WE CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU with everything necessary for the sustenance and comforts of life.

Van Pell, Kirk and Mack

BERLIN, June 2.—The evacuation of Lemberg has started and it is believed that the Germans will be in full possession of the city at an early date.

News has been received here is the allies have demanded Bulgaria to get into the war immediately. Bulgaria has replied to the demand and asked what she and other Balkan states are to get for helping the allies whip the Austro-German forces.

PARIS, June 22.—Dunkirk has suffered a bombardment from German fourteen inch guns. Several were killed in the bombardment, and much damage done to outlying posts.

PARIS, June 23 .- The French have captured Sendernach, and the war office communique reports important gains at other points.. The allies it is believed are preparing a strong defense against German movements on the West front.

Miss Mary Phillips returned home Monday at noon from San Antonio, where she attended the district and county clerk's convention the past week.

RAISING MONEY TO

didly soliciting funds to carry on finance committee. the completion of the wildcat well Chamber of Commerce this Tues- birthday event, were contributing lib-

"The citizens whom the committee have approached," continued Secretary Owen, "have confident there are a number of airship flight will bring the largest able and willing to buy a share or time, and perhaps the largest crowd in and over the phone with Mr. Kirk week. two of the stock who are un- the history of the town. known to the committeemen. These should not be bashful looking up the committee.

"The shares are placed at \$10 each. The cable is still pounding away in the hole which is more than 2,000 feet in depth and we hore to keep it pounding until oil or gas is found in commercial

"So far no trace of salt water has been encountered and this fact alone leads the driller to believe that the chances to bring in a well are good."-San Angelo Standard.

Mack Watkins of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

VOLUNTEER OAT CROP

Reports from the Loomis ranch in Concho county say that 2200 acres of volunteer oats are threshing out 40 bushels per acre. The entire crop of 2200 BRINGS RECORD BREAKER acres are volunteer oats, and while only a part of them have been threshed and turned out 40 bushels, it is claimed that the remainder of the field will vield as heavy, and that the total crop on this farm will amount to 88,000 bushels.

The market is low at present, but if these oats are held until next winter they will bring 55 cents per bushel, or a total of 48,000. Some money for an oat crop off one farm.



MORGAN JONES SENDS KIRK

R. P. Kirk, general manager of Ballinger's birthday celebration, received a check for \$50 from Coi. Morgan Jones today. The check comes as a subscript- R. P. Kirk, Ballinger. ion to the barbecue fund, and was presented to Mr. Kirk through J. Shields, local representative of Col. Jones.

plans to celebrate, and realizing that mailing cuts. it would require much money to do the "We are getting along splen- job right, Col. Jones very readily wrote a check for \$50, and sent same to the

just north of San Angelo," said all those interested in the prosperity of closes the contract with Miss people who come here to witness appreciation of the citizenship of Bal-Secretary Tom Owen of the Ballinger and the success of the big Stinson to make flights at Bal- the flight can do so with the aserally, with few exceptions. It is probable that the order for barbecue will be increased for fear the supply of 3500 pounds will not be sufficient.

crowd to Ballinger that the city has

BALLINGER FAMILY IN

Mr. and Mrs. Jess McAdams and Co., and his family going with him for

The family happened to what came near being a very serious accident and one that left them considerably bruised up, while traveling near Water Valley. They were driving along at an average speed in their auto when a dog ran out in front of the car, and before the speed of the car could be checked, it struck the dog and turned over. The Ford was considerably smashed up, the top being torn off and the w indshield and parts of the body damaged, but the engine did not stop running and the car was soon arighted and completed

It was a close call for the family, and it will be some time before they forget

Nick Stallworth of the Bethel neighborhood, was in the city Wednesday and says his oat crop threshed out 48 bushels to the the side track, these not being billed and vested and heavy. Sufficient time has acre and this was the second year the crop was harvested without e seeding. He planted three years ago and this year and last shipped from Ballinger last week, the six hundred car loads will be shipped were volunteer crops.

Your proposition satisfactory. Will be in Ballinger as soon as Learning that Ballinger was making possible after Wednesday. Am

Marjorie Stimson

linger on June 29th, Miss Stinson surance that there will be some wired last week that she would flying if the weather is anything some months standing to speak at Cenarrive in Ballinger Monday to like favorable. make contract for flights here, The local arrangements such must forego the pleasure of accepting

As stated before in this paper, Miss Stinson is one of the best known lady aviators in the United States. She has a national reputation as a successful flyer. The terms of the con- home with friends in your city on Mr. Kirk received the above tract are such as she will receive June 29th. telegram Tuesday morning, which no pay if she fails to fly, and the

The splendid program to be offered but was detained on account of as selecting place to start from, your invitation. welcomed it, but the committee is on this occasion and the adding of an making other engagements for will be deferred until Miss Stin-Wednesday of this week, and she son arrives, and she is expected ent. citizens in San Angelo who are been called on to entertain in a long again took the matter up by wire to be here by Thursday of this

TURNS FORTY BUSHELS TO MRS. J F. CURRIE HAS NEW ACRE IN RUNNELS BUICK

C. A. Doose was in the Miles country this week and reports that Perry Middleton, who farms near that city had threshed his wheat crop that turned out 40 little son returned Friday night from an bushels per acre and he sold the extended trip West, Mr. McAdams same at \$1.05 per bushel. The traveling in the interest of the Texas entire small grain crop of that section is turning out extra well both oats and wheat.

> C. N. Craft of Miles, came in Monday to be at his post of duty in the com-

Mrs. J. F. Currie is the proud possessor of a new six cylinder Buick, purchased Tuesday from H. C. Fletcher.

It is a 1916 model with the here out of the first car load of siderable attention. seven cars to come to Texas. Mrs. Currie is taking lessons and will soon be able to drive the car.

Albert W. Woods, deputy income tax missioner's court to act as a board of collector, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

the wheat from this section is shipped

The grain market is just opening, the

the oats until the last few days on

FROM BALLINGER SUN

A solid train load of oats consisting product of Runnels county. The wheat of twenty-five cars, left Ballinger Sun- was billed to Galveston, where most of day over the Santa Fe. The oats were consigned to Temple and Fort Worth delaers, and will no doubt be rebilled buyers declining to compete actively for from those points to other markets.

Thirteen cars were left standing on account of the oats being freshly harcars will be loaded today and tomorrow will be moved fast for the next thirty to make up another train load of oats. days.

Four car loads of wheat were also It is estimated that between five and grain all being this year's crop and from Ballinger,

GOVERNOR FERGUSON

J. McGregor, chairman of the barbecue committee, wrote Gov. Jas. E. Ferand the above telegram speaks guson a personal letter inviting him to The following reply was received today, which speakes for itself:

"I acknowledge receipt of your fa- OIL WELL SHOWS vor of June 11th, inviting me to be 'at.

"On account of my great personal me to respond to this invitation. Howter, in East Texas, on the same date, I

"Please express to my many friends my regret at not being able to be pres-

> "Your friend. "JAS. E. FERGUSON."

CHARGED WITH SELL-ING STRONG DRINKS

N. Passur, the confectionery dealer, is before Justice Trimmier's court today in an examinlatest attachments and was sent ing trial that is attracting con-

Mr. Passur is charged with self ing a drink at his cold drink stand that caused the drinkers to violation of the local option law. ing good time again.

The defendant denies selling anything that will make a man drunk, and he has quite a number of witnesses to testify in his behalf. The state also has several witnesses who claim that they were made drunk by eider purchased from Mr. Passur.

After hearing the evidence the court fixed defendants bond of \$500.00 to await the action of the grand jury.

REPAIRING SOUTH WARD BUILDING

Prof. T. D. Mullins was over from the South Ward Tuesday morning. He stated that the school building in his ward was being put in good condition. The ready for moving. Probably enough elapsed for them to dry and the crop roof was being covered with a good coat of roof paint and some leaks around the windows repaired and everything made ready for the coming school term. lady was reported doing nicely today.

MARSHALL, Texas, June 21.- Jury returns verdict against Frank O'Leary this afternoon. O'Leary' was charged with murder growing out of the killing of William Black, an anti-Catholic

When the trial was called the state wanted to dismiss the case, but defendants insisted on trial. After hearing the evidence the judge ordered a verdict of

The others who were implicated in the tragedy will be tried at the October term of court.

MARSHALL, Tex., June 21.—Frank O'Leary was slated to face trial here today for alleged murder, growing out of the shooting of William Black, an anti-Catholic lecturer, and John Rogers, and the wounding of John Copeland, February 3, 1915.

Black was an ex-priest, it is stated, who had been delivering lectures against Catholicsm A delegation from a Cath-It organication, it is laimed, visited him in his hotel with a view to having him desist. The shooting followed.

MARSHAL, Texas, June 22 .-To avoid further trouble and to down sentiment that prevails here growing out of the acquittal of Frank O'Leary in the Black murder case, the attorneys for the defense in favor of the expriest who was killed here last February, have sued out writ of attend Ballinger's birthday celebration. injunction restraining public speakers from discussing the

ENCOURAGING SIGNS

The hurried visit of parties to the Brookshire oil well Tuesday afternoon started the report that a good well had been brought in, and the rumor grew as fast as circulated, but proved to be false, and was caused by a phone message from Col. Clemenger asking H. Giesecke and others to come out and stating that he had something good to show them.

The drill at a depth of 1080 feet struck a strata of oil sand and traces of high grade oil. Col. Clemenger remains optimistic and believes that he is nearing the flow of oil that will make the prospective field a reality, and one that will attract much atten-

The drill resumed operations last Friday after a week's delay caused by a storm destroying the derrick. The derrick was hurriedbecome intoxicated, which is a ly replaced and the drill is mak-

YOUNG MAN BADLY HURT IN RUNAWAY

Percy Crimm, the 17 year old son of G. F. Crimm of the Valley Creek country, was painfully injured in a ruffaway last Friday. We failed to get an account of the accident in detail, but the report says the young man was hauling oats when in some way he lost control of his team and was thrown from the

One of the lower limbs of the young Crimm was fractured and he was otherwise bruised up.

MISS BEATRICE KIPP UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Beatrice Kipp was operated on Monday at the Halley & Love sanitarium for appendicitis. The young

An Ordiance.

Dividing the City of Ballinger into wards, and locating and num bering same and defining the boundaries of each of said wards. Be It Ordained By The City Council of The City of Ballinger,

Section 1.

That the City of Ballinger shall hereafter be constituted as of five wards, numbered, bounded and described as follows:

(a) Ward Number One shall lie in the southeastern portion of said city, and shall include all that part of said city which lies east and north of the south line of Eighth Street in said city and east and south of the west line of Harris Street in said city, said ward number one cornering in its northwest corner at the most southerly corner of the intersection of said Eighth and Harris Streets, and embracing all city property between said street lines and extending to the corporate limits of said city.

(b) Ward Number Two shall lie in the southwestern portion of said city and shall include all that part of said city which lies west and south of the west line of Eighth Street and south and on the rear of said vehicle, so east of the north line of Harris Street, said ward two cornering in its northeast corner with the northwest corner of ward no one.

south and east of the south line rear light shall be kept burning. of Board Street, and extending in a westerly direction to the corporation line of said city.

(d) Ward Number Four shall lie in the central eastern portion public streets, alleys and driveof said city, and shall include all that part of said city which lies shall equip and keep equipped north and west of the north line of Harris Street and North and suitable light to be placed on the east of the west line of Eighth front of said machine, which shall Street and south and east of the south line of Broad Street, extending in an easterly direction lie streets, alleys or driveways of to the corporate limits of said the City of Ballinger, during the

(e) Ward Number Five shall lie in the northern portion of said city and shall include all gine, hook and ladder or other ap that portion of said city which paratus belonging to the fire delies to the north and west of the partment, when the same is anssouth line of said Board street, wering an alarm of fire, all railand each of said wards extending road trains, and engines, autofrom the boundaries given, to the mobiles and other vehicles and corporate limits of said city of all persons shall give the same Ballinger.

with are hereby expressly repeal- eeed at once to the right hand ed, and from the date of the pass- curb line or as near thereto as age and approval hereof the City possible and come to a standstill hicle of any kind, to allow such R. R. Co., survey No. 347 to place of Ballinger shall be constituted and there remain until such fire automobile or other vehicle to re- of beginning containing 100 acres as of the five wards above described, and subject to all of the Section Six. provisions of the laws of this

effect and be in force from and public streets, alleys or driveafter its passage, approval and ways of the City of Ballinger at publication, the fact that there is a rate of speed greater than fifnow no division of wards in said teen (1) miles per hour, and in city and the need of street work so operating such automobile or in the various wards as defined other vehicle, due regard must be creating an emergency, the read- given to the use and traffic of ing of this ordinance on three such streets and alleys or drive- apply to any fire engine, hook seevral days is dispensed with, ays, by others, so as not to enand this ordinance is placed on danger the life, limb or property its first reading and final pass- of any person thereon.

Passed this the 1st day of June, A. D. 1915. Approved this the 1st day of

June, A. D. 1915.

J. W. POWELL, Mayor.

Attest: J. F. Lusk, sec. 4-1td w11-18-25.

An Ordiance

ridden animals, and persons, up- other vehicle on the streets, alleys and driveways of the City of Ballinger; limit for automobiles and other bile or other vehicle while such driveways of said city; repealing operating and driving such autoall ordinances and parts of ordin- mobile or other vehicle. ances in conflict and fixing a penalty for the violation of this or-

Texas:

Section One.

ewners and operators of motor ble. vehicles before using or operating the same upon any of the public streets, alleys or driveways of er vehicle or ridden animal at the City of Ballinger, to display tempts to pass any other automo- June, A. D. 1915. in a conspicious place on the bile or other vehicle or ridden anrear of said vehicle the number imal upon any street, alley or registered with the county clerk driveway within the limits of the 4-1td w11-18-25

or other proper registration officer in the county where the owner thereof resides, which number shall be in numerals not less than six inches in height. Said number shall be so placed and maintained that same can be plainly read at a distance of two hundred

Section Two.

