BANNER

Out attention has been called to a claim said to have been made by a Runnels County man that Runnels County is the banner of Texas in raising cotton taking the number of bales per capita as the basis of the claim.

But Runnel's little neighbor on the south, Concho County, has Runnels beaten on the same basis. The population, according to the United States 1910 census for Concho County was 6,654. The number of bales ginned in Concho county up to March 20, 1915 was 20,299. This gives an average per capita for Concho County of 3.05 bales. The United States census gives Runnels in 1910 a population of 20,858, and the same census bureau, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. that gave Concho 20,299 bales ginned to March 20 last, gives Runnels county to that date 58,134 bales ginned. This gives a per capita for Runnels County of 2.39 bales. Thus little Concho is ahead—Paint Rock Herald.

Henry Weaver of Miles, came in Sunday morning to look after business affairs in Ballinger.

CHINA IS PREPARING FOR WAR

PETROGRAD, May 5.—Russians are gaining in the Carpathians and elsewhere, according to reliable reports received here from the front.

China is rapidly preparing for war. It is believed that Japan's ultimatum issued late yesterday gives China only forty-eight hours. Mobilization of troops and war moves indicate that China will become involved within the next few hours.

SUBJECT FOR DEBATES.

First day, "Apparition of the Holy Spirit in Conversion." Second day, "Sprinkling and Pouring." Third day, "Emerson." Fourth day, "Faith Only." Fifth day, "Baptism for the Remission of Sins." Sixth day, "Infant Baptism." Hatchel, Texas. Begins 6th day of May at 10 o'clock.

WILL BUILD NICE HOME IN BALLINGER

J. W. Powell reports the sale of lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Block 10, Miller Addition to the city of Ballinger, to B. F. Jones of Brown county. The lots were owned by C. G. Allison. Mr. Jones will move to Ballinger and he expects to build a home on these lots some time this summer.

Mrs. J. D. Carr and two daughters of Blanket came in Monday to visit her sister Mrs. C. H. Wilingham and family.

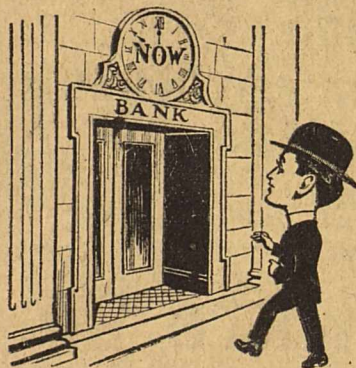
1000 Bales Linters Taken up at Coleman for War Ammunition

J. Wess Nichols of Temple, representing Tom B. Owens & Co., cotton merchants of Fort Worth was in Coleman Monday for the purpose of taking up one thousand bales of linters, recently sold by the Coleman Cotton Seed Oil Co., to the Fort Worth firm.

This cotton will be used in the manufacture of war ammunition. The sale price was 3c a pound.—Coleman Voice.

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15c Road Tax Will Supply \$25,000 for Road Work

When the commissioners court convenes on May 10th petitions from every precinct in the county will be presented to the court asking that body to order a county election for the purpose of giving the tax payers an opportunity to say whether the court shall levy a special road tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars for the entire county.

This move is the culmination of an effort to build good roads in the Ballinger precinct both by a bond issue and a special tax levy. The bond issue plan was defeated, and the law governing such matters provides that a special road tax can not be voted in the precinct, hence the election for the entire county.

It only requires a majority vote to authorize the levy of the special tax, and it is believed that the voters of the county will give the majority by a large vote. The tax is to be levied for no particular number of years, and the court can abolish the levy any time they see fit, or whenever the tax payers

call for the abolishment of the special levy.

With the regular road tax a fund will be created for the entire county that will amount to near \$25,000. This will be prorated in proportion to the amount paid for each commissioners precinct and each commissioners precinct will get the benefit of its own money. Under this plan there will be something like \$10,000 to be used in building roads in the Ballinger precinct.

The anti-bond tax payers claim that this will be the most economical way to build roads in this county. It will not place any debt upon the county, and will cut out the interest that would have to be paid had bonds been issued, and when the roads have been put in first-class condition the tax can be abolished and the bill will be paid.

With an income of \$25,000 per annum a quarter million dollars would be invested in roads within ten years. This should make every mile of public road in this county a good one.

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A Word to Cotton Growers

Cull your Seed and increase the Yield from 15 to 25 per cent



I have installed a cotton seed culler for the benefit of the farmers who wish to cull the faultier seed and plant nothing but pure well developed seed. Well developed seed will produce more than a faultier seed. By planting the best seed the plants are more vigorous and fruitful and will stand droughts and produce more. This machine will be in operation at the Ballinger Wagon Yard on Eighth Street. Drop in and see me about it and take advantage of the benefit offered you for culling your seed. The price amounts to little.

T. S. LANKFORD

LEFT FOR FIREMAN'S CONVENTION

The following representatives of the Ballinger Volunteer Fire Co. left Monday afternoon for Waco to attend the state firemen's convention, which convened in that city Monday: Misses Mary Phillips, sponsor; Gladys Collins, maid of honor; J. P. Martindale, chief; Gene Gressett, Luke and Rus Mangum, Will, Travis and Artaek Stuart, Dick Ward, LeRoy Nicholson, H. C. Fletcher, Roy Gilliam, Clint Penn, H. M. Leach and Lee Drennon.

'DAD' NORRIS WRITES LETTER

Dear Sledge:—Enclosed will find one dollar check in payment of my subscription for the Banner-Ledger for the next year. May the Lord bless you all and Runnels county and always keep it with good seasons in the ground and good crops, and keep whiskey out of it.

Give my love to all the boys. I mourn with you all in the loss of Jimmie Morgan for I loved the boy like a son. He was always so nice to me and was one of my good friends.

Tell the fire boys to call me up when they come to the convention. Call Mrs. T. C. Edmondson, or telephone No. 2796.

N. F. NORRIS.
Waco, Texas, 5-1-15

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

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Whooping Cough.

"When my daughter had whooping cough she coughed so hard at one time that she had hemorrhage of the lungs. I was terribly alarmed about her condition. Seeing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so highly recommended, I got her a bottle and it relieved the cough at once. Before she had finished two bottles of this remedy she was entirely well," writes Mrs. S. F. Grimes, Crooksville, Ohio. Obtainable everywhere.

WHY THE WAR STARTED.

Shanghai, May 3.—A summary of events leading up to the war that is somewhat more correct in its facts than in its rhetoric and grammar is published in L'echo De Chine, a French journal edited by a young Chinaman. Translated literally, it reads:

"Now there is great battle in Europe. This began because the Prince of Austria went to Serbia with his wife. One man of Serbia killed him.

"Austria was angry, and so wrote Serbia.

"Germany write letter to Austria, 'I will help you.'

"Russia write letter to Serbia. 'I will help you.'

"France did not want to fight, but they got ready their soldiers.

"Germany write letter to France. 'You don't get ready, or I will fight you in nine hours.'

"Germany to fight them, pass Belgium.

Belgium say, 'I am a Country: I am NOT a road.' And Belgium write letter to England about Germany, to help them.

"So England help Belgium."

YOUNG SOCIETY MATRON LAYS DOWN RULES

In discussing the approaching social season, a young matron says that the success of every event, whether in home, church or Club, depends upon the foresight of the women months before.

The brilliancy, charm and success of a party is dependent upon the physical condition of the hostess. She cannot be entertaining, witty or clever, if she is loaded down with all the complaints a woman is heir to; and very few are free from the functional troubles which bring them dizziness, backache, sick headache sleepness and intense nervousness.

Thousands upon thousands of mothers, wives and daughters in every section of this great country, who have regained health, vigor, and cheerful disposition offer months of misery and even despair are the ones who truly appreciate the marvelous restorative power of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Ah! The Invigorating Whiff of The Pine Forest

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

B. A. Lott, of Miles, E. M. Burrows and F. L. Bredemeyer of the Hatchel country, and W. E. Puckett of Wilmett were among the first Monday visitors in the city today.

Lame Back.

Lame back is usually due to rheumatism of the muscles of the back. Hard working people are most likely to suffer from it. Relief may be had by massaging the back with Chamberlain's Liniment two or three times a day. Try it. Obtainable everywhere.

War or No War

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

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

For further particulars call on, phone or write

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FEEL BILIOUS? CALOMEL SICKENS! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

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

Stop using calomel! It makes you sick. Don't lose a day's work. If you feel lazy, sluggish, bilious or constipated, listen to me!

Calomel is mercury or quick-silver 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 "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated, or if you have headache, dizziness coated tongue, if breath is bad, or stomach sour just try 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 real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it cannot 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 the children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

Batteries of All Medical Men Aimed at Fly



"SWAT the fly!" This, in more elegant or scientific terms, is the latest slogan of the medical profession. The edict has gone forth, and one of the most widespread crusades that have ever been preached has begun against the fly and similar disease carrying pests. Plans for conducting the same have been extensively discussed at medical meetings in this and other civilized countries frequently, and the work of "educating the public" is well under way, as numerous magazine articles testify.

In an editorial note accompanying Dr. Henry Smith Williams' article "The Messengers of Death" in a recent periodical a hint of the attitude of science toward insect pests was given as follows:

"Science has issued an edict which for the good of humanity, should be as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. It is 'Kill every creeping, flying thing that asks you for board, and don't overlook the rat.' Various insects and rodents have been found to be in league with death—to be, in fact, the only means whereby some of the world's most virulent diseases are carried from victim to new victim.

"Persistent, never let up warfare against them is the only way to rid a man of the dangerous enemies which need only to be let alone to crowd him off the earth: * * * the messengers of death upon which an exterminating war should be waged against which should be directed all the batteries of science. They won't let you alone. Get after them! And don't let mercy temper your warfare kill!"

The "batteries of science" are directed at the fly. No doubt about that. A peep into the medical journals is most convincing. Attending a medical meeting dispels all doubt regarding the seriousness of the purpose behind the movement.

The Time to Swat the Fly Is Now



DURING a few warm days any rubbish heap in or out of the dwelling becomes a hatchery for myriads of young flies not only to be condemned as a nuisance, but exterminated utterly, if possible, when we consider that they may and often do carry into the household the disease germs of infantile paralysis and typhoid fever and no food in the house is safe from their attack.

Flies Are Wholesale Carriers of Infectious Diseases

OVER 8,000,000 germs have been found on the body of one common housefly. The latter is an involuntary carrier of disease germs through accidental contamination of its feet or body or wing or buccal equipment.

The filth frequenting habits of the insect are responsible for its transmitting typhoid germs. It frequently is burdened with various germs of other diseases as well, and, according to Dr. Williams and other eminent authorities, millions of bacteria are sometimes to be found on the body of a single fly.

It was Dr. L. O. Howard, the government expert entomologist, who christened the housefly the typhoid fly. He has done humanity great service in calling public attention to the chief danger with which it menaces us. There are nearly 500,000 cases of typhoid fever yearly in the United States and nearly 50,000 deaths. Forty-nine thousand infants die annually of enteritis, or summer complaint. In both diseases most of the germs are distributed by flies. It is impossible to estimate how greatly the fly figures in the ravages of tuberculosis, diptheria and cholera. Flies are now known to be the most deadly enemy of man.

Swatters Will Make Flyless Homes

WHILE the fly is being starved outdoors efforts should be made, through effective screening, to prevent it from gaining entrance to homes. Every household should be equipped with swatters, and if these devices are employed vigorously there will be flyless homes.

Flies Spread Disease

THERE is plenty of proof that typhoid is due directly to the fly. The fly carries the contagion not alone from the victim directly, but also from the apparently healthy person who may be what is technically known as a "carrier" to the next victim in the block above.

Tuberculosis can be carried nearly as directly by the fly as by personal contact.

The iniquitous insect spreads spinal meningitis, pneumonia—in fact, every known disease.

Swat the Fly

FORMER BALLINGERITE DIED IN SOUTH TEXAS

News was received at Ballinger this week of the death of Miss Ferol Whitaker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Whitaker. The young lady died at her home near Robstown on Monday night, April 26th.

The young lady is well known in Ballinger. For several years her parents resided east of Ballinger and she attended the Ballinger schools. The family moved to Nueces county about three years ago.

The Robstown Reporter gives the following account of the sad death:

"Miss Ferol, the 21 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitaker, living six miles southeast of Robstown, died at the home of her parents, last onday night after a three weeks illness of appendicitis and other troubles. Miss Ferol was thought to be improving when suddenly Sunday night a turn for the worse came and she died about eight p. m. onday, surrounded by her loved ones, father, mother, brothers and sisters.