That it shall be the duty of all owners and operators of motor vehicles, before using or operating the same upon any of the publie streets, alleys or driveways of the city of Ballinger, to have attached to said vehicle, in good working order, a suitable bell, horn or other appliance for giving notice of its approach, so that when said attachment is operated it may be heard for a distance of three hundred feet.

Section Three.

That every owner and operator of a motor vehicle, except motorcycles, before using or operating the same upon any of the streets, alleys or driveways of the City of Ballinger, shall equip and keep equipped said motor vehicle with not less than two suitable lights, one of which shall be carried on the front and one situated as to throw a white light upon the number of said car. Said lights shall be kept burning so long as such vehicle is being op-(c) Ward Number Three shall erated upon any of the public lie in the central portion of said streets, alleys or driveways of city, and shall include all that said city of Ballinger, at night, part of said city which lies north and while such vehicle is standand west of the north line of said ing upon any of the public streets Harris Street and west of the alleys or driveways of said city west line of Eighth Street and during hours of darkness, such

Section Four. That every owner and every operator of a motorcycle, before using the same upon any of the ways of the City of Ballinger, said motorcycle with at least one be kept burning so long as such machine is upon any of the pubhours of darkness.

At the approach of any fire enthe right of way, and all automobiles and other vehicles and per-That all ordinances and parts sons upon the streets, alleys and of ordinances in conflict here- driveways of said city shall pro-

That no person in charge of or State with reference to city operating any automobile or other vehicle shall drive or propel That this ordinance shall take the same on or across any of the lights, both front and rear, or

Section Seven.

That no person in charge of or operating an automobile or other vehicle, shall race the same with any other vehicle, person or animal upon any of the public streets Ballinger.

Section Eight.

That no person shall wantonly providing that suitable numbers, wilfully, maliciously or carelessly lights and horns shall be kept and permit or cause any railroad train operated on all motor vehicles; or engine, automobile or other veregulating, fixing and providing hicle or animals attached thereto traffic rules and regulations for to come in collision with or to all automobiles, other vehicles, strike any person, automobile or with are hereby expressly repeal-

Section Nine.

That no person shall operate or fixing and defining the speed attempt to operate any automovehicles; providing the manner person is in a state of intoxicain which vehicles shall be left tion, or is in any other respect in-

Section Ten.

All automobiles and other vedinance and declaring an emer- hicles and ridden horses, while on dinance on three several days, and the streets, alleys and driveways said rule is hereby dispensed Be It Ordained By The City of said City of Ballinger, shall be with and this ordinance is placed Council of the City of Ballinger, driven or ridden upon the right on its first reading and final pashand side of such street, alley or sage, and shall become effective

Section Eleven.

Whenever any automobile, oth-

city of Ballinger, going in the same direction, such automobile or other vehicle or ridden shall be driven and shall pass to the left of the automobile, other vehicle or ridden animal being passed.

Section Eleven and Half.

That it shall hereafter be unawful for any automobile, bug gy, wagon, motorcycle, or other vehicle, or any animal or animals hitched thereto, to be left standing on any of the public streets or alleys of the City " Ballinger within ten feet of any fire plug or ydrant, now or which may hereafter be installed in or on such treet or alley.

Section Twelve.

In turning any corner from one treet, alley or driveway into another, all automobiles, other vehicles or animals shall be driven on the right hand side of the center of the intersection of said streets, alleys or driveawys.

Section Thirteen.

That all automobiles or other rehicles shall be turned only at an intersection of streets, alleys or driveways, and shall make said turns only by passing around the right hand side of the center of the intersection of such streets or alleys or other driveways. Provided that this article shall not apply to ridden bicycles, horses or other saddle animals.

Section Fourteen.

That no owner or operator of any automobile or other vehicle may stop the same within any intersection of streets, alleys or driveways except to avoid collision, or to prevent danger to persons or property.

Section Fifteen.

That it shall be unlawful for any automobile or other driven vehicle to be headed into the curb on any street or public highway of this city, but same shall be stopped with the righ hand wheels of any such vehicle pararell with such curb on street line and as near thereto as prac-

Section Sixteen.

That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to run or operate a motorcycle on any of the public streets of this city, without having same equipped with a muffler and such muffler closed while such motorcycle is being run or operated, so as to deaden the noise attendant upon running or operating such motor

Section Seventeen. That it shall hereafter be unmobile or other motor driven vehicle, or traction engine, or vemain upon any public street, alley of land, in Runnels county, Texas.

PROVIDED, that section six above shall not apply to race courses and speed ways set apart for that purpose, and shall not and ladder, hose truck or other department when same is actually answering an alarm of fire.

Section Eighteen. Any person or persons, officer, agent or employee of any corporation who shall violate any of right, title and interest of the said the preceding sections and the R. F. Golden therein. alleys or driveways of the City of provisions thereof, of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemenor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dol-

Section Nineteen.

That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict here-

Section Twenty.

The fact that there is now no adequate law in force this city regularing the running, operating and driving of automobiles and other motor driven vea demand for the immediate pasing with the reading of this ordriveway, as near the right hand and in full force from and after cation.

> Passed, this the 1st day of June A. D. 1915.

Approved this the 1st day of J. W. POWELL, Mayor. Attest: J. R. Lusk, Sec.

der Execution.

Whereas by virtue of an execution dated on the 5th day of May 1915 and issued out of the county court of Coleman County, Texas, on the 5th day of May, 1915, in cause No. 1136 in said court styled D. S. Tolliver plaintiff vs. R. F. Golden, deefndant on a judgment rendered in said court on the 2 day of March, 1915, in favor of said plaintiff against said defendant, I did on the 18 day of May, 1915 at 8:10 o'clock a. m. levy upon and seize as the property of the above named defendant all the lands and premises situated in Runnels County, Texas and described as follows to-wit: First-Being 190 acres of land

off of the north part of survey No. 394 in Runnels County, Texas, located for the common school fund by the E. L. & R. R. R. R. Company by virtue of certificate No. 85; said 190 acres off the north part thereof originally filed on and granted to H. J. Butts and assigned as abstract No. 1338 and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the north west corner of a 240 acre tract out of the south part of said survey No. 394 filed on by H. V Johnson; thence north 75 east 1219 vrs to the northeast corner of said Johnson tract; thence north 15 west 139 vrs.; thence north 75 east 150 vrs; thence north 15 west 380 vrs.; thence north 75 east 475 vrs.; thence north 723 vrs to extreme northeast corner of this survey; thence south 75 west 672 vrs; thence south 15 east 519 vrs; thence south 75 west 672 vrs to the W. B. line of Geo. W. Wheelock league survey; thence south 15 east 410 vrs to the southeast corner of said Wheelock league survey; thence south 75 west 687 vrs. to northeast corner of B. B. B. & C. R. R. Co., survey No. 347; thence south 15 east 290 vrs to the place of be-

Second: Being 100 acres of land out of the southwest part of alley 60 feet to the northeast cornthe north 190 acre tract out of sur er of said Hutchinson lot; thence vey No. 394 located for the public with the line of said Hutchinson school fund by certificate No. 85 granted to E. L. & R. R. R. R. Co., beginning at the original northeast corner of survey No. 347 B. B. B. & C. R. R. Co., thence south 15 east 290 vrs.; thence north 75 east 1219 vrs; thence north 15 west 139 vrs; thence north 75 east 150 vrs thence north 15 west 434 vrs thence south 70 west 672 vrs to east line of G. W. Wheelock survey and west line of this grant; thence south 15 east 283 vrs to lawful for any owner of any auto southeast corner of Wheelock survey; thence south 75 west 687 vrs. to northeast corner of B. B. & C.

or driveway of the City of Bal- Third: Being all of lots No. 6 linger, and after 3 minutes after and 7 in block No. 2 in Terry's sundown, at night, except the addition to the town of Ballinger same be equipped with suitable in Runnels County, Texas, as shown upon the map of said adelse in charge of a personal at- dition of record in the deed rectendant upon such automobile or ords of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made in aid of this description.

Therefore I will on the first Tuesday in July, 1915 same being the 6th day of said month between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on said apparatus belonging to the fire date at the court house door of said county at Ballinger, offer for sale and sell at public vendue for cash all and singular the above described lands and premises together with all and singular the

Witness my hand at Ballinger this 18th day of May, 1915. J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.

11-18-25 July 2 Sheriff's Sale.

State of Texas, County of Run-By virtue of an order of sale is-

sued out of the honorable district court of Runnels County, on 5th day of June 1915, by the clerk thereof, in the case of Adele How ard Fentress versus A. M. Smith, standing in the streets, alleys and capable of properly and safely hicles, and other vehicles, creates me, as sheriff, directed and deliver ed. The food you eat ferments in ed, I will porceed to sell, within your stomach instead of digestsage of this ordinance, therefore the hours prescribed by law for ing. This inflames the stomach an emergency is declared dispens- sheriff's sales, on the first Tues- and causes nausea, vomiting and day in July A. D. 1915, it being a terrible headache. Take Chamed property, to-wit:

One hundred and eleven acres That it shall be the duty of all curb line as possible or practica- its passage, approval and publi- of land situated in Runnels County, Texas being a part of subdivisions numbers three and four and Charlie Wimberly of the Crews (3 and 4) of Burnet county school land survey No. 271 abstract No. 19 and patented to said Burnett county by patent No. 280 Vol. 16 said 111 acres bounded as follows: among the business visitors in Ballinger beginning at the northeast orner | Saturday.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate Un- of a tract of land sold by Martha Norton and Geo. Norton Jr., exe cutors of the estate of Geo. W Norton deecased to J. S. Hall by deed dated March 5th 1890 re corded in book 12, page 324 of the deed records of Runnels county, Texas, thence with said Hall's N. B. line 680 vrs to southeast corner of a tract sold to R. P Taylor by said Norton Nov. 1st, 1897, thence north with said Taylor's east boundary line 926 vrs thence east 680 vrs. thence south 926 vrs. to place of beginning. Levied on as the property of A M. Smith to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1809.00 in favor of Adele Howard Fentress and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 9th day of June, 1915

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Texas, County of Run-

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Runnels County, on first day of June 1915, by the clerk thereof, in the case of B. B. Stone and J. B. Wade versus W. T. Fortson No. 1677, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in July A. D. 1915, it being the 6th day of said month, before the court house door of said Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit: Situated in the town of Ballinger, in Runnels County, Tex 0 as, being 60 by 140 feet out of the Thomas Largent or Sargent survey and out lot No. 6, block B. subdivision of said survey des- 0 cribed fully as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the John Hutchinson lot on 13th street; thence west with 13th street; thence north 30, east 140 feet to an alley; thence with said lot to the place of beginning and being the same land conveyed by G. W. Watson and wife, M. E. Watson to W. T. Fortson by deed dated Oct. 15th, 1910, recorded in the deed records of Runnels

hereby referred to for full descrip tion of said land. Levied on as the property of W. T. Fortson to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$122.50 in favor of B. B. Stone and J. B. Wade and cost of suit. Given under my hand, this 9th day of June 1915.

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which deed and its said record are

J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.

54 HOUR LABOR LAW FOR FAIR SEX IN EFFECT TODAY.

AUSTIN, June 21 .- "Woman's work is never done," runs the old saying. But Texas women's work will be done, and she will have more time for leisure hereafter, as a result of a new labor law, which is today starting its first

This law provides for 54 hours labor except in emergencies, for operatives in factory, mines, mills, laundries, mechanical and mercantile establishments, hotels, restaurants, state institutions and other occupations. While in the cotten, woolen and worsted business they may be worked 60 hours a week, they must receive extra pay for all time over

Under the 54 hour law, a woman in the occupations specified may work 9 hours a day, but if she does do extra time in cases of emergency, she must receive double pay, for the overtime. Laundresses, stenographers, and pharmacists do not have life quite so easy as some of their sister workers under the new statute, but labor leaders and women welfare leaders today expressed the view that the law as a whole is satisfactory, and that will be a boon to Texas womankind.

Bilious Attacks.

When you have a bilious attack W. P. Hale, Jo. Wilmeth and your liver fails to perform its John Loveless No. 1674, and to functions. You become constipat the sixth day of said month, be- berlain's Tablets. They will tone Runnels county, in the City of stomach and you will soon be as Ballinger the following describ- well as ever. They only cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

> Jno. A. King of the Crews country, and his brother, George King, of Idaho, contry, were among the business visitors

G. B. Vandlandingham and son Leslie, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were

Painting and Paper Hanging

Let me figure on your painting and papering job before you make a contract. I am prepared for the business and guarantee satisfaction.

J. D. Hamilton

Norton, Texas Write or phone me and I will come to see you,

Same Old Price

2 Bottles Pop for 2 Ice Cream Cones

Special prices on Ice Cream for

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parties and suppers. The very bestice cream in Ballinger, Guaranteed absolutely pure. Also a full line of fruits

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Civil Practice Solicited

Ballinger,

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Office with Security Title Co. Will Practice in all the Courts.

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We are always glad to see you. The sign outside has a literal interpretation. This bank welcomes everybody within its doors, and its officers are ever ready to meet and confer regarding money matters, loans, mortages etc. Real service is rendered to depositors.

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Will Save You Money On Repair Work and Supplies

di	repair work and Supplies	
1	Prest-o-Light put on your car . \$12.00	
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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Ed Harbour and children of Brownwood, are visiting her mother, Mrs. T. O. Brown.

Mr. M. B. Barbee is visiting his daughter in Paint Rock this

Mr. Urbane Lowry of Bronte, is here to assist his unce? Mr. W. A. Taylor in disposing of his

Mr. Wesley Hicks, the ice and grain man of Miles accompanied by his father, Rev. Joe Hicks and

ter a pleasant visit with his un- shooting the window lights out cles at Sonora and Del Rio, has and the bullets narrowly missing returned to his grandfather's, the negroes who were asleep on Mr. N. J. Wardlow.

have received their cannery and lets. will soon have same installed and ready for operation.

Mrs. Lewis Hinde returned home from Winters Sunday.

We are glad to report that Mis May Lilly is improving.

Clinton, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Reese who was kicked by a horse last week is reported to be getting along nicely.

A. B. Hall of the Pony Creek country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE - Toulouse Goose Eggs, \$1.00 per dozen. Mrs. J T. Russell, phine rural 3804. wtf

FOR SALE-Soudan grass seed pure and recleaned at 25 cents per pound. H. KASBERG, route 2, Ballinger. 4-3t pd COW FOR SALE-Freshin milk,

CHICKENS, eggs and produce

wanted at Central Hotel. prices paid.

NEGRO RESIDENCE OF MAZELAND FIRED ON

Sheriff Perkins returned from the Maizeland community late Miss Thelma Prescott of Carlos | Wednesday afternoon where he Texas who has been staying with spent the day investigating an her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Blair and attack made upon a negro resiattending the South Ballinger dence on the Tom Puckett farm. school, has returned home for Mr. Puckett phoned Mr. Perkins late Wednesday night shortly af-Mr. Luther Watson left this ter the negroes were attacked, week for Eagle Branch to help and Mr. Perkins hastened to the thresh the enormous grain erop scene. It laded to seen evithat is reported to be in that sec- dence that would justify an ar rest, and it is probable that the guilty parties will never be apprehended.

Tom Puckett has a family of negroes on his farm. Threats had been made from time to time against the negroes, and Mr. Puckett had been keeping a close Mr. Tyler visited W. E. Branch watch on them. About twelve o'clock Tuesday night parties op-Master Wardlow Meamey, af- ened fire on the negro house, their beds. The mattress to the Messrs. Ballew and Rushing beds were punctured by the bul-

> Mr. Puckett hastening to the negro house opened fire on the would be murderers, and in turn was shot at by parties as they made their escape. Empty shells were picked up near the negro house and tracks leading away from the house were followed for a considerable distance.

> The presence of negroes in the Maizeland-Wilmeth country have been obnoxious to certain citizens and several attempts have been made to run them out of the country. The men who have them employed to help carry on farm work have announced that they will not permit the negroes to be murdered or run out of the country, and it is feared that serious trouble will

WILL SEPARATE ALL AUTOS AND BUGGIES

The committee in charge of the celebration to be held on June 29th, have under consideration the plan to use Eighth Street ex-HORSE LOST-Bay mare, 141-2 clusively for wagons, hacks, and hands high, no brand, hind feet | buggies, and will probably re white, six years old disappeared quire all autos to travel Seventh from my home on Tenth Street | Street in going to and coming from pi nic grounds. "Safety First" will be the slogan of the leading to her recovery. Notify officers of the day, and with sev eral thousand people traveling the one street there will be more or less danger of an accident; hence the separation of auto travel from other travel. It's a good scheme and should be carried out.

> Henry Seipp, the one-horse farmer of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and says there is only one farmer in his section that has a crop better than the one-horse farmer. Crop prospects are fine in his section taken wtf as a whole.



CHRISTOVAL MINERAL WELLS HOTEL

If you are suffering from Rheumatism, Stomach Trouble or any kind of Skin Disease, come to the Christoval Mineral Wells; it will cure you. Good accommndations. Board and room \$7.00 per week; baths \$9.00 for a course of 21. For literature and further information write to

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GALVESTON

\$8.45 ROUND TRIP



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Tickets on Sale July 3 Limited July 5

THROUGH SLEEPER

Other Tickets on Sale July 2-3-4-5; Limited to July 6 at Slightly Higher Fares For Detail Information Call on A. H. WIGLE, Agent,

neighborhood, was transacting Ledger for another year while in business in Ballinger Tuesday, the city.

E. F. Batts of the Dry Ridge and renewed with the Banner-

The New 1916 OVERLAND

A car peculiarly adopted to our road conditions is now about ready to be placed on our local sales field.

Will have a new demonstrator within the next few days and a car load booked direct from factory which will reach Ballinger in a very short time.

Parctically the same car as the 1915 model 80 with refinments added and \$325 taken out of the sales price.

For the most exacting buyer this is a car with quality and price that you cannot afford to overlook.

Don't rely upon reports and statements unofficial but investigate for yourself,

LEACH AUTO WORKS

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Two 200 ton Crown Silos, must be sold at bargain prices quick.

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Strength Safety and Service

Three essentials conspicious in this bank:-

Strength of resource and management, which commands confidence. Service which gives you facilities which you have a right to expect. Safety for your funds that is unquestionable.

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We have passed the shortest night in the year, and now our days will grow shorter.

Old man Carter is not in it when it comes to raising oats.

to show any one what's in the air above Ballinger. Free sailing. most satisfactory to the subscri-

Don't worry about the crowd. It's Ballinger's birthday and the Deople will celebrate.

Information from San Angelo says that many in that city will accept Ballinger's invitation to attend her birthday dinner.

Dr. Carrick, of clean town fame, has been employed by the Mexican government to clean up Mexico. The doctor has a hard job and may have to call on President Wilson to help him.

war but Germany is teaching the label of your paper and renew world a lesson of wisdom in mak- before the last issue reaches you, ing preparations. The man who if you want the paper; and we fails to protect himself against will see that you do not miss an the enemies of life is likened unto issue. If you don't want the a nation that fails to prepare for paper, and don't think the paper war. We are in favor of peace, we are publishing is worth the therefore we are in favor of price we are charging-\$1.00 per

with hide. A man that will drive adopting this system we crave his parents during the day.

INE BANNER-LEDGER Notice to Subscrib ers of this Paper

For some time we have been making an effort to work our subscription list up to where we could adopt the strictly cash in have little need for the doctor. advance policy. We are not adopting this system because we are afraid to credit the good honest farmers of this county. Not with Runnels county farmers that. We consider the great ma- tion. jority of them good for any ob-The lady aviator will be glad believe that the cash system for the badly digested food into the bowels any paper is the system that is and thence out of the system.

feet and avoid mistakes. Mis prevents the return of bilious conditions. paper the question of whether ney trouble. you have paid for it or not is settled. You know that your is settled. You know that your the only medicine that has ever done me any lar. When the paper stops you know that your time is out, or It is expensive to prepare for you can notice the date on the the means that guarantee peace. year we certainly have no desire

to force the paper upon you. Notwithstanding that oats are, Beginning on July first the making seventy-five bushels per names of all those who have reacre and tons of nutritious feed ceived notice that their subscripare going to waste in the fields tion has expired; and who have of Runnels county, it is no un- not renewed same, will be dropcommon sight to see men driving | ped from our subscription list. horses and mules that are skele- In the future this policy will be over in his auto Tuesday to look buggies, surreys, hacks wagons

INDIGESTION

A Disorder that Breeds Disease in the Body, and an Easy Way to Cure it.

Take care of the stomach and you will

When the stomach begins to show signs of disorder; when the food digests slowly and with discomfort; when you have heartburn; feel bloated and uneasy, you are in a condition that needs atten-

Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the disligation they might make. But we ordered stomach by strengthening and

Constipation is nearly always present when the stomach becomes sour or In handling several thousand tains the medicinal qualities which act disordered. Prickly Ash Bitters consmall accounts such as are neces- as a restorative and regulator for the sary in sending a paper on a stomach and bowels. It strengthens the credit it is impossible to be per- digestive organs, cures constipation and

Thousands of people who have retakes, while honest ones, often ceived lasting benefit from this great bring about unpleasantness. remedy willingly testify to its power in When you pay cash for your curing indigestion, constipation and kid-

"I suffered from constipation for years, and subscription is paid for one year good. Through its use I am now in good health and entirely free from all traces of my former from the time you pay your dol- trouble."-B. P. STIGALL, Winnsboro, Louisana

Get the genuine with the figure "3" in red on front label. Price \$1.00. Sold by druggists.

STONE & WADE INVITED

Judge B. B. Stone and J. B. Wade, of Fort Worth, former citizens of this city, have been invited to attend Ballinger's birthday celebration. Judges Stone house before you sell. & Wade were boosters for the upbuilding of Ballinger and Run- 25-1tw nels county while citizens of this city, and their friends extended Sales Agency and Commission Co. them an invitation to be here on

Dick Trail of Paint Rock. came

BALLINGER MAN GETS JOB AT ANGELO

Mr. Guy Adkins of West Beauregard Ave., on Monday took charge as manager of the local branch of the Texas Coca-Cola Bottling Works Company on east Concho. Mr. Adkins some months ago moved here from Ballinger where he had lived for many years and where he has a great many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins live in Baker Flats on West Beauregard Ave. They are close friends of the families of Judge C. O. Harris and L. B. Harris, attorneys here. These last named gentlemen came from Ballinger also and we wish a hundred more as good would arrive from that thriving little city. Mr. Adkins is a good business man, systematic and fair, and we feel that whoever may have dealings with his concern while he is manager will get satisfaction on every occasion. Mr. Hunter whom Mr. Adkins succeeded on the former's resignation, is still here and has not yet so far as we are able to learn announced his intentions for the future.—San An-

I want to trade for a few good Kodaks. BARTLETT at Studio.

Will Buy Oat and Wheat

I am in the market for all your oats and wheat. See me at the H. C. Wilker store opposite court

J. H. WILKE

at Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. Carload buyers direct from factory, jobbers and retail dealers at | day. small profits, of vehicles, such as fore buying.

M. T. Hensley the Wingate merchant, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday Ballinger Monday. and renewed with the Banner

Ready Roofing

gives lasting protection to all your buildings.

The natural oils of this genuine asphalt

keep Genasco from cracking and leaking.

Genasco is easy to apply. Come see this

The Hall Hardware Company

roofing of real economy.

J. H. Staleup and a bunch of assistants began laying the cement foundation for the Edwin Day new gin, next to the compress Tuesday.

Ledger, while in the city. He

says the small grain crop is turn-

ing splendid in his section.

J. R. Harris, one of the prominent farmers of the Houghton-Robinson country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tues-

tons—a stack of bones covered most rigidly adhered to, and in after business affairs and visit etc. Save money by seeing us be- was transacting business in Bal- business in Ballinger a few hours wtf linger Monday and is figuring on Monday afternoon.

Tom Brown of Hylton, was among the business visitors in

Constipation Cured Overnight.

A small dose of Po-Do-Lax 12uight and you enjoy a full, free easy bowel movement in the morn No griping for Po.Do-Lax is I'cdophyllin (May Apple) with out the gripe. Fo-De-Lax orr ets the cause of Constipation by arousing the Liver, increasing the flow of bile. Bile is Nature's anti septic in the bowels. With proper amount of bile: digestion in bow els is perfect. No ges, no fermenation, no Constipation. Don't to sick, nervous, irritable. Get a ttle of Pall, Lax from your leggist now and cure your constin ation over the

Walter Midgely of Paint Rock, Editor Kubela of Rowena, had

The Danger Is Great. Mr. Farmer, it is dangerous to store your grain with the Insurance. We can Gover Your Barn and Its Gontents With the Best Policy Written.

PROTECT YOUR COTTON CROP WITH HAIL INSURANCE. It's too late to replant, and you are taking a big risk every time a cloud comes up. Let us carry the risk in our OLD LINE COMPANIES.

BALLINGER INSURANCE AGENCY

such a team does not know the your support believing that it REVIVAL TO START first principles of kindness and will be more satisfactory to you. they should be looked after by a To those who have been readhumane society. It's just a case ing this paper on a credit and churches at Norton and Maverick

invade Ballinger's territory next month, spending the night of be more of an honor on our roll revival, and Rev. J. L. Speer, of July 16th in Ballinger. They will if your subscription is paid ahead Winters will do the preaching. find a hearty welcome for this instead of being one, two, and county is made up of hospitable three years behind. people, but we want to serve not- In adopting this method of ice now on Angelo merchants and dealing with our subscribers we warn them against the distribu- expect to keep the Banner-Ledtion of advertising matter. There ger up to the highest standard, is a certain class of advertising and will inaugurate new features matter that can not be distributed from time to time, and every man in this county without violating who invests his dollar with us we the law. However, the local of- guarantee full value in return. ficers have rendered an opinion Our solicitor will be in the field, on the question and they hold and if you want the paper give that samples of goods are not him your name and address with advertising matter.

K. O. Berry of the Norton country, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday and says grain is all cut and the threshers are busy in the country.

Many people suffer the tortures of lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system. To arrest rheumatism it is quite as im-To arrest rheumatism it is quite as important to improve your general health as to purify your blood, and the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great blood-maker, while its medicinal nourishment strengthens the organs to expel the impurities and upbuild your strength.

Scott's Emulsion is helping thousands svery day who could not find other relief.

Refuse the alcoholic substitutes.

the dollar, or send check or money order direct to our office. Thanking you one and all, and

trusting that you will see fit to read the best country paper published in Texas we are,

Yours for the news, THE BANNER-LEDGER

See my new buggies before you uy. JNO. PECHACEK. 24-4w

COLE SAYS JUNE RAIN Tom Cole, the San Angelo hatter, came in Wednesday morning to look after his hat cleaning in our city a few days. While here Mr. Cole made the prediction that we will have one more good rain during the month of June, possibly about the 29th.

Rev. E. H. Gates, pastor of the of dumb brutes abusing dumb paying for it from time to time, was in Ballinger this week. He as well as all others, we wish to announced that plans had been express our sincere thanks and perfected for a revival to begin Holiness meeting. San Angelo trade boosters will appreciation. We want to re- at the crossing on Oak creek near tain your name on our honor roll, Maverick next Sunday. A taberbut we feel that your name will nacle will furnish a place for the

"GETS-IT" a Sure-Shot for All Corns

Use Two Drops - and They Vanish. When corns make you almost die with if you have not used "GETS-IT." It's the



Have No Corns to Be Stepped On.

corn cure of the century, the new way, the sure, painless, simple way. It makes a fellow really feel foolish after he's used toe-eating salves, corn-biting cintments azors, knives, files, scissors, jabbers and that-nots, when he uses just 2 drops of GETS-IT" and sees his corn vanish. The difference is divine. Just try it. You won't wince when you put ou your shoes in the morning. "GETS-IT" is sure, "gets" any corn, callus, wart or bunion. "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists every where, 25c a bottle, or sent direcs 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

ANNOUNCES HOLINESS MEETING

Rev. J. W. Bost announces that the big tabernacle is up and every thing is in readiness for the big

There will be prayer service tonight and Rev. O. Hudson of Hamlin, who is business manager of the Central Nazarene College, will be here tomorrow.