Miss Ferol Whitaker came to Robstown country almost two years ago with her parents, from Ballinger, Texas, and by her sweet manner and loving ways, won all who knew her to be her friends, and the vacancy made in the home and in society of which she was a general favorite, can never be filled.

Had she lived, she too would have been among those persons that completed the school work for this year, and already she had made preparations for taking up the work of teaching, as she felt herself called for such a life. About the first of the year she made out a list of resolutions for her life and what she wanted to accomplish during the present year, and up to the time of her death she had kept them as nearly as possible. She united with the Baptist

church while in her younger days and was a faithful member.

The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon, a short service taking place at the Robstown cemetery, where interment was made.

The floral offerings were many and profuse and Ferol was literally buried under the flowers she loved so well. Although the death of this dear girl came as a distinct shock to the immediate family and all of her friends, yet all know she was ready to go, and as the aster had other work for her to do. He called her to come higher, and she only answered the call. To the dear ones left behind the sympathy of a host of friends are extended in this trying hour."

ANNIVERSARY HONORS KING OF ENGLAND

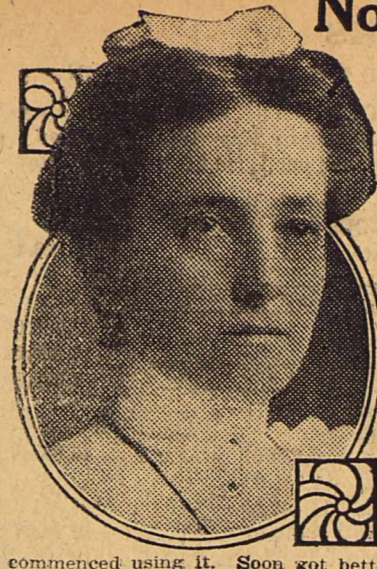
LONDON, May 6.—The third anniversary of the accession of King George was celebrated today by the firing of artillery salutes in St. James Park, London, at Windsor and at the big naval and military stations.

King George and Queen Mary attended a private memorial service for the late King Edward, which was held at the royal chapel at Frogmore, and the King afterwards placed a wreath on his father's grave, an act which was imitated by the other members of the royal family. The King who is 48 years of age, succeeded his father May 6, 1910, and was crowned in Westminster Abbey, June 22, 1911. He married Queen Mary in 1893, and has five sons and one daughter.

M.C. Cobb and little daughter of San Angelo, who had been visiting and looking after business affairs in Ballinger, returned home Wednesday at noon.

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.

No Aches or Pains



Peruna Did It for Me.

"I find Peruna an excellent spring and summer medicine and am glad to call the attention of my friends to it. I know by experience that Peruna is a good medicine, and always recommend it whenever I have an opportunity. I can truthfully say that I have no traces of my old complaint, and have neither ache nor pain, and enjoy life. Words cannot express my appreciation for the good Peruna has done me."

PERUNA THE SPRING AND SUMMER MEDICINE.

"I used to get cramps in my stomach. I had sick headaches. My stomach nearly killed me. My family physician only gave me temporary relief. I got out of patience and had given up all hopes of recovery. I then wrote to Dr. Hartman and he advised me to take Peruna. I got a bottle of Peruna and commenced using it. Soon got better and am now entirely cured and feel like a new woman. Peruna is my comfort. I will never be without it." Mrs. Thomas M. Morgan, R. F. D. 2, Wadsworth, Ohio.

CERVENKA-GREEGRASS.

Mr. Edward Cervenka and Miss Otelia Greengrass were married Wednesday night at the Catholic church at Rowena, and left from this point Thursday afternoon for San Antonio and other points in that part of the state on their bridal tour. The happy young couple are prominent in the social circles of Rowena and have a host of friends who join The Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for them over life's matrimonial sea. They were accompanied this far on their trip by Misses Celia Greengrass and Rosa Cervenka and Messrs. Cervenka and Ben Glass who returned home on the noon train.

RAT PARTIES LATEST FASHIONABLE THING

Rat parties, after the fashion of quiting bees, are coming into favor as a helpful mode of amusement in the central west, and rat stories are as common as tracks around the smokehouse.

One Coleman housewife had eighty plump incubator chicks that had weathered the incubating period and were in fine living order. The good lady went to church and, forgetting to close the door of the brooder, returned to find seventy of the chicks killed by rats.

A death loss of fifty to seventy-five per cent, due to the ravages of rats, is not uncommon. Another person reports a rat incident, which is perhaps exaggerated, to the fact that he encountered an army of rats emigrating and that the horse he was riding became frightened and ran away. One stock-farmer reports an invalid steer killed by rats. And there are other and various rat stories in circulation and then some.—Coleman Voice.

Rats are taking liberties in Ballinger that the boldest thief would not dare attempt. They have not killed any steers in this community, but this is perhaps due to the fact that the rats have not taken up country life yet, and their crimes so far have been confined to the city. One lady reports that rats—not mice, entered her bedroom every night, and she knows that there is no possible way for them to get in except to open the door, as her room is fly proof. She has traps set under the bed and is using every precaution to prevent the rats from kidnapping some of her children.

Who will be the first to announce a rat party?

FIRST WEEK COUNTY COURT ADJOURNED

After trying two cases on the criminal docket county court adjourned at noon for the week. Next week will be commissioners' court week, and the civil docket and criminal docket will be called again Monday, May 17th.

The two cases tried were State of Texas vs. Will Pace, charged with carrying pistol. Jury fixed fine at \$100 and cost of court.

State of Texas vs. Dr. K. B. Rector, charged with illegally practicing medicine. Jury acquitted.

Rev. W. Bion Adkins left Wednesday afternoon for Dallas and points in East Texas.

Who Stole the Ashleigh Diamonds?



Macdougall the Butler is suspected; Leonora the maid is accused; there is a mysterious murder.

Who When Where?

A suspect is seen with a Black Box. What is in it?

From London to East Africa, to New York City, to California—mystery, intrigue, murder. Ghostly hands from the unknown snatch a costly necklace from—where?

Who is the man ape? Ah! there's the secret—a deep, ably-hidden mystery which you can solve by reading

The Black Box

The remarkable motion picture serial about to appear in

THIS NEWSPAPER

Watch for the Opening Installment!

Beginning in this paper next week. See this story produced in motion pictures at the Queen Theatre.

Yes Mother, You Look Fine



Electric Bitters simply brought the bloom of health to your cheeks.

Electric Bitters will do it every time. Increase your appetite, regulate Liver and Bowels, restore your strength and improve your complexion.

After a long weary winter we need a tonic and blood purifier to rid our system of accumulated waste and impurities. Nature needs help to throw off that languid, tired, worn to a frazzle feeling.

Do your part! Take a few weeks treatment.

ment of Electric Bitters, it will give you vim and energy, bring back the spring of youth, make you feel fine. You'll enjoy your work.

Go to your druggist and get a small bottle of Electric Bitters and start the treatment right now.

Eliza Pool of Depew, Okla., writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out, as I did, just how it is." As it has helped thousands of others, it surely will do the same for you.

H. E. BUCKLEN & CO., PHILADELPHIA. ST. LOUIS.

Your Tin And Pipe Work

Should be done by workmen who know their business, and will make you a close price. Because of a demand for a high grade of work at a reasonable charge we opened our shop. We specialize on the following items:

Tanks, Water Troughs, Gutters, Galvanized Flues, Iron Chicken Houses.

We build or make anything of Sheet Metal or Pipe Work. Shop located in Wooden building next door to Fire Station. Your patronage will be appreciated, and is solicited. Call and see us.

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Telephone No. 22 Ballinger, Texas

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1915, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 5th day of May 1915.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts, personal or Collateral	\$213,226.42
Loans, real estate	
Overdrafts	
Real Estate (banking house)	39,000.00
Other Real Estate	15,286.52
Furniture and Fixtures	7,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	43,847.71
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	2,050.61
Cash Items	1,751.38
Currency	14,449.00
Specie	3,610.97
Interest in depositors guaranty fund	3,107.16
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	3,607.64
Other Resources as follows Guaranty Assessment Fund	341.24
TOTAL	\$347,278.65

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus Fund	6,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	14,933.27
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	7,712.38
Individual Deposits, subject to check	219,300.95
Time Certificates of Deposit	217.75
Demand Certificates of Deposit	
Cashier's Checks	13.80
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	
Certificates of Deposits, issued for money borrowed	
TOTAL	\$347,278.65

State of Texas, County of Runnels, We. H. Giesecke as president, and E. D. Walker as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. Giesecke, President.
E. D. Walker Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of May A. D., 1915.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

H. M. Josey, Notary Public, Runnels County.

Correct Attest: J. L. Chastain, J. F. Currie, G. G. Odom, Directors

RECAPITULATION RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$213,226.42
Overdrafts	
Real Estate B. H. Furniture and Fixtures	61,286.52
Other real estate	
Bills of Exchange	3,607.54
Interest in Guaranty Fund	3,448.40
Cash and Exchange	65,709.67
TOTAL	\$347,278.65

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	20,933.27
Bills Payable	
Total Deposits	227,245.38
TOTAL	\$347,278.65

Laughs While He Tells Story of Check Swindle

After being placed in jail at San Angelo, E. M. Holden, the man arrested near Ballinger for passing bad checks at San Angelo, in commenting on his trouble said: "Well, it is all up with me I suppose, because I depended on another man's word but I do not suppose I shall live long enough for Texas to get through with me," declared the prisoner, on whose weakened frame tuberculosis has made inroads. "Thirty-five and young enough?" he asked, and then he burst into a hearty laugh. "I am fifty-one and was paroled on honor on account of tuberculosis just as I had completed two months of my five years in the Arizona pen, where I was sent up for passing unfunded checks." And then he laughed again. "They were all looking for a man weighing about 150 pounds and thirty-five years old and that is how I fooled them all. But I will notify the Arizona officials at once of my arrest, for they have the first claim on me. I was out on my honor and must be returned to them before I could be sent up in Texas. After I complete five years in Arizona I shall probably be brought back here but before that time I guess they will be walking behind me with pretty little flowers.

"You see, I told these men not to send these checks in to be cashed for several days until I knew there was money there to cover them. The man who promised to back me in the hotel business fell down and left me in bad. I got a letter Sunday from him saying the money would be there and it was not my fault that it did not come. I had the lease on the property and part of the foundations dug. I returned the money I borrowed from the Wilson Paint Company and gave the bank an order for \$57.50 of their \$60, for I had about \$160 with me. So I was only a little over \$20 to the bad. "But I will fix it so that my wife does not learn of this trou-

ble. She found out about the Arizona scrape because I was foolish enough to let somebody know where she lived."

KIDNEY TROUBLE CAUSES INTENSE SUFFERING

Sixteen years ago I was taken sick with Kidney trouble and suffered terribly for three months. I did not work during this time and was mostly confined to the bed. After using other remedies I finally tried a bottle of Swamp-Root. I immediately began to feel better, and after using seven fifty-cent bottles, was entirely cured and have had no Kidney trouble since. I can truly say that I owe my good health to Swamp-Root. You may publish this letter for the benefit of other people afflicted as I was with the hope of bringing to their attention this most wonderful remedy.

Yours very truly,
HATTIE A. QUMBRY,
36 Spruce Waterville, Maine, State of Maine, Kennebec County, Me.
Personally appeared the above named Hattie A. Qumbry who subscribed above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.
ANNA M. DRUMMOND, Authorized to administer oaths, etc.

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

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

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

Bank No. 14 OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1915, published in the Ballinger Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas on the 5th day of May, 1915.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$111,838.07
Loans, real estate	14,497.00
Overdrafts	196.54
Revenue stamps	58.00
Real Estate (banking house)	20,000.00
Other Real Estate	5,506.33
Furniture and Fixtures	4,523.50
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	23,273.61
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	2,241.99
Cash Items	1,295.96
Currency	4,060.00
Specie	3,225.75
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	2,713.67
Other Resources as follows: Assessment Guaranty Fund	324.64
Total,	\$193,755.06
Liabilities	
Capital Stock paid in	60,000.00
Surplus Fund	9,500.00
Undivided profits, net	2,708.31
Due to Banks and Bankers' subject to check, net	20,017.16
Individual Deposits, subject to check	94,033.22
Time Certificates of Deposit	7,496.37
Total,	\$193,755.06

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, We, Chas. S. Miller, as president, and C. A. Orbeck as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chas. S. Miller, President.
C. A. ORBECK Ast. Cashier

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of May, A. D. 1915.
(Seal)
SAM BAKER, Notary Public Runnels County, Texas.

Correct—Attest: G. M. Vaughn. C. S. Miller. C. A. Orbeck, Directors.

3533 Report of the Condition of THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, of Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business May 1st, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts (notes held in bank)	\$351,857.54
Overdrafts, secured	89.69
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$100,000.00
U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal saving (par value)	1,500.00
Total U. S. bonds	\$101,500.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	\$ 20,200.00
Total bonds, securities, etc.	\$ 20,200.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	\$13,600.00
Less amount unpaid	\$ 9,050.00
Banking house, \$20,000.00; furniture and fixtures, \$5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Other real estate owned	\$ 28,273.93
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 5,550.00
Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	\$ 38,443.67
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	\$ 49,042.95
Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 8 or 9)	\$ 4,314.55
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	\$ 2,475.05
Outside checks and other cash items	\$ 2,015.28
Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	\$ 292.58
Notes of other national banks	\$ 9,470.00
Total coin and certificates	\$ 22,222.45
Legal-tender notes	\$ 250.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	\$ 5,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	\$ 5,000.00
Total,	\$670,547.69
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund	\$ 25,500.00
Undivided profits	\$ 31,344.08
Less current expenses, interest and taxes . paid	\$ 7,460.89
Circulating notes	\$100,000.00
Less amount on hand and in Treasury for redemption or in transit	\$100,000.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 5 or 6)	\$ 8,870.71
Demand deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	\$285,968.09
Certificate of deposit due in less than 30 days	\$ 3,740.17
Certified checks	\$ 13,162.34
Cashier's checks outstanding	\$ 82.37
Postal savings deposits	\$ 445.04
Deposits requiring notice of less than 30 days	\$303,398.01
Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	\$ 8,895.78
State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by items 4d of "resources"	\$ 8,895.78
Total,	\$670,547.69

State of Texas, county of Runnels, ss: I R. G. Erwin, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1915.
J. WHIT PATTERSON, Notary Public.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$330,608.05
U. S. Bonds	101,500.00
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	25,000.00
Real Estate	28,273.93
Stocks and Bonds	20,200.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,550.00
Acceptances, cotton	21,339.18
Cash and Exchange	139,076.53
Total,	\$670,547.69
Liabilities.	
Capital Stock	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Profits	49,383.19
Circulation	100,000.00
Deposits	321,164.50
Total,	\$670,547.69

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D. M. BAKER, J. Mcgregor, J. Y. PEARCE, Directors.

Resources.		Liabilities.	
Loans and Discounts	\$330,608.05	Capital Stock	\$200,000.00
U. S. Bonds	101,500.00	Surplus and Profits	49,383.19
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	25,000.00	Circulation	100,000.00
Real Estate	28,273.93	Deposits	321,164.50
Stocks and Bonds	20,200.00	Total	\$670,547.69
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,550.00		
Acceptances, cotton	21,339.18		
Cash and Exchange	139,076.53		
Total,	\$670,547.69		

RULES GOVERNING STREET WORK IN WARD NO. 2

1. I do not intend to hire any bosses.
2. I cannot work any man, nor a team for more than eight hours a day. But this means eight hours of good hard work.
3. I will not spend a dollar of the city's money without getting a dollars worth of work.
4. Reserve the right to "fire" any man or any team at the end of any hour of the day that I may see fit to do so.
5. Prefer to give work to men with families in my ward if possible.
6. Do not want loafers or idlers nor shall they work any longer than I find them out.
7. Will give preference to the streets and alleys where the citizens living thereon co-operate with and aid me by assisting in fixing up their side walks and keeping their premises clean and attractive. No other sort of people need call upon me for street work, until I have helped those who help themselves.
8. I want one good strong, fast team, driver and four good working men and shall choose these from the number offering. No more need apply.
9. There is going to be something doing in ward No. 2, so far as the cash set apart for same ward will go.

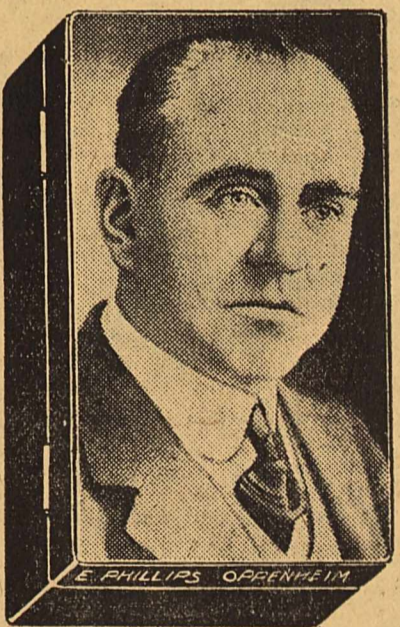
Ward No 2 begins at the corner of H. Giesecke's residence along west side of Eighth street, south to river, and along north line of Harris street from its intersection with Eighth street west to the river.

C. H. WILLINGHAM, Alderman Ward No. 2.
Card of Thanks.
We are most grateful to all those who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our wife and mother. We thank every one who administered to us in anyway. If at any time we can serve you we will be ready to respond.
J. T. Carter, Sr., J. T. Carter, Jr., W. C. Wheelis and Wife, Mrs. Ella Duncan. Itwtd

Miss Kathleen Jones and her friend Miss Perkins of Fort Worth, left Wednesday at noon to visit at Miles a day or two. Miss Perkins is a niece of Sheriff Perkins of our city.

B. E. Huggins of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Comanche to visit friends a few weeks.

Walter Seipp of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday, and says they have had plenty of rain but no damage done so far.



OPPENHEIM is without question one of the most widely read novelists of the day. He is the author of "The Malefactor," "The Prince of Sinners," "A Millionaire of Yesterday," and scores of other novels quite as well known. He is the author of "Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo" which was recently published serially in the Saturday Evening Post, and he is often referred to as "The Prince of Story Tellers." We have been fortunate in securing his latest story

THE BLACK BOX
the only story from his pen ever produced in motion pictures.
You Will Never Regret Reading It
First Installment Soon

Dr. J. W. Blasdel left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth to attend the meeting of the State Medical Association.

W. A. Summers of the Talpa country, was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday and reports the small grain crop fine in his section and the sheep in the best shape he ever saw them at this time of the year, on account of early grass, and the fine fall pastures.

Mrs. G. A. Beaumont and babe of San Saba, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Tom Ward, the past several weeks, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

J. O. Butler of Dallas, who had been in our city to install the uptown office of the Western Union Telegraph Co., left Tuesday afternoon for his home.

Same Old Price

2 Bottles Pop for 5c
2 Ice Cream Cones 5c

Special prices on Ice Cream for parties and suppers.

The very best ice cream in Ballinger. Guaranteed absolutely pure. Also a full line of fruits and candies.

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Union Wagon Yard
Ballinger, Texas.

WAR ODDITIES.

(By United Press.)
PARIS—British war nurses dressed in khaki not unlike the regular soldier's uniform who arrive here are called "Lady Kit-cheners."
LONDON—Describing the artillery action at Hill No. 60, a wounded "Tommy" in a London hospital said it was a "red hot sort of hell."
LONDON—A story from the front tells how a British infantryman put on a pair of socks sent by a benevolent sympathizer and marched all day. He suffered agony but could not stop. That night he drew a stiff piece of wadded writing paper from the sock inscribed in a bold feminine hand; "God bless the wearer of these socks."

WARSAW—Russian peasant women are acting as volunteer guards along the railway lines and at prison camps.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised May 1, 1915:
Brown, W. T.; Flowers, Preston; Guber, J. D.; Houders, Mrs. Ella; Scott, Mrs. Ethel; Smith, A. L.; Stanley, C. L.; Thompson, J. S.; Worthington, Mrs. Julia; Woodruff, M. H.; Yates, Frank; Franco, Fernando.
When calling for the above letters please say "Advertised" and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead-letter-office.
JAMES J. ERWIN, P. M.
Judge W. H. Gross of Mineral Wells, who had been looking after his ranch interests up the river the past week or two, left for his home Tuesday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Doose Jr. will occupy their new home, the B. B. Stone place on 7th Street, Thursday, and start to housekeeping right by ordering the Daily Ledger to be sent to their home each day.
Have You?
Got your Free chance on the Saddle, Bridle, and Spurs at H. L. Wendorf's, the Busy Shop? dwtf.

C. P. Shepherd
County Attorney Runnels Co.
Civil Practice Solicited
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Q. VICTOR MILLER
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Office with Security Title Co.
Will Practice in all the Courts.

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

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

M. KLEBERG JR.
Attorney-at-Law.
Office at Courthouse.

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

**FIRE INSURANCE
THE BEST COMPANIES**
Prompt Service
Your Business Solicited.
Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in
old Fidelity Credit Co's office.
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SEE ME

The Country Trade
Receives our very best attention and we ask you to visit us when in town, and we guarantee to give you a good shave, a neat hair cut and courteous treatment.
City Barber Shop
H. O. Rhodes, Proprietor.

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

**THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU
DO THINGS**

**MARKETING SYSTEM
CAUSES BIG LOSS**

When it is estimated that the annual production of poultry and eggs in the U. S. is in excess of \$600,000,000—equal to the value of the hay or wheat crop, and when it is estimated that there is a total loss of nearly 8 per cent of the eggs marketed, the importance of this subject is evident.
This great loss is due largely to improper handling between the farm and the market. Most farmers look upon eggs as a by-product and the returns as so much clear gain. The hens for a living, eggs are gathered when convenient and kept almost anywhere. With such carelessness and a combination of mongrel stock, dirty nests, stolen nests of broody hens, unconfined males, late maturing pullets, and other undesirable conditions, is it any wonder that the products include such a high percentage of small, cracked, dirty, stale, heated and even rotten eggs?

Occasionally the accumulation of all these kinds of eggs are taken to the country store and exchanged for merchandise. The merchant usually buy these eggs case count, paying the same price for all kinds and sizes, provided they are eggs with an unbroken shell. Small production results in small or infrequent shipments.
Many of these losses can be prevented by:
Selecting pure breeds that lay more and larger eggs, such as the White Leghorns, Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Orpington, etc.
Giving better care, food and shelter, with dry clean, vermin proof nests.
Confining males except in breeding season.
Collecting eggs frequently, especially in hot or muggy weather. Storing eggs in a dry cool place. Using small and dirty eggs at home. Marketing frequently with protection at all times from heat.
Selling for cash on a basis of size and quality "loss off" instead of "case count."

Combining shipments as a matter of economy.
The suggestion properly carried out by the farmers of Runnels County will mean \$3.00 per case or \$1200.00 per car, can't you see what we are losing? Figure for yourself, Runnels has shipped about 20 cars of eggs since January the first. \$1200.00 per car that means \$24,000.00 for Runnels can you afford such recklessness? If so you are dandies.
Very truly yours,
Agent
GEO. P. McLELLAND,

Are You Rheumatic?—try Sloan's
If you want quick and real relief from Rheumatism, do what so many thousand other people are doing—whenever an attack comes on, bathe the sore muscle or joint with Sloan's Liniment. No need to rub it in—just apply the Liniment to the surface. It is wonderfully penetrating. It goes right to the seat of trouble and draws the pain almost immediately. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c of any druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.

**TOM PADGETT LOCATES
AT COLEMAN**

J. Tom Padgett has purchased of William Broad, the residence property situated at the corner of Third street and South Commercial avenue.
The contract of sale was made Thursday and possession will be given as soon as the title is approved and transfer of deed made. The property has a frontage on Commercial avenue of 125 feet and extends 165 feet on Third street. The consideration was \$2,500.
Mr. and Mrs. Padgett will modernize the house for their own occupation and will become permanent residents of Coleman, which fact is to the delight of their many Coleman friends.—Coleman Voice.
Mr. Padgett is owner of the famous Day ranch near Leaday. He figured on locating at Ballinger, and we regret to know that he did not do so. Coleman was selected on account of being much nearer to his ranch.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. Herbine purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels and restores the rosy bloom of health to the cheek. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**DYSPEPSIA OVERCOME
Tone Up the Stomach with Hood's Sarsaparilla.**

When you have dyspepsia your life is miserable. You have a bad taste in your mouth, a tenderness at the pit of your stomach, a feeling of puffy fullness, headache, heartburn, and sometimes nausea.
Dyspepsia is difficult digestion—that is what the word means—and the only way to get rid of it is to give vigor and tone to the stomach and the whole digestive system. Hood's Sarsaparilla, sold by all druggists, is the one medicine which acts on the stomach through the blood and also directly. Its beneficial effects are felt at once. Improvement begins immediately.
Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, makes the rich red blood that is needed for perfect digestion, and builds up the whole system. Be sure to get Hood's, for no other medicine can take its place.