The big tabernacle is built on Park Avenue near the Kelley Cottage and a great meeting is expected.

Rev. Bost has worked hard in making preparations for this meeting and he expects a great

Judge C. H. Willingham had the thresher begin on his farms across the river near the city, Tuesday, and says the oats are better than at first expected and will turn out from 60 to 80 bushels to the acre.

"Penitentiary" wagons, and low wagons, made in Huntsville, fully guaranteed. JNO. PECH-ACEK.

U. S. VETERINARY TO BE IN BALLINGER

> Ballinger Texas, Junt 23, '15.

Dr. Frank R. Jones, U. S. Veterinary will be in Ballinger, June 29th, and will give an illustrated lantern slide show on Hog Cholera. Anyone wishing to talk with him can do so on that day.

Very truly yours, GEO. P. McLELLAND putting in a line of service cars between Ballinger and Paint Rock, especially to make the noon trains each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladwig and three threshing will begin this week in daughters and three sons of Ennis, Texas, came in Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ladwig

visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Geo. W. Houston of the Tennyson country, remembered the Ledger Monday with a dollar, while in the city on business and says his oats are in the shock and

J. D. Smith of the Wingate country, and W. D. Meadows of near Ballinger for a few weeks. the Crews country, and our own commissioner Feb McWilliams, J. C. Wilson of the Pony creek at their post of duty in the comcountry, was among the business missioner's court acting as a board of equalization this week.

FOR FIVE YEARS

Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.-In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with would have sick headache so bad, at

did not seem to do me any good.

and all my friends, except one, thought I kept in every family chest.

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

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

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

Thedford's Black-Draught has been stomach trouble for five (5) years, and found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It Imes, that I thought surely I would die. is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, I tried different treatments, but they contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, used by young and old, and should be

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

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

sickening, salivating calomel when and make you feel fine and vig-

a day's work! silver which causes necrosis of the destroying the sale of calomel bebones. Calomel, when it comes cause it is a real liver medicine. into it, breaking it up. This is not salivate or make you sick.
when you feel that awful nausea I guarantee that one spoonful of and cramping. If you are slug-gish and "all knocked out," if sluggish liver to work and clean your liver is torpid and bowels your bowels of that sour bile and constipated or you have headache, constipated waste which is clog-dizziness, coated tongue, if breath ging your system and making you is bad or stomach sour just take a fell miserable. I guarantee that spoonful of harmless Dodson's a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone

bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. doesn't gripe and they like its Take a spoonful tonight and if it pleasant taste.

Listen to me! Take no more doesn't straighten you right up, bilious or constipated. Don't lose orous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your Calomel is mercury or quick- money. Dodson's Liver Tone is into contact with sour bile crashes entirely vegetable, therefore it can

Liver Tone.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50-cent your children. It is harmless;

BREAKS AN ARM

Uncle Jack Maxwell had the misfortune to get his left arm broken Thursday afternoon, having been kicked by a horse. He was out at the barn to take in some stove wood and clucked to the horse to get out of the way, when the horse kicked him on the arm with the above results. We are glad to report Uncle Jack doing very nicely today.

Thirty-six For 26 Cents.

Dr. King's New Life Pills are now supplied in well-corked glass bottles, containing 36 sugar coated white pills, for 25c. One pill with a glass of water before retiring is an average dose. Easy and pleasant to take. Effective and positive in results. Cheap and economical to use. Get a bottle today, take a dose tonightyour constipation will be relieved in the morning. 36 for 26c, at all

REPORTS GOOD OAT YIELD

Eddie Pape reports a yield of 70 bushels of oats per acre on a small field he had planted on his place north of Ballinger. So far there has been no crop reported failing to pan out a good yield.

WOOL GROWERS REJECT ALL BIDS

Wool growers holding 2,000,000 of wool at San Angelo turned down all bids made for the wool at a sale held last Wednesday. There were eight buyers present and sealed bids were received. The bids were not made public, but were all unsatisfactory, and the growers declined to sell.

It is reported that the growers were expecting to receive an average of about twenty-five cents, and as they rejected all bids it is known that the bids were under this mark. The buyers claim that sales have been made at other wool centers in the state at from twenty to twenty-two cents per pound.

BUGGY BARGAINS.

Having sold out our entire furniture stock and going out of business, we have on hand nine Jas. W. Moon buggies that we must sell, and they will go at a big bargain price. We also have two good hacks to sell at half price. Come and see them.
OSTERTAG FURNITURE CO. 9-2td 3tw.

Rev. Overman of the Wilmeth country, was transacting business in Bal-

WHITE MAN ARRESTED FOR HENIOUS CRIME

Sheriff Perkins arrested a man by the name of Claud Lee Saturday and turned him over to the Sheriff Kooks, of Milam county, Sunday. The man was arrested in Taylor county north of Winters, near Bradshaw, where Mr. Perkins found him at work plowing.

Lee is wanted at Cameron for one of the most henious crimes imaginable. He s charged with committing rape upon a little thirteen year old girl, and Sheriff Hooks stated while here Sunday that the crime was the worst committed in that country in fifty years, and was committed in such a manner as to cause much feeling against Lee. While there had been no threats of mob violence up to the time he left Cameron to come after the man, he was suffering some uneasiness for fear that an attempt would be made to lynch the man when it was learned that he had been returned

Sheriff Perkins received notice to look out for Lee, and was informed that the man had relatives near Bradshaw Going to that country Mr. Perkins had no trouble in locating his man, and soon had him in the Ballinger jail. It was a quick piece of work. Mr. Perkins made the arrest late Saturday evening, and phoned the Cameron sheriff of the arrest at eleven o'clock Saturday night. The Cameron officer received the message just in time to catch the midnight train and arrived in Ballinger Sunday at noon and returned with his prisoner Sunday afternoon.

Lee declined to make any statement and would not discuss the charge against him, remaining with his eyes fixed with a downward look, and would not notice those around him.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed. Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to the normal condition, hearing will be des troyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condi-

tion of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dolars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENNEY & CO. Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Fills for

Elder and Mrs. J. W. Kelley returned home Monday afternoon from Wall, Texas, where he had been to preach last Sunday.

Brady, were guests of Mrs. H. W. Day Monday while en route home from Girwin where Miss Willie Duke taught the pest school year.

Restored to Good Health.

"I was sick for four years with stomach trouble," writes Mrs. Otto Gane, Zanesville, Ohio. "I lost weight and felt so weak that I almost gave up hope of being cured. A friend told me about Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using two bottles of them I have been a well woman." Obtainable everywhere.

AUTHORITIES ALLEGE A "MOONSHINE" CONSPIRACY

FORT SMITH, Ark., June 1.—That the grand jury will get down to brass tacks in its investigation of the alleged \$30,000,000 moonshine conspiracy this week was believed here today. The first week's session of the jury was devoted chiefly to cases of lesser importance. This week, according to auwill delve deeply in to what federal of-

Roots of the alleged conspiracy were Booth, and others here recently.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria.enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

Attorney F. Carlin of New York city, who is spending some time on the Day ranch in Coleman county, for the benefit of his health, was a visitor in Ballinger Saturday. He says his health is wagons en route to the grain fields, much better and he is delighted with and will follow grain threshing for the Texas and this section in particular.

builders took particular pains to secure the best possible accessories for the production of maximum efficiency. Their choice of TEXACO URSA OIL

THEN PRESIDENT WILSON

has ever been used on this splendid machine.

pressed the button to open the

Panama-Pacific Exposition, the electric impulse that was flashed

across the Continent started a great Busch-Sulzer-Diesel Engine in

the Palace of Machinery. Texaco Ursa Oil is the only lubricant that

Knowing that this engine would attract great attention, the

was made after numerous tests.

Though the Diesel Engine is a new prime mover, it has received so much attention and study from the Lubricating Engineers of the Texas Company that we are able to lubricate it efficiently and economically, and we hold the leadership in this particular class of lubrication.

This is a fair example of Texaco Service, the service which means that we can give you an oil exactly suited to any condition of speed, heat, or pressure, for steam engines, gas engines, turbines, ice machines—anywhere a piston moves or a wheel revolves.

We invite you to get in communication with our nearest office and let one of our representatives show you the Red-Star-Green-T products of quality.

> The Texas Company General Offices, Houston, Texas



Just What You've Been Looking For.

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Col. Clemenger was here from the Brookshire oil well Friday. He reported that the drill had not been at work lease contract for a period of five years was entered into by the Jeanes Co., and the owner of the building this week, a spider bite. Mr. Carruthers was prominent sheep man of the Provided the court house suare. A lease contract for a period of five years was entered into by the Jeanes Co., and a spider bite. Mr. Carruthers was prominent sheep man of the Provided the court house suare. A lease contract for a period of five years was entered into by the Jeanes Co., and a spider bite. Mr. Carruthers was prominent sheep man of the Provided the court house suare. A lease contract for a period of five years was entered into by the Jeanes Co., and a spider bite. Mr. Carruthers was prominent sheep man of the Provided that the drill had not been at work was entered into by the Jeanes Co., and a spider bite. Mr. Carruthers was prominent sheep man of the Provided the court house suare. A lease contract for a period of five years was entered into by the Jeanes Co., and a spider bite. Mr. Carruthers was provided to the provided the court house suare. A lease contract for a period of five years was entered into by the Jeanes Co., and the court house suare. A lease contract for a period of five years was entered into by the Jeanes Co., and the court house suare. E. A. Jeanes & Co. are to occupy the building known as the Ostertag build- SPIDER BITE KILLS ANGE I

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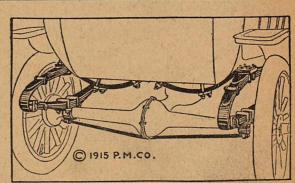
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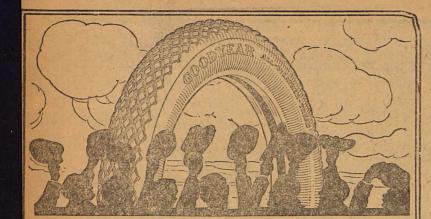
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CLAIMS MANY LIVES IS

By United Press EL CENTRO, Calif., June 23.—

from earthquake is heavy. Refugees are arriving here capes have been reported. m Mexicali, and report the oting of looters at that place, say they believed that there

in that city.

Much damage to property reaconfirmed reports received sulted from the quake in this re from different points in the city, and fires are raging through perial Valley says that loss of the valley. Many people were injured and many miraculous es-

R. C. Henny ger of the Harrist country, was transacting husiness no loss of life from the quake in Ballinger Fuesday aft and a.

CROP PROSPECTS HOLDING UP WELL

standing up so well under the to cross examine Thaw. making as well as the farmers made a good witness in his becould wish for, where the work half. has been carried on under the right kind of farming methods. Crops south of Ballinger will country, and H. G. Hays of the continue to thrive for two weeks Walthall neighborhood, we're longer without rain, and rain at transacting business in Ballinger this time would be a detriment to Wednesday. certain crops instead of a bene-

The Coren Russell thresher is at work fanning out the big oat crop on Dr. Fowler's farm. Between eight and nine thousand bushels of oats will be the crop off of about 200 acres, the yield running as high as 85 bushels to the acre and as Iow as 40.

LEFT FOR CONCHO

Rev. R. R. Rives, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian, church, and his Boy Scouts left Tuesday morning for the Concho in D. E. Sims' pasture, where they will spend the week in camp fishing and hunting.

SELLING MANY BARBECUE PRIVILEGES

R. P. Kirk reports that concessions for selling cold drinks, fruits, etc., are being placed and that quite a number of picnic attractions will be on the ground. A man from Brenham arrived here Sunday and closed the contract with Mr. Kirk for several

Audy J. Nichols of the Pony creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wed

B. E. Kellev left Monday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.



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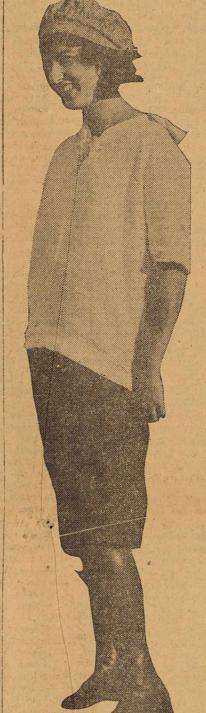
THAW TAKES STAND

We had the pleasure of visiting NEW YORK, June 23 .- The Hillsdale, perhaps the best im- jury in the Harry K. Thaw case proved farm in Runnels county, was completed yesterday and and the property of Dr. W. W. Thaw was the first witness called Fowler, Wednesday morning. We when court convened this mornwere surprised to find crops ing. The state was unprepared

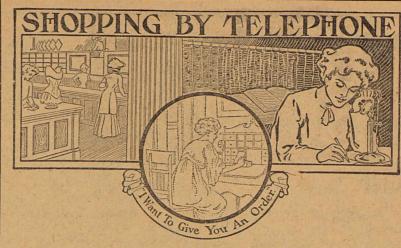
dry hot weather of the last few When first placed on the stand days. The various crops are in Thaw showed signs of nervousgood condition, growing and ness, but soon calmed himself and

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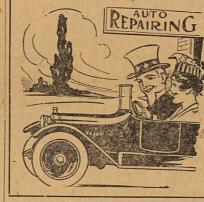
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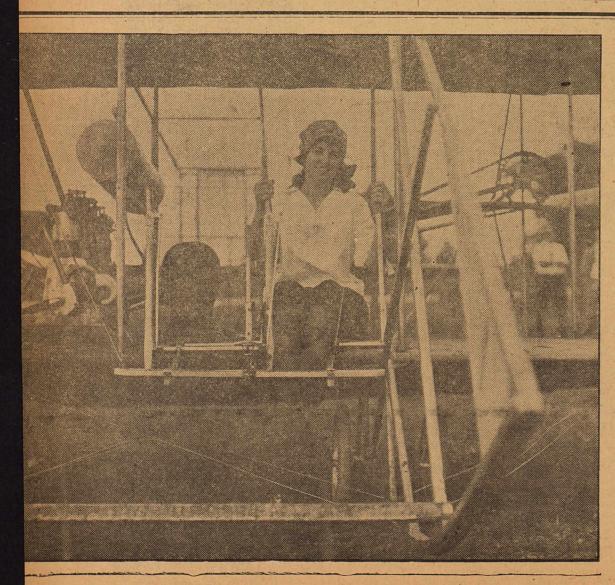
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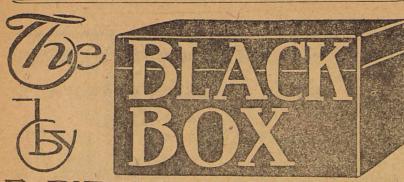
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SYNOPSIS.