**NORMAL BILL MAY BE
SUBMITTED AGAIN**

A letter from Representative Griggs to the writer says:
"I think we will get the appropriations bill out of the way within the next ten days, after which I hope to see the Congressional Re-districting bill and the normal bill submitted. I believe these two measures, together with the revision of our general road laws, a bill to provide for a state board of equalization, and the consideration of the Gibson bill will constitute our month's work."
It will be remembered that the bill passed by the regular session of the legislature, providing for the creation of three state normal schools within the next three years, became imperative on account of the supreme court declining to appoint a locating committee. The bill provided that the supreme court appoint such a committee, but the court refused to act in the matter.
The people residing within the districts where the proposed schools are to be established are anxious to see the special session remove the trouble by providing a committee to select the sites for the school, and if Gov. Ferguson submits the matter it will no doubt pass in short order.

How Mrs. Harrod Got Rid of Her Stomach Trouble.
"I suffered with stomach trouble for years and tried everything I heard of, but the only relief I got was temporary until last spring I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them at our drug store. I got immediate relief from that dreadful heaviness after eating from pain in the stomach," writes Mrs. Linda Harrod, Fort Wayne, Ind. Obtainable everywhere.

UNION SCHOOL PICNIC.
Prof Emmett Cookrell, who teaches the Walthall school, spent a few hours in the city Saturday and says his school will close next Friday, May 7th and he requests us to announce a union school picnic on that day and date to be held near Pony store on the G. W. Wilson place and the Walthall and Pony schools will be represented. A cordial invitation to friends and patrons to attend.

**To Drive Out Malaria
And Build Up The System**
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McWilliams of the Valley creek country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from Mineral Wells where they had been for the benefit of her health the past few weeks.

**THE
FARMERS & MERCHANTS
STATE BANK**
FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK
**THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU
DO THINGS**

**TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
BADLY NEEDED NOW**

J. Y. Pearce has seconded The Ledger's suggestion that steps be taken at once to prevent what is sure to happen if some organized move is not made against reckless driving of autos on the principal business streets of Ballinger.
Mr. Pearce stated that three lives had to be sacrificed at San Angelo before that city got busy and passed traffic ordinances, and appointed officers to see that they were rigidly enforced. An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure, is an old rule that should be applied in this case.

It is only a matter of educating the people, and this could be accomplished in a short while. When the people who drive autos and all kinds of vehicles learn that they must drive on the right hand side of the street and are given a few lessons on how to turn the corners and then a few fines imposed if they do not comply with the rules the danger will be greatly lessened.

Its a move that every auto owner should be interested in, and Mr. Pearce suggest that the auto owners get together and take steps to bring about the elimination of the danger to lives. It will be too late after some good man, woman or child has been crushed to death by reckless driving close cutting of the corners when making turns. It would be much better to impose a few fines and teach the lessons of careful and orderly driving than it would to break up some happy home by an accident.

Best Thing for a Bilious Attack
"On account of my confinement in the printing office I have for years been a chronic sufferer from indigestion and liver trouble. A few weeks ago I had an attack that was so severe that I was not able to go to the case for two days. Failing to get any relief from any other treatment, I took three of Chamberlain's Tablets and the next day I felt like a new man," writes H. C. Bailey, Editor Carolina News, Chaplin, S. C. Obtainable everywhere.

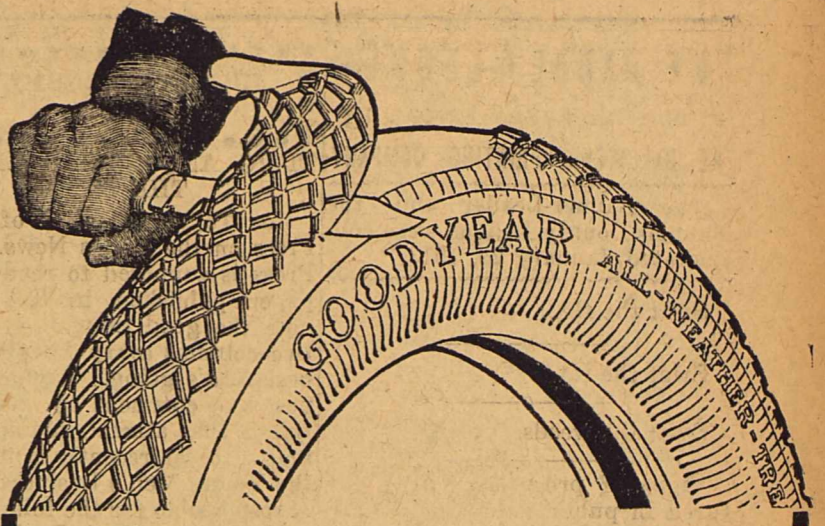
**BEEES OBSERVE
UNION HOURS**

In the May Woman's Companion a contributor, writing about farm life, records the following observations after carefully watching bees at their work:
"I was much interested in watching the bees. It seemed much more appropriate to be watching the bees than to be working and sweating with the tree planting. The bees were hard at work certainly, but their example did not impress me. Watching them closely I learned that they were not so hardworked after all; for at best they kept only an eight hour day, like the labor unions."

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

**ANIMALS TRAINED
BY KINDNESS ONLY**

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside appears the following advice as to the training of animals:
"You never can train a colt, a calf, or any animal, wild or tame, unless you gain its entire confidence and affection. To do this you must never deceive it, and even for fun, and always protect it and show that you love it."
"The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," and the road to the affection of an animal is by way of its taste.
"An apple, a bite of tender grass, or some tasty bit will soon make friends with it, and kind words and petting will make it a loving and obedient friend."
GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty.
E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.
12-1mon d&w.



**Suppose We
Pared These Tires**

Suppose this All-Weather tread—now double-thick—was pared to the thinness of the usual anti-skid. Would it endure like this one? Or so resist puncture?
Suppose we used—as some do—one less fabric ply. Or made the whole tire lighter. Suppose we omitted our exclusive features:
**Our No-Rim-Cut feature—
Our "On-Air" cure—
Our rubber rivets—
Our 126-piano-wire base.**
All rivals do omit them. All of these are costly. Our "On-Air" cure alone costs us \$450,000 yearly to save needless blowouts. But could Goodyear Fortified Tires retain top place if we did not give those extras?
**Cost Added
Prices
Lowered**
Instead of that, we all the time add costly better-

We spend on experts \$100,000 yearly to seek out new improvements.
Our All-Weather tread—always double-thick—is made still thicker in some sizes.
Our Inner Tubes have been thickened 14 per cent on the average.
Our fabric has been strengthened.
Yet on February 1st we made our third big price reduction in two years, bringing the total to 45 per cent. Now you are getting in Goodyear Fortified Tires the best value ever known in tire making.
It is due to yourself that you this year join this army of contented tire users. It is by far the largest army in Tiredom. Any dealer will supply you. (2331)



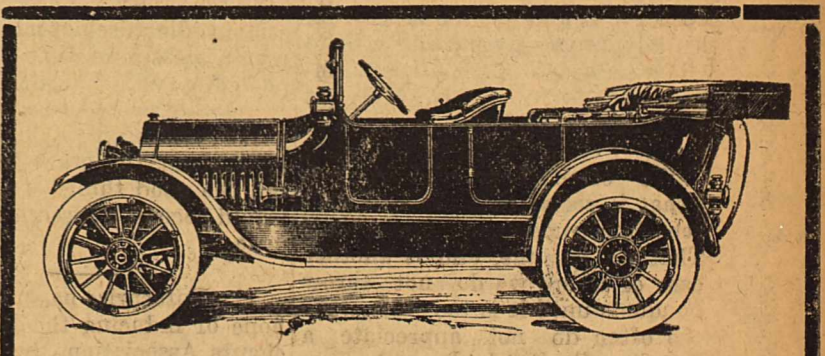
Goodyear Service Stations--Tires in Stock
S. L. Henderson Leach Auto Works
Nearby Towns
A. L. Bean, Winters.

**HICKMAN EXAMINING
TRIAL SET THURSDAY** **NEGRO CAUGHT HERE
WANTED IN S. TEXAS**

Bob Hickman who shot and killed T. A. Griffith at Bronte last week, is being held in jail at Robert Lee pending examining trial to be held next Thursday.
Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, has been employed to defend Hickman. Judge Harris was in Ballinger Monday, coming over to attend county court. He stated that he did not think there would be any trouble in securing bond for Hickman.
The killing is supposed to have resulted from trouble between Griffith and the Hickman family, Griffith having killed Will Hickman a couple of months ago.
The examining trial will be held at Robert Lee.

Sheriff Perkins received a telegram Sunday to arrest a negro, supposed to be in this county, by the name of Walter Jones. Mr. Perkins got busy and located the negro in the Miles country, and he is now in the Ballinger jail.
The negro is wanted for some crime in San Jacinto county. The San Jacinto officers were notified of the arrest, and wired the local sheriff to hold the negro that they would come for him at once. The negro has been here for some time, and has been working on Blumtritt farm south of Ballinger.

**CLAUDE STONE LOCATED
FOR KEEPS**
Claude Stone has accepted a position with the Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., store again, and entered upon his duties last Saturday. Claude is no stranger in this store, having served the best part of the last three or four years in the employ of the firm. He says he is in for keeps now.



FREE Five Passenger FORD FREE
MANY OTHER PREMIUMS

You can't lose when you trade at Elder and Son's and you may become the owner of this car. Drop in and let us show you. We can show you better than we can tell you. It will be easy money for some one. It may be you. Get the particulars from us and talk to the Harwell Motor Co.

E. F. Elder & Son

THE BANNER-LEDGER

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

The Banner-Leader and the Rannels County Ledger were consolidated January 28, 1913.

Swat the fly.

Swat the rat.

Swat the weeds.

Signs of prosperity are pictured in public improvements.

Clean up your own premises and don't worry about the other fellow's.

May be the rain god will now take a vacation and the farmer will go on the job.

Some people handle time like they do their money; they spend it foolishly.

The legislature will find something to talk about for thirty days, while the people work.

Rannels County seems to be the greenest spot on the map, and it all counts for prosperity.

Every community must pass through sieges of sorrow; it has been thus every since the fall of man.

The egg dealers are trying to get the poultry growers to understand that there are different grades of eggs. Its just as cheap to produce the best grade.

Ballinger is not posing as a protector of the negro, but this town does not want the reputation of being the home of Judge Lynch.

Some people can't stand prosperity. When they get a few dollars ahead they quit work until want overtakes them. Its the busy man that makes the world a suitable place to spend a few years.

"Abilene needs a filtration plant," says the Abilene Reporter. Getting ready to put up a fight for the normal that will be located in Ballinger. Water is a mighty good thing to have, and pure filtered water is the best. Ballinger has that kind and in an inexhaustible supply.

Since it only requires a majority vote to carry in the coming bond issue election and as it will not increase the tax rate, it is probable that there will not be a vote east against the measure. What object would a man have in voting against the issue?

County court convened Monday at one o'clock, but as usual there was little to do. If court records are an index to a county's morality Rannels County can compare favorably with the best of them, and take first place when population is considered. The citizens stand for law and order as well as for health and happiness.

Prospects were never more promising for a great crop than at present. But the farmer holds the situation in his hands. The father of the universe has done his part towards furnishing the moisture and it is now up to the farmer to conserve it and get the most from his advantages by putting a little elbow grease and scientific farming methods into action. He's got to fight the weeds too.

We often hear the remark "that it seems that the best citizens in a community die first." That's a mistake, and is another case of where we do not throw bouquets until it is too late. We too often do not appreciate a friend until after he has gone.

DON'T BE A PESSIMIST.

A pessimist is a queer fellow. He couldn't be much else, because he is a pessimist. He borrows your horse and then kicks at his gait. He begs a cigar and complains of the quality. He profits from the prosperity of his town and then gives it a kick. He listens to a five dollar sermon and then drops a nickel on the collection plate. In the height of prosperity he sees nothing but gloom ahead. He glows over his own virtues and rails at the frailties of his neighbors. He was born with a grouch, lives the life of a grouch, dies the death of a grouch and turns hell into a realm of grouch.

JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

CIVIC AND SOCIAL LIFE IS THE BEST.

Joe Taylor is editor of State Press on the Dallas News. State Press is supposed to read all the papers published in Texas and note the good things and fill his two columns every day with the best that's going. Taylor is supposed to comment on the good things that attracts his attention, and a folder recently sent out by the Young Men's Business League is responsible for the following: The Young Men's Business League of Ballinger has issued a handsome folder which shows some Ballinger and Rannels County scenes quite well calculated to attract favorable attention. Edward Spill, secretary, has the thanks of State Press for a copy of the art work, and S. P. indorses the pictures as true to life. In many respects, Ballinger is a most admirable little city, and its civic and social life is of the best.

THE FILTHY SPITTERS.

The recent anti-spitting ordinance passed by the Brownwood City Council provokes the following instructive comment from the Temple Telegram:

"Brownwood will prohibit spitting on the sidewalks. For the benefit of those who must spit, we call attention to the fact that it is not unlawful to spit into the gutter."