Sanford Quest, master criminologist of the world, finds that in bringing to justice Macdougal, the murderer of Lord Ashleigh's daughter, he has but just begun a life-and-death struggle with a mysterious master criminal. In a hidden hut in Professor Ashleigh's garden he has seen an anthropoid ape skeleton and a living inhuman creature, half monkey, half man, destroyed by fire. In his room have appeared from nowhere black boxes, one containing diamonds from from a lovely throat by a pair of armless, threatening hands, both with sarcastic, threatening hands, both with sarcastic, threatening hands, signed by the inscrutable hands. He is arrested for the murder of his valet. Ross Brown, and a Miss Quigg, in his rooms. Laura and Lenora, his assistants, suspect Craig, the professor's valet, Lenora is abducted by the threatening hands, but is rescued. Quest clears himself of the murder charge, but fails to trap Craig. In his rooms another black box appears in the rifled safe and, returning the diamonds a second time, the accompanying note tells him he has no chance against the inherited cunning of ages.

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT

THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

CHAPTER XVI.

Something in the nature of a conference was proceeding in Quest's study. The professor was there, seated in the most comfortable easychair, smoking without relish one of his host's best cigars, watching with nervous impatience the closed door. Laura and Lenora were seated at the table, dressed for the street. They had the air of being prepared for professor's highly strung state, had left him alone for a few moments and was studying a map of New York. The latter, however, was too ill at ease to keep silent for long.

"Our friend French," he remarked, "gave you no clue, I suppose, as to the direction in which his investigations are leading him?"

Quest glanced up from the map. "None at all. I know, however, that the house in which Lenora here was confined is being watched closely."

ward the table before which Lenora was seated. 'It seems strange," he continued,

"that the young lady should have so still lingered in his face. little to tell us about her incarcera-

Lenora shivered for a moment. "What could there be to tell," she asked, "except that it was all horrible, and that I felt things-felt dangers-

which I couldn't describe." The professor gave vent to an im-

patient little exclamation. "I am not speaking for fancies," he you, fer instance. Could you never your room? Could you hear nothing | gests to me, of the footsteps of the person who going to see the house inspector?" brought it? Could you not even surmise whether it were a man or a woman?"

Lenora answered him with an evirecovered from the shock of those

"The person who brought me the food," she said, "came at night-never in the daytime. I never heard anything. The most I ever saw was once -I happened to be looking toward the door and I saw a pair of handsnothing more—setting down a tray. I shrieked and called out. I think that I almost fainted. When I found courage enough to look, there was nothing there but the tray upon the floor."

The professor sighed as he turned away.

"It is evident. I am afraid," he said, "that Miss Lenora's evidence will help no one. As an expert in these affairs, Mr. Quest, does it not seem to you that her imprisonment was just a little purposeless? There seems to have een no attempt to harm her in any

"Whoever took the risk of abductng her," Quest pointed out grimly, 'did it for a purpose. That purpose ould probably have been develned in course of time. However we ook at it. Mr. Ashleigh, there was only one man who must have been anxious to get her out of the way, and hat man was Craig. Here comes our friend French. I have an idea that he has something to tell us."

They glanced expectantly towards the door as French entered. The inspector, who was looking very spruce and well brushed, wished them a general good-morning. His eyes rested The Whole Staircase Suddenly Began last and longest upon Laura, who seemed, however, unconscious of his presence.

"Now, then, French," Quest began, as he returned his greeting, "take a cigar, make vourself comfortable in that chair and let us have your news. As you see, we have obeyed orders. We are all ready to follow you any-

"It won't be to the end of the world, inyway," the inspector remarked, as ne lit his cigar. "I am going to proose a little excursion down Gayson venue way."

"Back to that house?" Lenora exclaimed with a grimace.

The inspector nodded.

"We have had those boys at the

Produced by the Universal station," he went on, "and we have questioned them carefully. It seems that after they had picked up the ball,

Lenora's message, and shouted after them. The boys had sense enough to scoot. The man ran after them, but had to give it up. Here is their description of him.'

a man came out of the side entrance

of the house, saw them reading Miss

The inspector took a piece of paper from his pocket. They all waited breathlessly.

'Had to drag this out of the boys, bit by bit," the inspector proceeded, "but boiled down and put into reasonable language, this is what it comes to: A man of medium height, rather thin, pale, and after running a short distance he put his hand to his heart, as though out of breath. One of the boys thought his nose was a little hooked, and they both remarked upon the fact that although he shouted after them he used no swear words, but simply tried to induce them to stop. This description suggest anything to you, gentlemen? "Craig." Lenora said firmly.

"It is a very accurate discription of Craig." Sanford Quest agreed.

The professor looked troubled, also a little perplexed. He said nothing.

however. 'Under these circumstances," house watched, and I propose that we some excursion. Quest, realizing the now search it systematically. It is very possible that something may transpire to help us. Of course, my men went through it roughly when we brought Miss Lenora away, but that wasn't anything of a search to count, if the place really has become a haunt of criminals."

house?" Quest asked, as he took up his hat.

The inspector nodded approvingly. that direction," he announced. "I ex- slept was still crumpled. French, The professor glanced across to pect to have something to report very who had been tapping the walls downshortly.'

"Tell me again," he begged, "the

idence is situated?" "Gayson avenue," the inspector re-

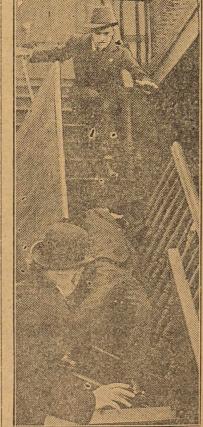
plied. "It's a bit out of the way, but it's not a bad neighborhood."

signs of growing anxiety. He seemed ment.

you, fer instance. Could you hevel they moved towards the door, "sug- pied house and a concealed cup- his arm passed around it for s

"We are on our way there now, sir -that is if the young ladies are willing?" he added, glancing at Laura.

'We've been waiting here with our



to Revolve.

replied promptly. "You've stretched your ten minutes out some. Mr. French."

The inspector maneuvered to let the others pass on, and descended the stairs by Laura's side.

"Couldn't help it," he confided, lowering his tone a little. "Had some information in about that house I dered, "in front of me-so! Now couldn't quite size up. You're looking turn to the right and go down the well this morning, Miss Laura.'

"Say, who are you guying!" she replied.

"I mean it." the inspector persisted. 'That hat seems to suit you.' Laura laughed at the top of her

"Say, kid," she exclaimed to Le-

nora, "the inspector here's setting up

as a judge of millinery! Lenora turned and looked at them both 'with an air of blank astonishment.. The inspector was a little embarrassed.

'No need to give me away like that," he muttered, as they reached the hall. "Now then, ladies and gentlemen, if you are ready.'

They took their places in the au tomobile and drove off. As they neared the vicinity of Gayson avenue the professor began to show signs of renewed uneasiness. When they drew un at last outside the house he gave a little exclamation. His face was grave, almost haggard.

'Mr. Quest." he said "Inspector French, I deeply regret that I have a statement to make."

They both turned quickly toward him. The inspector smiled in a confidential manner at Laura. It was obvious that he knew what was coming.

"Some years ago," the professor continued, "I bought this house and made a present of it to-"

"To whom?" Quest asked quickly. "To my servant Craig," the professor admitted with a groan.

Lenora gave a little cry. She turned triumphantly towards the inspector. "All recollection as to its locality had escaped me," the professor continued sorrowfully. "I remember that it was on the anniversary of his having been with me for some fifteen years that I decided to show him some substantial mark of my appreciation. I knew that he was looking for a domicile for his father and mother, who are since both dead, and I requested a house agent to send me in a list of suitable residences This, alas! was the one I purchased. Quest glanced around the place.

"I think," he said, "that the professor's statement now removes any doubt as to Craig's guilt. You are sure the house has been closely watched, inspector?"

"Since I received certain information," French replied, "I have had inspector continued, "I have had the half a dozen of my best men in the vicinity. I can assure you that no one has entered or left it during the last twenty-four hours."

They made their way to the piazza steps and entered by the front door. The house was an ordinary framework one of moderate size, in poor repair, and showing signs of great neg-The rooms were barely furlect. "What about the ownership of the nished and their first cursory search revealed no traces of habitation. There was still the broken skylight in the room which Lenora had occu-"I am making a few inquiries in pied, and the bed upon which she had stairs, called to them. They trooped The professor stood drawing on down into the hall. The inspector his gloves. The vague look of trouble was standing before what appeared to be an ordinary panel.

"Look here," he said, glancing out name of the avenue in which this res- of the corner of his eye to be sure that Laura was there, "let me show you what I have just discovered."

He felt with his thumb for a spring. In a moment or two a portion of the The professor repeated the address wall, about two feet in extent, slowly to himself softly. For a moment he revolved, disclosing a small cup- him if he tries to run out. I'll search

persisted. "You had food brought to to be trying to remember something. "A telephone," the inspector re-"The name," he admitted finally, as marked, pointing to it, "in an unocculeaning against one of the pillars, board. What do you think of that'

The professor shook his head. "Don't ask me," he groaned.

French took the receiver from its rest and called up the exchange "Inspector French speaking." dent effort. She had barely, as yet, hats on for the last half hour," Laura announced. "Kindly tell me what is the number of the telephone from which I am speaking, and who is the

subscriber?" He listened to the reply and asked another question.

"Can you tell me when this instrument was last used? Thank you!'

The inspector hung up the receiver. "The subscriber's name," he told them dryly, "is Brown. The number is not entered in the book, by request. The telephone was used an hour age from a call office and connection was established. That is to say, that someone spoke from this

"Then if your men have maintained their search properly, that someone, Quest said slowly, "must be in the house at the present moment."

"Without a doubt," the inspector agreed.

"I am going to search the front room on the first floor before we do anything else," said Quest, "I think that if you wait here I may be able to show you something directly.'

Quest ascended the stairs and entered a wholly unfurnished room on the left-hand side. He looked for a minute contemplatively at a large but rather shallow cupboard, the door of which stood open, and tapped lightly with his forefinger upon the back part of it. Then he withdrew a few feet and, drawing out his revolver, deliberately fired into the floor, a few inches inside. There was a halfstifled cry. The false back suddenly swung open and a man rushed out. Quest's revolver covered him, but there was no necessity for its use. Craig, smothered with dust, his face white as a piece of marble, even his jaw shaking with fear, was wholly unarmed. He seemed, in fact, incapable of any form of resistance

"Walk out of the room," Quest orstairs."

They all gave a little cry as they saw him appear, a trembling, pitiful creature, glancing around like a trapped animal. He commenced to descend the stairs, holding tightly to the banisters. Quest remained on the landing above, his revolver in his



He Was Wearing Craig's Clothes.

hand. French waited in the hall be- long as I live," he declared, "I'll have night low, also armed. Laura gripped Le- that fellow before I'm through!" nora's arm in excitement.

"They've got him now!" claimed, "Got him, sure!"

On the fourth or fifth stair Craig hesitated. He suddenly saw the professor standing below. He gripped the banisters with one hand. The other he flung out in a threatening gesture

"You've given me away to these bloodhounds!" he cried-"you, for whom I have toiled and slaved, whom I have followed all over the world. whom I have served faithfully with the last breath of my body and the last drop of blood in my veins! You have brought them here-tracked me down! You!"

The professor shook his head sorrowfully.

"Craig," he said, "you have been the best servant man ever had. If you are innocent of these crimes you can clear yourself. If you are guilty a dog's death is none too good for

you. Craig seemed to sway for a moment upon his feet. Only Lenora, from the hall, saw that he was fitting his right foot into what seemed to be a leather loop hanging from the banisters. Then a wild shout of surprise broke from the lips of all of them, followed by a moment of stupefied wonder. The whole staircase suddenly began to revolve. Craig, clinging to the banisters, disappeared. In a moment or two there was a fresh click. Another set of stairs, identical to the first, had taken their place.

"The cellar!" Quest shouted, as he rushed down the stairs. "Quick!" They wrenched open the wooden

door and hurried down the dark steps into the gloomy, unlit cellar. The place was crowded with packing cases and two large wine barrels stood in the corner. At the farther end was a door. Quest rushed for it and stood guard. A moment later, however, he called to Laura and pressed his revolver into her hand.

"Stand there," he ordered. "Shoot stood quite still. His manner showed board fitted with a telephone instruin the packing cases. He might be dangerous."

with Quest and French. searched hastily amongst the packing Suddenly there was a loud crack, the sound of falling masonry, followed by a scream from Laura. French, with a roar of anger, rushed toward her. She was lying on her side, already half covered by falling bricks and masonry. He dragged her

away, just in time. "My God, she's fainted!" he ex-

claimed. "I haven't," Laura faltered, trying to open her eyes, "and I'm not going to but I think my arm's broken, and my side hurts."

"The fellow's not down here, anyway," Quest declared. "Let's help her upstairs and get her out of this devil's house.

They supported her up the steps and found a chair for her in the hail. The inspector swung open the telephone cupboard and called for an ambulance. Then Quest, who had been examining the staircase, suddenly

gave a little exclamation. "He's done us!" he cried. "Look here, French, this is the original staircase. There's the leather loop. I know it because there was a crack on the fourth stair. When we rushed down the cellar after him, he swung the thing round again and simply walked out of the front door. Damn it, man, it's open!"

They hurried outside. French blew his whistle. One of the plain-clothes men came running up from the avenue. He was looking a little sheep-

"What's wrong?" French demand-

"He's gone off," was the unwilling reply. "I guess that chap's given us the slip." "Speak up," French insisted.

"The only place," the man went on, 'we hadn't our eyes glued on was the front door. He must have come out through that. There's been a motortruck with one or two queerlooking chaps in it at the corner of the avenue there for the last ten min-I'd just made up my mind to stroll round and see what it was up to when Jim, who was on the other side, shouted out. A man jumped up

into it and they made off at once." The inspector's rubicund countenance was white with fury. His head kept turning in the direction of Laura, to whom the professor was busy rendering first aid.

"If I never take another job on as

CHAPTER XVII.

The professor roused himself from what had apparently been a very gloomy reverie "Well," he announced, "I must go

home. It has been very kind of you, took off their coats and waistcoats. Mr. Quest, to keep me here for so long.

Quest glanced at the clock. "Don't hurry, Mr. Ashleigh," he said. "We may get some news at any moment. French has a dozen men out on the search and he has prom-

hears anything."

The professor sighed. "A man," he declared, "who for twenty years can deceive his master as utterly and completely as Craig has done me, who is capable of such diabolical outrages, and who, when the exclamation. From the other side capture stares him in the face, is today, is outside the laws of probyou, Quest, will entirely solve the the helm from his long, brown beard. mystery of these murders and the theft of the Rheinholdt jewels. What can we do against men who have re-Quest, but that fellow Craig is a hundred dollars!" scientific criminal, if ever there was

cigar cabinet, and opened it. His little the middle. They'll have to chuck it." start was apparent to both of them. Lenora laid down the bag which she had just lifted up. The professor leaned forward in his chair.

What is it, Quest?" he demanded. Quest stretched out his hand and picked up from the top of the cigars a small black box! He laid it on the

"Unless I am very much mistaken," he said, "it is another communication from our mysterious friend."

"Impossible!" the professor /exclaimed hoarsely "How can he have been here?" Le-

nora cries Quest removed the lid from the box and drew out a circular card. Around the outside edge was a very clever pen and ink sketch of a lifebuoy, and inside the margin were several sentences of clear handwriting. In the middle was the signature-the clenched hands! Quest read the message alond:

In the great scheme of things, the Supreme Ruler of the universe divided an inheritance amongst his children. To one he gave power, to another strength, to another beauty, but to his favorite he gave cunning. They all looked at one another.

"What does it mean?" Lenora gasped.

"A lifebuoy!" the professor mur-They both stared at Quest, who re mained silent, chewing hard at the

end of his cigar. "Every message," he said, speaking half to himself, "has had some significance. What does this meanlifebuoy?'

He was silent for a moment. Then he turned suddenly to the professor "What did you call those men in tha motortruck, professor-river pirates? And a lifebuoy! Wait."

He crossed the room towards his desk and returned with a list in his hand. He ran his finger down it stopped and glanced at the date. "The Durham," he muttered, "cargo

cotton, destination Southampton, sails at high tide on the 16th. Lenora, is that calendar right?" "It's the 15th, Mr. Quest." she an

swered. Quest crossed the room to the telephone.

"I want number one, central," he said. "Thank you! Put me through to Mr. French's office. French! I've got an idea. Can you come round here at once and bring an automobile? I want to get down to the docks-not where the passen ger steamers start from-lower down. Good! We'll wait."

Quest hung up the receiver. "See here, professor," he continued, "that fellow wouldn't dare to send this message if he weren't pretty sure of getting off. He's made all his plans beforehand, but it's my belief we shall just get our hands upon him, after all.'

Presently the heard the automobile stop outside and French appeared. "Anything doing?" he asked. Quest showed him the card and the

The inspector glanced at the clock.

"Then we've got to make tracks," he declared, "and pretty quick, too. She'll be starting from somewhere about number twenty-eight dock, a long way down. Come along, gentle-

men. They hurried out to the automobile and started off for the docks. The latter part of their journey was accomplished under difficulties for the street was packed with drays and heavy vehicles. They reached dock number twenty-eight at last, however, and hurried through the shed on to the wharf There were no signs of a steamer there.

"Where's the Durham?" Quest asked one of the carters, who was just getting his team together.

The man pointed out to the middle of river, where a small steamer was lying. 'There she is," he replied. "She'll

be off in a few minutes. You'll hear the sirens directly when they begin to move down." Quest led the way quickly to the

edge of the wharf. There was a small tug there, the crew of which were just making her fast for the "Fifty dollars if you'll take us out

to the Durham and catch her before she sails," Quest shouted to the man who seemed to be the captain. They clambered down the iron ladder and jumped on to the deck of the

tug. The captain seized the wheel The two men who formed the crew "Give it to her, Jim," the former or-

dered. "Now then, here goes! We'll just miss the ferry." They swung around and commenced their journey. Quest stood with his watch in his hand. They were getting up the anchor of the Durham and ised to ring me up immediately he from higher up the river came the

screecn of steamers beginning to move on their outward way. "We'll make it all right," the cap-

tain assured them. They were within a hundred yards of the Durham when Quest gave a litof the steamer another tug shot out capable of an escape such as he made away, turning back towards New York. Huddled up in the stern, half ability. Personally, I do not believe concealed in a tarpaulin, was a man that I shall ever again see the face in a plain black suit. Quest, with a of my servant, any more than that little shout, recognized the man at

"That's one of those fellows who was in the truck," he declared, "and that's Craig in the stern! We've got volving staircases and trolley-loads him this time. Say, captain, it's that of river pirates waiting for them? tug I want. Never mind about the You may be a scientific criminologist, steamer. Catch it and I'll make it a

"We've got her!" he captain exclaimed. There's the ferry and the Quest crossed the room towards his first of the steamers coming down in Right ahead of them, blazing with lights, a huge ferry came churning the river up and sending waves in their direction. On the other side,



Quest Stood on Guard. unnaturally large, loomed up the great bows of an ocean-going steamer. The tug was swung round and they ran up alongside. The man with the beard leaned over. "Say, what's your trouble?" he de-

The inspector stepped forward. "I want that man you've got under the tarpaulin," he announced.

"Say, you ain't the river police?" "I'm Inspector French from headquarters," was the curt reply. "The sooner you hand him over, the better for you."

"Do you hear that, O'Toole?" the other remarked, turning around. "Get up, you blackguard!"

A man rose from underneath the oilskin. He was wearing Craig's clothes, but his face was the face of a stranger. As quick as lightning Quest swung round in his place.

"He's fooled us again!" he exclaimed. "Head her round, captainback to the Durham!'

The sailor shook his head "We've lost our chance, guvnor," he pointed out. "Look!"

Quest set his teeth and gripped the inspector's arm. The place where the Durham had been anchored was empty. Already, half a mile down the river, with a trail of light behind and her siren shrieking, the Durham

was standing out seawards. (TO BE CONTINUED.) Children Cry for Fletcher's

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is considered a very fair start for the

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yet reported on wheat for the Winters

country. On 12 acres in wheat Mr.

Baldwin threshed out, according to

weight almost 33 bushels to the acre.

This was No. 1 wheat which had previ-

Thus Mr. Baldwin will easily clear bet-

ter than \$20 per acre on his wheat land.

Another report reached us Wednesday

of a large field of L. E. Low, which

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We are glad to note that the latest news from Austin says that Miss Edie Voelkel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

A. J. Voelkel of Ballinger, is getting along nicely, and it is hoped that she will soon be able to come home. Miss

Edie attended the State University dur-ing the last term and was about ready

to tack a few days vacation before at-

tending the summer term when she happened to an accident that proved both painful and for a time serious. The young lady was alighting from a street car when she made a misstep that

caused her to sprain her ankle. Later paralysis set up and the physicians an-nouned that it would be two weeks be-

fore she could get about. She will not be able to attend the summer term at

the University and will return home as soon as she is able to travel.

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will cost about \$15,000.

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produced 92 bushels to the acre.

RECEIVES NEWS OF FATHER'S, SOME RECORD YIELDS OF GRAIN DEATH

R. Gottschalk, the Valley Creek far- to reach the Enterprise office were of mer received the news of the death of oats from T. L. Chapmond's farm 4 his father Carl Gottschalk, of Berlin, miles west of town, and on wheat from Germany, last week. The good man had the crop of Howard Baldwin 2 miles reached the age of 90 years and his north. death was due to his advanced years. A few weeks ago he wrote a card to his son here and expressed his belief that this would be the last message he would send as he expected the end to come soon. It is needless to say that this card is a treasured memento in the Gottschalk home.-Winters Enterprise.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are nevely warned not to ously been sold for \$1.02 per bushel. trasspass on my ranch on the Con cho 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

GODFREY MASSEY, Concho county, Tex

HAIL INSURANCE IS PAID

ON 26 OF 27 POLICIES

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., June 20 .-One hail insurance agency in this city has paid damages on twenty-six out of twenty-seven policies written on grain crops in this county. The damages amounted to about \$11,000 and were paid promptly.

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92 12 BUSHELS OATS PER ACRE L. E. Low of Winters, has fanned out the largest oat yeild so far reported this season. Mr. Low had a field of oats that averaged 92 1-2 bushels per acre. This report came through a party who visited Winters this week. The yield is coming up to the expectations of most farmers, and will average the largest for any previous year in the history of Runnels county grain

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B. E. HURLBUT,

It was quite a surprise to everyone I tonio, buyer for Hollowell, Jones &

day afternoon that practically every ack of wook stored in the local ware made by the buyers.

Saturday was sales day for the Runnels County Wool Growers Association, and the largest wool farms in the representatives from the Santa Fe and United States were represented on the the A. & S., railways were here to local market. In view of the fact that bids for wool stored at San Angelo and porting of this wool to the mills. other places in this section of the state had been rejected, it was believed that THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK ENthe buyers would not offer bids on the local holdings that would be accepted. But for some reason the buyers made almost a clean sweep.

Concho county, were the two who de- pickles, onions, coffee, ice tea. clined to sell on the bids offered.

ings Saturday: J. W. Fowler, Robt. Spreen, G. G. Odom, A. J. Zappe, E. S. McWilliams, O. O. McWilliams, R. E. ring, S. A. Hartgrove, Edgar Jayroe, Wiliams, Geo. Onken, I. W. Spann, W. F. McShann, Bert Fletcher, W. P King, Aug. Voglesang, E. A. Brookshire, W. O. Schultz, W. A. Summers,

In all there wil be about eight cars of wool. This is being loaded today

price paid for any clip. Of the amount | could express. stored here W. O. Schultz of Millersriew, was the heaviest holder. Mr. Schultz had 170 sacks or about 34,000 for Fansworth, Taylor & Stephens.

but a few cents below the price paid in creek country were among the number S. Gottschalk reports that off his the files of the San Antonio Exprees and barbecue in Ballinger Saturday. of 1881, makes interesting reading in

this connection: The wool season is rapidly growing PORT ARTHUR MAN to a close and the present week will see the bulk of the stock now in the hands of the commission merchants sold to the regular dealers. Thomas Bond of Crockett county this spring sold his clip to Colonel T. H. Zanderson, receiving Sufferer is Restored and Makes 25 1-2 cents per pound for thirty-one bags of wool, and one-third off for one bag of tags. The official record kept at the Merchants' Exchange shows that 753 bags of wool received in this city. worth 12 cents he ginned out a staple until he almost lost hope. which local buyers offered 20 cents for. He at last took Mayr's Wonder-The wool loses about one-fourth of its weight in passing through the operation. "I have taken all of your wonsheep oweners.

wool was sold by Feb McWilliams to cine. I am entirely well now." McCully & Co., of Brownwood, for 27 Mayr's Wonderful Remedy

of the largest firms of wool buyers in like. No more distress after eatthe United States are in Ballinger to- ing, pressure of gas in the stomday (Saturday) for the purpose of sub- ach and around the heart. Get. mitting bids on 200,000 pounds of wool one bottle of your druggist now stored here.

moon was devoted to sampling and list- will be refunded. ing the different clips, and as we go to press the wool growers are entertain- BROWNWOOD MAN ACQUITTED ing offers made on the wool, but it is doubtful whether a single sale will be were rejected.

throughout. The new place of worship liams & Co.; Henry Burns, San An- self defense.

even the buyers and the sellers being Donald of Boston; S. D. Rainer of surprised, when it was announced Satur-Llano, representive of Farnsworth, Tay lor & Stephens; A. C. Emery, a member of the firm of Goodhue, Studdley house had been sold, and that all wool & Emery of Boston; Jeff Cauthen of growers present, or those who were Lampasas, buyer for northern mills; represented, had accepted the offers H. Roddy of Brady, with Goodhue, Studley & Emery.

Representatives from the Mallory and Morgan steamship lines and also solicit the tonnage offered in the trans-

TERTAINS.

At the noon hour the wooi growers and the buyers were the guests of the First National Bank at a barbecue. The Out of thirty-one wool growers with First National had prepared a spread wool in the local warehouse only two in the river park just at the foot of rejected bids. Those not present re- Eighth Street, where the wool growers ceived bids over the phone. Benge & and buyers, with a few friends, feast-Littlefield and Roy Wiloughby, of ed on barbecued mutton and calf, bread,

Just before announcing dinner J. Mc-Following are those who had wool Gregor called the sheepmen and buyers stored here and who sold all their hold- together and introduced Mayor Powell who extended in a few words a hearty welcome to the buyers, and told why the First National Bank had prepared McWilliams, N. J. Allen, Joe Vancil, a feast for them. Mayor Powell brief-Dee Oliver, W. A. Coffee, Robt. Her- ly told how the interest of the wool growers and the wool buyers was, a W. W. Fowler, S. H. Meeks, Feb Mc- mutual interest. "The growers must have the market and the buyers must have the wool," said the mayor, "and it was the bank that stood between the two and brought them together and the M. H. Witt, M. H. Gearhart, W. A. bank shows its enterprise in working for the development and success of the wool industry in this country."