Of all the filthy habits that man is heir too, the spitting habit leads. Aside from being a filthy habit it is one that is responsible for the spread of deadly disease. In many cities laws have tried to regulate the nuisance.

out after their own interests they will wake up and find themselves in the middle of a bad fix. The same is true of every line. It is unfortunate for the citizenship of a community when that citizenship can't see any good in any move started by the merchants. The local merchants keep up the town, and sustain a market for the things that are produced. When goods are ordered from the mail order houses the local market suffers as a selling place just as much as a buying place, and it most vitally effects every one interested in the community and that means every one living in the community. Only five per cent of the merchants succeed in life, the others only making a hand-to-mouth living, and the idea that they are robbing the public on what they sell is a false one. If you haven't got sense enough to keep the local merchant from robbing you how are you going to keep the mail order man from "skinning" you; have you more confidence in the man you never saw, and never will see than you have in your neighbor you see every day?

TRESSPASS NOTICE

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

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

Mr. Farmer Did the Hail Hit Your

Small Grain Crop. If So Who Was The Loser?

We can write you hail insurance on your OATS or WHEAT or any kind of small grain. We represent some of the strongest companies of the United States.

See Us For Your Crop Insurance

BALLINGER INSURANCE AGENCY

T. J. GARDNER, Manager

Office With Bennett Abstract Company

Every man should look before he spits, and if he can't find a cuspidor use his pocket, and not impose his filthiness upon others.

Neighborhood gossip is very detrimental to community co-operation. Foot and mouth disease is not always confined to animals. It is regrettable that there are those who use their feet and their tongues to disturb the harmony of the community. The best way to prevent such persons from disturbing the neighbors by their "talk" is to ignore them and refuse to listen to idle gossip about one's neighbors. We remember an instance when a bushel of corn was assessed against any one in the neighborhood who repeated the gossip of a certain idle mischief-maker. As a result, gossip in that neighborhood stopped.—Farm & Ranch.

In other words, if we would quit repeating the evil things we hear about the other fellow, and tell the good things we hear, hell would become a foreign country at once.

The Enterprise has not given up hope of inducing the Retail Merchants Association, the Cleburne Commercial Club, or some other organization to take up the matter of organizing for the purpose of educating the people against patronizing mail order houses. These great business concerns are sapping the vitality of every hamlet and town in the United States by their thorough organization, their large buying power, and their systematic advertising. Something will have to be done to check the steady stream of cash leaving the smaller towns for the great cities, if the smaller towns hope to even hold their present position. No town or individual can long prosper if the income is exceeded by the cash going out.—Cleburne Enterprise.

Some merchants decline to take stock in such a campaign for fear that they will be accused of working with a selfish motive. What of it? If the merchants don't look

ALVARADO MAN RESTORED BY WONDERFUL REMEDY

Gets Appetite and Comfort Back After Taking First Dose.

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

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

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

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.

Price Maddox of Hatchel, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from Marynecal where he had been with a bunch of cattle to put on pasture in that section.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Indistinct Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Blue wrapper. Take no other. Size of your Druggist. Ask for Chichester's Pills in Red and Blue wrapper. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

HOW MANY MILES OF ROADS HAVE WE GOT?

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The United States Department of Agriculture is now gathering information which, when complete, should not only give the total mileage of public roads in the United States and their cost, but should serve as a basis for estimating the relative value of the different kinds of highways. Some 15,000 sets of inquiry blanks have already been distributed through the State Highway Commissions,

proximately .80 miles, which, in view of the fact that much of the country is sparsely settled, seems unduly high. An explanation, however, is to be found in the fact that in many states the law provides that each section line shall be a public road. Thus, for example, there are in the State of Iowa alone more than 104,000 miles of legal highways, manifestly a much larger mileage than is required by traffic.

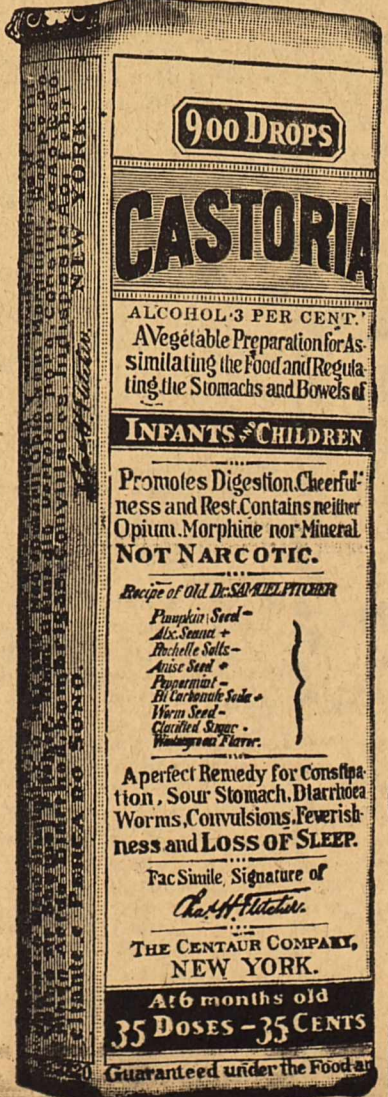
When the information in regard to the existing roads which the Department is now seeking is complete, it is the intention to continue the inquiry year after year in order to ascertain the durability and economy of the

THE YOUNG MAN'S OPPORTUNITY.

There is a greater demand today than ever before for the young man who thoroughly understands the cotton business. Such as: Classing, stapling, averaging, buying, selling, shipping, exporting, keeping of Munger's Gin Records, merchant's cotton record, warehouse record, cotton office stock books and other blanks necessary to the business. Bonded warehouses alone require hundreds of young men, last year the managers were compelled to use untried help. The representatives of the largest cotton concerns as well as the merchants and warehouse managers have highly indorsed our course of instruction. They say we are meeting a long felt want. We have two expert cotton men in charge of this department, they thoroughly understand it from practical experience in every detail of the business. They are also expert instructors. The cost of the above course complete is \$20.00 for tuition and \$2.00 for books and material. Time for completing is from four to six weeks owing to the ability of the student. No student will be permitted to receive a certificate from this department until he is thoroughly qualified. Students may enroll at any time as there is such a demand for work of this kind we have sufficient number of students enrolled to keep a class going continually. For further particulars fill in the following blank, tear out and mail today, to Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name Address Are you interested in the cotton business

Henry Martin of the Leaday country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Paint Rock on a business trip.



CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

Use For Over Thirty Years

CASTORIA

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

After you have bought the machine to do the cutting and binding still there is another element that comes in for successful harvesting and that is you must have good

BINDER TWINE

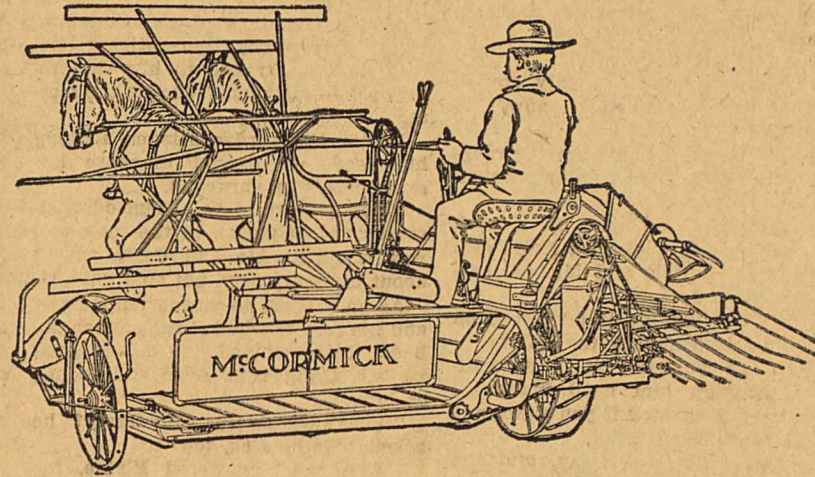
it is very poor economy to buy a cheap twine to put on a good binder. We have both

McCormick and Deering Twine and when you use these on either a McCormick or Deering Binder your harvesting problem is practically solved. Let us have your order now.

McCormick Deering

The Prospect Was Never Better at This Time of Year For a Good Grain Crop, Than At The Present Time

It seems now that the grain is practically made and since it is made the next consideration is to HARVEST in good condition, and when you begin to think of harvesting a small grain crop the first thing that comes to your mind is McCormick and Deering



ING as these names naturally come to your mind when you think of harvesting machinery. These two binders have been on the market so long and are so favorably known that it is almost useless for us to call attention to the merits of them.

When you drive into your field with one of these machines you can rest assured that it will do the work in proper shape. And also if you should have some accident and get some part broken you will not be compelled to send to the factory for the new part as we carry a very large stock of repairs on hand and can supply every want.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

CONCHO-COLORADO

I. O. O. F. MEETS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who met at Miles, Wednesday, April 28th, celebrated one of the grandest occasions the Concho-COLORADO I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs Association has ever known.

The association met at the Opera House at 3:30 o'clock; J. S. Mills of Miles acting as master of ceremonies. The welcome address to the city was delivered by Hon. H. L. Voss, mayor. Also a welcome address by D. H. Palmer to Odd Fellows and Rebekahs telling them they were thrice welcome to enjoy the beauties, joys and hospitalities of their little city to the fullest.

Response by J. H. Price of Ballinger and B. L. Birt of San Angelo for the visiting Odd Fellows. Welcome Rebekahs was delivered by Mrs. J. S. Mills of Miles.

The reading by Miss Byrd Cummins was especially good and brought out the many beautiful features of Odd Fellowship. Miss Cummins can feel congratulated on such a composition of true and beautiful facts concerning such a noble order.

All enjoyed thoroughly the address by W. L. Hayley of Bronte, president of the association, after which came the sumptuous supper

spread for more than three hundred guests. After enjoying a feast fit for the King, a desert of ice and cake was served. Special music was had for the occasion.

Members were present from Runnels, Concho, Tom Green, Sterling Schleicher and Irion counties.

After supper the association went into a business session. Minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected: O. L. Parish of Ballinger, president; S. C. Autry of San Angelo, first vice-president; Mrs. J. S. Mills of Miles, second vice-president; Will Miller of Eola, third vice-president; Will C. McCarver, of Ballinger, secretary; McCollom of Paint Rock, treasurer.

At the close of the election of officers for the ensuing year the Rebekahs repaired to the I. O. O. F. Hall where San Angelo Rebekahs conferred the degree. The work put on by this team was beautiful in every detail. The Odd Fellows remained at the Opera House where the San Angelo team conferred the first degree.

The contestants for the prizes were won by B. L. Birt of San Angelo, he having put on the best work in the Past Grand charge in the initiatory work.

R. G. Ray of Ballinger, Noble Grand's charge for second degree. Beautiful collars were award

ed as prizes. The meeting adjourned amid much enthusiasm and all were delighted that 1916 would find them in the "Queen City of the Conchos."

Those attending from Ballinger were: Mr. and Mrs. Will C. McCarver; Mesdames Joe Hadden and J. H. Heath; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wendorf; Mat McClary, J. H. Price and R. G. Ray.

Health Promotes Happiness.

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

WINTERS CHILD DIED HERE.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Speer, of Winters, died at the local sanitarium Friday night. The child was brought here for an operation for appendicitis, but the case had advanced too far, and the operation could not save the life.

The remains were carried to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman, where they were prepared for burial and held until Saturday afternoon when they were shipped to Winters and laid to rest.

The heart broken parents have the sympathy of their many friends in this county.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

We are glad to report Calvin Allison considerable better Saturday from a severe spell of locked bowels. He was taken suddenly ill at his home Thursday night and was brought into Ballinger and is now at the home of his

Arthur Hubbard came in from Lampasas Monday at noon to visit his sister, Mrs. Ed Eubanks and family of South Ballinger.

APRIL REPORT SHOWS MUCH PROGRESS

TO THE MEMBERS:

The following report of the activities of the Young Men's Business League for the past month is respectfully handed you for your careful consideration.

The matter of a trade excursion has been considered and elaborate plans for such a "trade-getter" have been discussed by the directors during the past month. As yet no dates have been set but many merchants are anxious to "get off" either the latter part of this month or the first of June. We earnestly request that the members begin boosting a trade excursion, talk the matter over with their employers and their employes, plan advertising matter to be distributed on a three-day trip, and make all arrangements to be one of the number of the Ballinger boosters and trade getters.

Negotiations are under way to interest a Haskell broom manufacturer to locate at Ballinger.