After the feast, Chas. Stokes, of (Monday) and will go direct to Galves- Lampasas, one of the visiting buyers, ton and from that port by water to Bos- thanked the First National Bank and the woolmen for their hospitality and The price paid for this wool ranged speaking in behalf of the buyers, assurfrom twenty to twenty-two and one- ed the host that the buyers appreciated eighth. N. J. Allen received the highest the courtesies more than mere words

ATTENDED WOOL SALE. Joe Vancil, of Winters, W. O pounds. H. Roddy, of Brady, represent- Schultz and S. A. Hargraves of Millers ing Goodhue, Studley & Emery of Bos- view, E. S. McWilliams, of Valley ton, purchased the Schultz clip. Other creek; Louis Jamison, Sam Brookshire buyers getting a share of the wool are and son Ed.,; Jim Clayton of the Caldwell Palmer, of San Antonio, buy- Benoit-Talpa country; D. N. and O. Mc ing for Hollwell, Jones & Donald, of Williams of Talpa; Godfrey Massey, of Boston; S. D. Rainer of Llano, buying Concho; W. F. McShann of Pony creek W .P. King and Edgar Jayroe of the The price of wool has changed many Crews country; Tom Trail of Paint times during the last thirty-five years, Rock; Max Russell of the Leaday but the price being paid this year is not country and Dee Oliver of the Valley 1881, and the following reproduced from of wool growers who attended the sale

FINDS GOOD HEALTH

Remarkable Gain in Weight on Few Doses.

J. F. Stoneburner of Port Arduring the past week there have been thur, Texas, suffered from stomach ailments for a long time. He E. E. Sibley has been trying the ex-fell off in weight and took treat periment of ginning wool, so as to free ment without apparent benefit. it of burs and trash. From a sample He tried physician after physician

Should any serious injury be done by it derful stomach remedy and got to the staple, this method of freeing good results from it. I have wool of burs promises to become of gained in weight since starting great utility to this section and to our on your remedy—twenty - on e pounds so far. I was under the SMALL CLIP BRINGS 27 CENTS care of five doctors for about six A small clip of Lincoln-Shire cross months before I got your medi-

gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Representatives from seven or eight | Eat as much and whatever you and try it on an absolute guar-The forenoon and part of the after- antee-if not satisfactory money

OF MURDER CHARGE Judge J. H. Baugh returned from made. Before bids were submitted Brownwood Thursday night. He had some of the buyers expressed been in the Bayou City all the week at the opinion that the prices to be made tending district court as a state's counwould not interest the wool growers. sel in the J. S. Arnold murder case This to a great extent was perhaps due Arnold was tried for killing Virgil Alto the fact that bids recently made on good, and the jury acquitted him. The wool held at San Angelo and at Talpa defendant was tried last December for killing Frank Algood and was acquit-

The bidders on Wednesday after- ted. The trouble leading up to the noon were: C. D. Stokes of Lampasas, killing grew out of improper relations representing Winslow & Co., of Boston, between Arnold's daughter and Algood, Morris Cummings of Brown & Adams and in the first case the defendant of Boston; Caldwell Palmer of San based his plea on the unwritten law Antonio, representing Jeremiah, Wil- and the trial just closed was based on For Reliable Abstract Work

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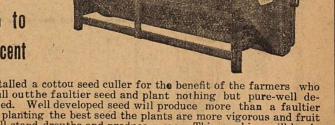
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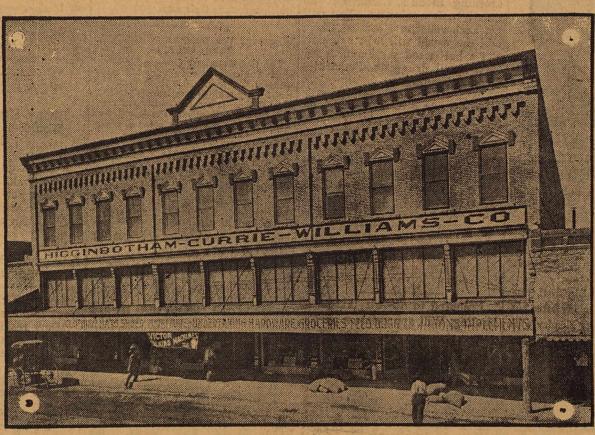












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J. S. Savage of the Marie country, and C. E. McMillan of the New Home neighborhood, G. W. Caswell of the en route home from Marathon, where your patronage. Phone 192, W. C.

We are glad to be able to report Mrs. Crews grocery merchant, were among

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

A. C. Hardgrave of Blackwell, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday while hauling. Will appreciate a part of Norton section, and Will Legg, the he had just completed a large hotel.

BALLINGER'S BIRTH

BUMPER OAT CROP IN CONCHO COUNTY

(Paint Rock Herald)

The Loomis ranch it is estimated, will make 60,000 bushels of oats this year. We have not received an estimate of the amount of oats from the Wilson-Wright ranch, but they are shipping cars all last week and this from Paint Rock. A. T. Eiland and J. H. Middlebrooks will each make at least 6,000 bushels and both will hold considerable of their crop. Mr. Dalton is building a granary to hold his crop. in the Dry Hollow section having big He will make some 15,000 or more oats. He is shipping the bulk of his crop. Doole section will mostly hold their crops. Millersview, too, has a good crop with a very considerable acreage. One trouble is the sacks are very expensive this year. The tow sack is selling for 12 1-2c and 13c. The domestic sacks are seling for 10c.

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SPLENDID REPORTS

Reports from Chicago, Illinois, state G. W. Barton and W. B. A. Bynum as that Misses Olga and Louise Schawe, well as many other farmers out there of this city, have been unusually successful in securing the best talent in crops of oats. Mr. Shultz is threshing that city, under whom to study this summer. Miss Olga is studying under Mr. Adolf Weidig, whom critics pro-We understand that the farmers of the nounce the most proficient instructor of harmony and teachers courses in the under Madame Fanny Bloomfield Zeisler, who is a recognized artist not only in this country, but also in Europe.

Madame Zeisler made a concert tour of the United States last winter, and on this tour met Miss Louise in Dallas, Texas. Madame Zeisler is perhaps the most sought after instructress in this country, and accepts only pupils of the highest attainments.

The friends of yonug ladies in this city wil be glad to learn of the success which is coming their way.

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> In the meantime will repair store house and make changes for a larger business.

> > I. N. ROARK

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head

BOOZE CAUSED HIM TO ROB MOVIE SHOW

Sheriff Perkins was called to Winters Sunday to investigate a robbery, and was successful in running down and securing a confession from a young man that committed the robbery.

Just before the moving picture show at Winters closed Saturday night a wallet containing the receipts for the night, or at least a part of the money, amounting to about \$25, mysteriously disappeared from the ticket booth. The manager of the show, E. Buchwald, had placed the money in a wallet and left it within reach of any one passing by the window. While the ticket clerk's back was turned the money disappeared.

Sheriff Perkins was put on the job and, working with little clue he soon had the guilty party under arrest, and recovered most of the money, and rela-United States. Miss Louise is studying tives of the young man promised to make good the entire amount.

> A youth of seventeen summers was spotted by the Sheriff as the guilty one, and after taking the young man in charge Mr. Perkins secured from him a full confession, and was lead to where the money had been secreted. The young man was very penitent, and told the sheriff that he was drinking and did not realize the seriousness of the crime he had committed until he had sobered up, and he begged for the mercy of the

> The lowest fine for such an offense is \$1.00 and costs, and one hour in jail. It is probable that he will be given the lowest penalty.

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TWELFTH EPISODE

THE BLOOD CRYSTALS.

"On your right is the residence of Miss Elaine Dodge, who is pursuing the Clutching Hand."

The barker had been grandiloquently pointing out the residences of noted New Yorkers as the big sight-seeing to her. car lumbered along through the

No one had paid any attention to the unobtrusive Chinaman who sat in- he directed. conspicuously in the middle of the car. He was Mr. Wong Long Sin, but no one saw anything particularly mysterious about an Oriental visitor, more

or less, viewing New York city. Wong was of the mandarin type, with long, drooping mustache, well dressed in American clothes, and conforming to the new customs of an Oc-

cidentalized China. Anyone, however, who had been watching Long Sin would have seen that he showed much interest whenever any of the wealthy residents of the city were mentioned. The name of Elaine Dodge seemed particularly to strike him. He listened with subtle interest to what the barker said and to look over in my direction. "What's looked keenly at the Dodge house.

The sight-seeing car had passed the house, when he rose slowly and motioned that he wanted to be let off. The car stopped, he alighted and slowly rambled away, evidently marveling greatly at the strange customs of these

uncouth Westerners. Perry Bennett almost on the steps of | pointing to his own door. the house.

"I've brought you the watch," regive it to you myself."

He displayed the watch which he himself had bought a couple of days before for her birthday. He had called for it himself at the jeweler's, where it had now been regulated.

"Oh, thank you," exclaimed Elaine. "Won't you come in?"

They had scarcely greeted each other when Long Sin strolled along. Neither of them, however, had time to notice the quiet Chinaman who passed the house, looking at Elaine sharply out of the corner of his eye. They entered and Wong disappeared down the street.

"Isn't it a beauty?" cried Elaine, holding it out from her as they entered the library, and examining it with great appreciation. "And, oh, do you know, the strangest thing happened yesterday! Sometimes Mr. Kennedy acts too queerly for anything."

She related how Craig had burst in on her and Aunt Josephine and had almost torn the other watch off her

"Another watch?" repeated Bennett, amazed. "It must have been a mistake. Kennedy is crazy.' "I don't understand it myself." mur-

mured Elaine.

Long Sin was revolving some dark and devious plan beneath his impassive Oriental countenance. He was no ordinary personage. In fact, he was astute enough to have no record. He left that to his tools.

This remarkable criminal had established himself in a hired apartment down town.

Long Sin, now in rich Oriental costume, was reclining on a divan smoking a strange-looking pipe and playing with two pet white rats. Each white rat had a gold band around his leg, to which was connected a gold chain about a foot in length, and the chains ended in rings which were slipped over Wong's little fingers. Ordinarily he carried the pets up the capacious sleeve of each arm.

A little Chinese girl, also in native costume, entered and bowed deferen-

"A Miss Mary Carson," she lisped in

soft English. "Let the lady enter." waved Long Sin, with a smile of subtle satisfaction.

The girl bowed again and silently left the room, returning with a handsome, very well-dressed white woman. It would be difficult to analyze just

what the fascination was that Long Sin exercised over Mary Carson. But as the servant left the room, Mary bowed almost as deferentially as the little Chinese girl. Wong merely nod-

After a moment he slowly rose and took from a drawer a newspaper clipping. Without a word he handed it to

Mary. She looked at it with interest. as one woman always does at the picture of another pretty woman. It was a newspaper cut of Elaine, under

which was: "ELAINE DODGE, THE HEIR-ESS, WHOSE BATTLE WITH THE CLUTCHING HAND IS CRE-ATING WORLD-WIDE INTER-

"Now," he began at last, breaking the silence, "I'll show you just what I want you to do."

He went over to the wall and took down a curious long Chinese knife from a scabbard which hung there conspicuously.

"See that?" he added, holding it up. Before she could say a word he had plunged the knife, apparently, into his own breast.

"Oh!" cried Mary, startled.

She expected to see him fall. But the famous master criminal known as nothing happened. Wong laughed. It was an oriental trick knife, in which the blade telescoped into the handle. "Look at it," he added, handing it

> Long Sin took a bladder of water from a table near by and concealed it under his coat. "Now, you stab me,"

Mary hesitated. But he repeated the command and she plunged the knife gingerly at him. It telescoped. He made her try it over, and she stabbed him more resolutely. The water from the bladder poured out.

"Good!" cried Long Sin, much pleased. "Now," he added, seating himself beside her, "I want you to lure Elaine here."

I had been amusing myself by rigging up a contrivance by which I could make it possible to see through, or, rather, over, a door.

Kennedy, who had been busy at the other end of the laboratory, happened the big idea, Walter?" he asked.

It was, I admit, a rather cumbersome and clumsy affair.

"Well, you see, Craig," I explained, 'you put the top mirror through the transom of a door and-"

Kennedy interrupted with a hearty burst of laughter. "But suppose the Elaine was going out when she met | door has no transom?" he asked,

I scratched my head thoughtfully. had assumed that the door would marked Bennett. "Thought I'd like to have a transom. A moment later Craig went to the cabinet and drew out a tube about as big around as a putty blower and as long.

> "Now, here's what I call my detectascope." he remarked. "None of your mirrors for me."

"I know," I said somewhat nettled, but what can you see through that



Elaine Took Out the Package of Bills. nutty blower? A keyhole is just as

good." "Do you realize how little you can really see through a keyhole?" he re-

plied confidently. "Try it over there." I did, and, to tell the truth, I could see merely a little part of the hall. Then Kennedy inserted the detectascope.

'Look through that," he directed. I put my eye to the eye piece and gazed through the bulging lens of the other end. I could see almost the whole hall.

Elaine was playing with Rusty when Jennings brought in a card on which was engraved the name, "Miss Mary Carson," and underneath in pencil was

written "Belgian Relief Committee." "How interesting," commented Elaine, rising and accompanying Jennings into the drawing room. "I won-

der what she wants?" "Very pleased to greet you, Miss Carson," she greeted her visitor.

"You see. Miss Dodge." began Mary, We're getting up this movement to nelp the Belgians and we have splendid backing. Just let me show you some of the names on our commit-

tee.' She handed Elaine a list. "I've just been sent to see if I cannot persuade you to join the committee and attend a meeting at Mrs. Riv.

erton's," she went on. "Why-er," considered Elaine, thoughtfully, "er-yes. It must be all right with such people in it."

'Can you go down with me now?' "Just as well as later." agreed Elaine. They went out together, and as

they were leaving the house a man who had been loitering outside looked at Elaine, then fixedly at her compan-No sooner had they gone than he sped off to a car waiting around the

corner. In the dark depths was a sinister figure, the master criminal himself. The watcher had been an emissary of the Clutching Hand.

"Chief," he whispered eagerly, "you know Adventurous Mary? Well, she's got Elaine Dodge in tow!"

'The deuce!" cried Clutching Hand. "Then we must teach Mary Carson, or whoever she is working for, a lesson. No one shall interfere with our affairs. Follow them!"

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Elaine and Mary had gone downtown, talking animatedly-walking down the avenue toward Mrs. Rivington's apartment.