On account of the fact that the bill establishing three normal schools in Texas one of which would be located in Central West Texas, has been declared inoperative, the League is unable to continue with the work incident to making a vigorous attempt to locate one of the schools at Ballinger. An effort will be made to interest Governor Ferguson in bringing up this matter at the special session and an amendment to the bill perfected through action of the legislature. As soon as this is done the members will be urged to boost the normal for Ballinger and do all in their power in aiding the various committees which have been named by the board of directors.

One director's meeting has been held during the past month. Membership collections for the past month amounted to \$187.80.

Numerous smaller items coming up from day to day were handled successfully.

Much advertising matter is being distributed over the state at the present time. New folders recently printed enable the league to gratify the wishes of many non residents of Ballinger, who are anxious to read descriptive mat-

ter pertaining to the city and the county. Still particular attention is being given to the publicity end of the work.

Your attention is again called to the fact that The Young Men's Business League is your organization. No one or two men can do everything. Only by the co-operated effort of the membership can the best interests of Ballinger be served correctly. The united co-operation of each and every member is absolutely essential to the life of the League and its good work for Ballinger. Every person in Ballinger, whether a member of the League or not, is urged to put his "shoulder to the wheel" and make things "hum."

It's up to the members to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity which has been thrust in their faces, to make Ballinger what it should be.

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

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

SPLENDID RESULTS WITH ENSILAGE

Ed Schuhmann of the Miles country, on the Concho, was here Sunday and says he got fine results from feeding 5000 sheep the past season and made good money. He has a 340 acre farm and is having Charlie Eisenhuth put up three large concrete silos on his place and will feed extensively the next season and says it pays big money to feed ensilage.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprains, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Forbus, of the Norton country, worshipped at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church in our city Sunday and made the trip in their five-passenger Ford.

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst."

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-6

Tomato Plants

McGee and Dwarf Champion 50 cents per hundred. \$3.50 per thousand delivered.

A. M. DAVIS
BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

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IN
THE WEEKLY BANNER-LEDGER
One cent per word first insertion.
Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.
Black face type double regular rate.
Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.
Call Telephone No. 27.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Jersey cow with 2nd calf. See J. Harold Tucker, at First National Bank or J. H. Tucker, Hatchel. d&wt
FOR SALE—Three milch cows. Apply to J. K. Hutton, Ballinger. 42td1tw
COW FOR SALE—Fresh in milk. Ring 321. 1-wtf
FOR SALE—Toulouse Goose Eggs \$1.00 per dozen. Mrs. J. T. Russell. Phone, rural 3504.

WANTED

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

Mrs. Nixon of Anson, who had been the guest of Mrs. J. D. Norwood and family, left Wednesday afternoon for Santa Anna to visit her niece, Mrs. Frank Miles.

PAINT?

There are two good reasons for painting often-enough or even too often. One, to look prosperous; two, to be so. Nothing does one more credit or gives one more credit than paint, supplemented of course by what goes with it; and paint costs nothing.

True, the first cost is \$5 or \$6 a gallon put-on; but it saves more than that in the property; saves it from slow going down—not always slow—it drops with a jump when water gets in on wood and iron.

Dry wood and iron cost nothing, kept dry by paint. Better paint when it needs it. Paint never goes-down in the sense of being more profitable next year.

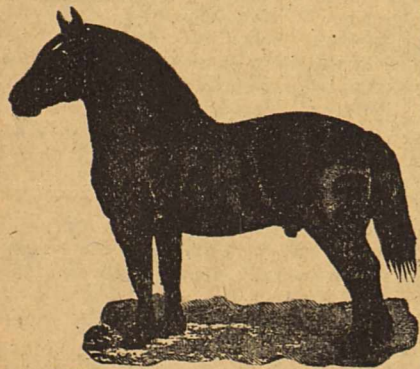
BALLINGER LUMBER CO sell it. Mr. Dorsett, the phone man and W. K. Lilly of Norton were among the visitors in Ballinger.

H. Giesecke and little Master Herman Jr., left Wednesday afternoon for San Antonio where they go to visit Mr. Giesecke's mother.

Miss Gladys Crockett of Mullin, who had been visiting her uncles, J. J. and D. S. Crockett in our county, the past week or two, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

T. C. Corder of the Valley Creek country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route home from San Angelo, where he had been as a juror in the Federal Court.

S. R. Richardson of the Bethel neighborhood, was marketing cream and supplying in Ballinger Wednesday.



WALTER—Percheron Stallion, 4 years old, weight 1600 pounds, will make the season at my barn on Lon Mapes place. \$10 insure colt, prepared to take care of mares. C. A. WEDDLE.

Bear This in Mind

The Season to get Your Vapor Baths is now on. Price \$1.25.

W. M. CARTER
Chiropodist

Corns, Bunions and Ingrowing Nails.
City Barber Shop

BALLINGER EXCHANGE BEST IN EXISTENCE

After returning to his home at Dallas, P. N. Baker, general commercial superintendent of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co., who was a member of the Dallas trade excursion that recently visited the towns in this section of the state, addressed a letter to F. W. Greber, general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., at Brownwood, as follows:

"I desire to extend to you my thanks for the courtesies shown me on my recent visit to your territory with the Dallas Chamber of Commerce Fifteenth Annual Trade Excursion.

"I visited a number of your exchanges and was very much impressed with the splendid way in which you seem to be handling the business in the territory in which your company is operating. Particular was I impressed with your Ballinger exchange. I have visited many exchanges not only in Texas but in other sections of the country and I can most heartily state that I do not know that I ever saw a more up-to-date exchange in a town the size of Ballinger than that. Your equipment seemed to be of the best and your office arrangement seemed to be ideal. You also seem to have cared most splendidly for the comfort of your employees and the people of Ballinger, in my opinion, should be very proud of what your company has done for their community.

"With kindest personal regards and again expressing my thanks for courtesies extended me, I am

"Very truly yours,
"P. N. Baker."

USE "TIZ" FOR SORE TIRE, ACHING FEET

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

"TIZ" makes my feet smaller."



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

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

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

R. L. Bates of the Tokeen country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route home from San Angelo where he had been as a juror in the Federal court.

Piano Bargain!! Quick Sale!!
To avoid expense of reshipping to Dallas we offer a fine bargain in a splendid used Upright Piano for a low price. Make terms to suit buyer. Write quickly. Will A. Watkin Company, Texas' Leading Piano House, Dallas, Texas. d3tw1t

L. M. Bales of the Hatchel country, and G. E. Crim of the Valley Creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson of Winters, who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Whit Patterson the past few days, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

E. L. Rasbury returned home Wednesday at noon from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Chance of a Life Time To Get This Famous \$**2.50** ^{SAVE} Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet

Beginning tomorrow, for one week only, The Hoosier Manufacturing Company permits us to sell the "WHITE BEAUTY" at \$2.50 less than the low cash price established by the Hoosier Company. Regular Hoosier prices are remarkably low. This reduction means an unheard of
"White Beauty"
delivered for **\$1.00**

Then \$1 weekly soon pays the balance. Your money back if you're not delighted with it. No extra fees. No interest. Just the cash price less \$2.50.

Saves Miles of Steps for Your Tired Feet

You now must carry things from your cupboard and pantry to your table and back again at every meal. This means miles of steps. The Hoosier saves all these because it combines everything at your fingers' ends. You can sit down in front of the Hoosier and do nearly all your work. You save energy by saving steps. You have more leisure.

Has 40 Labor-Saving Features—17 New

This "WHITE BEAUTY" gives you a real scientific kitchen. You can put 400 articles in this new Hoosier, every one at your fingers' ends.

The cabinet includes the patented shaker flour sifter—only sifter made that shakes flour through instead of grinding it. It also has a complete accounting system; a cookbook holder that keeps your book always open in front of your eye; Mrs. Christine Frederick's Food Guide that answers the question, "What shall I have for dinner?" The new all-metal bread and cake box has double capacity, due to improved arrangement, and the work table is of pure aluminum.

Take Five Minutes to Decide Now

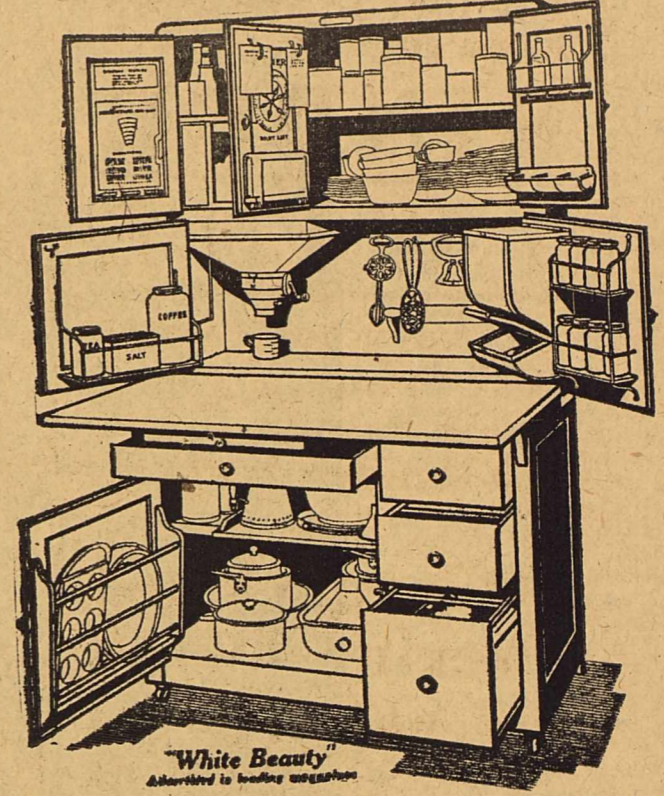
Come in tomorrow early—examine these new Hoosiers carefully—then decide whether you want to buy now while you can save \$2.50, or later when you cannot buy below the regular set prices; decide whether you can afford to waste the energy you now spend in walking in your kitchen, when a single dollar will bring you the Hoosier tomorrow.

Remember—that after this sale the "WHITE BEAUTY" goes back to the regular price.

T. S. LANKFORD'S FURNITURE STORE

TO THE PUBLIC: We authorize this sale, limited to "White Beauty" Hoosier cabinets, at \$2.50 less than the fixed cash price of these cabinets, this week only. THE HOOSIER MFG. CO., New Castle, Ind.

bargain. 800,000 Hoosier Cabinets have been sold. "WHITE BEAUTY" is the finest Hoosier made. To double the sale of this one cabinet quickly, the Hoosier Company authorizes this sale in 1000 picked towns. This is truly the chance of a lifetime for a few women only. Our allotment is limited.



"White Beauty" Advertised in leading magazine.

MID-WEEK SERVICES ARE TO BE GOOD

The rain interfered with the revival at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church the first of the week, but so far every service as announced has been held. The attendance on Wednesday night was the best for the week, the main auditorium of the church being well filled with people, practically all of whom, however, were Christian people.

Rev. Rives, in a most sincere and impressive way, preached to the congregation and pointed out the way in which people must live in order that sin might have dominion over them. Rev. Rives holds the rapt attention of his hearers, and his sermons are inspiring to the man or woman who wants to live the better life.

The song services grow in interest. Several new faces were in the choir last night and Mr. Allen the director of the music again pleased the audience with a solo. Services were announced for the entire week for ten o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock at night, except on Saturday morning when there will be no service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Willsap, of Hamby, have been in our city at the sanitarium with their son who was recently operated upon, and Mrs. Willsap left for her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sam Frazier, of San Angelo, came in Wednesday afternoon to join her husband and will make Ballinger their future home. Mr. Frazier is now with the Laxon Restaurant in our city.

BOYS SHOULD LEARN TO SWIM.

Every boy should know how to swim. This should be made one of the rules of "Safety First." Many lives have been smothered out in a watery grave just because the boy or man did not know how to swim. Some place should be provided near Ballinger and a competent instructor placed in charge and lessons in swimming given to the young boys, and even to the men who can not swim. Aside from the advantages to be gained in protecting life it affords an accomplishment that is a source of great pleasure at times. There is no physical exercise that equals it. It develops every muscle in the body as well as the vital organs of man's make up.

We believe that the parents of Ballinger could spend no better money for their children than a reasonable fee to support a swimming class. If a competent man would arrange a place in the Colorado river near Ballinger and come before the parents and solicit pupils for his class he would no doubt receive support sufficient to make such an undertaking a success.

It is claimed that the average boy can learn to swim in a few minutes, and with three or four lessons of twenty to thirty minutes each he can become a proficient swimmer. The cost would be small and might save the life of your boy some day.