Meanwhile, Wong Sin, still in his Chinese costume, was explaining to another male servant just what he wished done, pointing out the dagger on the wall and placing the bladder under his jacket. A box of opium was on the table, and he was giving most explicit directions. It was into such a web that Elaine was being unwittinly led by Mary.

Entering the hallway of the apartment. Mary rang the bell. The servant opened the door and Elaine and Mary entered. He closed

the door and almost before they knew it was gone into the back room. Elaine gazed about it in trepdiation. But before she could say anything, Mary, with a great show of surprise, exclaimed. "Why, I must have made

a mistake. This isn't Mrs. Rivington's apartment. How stupid of me.' They looked at each other a moment. Then each laughed nervously, as together they started to go out of

the door. It was locked! Quickly they ran to another door. It was locked also.

Just then the Chinaman entered and stood a moment gazing at them. They turned and Elaine recoiled from him. Wong bowed.

"Oh, sir," cried Mary, "we've made a mistake. Can't you tell us how to get out?"

"No speke Englis," he said, gliding out again from the room and closing the door.

Elaine and Mary looked about in

"What shall we do?" asked Elaine. knife which Wong had already told her about. She took it from its scabdrinks and glasses.

At the sight of Mary with the knife he scowled blackly, laid down the tray, and took a few steps in her direction. She brandished the knife threateningly; then, as if her nerve failed her, fainted, letting the knife fall carefully on the floor so that it struck on the handle, and not on the his hands in surrender and submission. blade.

Wong quickly caught her as she fainted and carrying her out of the room, banged shut the door. Elaine followed in a moment, loyally to protect her supposed friend, but found that the door had a snap lock on the

other side. She looked about wildly, and in a moment Wong reappeared. As he advanced slowly and insinuatingly, she drew back, pleading. But her words fell on seemingly deaf ears.

She had picked up the knife which Mary had dropped, and when at last Wong maneuvered to get her cornered and was about to seize her, she nerved herself up and stabbed at him reso-

Wong staggered back-and fell. As he did so, he pressed the bladder which he had already placed under his coat. A dark red fluid, like blood, oozed out all over him and ran in a pool on the floor.

Elaine, too horror-stricken at what had happened even to scream, dropped the knife and bent over him. He did not move. She rose quickly and ran through the now open doors As she did so. Wong seemed suddenly to come to life. He raised himself and looked after her, then with a subtle smile sank back into his former assumed posture on the floor.

When Elaine reached the other room she found Mary there with the Chinese servant who was giving her a glass of water. At the sight of her, the servant paused, then withdrew in to another room farther back. Mary now apparently recovering from her faintness, smiled wanly at Elaine.

"It's all right," she murmured. "He is a Chinese prince who thought we were callers "

At the reassuring nod of Mary toward the front room, Elaine was over-"I-I killed him!" she managed to

"What?" cried Mary, starting up and trembling violently. "You killed

"Yes," sobbed Elaine. "He came at me-had the knife-I struck at

The two girls ran into the other

room. There Mary looked at the motionless body on the floor and recoiled, horrified.

Elaine noticed some spots on her hands, and, seeing that they were stained by the blood of Long Sin, wiped the spots off on her handkerchief, dropping it to the floor.

'Ugh!" exclaimed a guttural voice behind them. It was the servant who had come

"You-kill him-with knife?" insin-

uated the Chinese. Elaine was dumb. The servant did not wait for an answer, but hastily

opened the hall door. To Elaine it seemed that something must be done quickly. A moment and all the house would be in uproar.

Instead, he placed his finger on his lips. "Quick-no word." he said, leading the way to the hall door, "and-oh, you must not leave that-it will be a clue," he added, picking up the bloody handkerchief and pressing it into Elaine's hand.

They quickly ran out into the hall. "Go-quick!" he urged again, "and hide the handkerchief in the bag. Let

He shut the door. As they hurried away Elaine breathed a sigh of relief. They had reached the street. Afraid to run, they hurried as fast as they could until they turned the first cor-

They pressed each other's hands and parted.

Meanwhile in the front room Long Sin was on his feet again, brushing himself off and mopping up the blood. "It worked very well, Sam," he said

to the servant. They were conversing eagerly and laughing and did not hear a noise in

the back room. A sinister figure had made its way by means of a fire escape to a rear the blood-spotted handkerchief. He took it and examined it carefully. 'Elaine." he said earnestly, not at

She opened the bag and displayed

all displeased I could see, that something had come up that might blot out the past unfortunate misunderstanding, "there simply must be something wrong here. Leave this handkerchief with me. I'll do my best."

'Thank you," she said simply as she left the laboratory.

Craig went to work abruptly without a word.

On the laboratory table he placed his splendid microscope and several cases of slides, as well as innumerable micro-photographs. He had been working for some time when he looked up.

"It is dog's blood-not human blood," he said simply, "but what's the game back of all this-that's the main question now."

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It was not much later that Elaine received a second visit from Mary. "Do you know why the servant allowed us to leave the apartment?' whispered Mary with a glance about fearfully, as if the walls had ears. 'No-why?" inquired Elaine anxious-

"He's a tong man who has been chosen to do away with the prince. He followed me, and says you have done his work for him. If you will give him ten thousand dollars for expenses he will attend to hiding the

Here, at least, was a way out. "It is the safest way out of the trouble. Yes, I'll do it. I'll stop at the

bank now and get the money. They rose and Mary preceded her, eager to get away from the house. At the door, however, Elaine asked her to wait while she ran back on

some pretext. Our telephone rang in the middle



Elaine. Too Horror-Stricken Even to Scream, Dropped the Knife and Bent

window that was not barred, and si-, of our conversation on blood crys lently he had stolen in on them. ----- tals, and Kennedy himself answered it. Mary said nothing, but with a hasty saw him. Genuine fright was now on vice. glance discovered on the wall the their faces as they looked at him,

open mouthed. What's all this?" he growled. "I said in a muffled voice. Elaine Dodge

fear. The Clutching Hand moved menacingly. There was nothing for the astute Wong Long Sin to do but to submit. With a low bow, Wong spread out

"I will tell you, honorable sir," he said at length. "Go on!" growled the criminal. Quickly Wong rehearsed what had

happened from the moment the idea of blackmail entered his head. "How about Mary Carson?" asked Clutching Hand. "I saw her here." Wong gave a glance of almost su

perstitious dread at the man. "She will be back-is here now," he added, opening the door at a knock and admitting her.

Adventuress Mary had hurried back to see that all was right. This time Mary was genuinely scared at the forbidding figure of which she had heard. "It is all right," pacified Wong. Henceforth we work with the honorable Clutching Hand."

At home at last, Elaine sank down into a deep library chair and stared straight ahead. She saw visions of arrest and trial, of the terrible electric chair with herself in it, bound, and of the giving of the fatal signal

for turning on the current. Were such things as these going to happen to her, without Kennedy's help? Why had they quarreled? She buried her face in her hands and went. Then she could stand it no longer.

She had not taken off her street clothes. She rose and almost fled from the house. Kennedy and I were still in the laboratory when a knock sounded at the door. I went to the door and

It was a complete surprise to Craig. "What is the matter?" he asked. She hesitated, then suddenly burst out, "Craig-I-I am-a murderess!" I had never before seen such a look

on Craig's face as suddenly came over

opened it. There stood Elaine Dodge.

without the explanation, which at that time was not known to any of us. "Oh," expostulated Craig, there must be some mistake. It's impossible-im-

"No," she asserted. "Look-here's my handkerchief all spotted with blood."

Over Him. They turned at a slight noise and It was Elaine asking Craig's ad-

"They have offered to hush the thing up for ten thousand dollars," she

bard. As she did so the Chinaman re : am known as the Clutching Hand. I She seemed bent on doing it, and no turned with a tray on which were queer | allow no interference with my affairs. amount of argument from him could Tell me what you are doing here with stop her. She simply refused to accept the evidence of the blood crys-Their beady almond eyes flashed tals as better than what her own eyes told her she had seen and done.

> "Then wait for half an hour," he answered, without arguing further. You can do that without exciting suspicion. Then go with her to her hotel and hand her over the money. "All right-I'll do it," she agreed.

"What is the hotel?" Craig wrote on a slip of paper what she told him-"Room 509, Hotel La Coste." Hastily he threw on his street coat.

"Go into the back room and get me a brace and bit. Walter, ' he said. I did so. When I returned I saw that he had placed the detectascope and some stuff in a bag. He shoved

in the brace and bit also. 'Come on-hurry!" he urged. We must have made record time in getting to the La Coste. It was an ornate place, where merely to breathe was expensive. We entered, and by some excuse Kennedy contrived to get past the vigilant bell-hops. We passed the telephone switchboard and entered the elevator, getting off at

the fifth floor. With a hasty glance up and down the corridor, to make sure no one was about, Kennedy came to Room 509 then passed to the next room, 511 opening the door with a skeleton key

Quickly Craig went to the door which led to the next room. It was, of course, locked also. He listened a moment carefully. Not a sound. Quickly, with an exclamation of satisfaction, he opened that door also and went into 509.

This room was much like that in which we had already been. He opened the hall door. 'Watch here, Walter," he directed.

"Let me know at the slightest alarm." Craig had already taken the brace and bit from the bag and started to bore through the wall in Room 511 selecting a spot behind a picture of a Spanish dancer-a spot directly back of her snapping black eyes. He finished quickly and inserted the detectascope so that the lens fitted as an eve Then she poured forth the story sub- in the picture. The eye-piece was in stantially as I have set it down, but room 511. Then he started to brush up the pieces of plaster on the floor.

> heard an elevator door, "someone's coming!" He hurried to the door and looked. "There they are," he said, as he saw Elaine and Mary rounding the corner of the hall.

"Craig," I whispered hastily as

Across the hall, although we did not know it at the time, in room 540, already Wong Sin had taken up his station, just to be handy. There he had been with his servant, playing with

his two trained white rats. Wong placed them up his capacious sleeves and carefully opened the door to look out. Unfortunately he was just in time to see the door of 509

open and disclose us. We hurried into 511 and shut the door.

Kennedy mounted a chair and applied his eye to the detectascope. Just then Mary and Elaine entered the next room. Mary opening the door with a regular key.

Won't you step in?" she asked. Elaine did so and Mary hesitated in the hall. Wong Sin had slipped out. on noiseless feet and taken refuge behind some curtains. As he saw her alone, he beckoned to Mary.

"There's a stranger in the next

room," he whispered. "I don't like him. Take the money and as quickly as possible get out and go to my apartment." At the news that there was a suspicious stranger about Mary showed

great alarm. Everything was so rapid now that the slightest hesitation meant disaster. Perhaps by quickness even a suspicious stranger could be fooled, she reasoned. At any rate, Wong Sin was resourceful. She had better trust him.

Mary followed Elaine into the room, where she had seated herself already, and locked the door.

"Have you the money there?" she asked. "Yes," nodded Elaine, taking out

the package of bills which she had got from the bank during the half-hour delay All this we could see by gazing alternately through the detectascope.

Elaine handed Mary the money.

Mary counted it slowly. At last she looked up. "It's all right," she said. "Now, I'll take this to that tong leader. He's in a room only just across the hall."

She went out. Mary had just succeeded in getting on the elevator as Kennedy hurried down the hall. The door was closed and the car descended. He rang the push bell furiously, but there was no answer.

He dashed back to the room with us and jerked the telephone receiver. "Hello-hello-hello!" he called. There seemed to be no way to get a connection. What was the mat-

He hurried down the hall again. Down in the hotel lobby, with his follower, the Chinaman paused before the telephone switchboard, where two girls were at work.

to the switchboard. Just as a call from 509 flashed up, Wong slipped the rings off his little fingers and loosened the white rats

"You may go," ordered Wong, and, as his man left, he moved over close

on the telephone switchboard itself. With a shriek the telephone system of the Coste went temporarily out of business.

Kennedy had succeeded in finding the alcove of the floor clerk in charge of the fifth floor. There on his desk was an instrument having a stylus on the end of two arms, connected to a system of magnets. It was a telauto-

clerk out of his seat and sat down himself. It was a last chance, now that the telephone was out of com-Downstairs in the hotel office, where

Unceremoniously Craig pushed the

the excitement had not spread to every one, was the other end of the electric long-distance writer. It started to write, as Kennedy

wrote, upstairs: "House Detective-guick-hold woman with blue chatelaine bag, getting out of elevator." The clerks downstairs saw it and

shouted above the din of the rat-bait-'McCann-McCann!" The clerk had torn off the message from the telautograph register and handed it to the house man, who

pushed his way to the desk. Quickly the detective called to the bell-hops. Together they hurried after the well-dressed woman who had just swept out of the elevator. Mary had already passed through the excited lobby and out, and was about

to cross the street—safe.

in full cry after her. Flight was useless. She took refuge in indignation and threats. But McCann was obdurate. passed quickly to tears and pleadings. It had no effect. They insisted on leading her back. The game was up.

"Here," cried Kennedy, "take her up

McCann and the bell-hops were now

in the elevator. I'll prove the case." "Now-not a word of who she is in the papers, McCann," Kennedy concluded, referring to Elaine. know, it wouldn't sound well for the La Coste. As for that woman-well, I've got the money back. You can

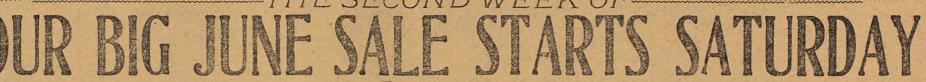
take her off-make the charge. As the house man left with Mary I handed Craig his bag. We moved toward the door, and as we stood there a moment with Elaine, he quietly handed over to her the big roll of money. If he had been less of a scientist, he

might have understood the look on her face, but, with a nod to me, he turned and went. As she looked first at him, then at the paltry ten thousand in her hand,

Elaine stamped her little foot in vexation. "I'm glad I didn't say anything more," she cried. "No-no-he shall beg my parden first-there!"

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100 pairs men's patent leather, gun metal, tan leather, oxfords, Stacy Adams and Howard & Foster, broken sizes, values up to \$5.50, see counter, take choice - \$2.98

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