The only boy that learns to swim today is the one that slips away from home and goes in swimming without the knowledge of his parents. Many boys are learning to swim, and are taking great chances without the aid of those who can swim, when if their

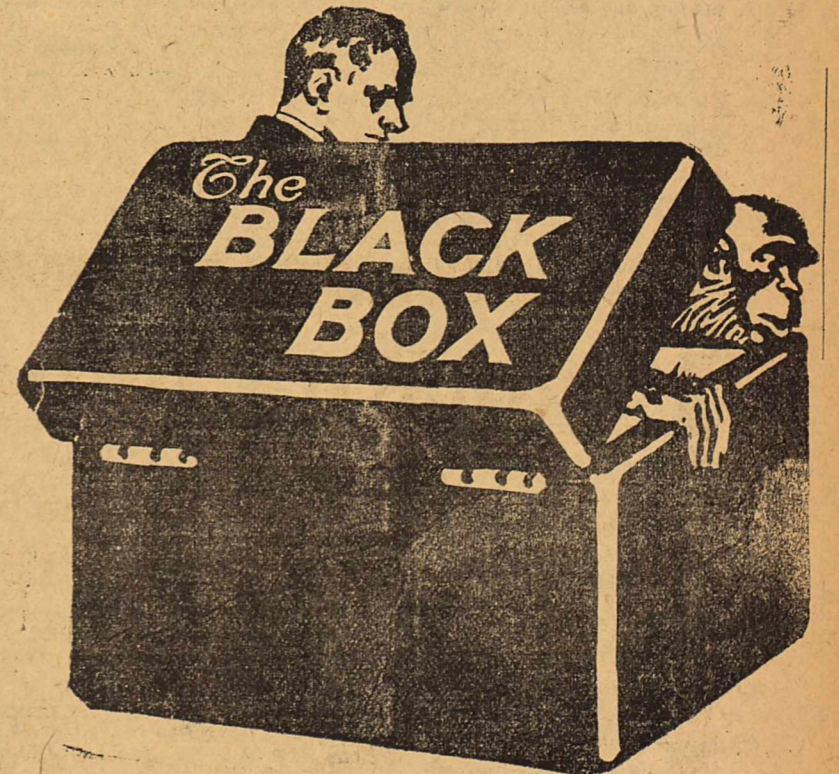
mothers knew where they were the mother would be thrown alive for him harmless amusement, or he will provide for himself amusement that is not harmless. raise a boy up in the way he

Can You Solve the Mystery of The Black Box?

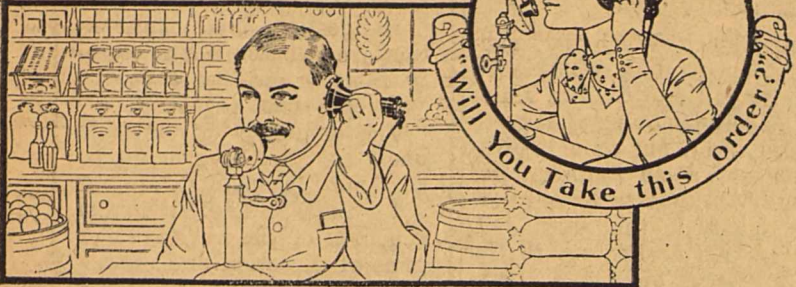
It is one of those powerful, gripping stories that keep you in breathless suspense between installments. The thrills that the author, E. Phillips Oppenheim, has woven through the tale are guaranteed to satisfy every lover of action in fiction.

Read the story in this paper, then follow it in the movies.

First Installment in a Few Days!



Telephone Trade



Picking Up the Loose Business.

Building up a business is largely a matter of picking up the loose trade.

Every business man has a certain amount of trade that is assured. He hopes to build up his business, however, by serving the occasional customer well, and adding him to his permanent list.

The telephone furnishes one of the easiest and surest means of getting and holding the occasional customer.

The WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE subscribers in your vicinity represent an enormous buying power, and you should make it convenient for them to deal with you by having adequate telephone facilities in your place of business.

This is only one of the almost countless uses of the telephone.

West Texas Telephone Company

H. W. Day, "The System Reliable." Local Manager

M. D. Chastain Grain Company

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

Just What You've Been Looking For.

Farmers here is your chance to get bargaining in lumber. We have torn down old sheds recently purchased by us, and will sell all roofing and dimension stuff at bottom prices. If you want cheap lumber—Come quick.

BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

"We Sell De Voe Paint"

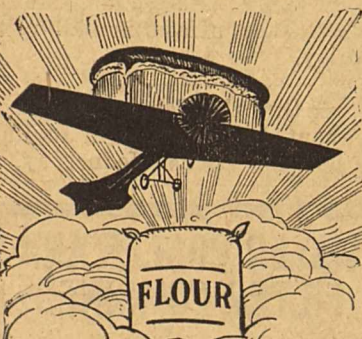
THE CATTLE FROM WHICH OUR BEEF COMES



are carefully and scientifically bred and fed. They don't have to range hundreds of miles for a living, so their flesh never gets hard, tough and flavorless. A taste of our beef is the test we ask. We know you'll like it, because no one could help doing so.

CITY MEAT MARKET

NOT HEAVIER BUT LIGHTER THAN AIR

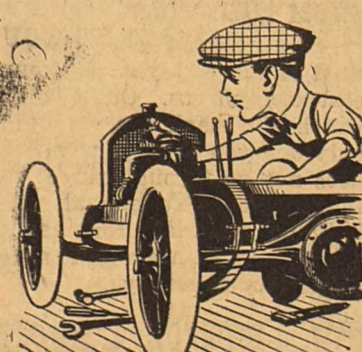


is bread made with our flour. You'll fly high in the realms of good baking if you include our flour in the materials used. Eventually you will use it. So why not now? The sooner you do, the quicker the better baking will begin.

Missouri Milling Co.

HAIL INSURANCE on grain

A Better Contract, Good Service,
Prompt Settlement
E. SHEPPERD & CO. Ballinger Texas



WE SAVE YOUR CAR FOR YOU

If you will bring your car to us from time to time, let us look it over and repair any little defects, it will increase the life of it many years. A repair made in time saves a big expense later. Our charges are moderate for the best service.

Leach Auto Works

BINDER TWINE SHORT-AGE THREATENED

On account of the Mexican war, which is responsible for disturbing the supply of raw material from the jute fields of South America, this country is threatened with a twine famine.

A local dealer stated that he hoped to get every ball of twine he had contracted for, but so far had only received one car and it has all been sold. A notice from the twine dealers some time ago stated that unless the material could be secured that a twine shortage was certain to follow. Uncle Sam sent war vessels to Vera Cruz and opened up the commerce of that port and started the material to moving, and it is hoped that this will relieve the situation. However, it is known that twine is moving slow and the harvest season is near at hand.

It is estimated that it will require twelve car loads of binder twine to supply the demand for Ballinger alone. Up to date only three car loads have been received here. Twine dealers are on the alert and are making every effort to get the twine they have contracted for, and those who have placed orders with responsible firms will get their twine if the manufacturers make it. The territory where the twine was not contracted sometime ago will no doubt suffer.

The average car of twine amounts to 40,000 pounds, or 8,000 balls. The crop in the Ballinger country is the best ever, and it is estimated that it will require 96,000 balls to take care of the crop in this immediate section. The local dealers are doing their best to supply this, and we believe that while other markets may run short, the fact that the Ballinger dealers bought early and contracted with responsible wholesalers will be to a great advantage of the grain growers.

The crop has been made and the man who delays in harvesting preparations will no doubt suffer an inconvenience and a great loss.

No Use to Try and Wear Out Your Cold It Will Wear You Out Instead.

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

RECEIVED FINE STOCK.

G. G. Odom received this week from eastern points, 900 fine sheep and eight thoroughbred Hereford bulls and had them taken out to his Coke county ranch Friday. The bulls were young stock and each one a beautiful, well marked animal.

CASTORIA

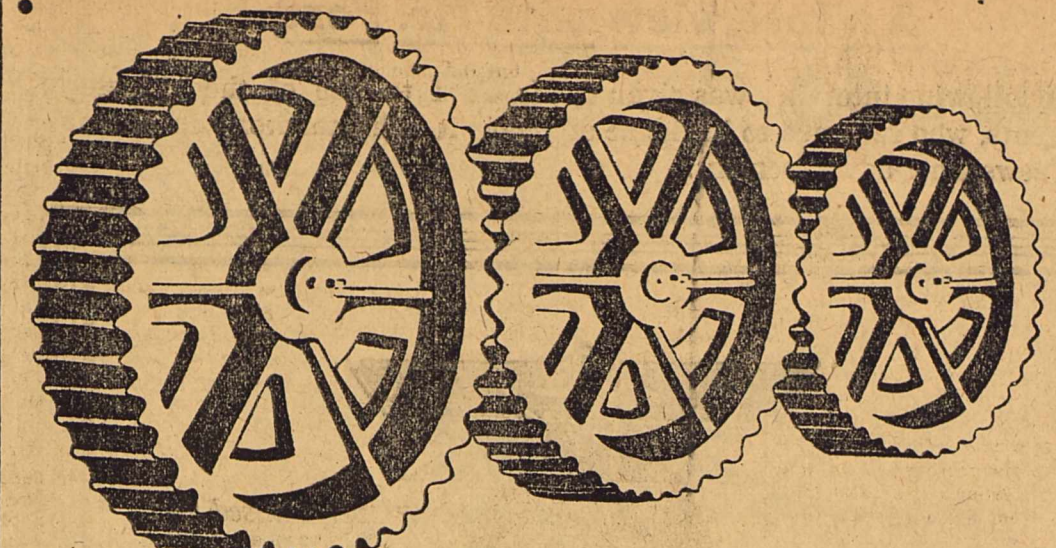
For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *W. S. Parke & Sons*

W. S. Davis of the Winters country, Joe Hoffman and B. J. Clayton of the Benoit country and W. O. Schultz of Eden, and S. A. Hargrove of Millersview, and H. F. Alexander, the Truitt merchant, were among the business visitors in Ballinger first Monday.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy for the stomach and bowel disorders of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

Fritz Voelkel of the Hatchel country, was in the city Monday having 65 bales of cotton graded and will put the same on the market later.

W. H. Seales of the Crews country, was in the city Monday to meet his wife who was en route home from a visit to relatives at Belton.



Without Trouble—For the First Time in Ten Years

This is what a brick manufacturer in Illinois said when he had used one barrel of Texaco Crater Compound for the heavy gearing of his brick-making machinery.

Before this we have had to buy new gears every spring because the difficult work imposed upon them caused them to wear out very rapidly.

I do not know just how much longer these will last, but we won't need any new ones this year, and that saving will pay a good many oil bills.

TEXACO QUALITY

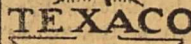
was responsible. Working under these difficult conditions, as it operates under any circumstances, performing service second to none, saving more in the wear and tear upon this heavy gearing than many times its cost.

Texaco Quality and Service will work out your problem just as efficiently as in this case.

Call on our agent in your town. Give him your hardest problems. Texaco Red-Star-Green-T Products, made in Texas will solve them for you.

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

No. 35



HARWELL MOTOR CO. TO MOVE QUARTERS

The Harwell Motor Co., have leased the building on the corner of Ninth and Hutchings and will begin moving from their present quarters to the new location at an early date.

The building to be occupied by this firm is what is known as the Jones-Walton building, and up to a few months ago was occupied as a hardware store. The building now occupied by the Harwell Motor Co., will be occupied as soon as the Fords are moved out, but a tenant has not been secured. A number of applications have been made for the building.

Mr. Harwell says that he is compelled to secure larger quarters. Besides using the building for storing Fords and as a sales-room, repair and garage business demands more room.

Go to Winters Saddle and Harness Shop for anything in leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. O. W. Jolly, Mgr. 10-17w

FIRST MONDAY VISITORS.

The following gentlemen from Winters were here first Monday looking after business affairs: E. F. Edwards, Tad Richards, I. L. Baird, D. R. Smith.

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

ever receive the proper balance of food to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition.

For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong. No alcohol.

• Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

BUSINESS MENS CLUB FOR MILES

Temporary organization looking to a permanent organization of a Business Men's Club for Miles, was had at the Dixie Theatre on last Tuesday afternoon at which meeting quite a number of our citizens were present and participated. J. S. Mills was elected chairman and Tom P. Cooper secretary. On account of the lateness of the hour a motion prevailed that the meeting adjourn till next Monday afternoon for a permanent organization, at the Dixie Theatre following the clean up meeting.—Miles Messenger.

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers) sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

LLANO SQUIRRELS FOR CITY PARK RECEIVED

A. Wilke, landscape gardner for the county, received three squirrels this week, and they have been given a home in the park. Some people traveling the country in a wagon caught the squirrels on the Llano river. They had read of Ballinger's beautiful park, and that an effort was being made to place squirrels in the park, and they brought the squirrels to Ballinger and turned them over to Mr. Wilke.

A cage has been provided and the squirrels will be kept in the cage until they get used to their new home and then released to play in the trees.

C. A. Weddle, of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year. He also advertises his fine stallion in the Banner-Ledger while here.

CRAZY MEXICAN LOCKED UP

Deputy Constable Mason was called to the Pony creek community Thursday to take in charge a Mexican who was making things unpleasant for the citizens of that neighborhood. Mr. Mason brought the Mexican to Ballinger and he was placed in jail here to await trial and action of the county court.

Willie Brown, Jim Clark, J. F. Duffy and Roy Lumas of the Temyson country were looking after school business for their section.

Corn-Mad? Use "GETS-IT," It's Sure

Makes Corns Vanish Like Magic!
A hard cap of skin makes up every corn. When you put 2 drops of "GETS-IT" on it, it shrivels up and comes right off—and there's your corn—gone by thunder! Simple as taking off your hat! That's



Don't Waste Time "Hollering." "GETS-IT," World's Simplest Corn-Cure, Never Fails. why corn-millions have gone wild over "GETS-IT"—nothing like it ever known. Some folks, to this day, putter around with bandages, sticky tape, thick plasters, corn "pulling" salves, gouge corns out with knives, nip them with scissors, make them bleed and then howl because they can't get rid of sore corns. Use "GETS-IT." There's nothing to do but apply 2 drops. The work is done. "GETS-IT" does the rest. No pain, no fussing, no changing shoes, no limping. It never fails. Try it tonight for any corn, callus, wart or bunion. Be sure that you get "GETS-IT" and nothing else. "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.

An Interview with Mr. Ford

The following interview was given by Mr. Ford to one of the aggressive Ford agents, who returned to his home and gave it to his territory in the following newspaper advertisement.



This is most important advertisement I ever caused to be published.—Read every word—and then marvel!
 On a personal visit to Mr. Henry Ford I broached the subject of a possible August 1st rebate.

[The Ford Company announced last year—as you well remember—that if their total sales reached 300,000 cars between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, each purchaser during the period would receive back a refund of \$40.00 to \$60.00.]

"Mr. Ford," I suggested, "Is there anything I can say to our people with regard to the Ford Motor Company's 300,000 car rebate plan?"

"We shall sell the 300,000," was the quiet reply—"and in 11 months, a full month ahead of August 1st!"

"Then a refund is practically assured?"

"Yes—barring the totally unexpected. We are 50,000 to 75,000 cars behind orders today. Factory and branches are sending out 1800 daily."

I then said to Mr. Ford: If I could make definite refund statement we would increase our local sales 500 cars."

"You may say," was Mr. Ford's deliberate and significant reply to this—"You may say that we shall pay back to each purchaser of a Ford car between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, barring the unforeseen, the sum of \$50. You may say that I authorized you to make this statement!"

What can I add to the above? \$15,000,000 cash coming back to Fordowners! And to prospective Ford owners up to August 1, 1915, it actually means—Ford Touring Cars \$490—less than \$50 rebate! Ford Runabouts for \$440—less the \$50 rebate! What is there left for me to say?

Harwell Motor Co.

Ballinger, Texas.

Young Married Man Elopes With Runnels County Girl

B. C. Clark, a young West Texas farmer, whose elopement with Miss Ora Lee Thomas from Miles, last Saturday, and who was arrested in Fort Worth Sunday morning on a charge of bigamy, saved his way out of the Fort Worth jail Tuesday night and made his escape.

Clark, age 22, married at Sulphur Springs in March 1914, and came to this country. Last Friday night Clark went to the home of Miss Ora Lee Thomas, age 18, and they drove to Miles and boarded the Santa Fe train for Brownwood Saturday morning, and were married after reaching that city. Clark and Miss Thomas were first cousins.

Clark left his young wife behind and was followed to Brownwood by the father of Miss Thomas. Finding that the couple had married and gone to Fort Worth the Fort Worth officers were notified to arrest Clark. When the man was first arrested he was placed in the city jail and Sheriff Mann had considered moving Clark to the county jail, but as a Brownwood officer was en route to get him he thought it safe to allow him to remain in the city jail. Clark was not locked up in the cell, but was allowed the privileges of the "bull ring."

The bars of the jail were cut in five places. The job was an exceedingly neat one. Though there were a dozen other prisoners in jail with Clark, none of them attempted to follow him.

Where Clark got the steel saw is a mystery. It is practically certain, reported the officers, that he did not have it concealed about him when arrested and placed in jail. He is believed to have had an accomplice to supply it from the outside.

At last reports the man had not been found.

PLANT CULLED SEED SAYS DEMONSTRATOR

To the Farmers of Runnels Co: I have had the germinating test made on cotton seed from the different portions of the county, and deeming it information for your careful consideration, I take this method of imparting the same to you.

	Germinated	Sound	Rot	Miss-	ing
Ballinger—					
200 Mebane	83	4	107	3	
Miles—					
200 Rowden	117	14	58	11	
Winters—					
200 Rowden	56	9	112	23	

These are the results of a careful experiment at College Station and this should be sufficient to convince the farmer that there is something in cleaning or grading seed. There is thousands of dollars lost annually by weak degenerate seed, thereby causing bad stands, and it requires just the same amount of labor to work a half stand as a whole.

So let me urge you to plant culled seed and secure the high vitality that belongs only to the strong germinating seed, the same care should be taken in planting seed as good live stock raising. We all agree that the success in the livestock business depends largely on the breeding and when we realize fully the importance of good seed our troubles will largely be over so far as crop failures are concerned. Strong vitality in seed means just as much as good moisture.

Lets keep Runnels County on the map.
 Very truly yours,
 GEO. P. McLELLAND, Agent.

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

JONES PROPOSES AUTO LINES

From Winters Enterprise. Morgan Jones, who built and owns the Abilene & Southern railroad, was in Winters for a while last Saturday. While here Mr. Jones expressed himself as contemplating the establishment of auto truck lines running out of Winters to near-by inland towns, saying this was the coming short line railway for our section.

Mr. Jones gathered some valuable data as to the distance from Winters to Crews, Norton, Wilmeth, Wingate, Hynton and other points and gave assurance that he was seriously considering the establishment of the service.

Naturally Winters and all the country affected will watch with interest the movements of this big builder, for it means much to all of us. Fancy the regular running of big auto trucks making daily trips to the towns over the Winters country, laden with freight and even passengers.

Naturally before this is realized some good work must be done on our roads, but this is sure to come in due time.
 A. W. Hardin of the Norton country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Standard Remedy For Many Homes

Indigestion and constipation are two conditions closely related and the cause of much physical suffering.

The tendency to indulge one's appetite is general, so that most people suffer at some time or another from rebellion of the overtaxed organs of digestion and elimination. A simple, pleasantly effective remedy that will quickly relieve the congestion of poisonous waste and restore regularly, is the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This is a mild, pleasant laxative-herb and digestant, absolutely free from opiates or narcotic drugs and has been the standard household remedy in countless homes for many years. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

MORTUARY

Julia Ann Carter. Mrs. Julia Anna Carter died at four o'clock Monday afternoon age 70 years November 25th 1914. She came to Texas 1871, and lived in Ballinger 29 years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Tuesday afternoon, Rev. W. H. Doss conducting the funeral services. She leaves a husband, one son, Tillie Carter, of Pecos, two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Wheelis of South Ballinger and Mrs. F. B. Duncan of San Angelo, to mourn her demise. Mrs. Carter had a paralytic stroke several weeks ago and on Sunday had the second attack which caused her death. She was a devoted wife and kind loving mother and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in this section and The Ledger joins friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives in this hour of affliction.

Sam Hamilton of Sweetwater, accompanied Mrs. H. Winkler and two daughters Misses Edith and Annie and Miss Waddell who visited Ballinger friends and returned home Monday afternoon, Ivan Hamilton of Winters, who had been visiting at Sweetwater, accompanied the party this far en route home.

Misses Emma Williams, of the Token country and Annie Olsen of Denton, who taught at Benoit the past year, closed their school last week, returned to their respective homes Monday after a short visit to Ballinger friends.

E. Schum, the big irrigation farmer on the Concho near Miles, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Jack Guy the Talpa hardware merchant, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

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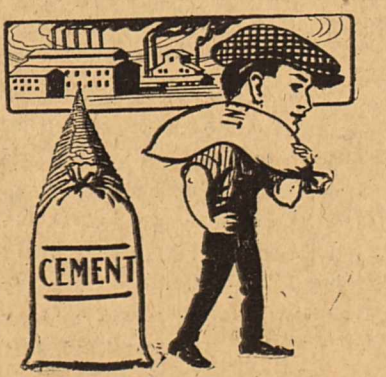
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Wiping Out Foot and Mouth Disease

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ment cites the case of Germany where the disease has been allowed to gain such a hold at times that the slaughter of exposed animals could not be resorted to. In 1911, for example, it was estimated that there were 3,366,369 head of cattle, 1,602,929 sheep, 2,555,271 hogs, and 53,674 goats suffering from the disease in Germany, making the pestilence a perpetual drain on the farmers. There are more than three times as many of these animals in the United States as in Germany and the consequences of allowing the disease to get such a foothold are obvious.

While the exact origin of the recent epidemic is still unknown, the first trace was discovered in Michigan. Skimmed milk returned from a creamery in the southern part of the state to be fed to hogs resulted in the hogs being stricken. A shipment of these hogs infected the Chicago stockyards and other shipments passing thru the stockyards carried the infection as far west as Washington, and as far east as Massachusetts. The South and Southwest escaped because practically all shipments were from, rather than to, these sections.

Fog Coffee of the Leaday country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. D. Holmes, T. E. Davis, Charlie Kaiser and D. A. Dumas of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

Wood McKissick, one of the Crews grocery merchants, and Sam Gray, the Crews hotel man were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

W. H. Mullin of Winters, and J. B. Pace of Trait, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

NORTON CITIZENS HERE.

The following citizens of the Norton country were in Ballinger Monday to look after school business and other affairs: E. J. Handley, E. C. Good, R. B. Hambricht, Jake Stubberfield, E. H. Harding, A. W. Hardin, Tobe Tittle, G. W. Caswell and Dr. W. W. Mitchel.

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JNO. R. DAY DROPS DEAD AT ANGELO

News was received at Ballinger Thursday evening announcing the death of Jno. R. Day which occurred at eight o'clock of the same evening at San Angelo.

While particulars of the death have not been told it is reported that Mr. Day dropped dead.

The remains were prepared for burial and shipped to Ballinger Friday afternoon and interred in the City Cemetery where his mother and sister were laid to rest a number of years ago.

Deceased was numbered among the early settlers in Ballinger. He came here about twenty-five years ago and was engaged in the lumber business for two or three years and later was connected with the Western Mercantile Co., a general merchandise company that conducted a store here for several years.

After leaving Ballinger Mr. Day resided at Brownwood and Brady and for the past several years has been in the cotton business. He has spent several cotton seasons in Ballinger since moving away from here, and has bought cotton in practically every town in Central West Texas. He had a large acquaintance and had many friends throughout this section.

At the time of his death he was residing at San Angelo. He had no family, having never married, and his friends took charge of his remains and arranged to bury him at Ballinger. His mother was buried here in 1890 and a sister was buried here several years later.

JNO. R. DAY DIED SITTING IN CHAIR

The remains of Jno. R. Day, a pioneer citizen of Ballinger who died while sitting in a rocking chair at his room in San Angelo Thursday afternoon at six-thirty, were brought to Ballinger Friday.

The remains were met at the train by many friends and acquaintances for nearly thirty years, and accompanied to the City Cemetery where they were interred. Rev. W. H. Doss conducted the funeral.

Not a relative was present to mourn the loss of this man, but his friends did everything possible in laying away the remains. The whereabouts of his relatives are unknown, but efforts will be made to locate them.

Deceased was 61 years old, and for thirty years has been making his home at Brady, Brownwood,

COLEMAN, BALLINGER AND SAN ANGELO, BUYING COTTON IN ALL THE ABOVE CITIES.

SUMMER NORMAL AT BROWNWOOD

The Mid-Texas Summer Normal will begin at Brownwood June 7th and continue until July 29th. Indications are that the enrollment this year will be much larger than the past two years. All those contemplating attending the Normal and desire information concerning the big normal and summer school at Brownwood are requested to write Conductor T. H. Hart at Brownwood. 4-dwtf

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

Mrs. W. T. Padgett and little grandson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maddox, came in Monday night from Lubbock, where Mrs. Padgett had been visiting her daughter the past several weeks. The little grandson will visit his grandparents.

TILLIE CARTER OF PECOS, CAME IN MONDAY NIGHT TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF HIS MOTHER, WHO DIED IN BALLINGER MONDAY AFTERNOON.

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