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War Plot Cases Set for July 12

EL PASO, July 1.—The war plot cases, charging Gen. Huerta and five others with alleged war conspiracy, and which were to be heard in examination here today have been postponed until July 12.

BANKS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY.

As July Fourth comes on Sunday we will observe Monday, and our banks will be closed for business throughout Monday, July 5th.

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Blatherwick, after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch, returned to Miles.

Mrs. Ed Harbour and children, of Brownwood, returned home Sunday. They were accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. O. Brown, who will spend the week visiting in Brownwood and Bangs.

Mr. J. A. F. Hubbard and two sons of Lampasas are visiting their daughter and sister Mrs. Ed Eubank.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Middleton Saturday night, when Mr. Middleton entertained his South Ballinger Sunday school class. Delicious ice cream and cake was served.

H. S. Phillip, general superintendent and J. B. Shackerford, traffic manager of the Abilene and Southern were here to attend Ballinger's celebration and stayed over a day or two to look after business for their road.

J. A. Abernathy, one of the stockmen of Garden City, who joined his wife here on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Ben Smith and family, the past few days, left for his ranch Thursday.

U. S. HAS NO SAY IN TORPEDOING

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Ambassador Page says that the admiralty informs him that the Armenian was gaged by the British and was in service for "Admiralty business." This removes any cause for controversy with Germany over the sinking of the Dominion vessel on June 28th.

30 DEAD—11 AMERICANS.
LONDON, July 1.—The British admiralty announce that thirty men were killed in the torpedoing of the Armenian on June 28th off Cornwall. Of the number killed 11 were Americans.

SURVIVOR TELLS STORY.
AVONMOUTH, July 1.—H. Benton, an Armenian survivor, arrived here today and gives an account of the sinking of the ship by the German submarine. Benton says that a giant submarine chased the Armenian as the vessel tried to escape. The submarine fired a shell into the crew of the Armenian as they stood on deck, and then came up along side of the ship and gave the remainder of the crew time to escape before torpedoing the vessel.

62 PULS IS AVERAGE FOR HYMNALS FOR FIRST HALF
Ninety-four marriage licenses have been issued from the county clerk's office for the first half of the year 1915. This makes an average of over a half a license a day; or to be exact 62 one-hundredths a day, from January first till June first. If you consider that practically no permits are issued on Sunday, this will bring the average up to approximately 73 one-hundredths.

R. F. Golden left Thursday for Ardmore, Okla., where he goes to look after property interests.

U. V. C. REUNION WANTS TO COME HERE

The board of directors of the Business League, with a number of prominent business men, met Thursday morning to entertain a proposition for the annual meeting of the Colorado-Concho Confederate Veterans Association to be held in this city.

Col. Dick Tillery, of Concho and Major Brazelton appeared before the body of business men and asked for an expression on the question, and the proposition was discussed at considerable length. Coming so close on the big celebration just held, which cost the citizens \$2000, some were not quick to favor the idea of inviting the old soldiers here, while others expressed the opinion that the entertainment could be handled with little expense and should by all means be made a big three days feature for next month.

The League, after discussing the proposition, decided to call another meeting to be held next Tuesday, July 6th, at which time Col. Tillery and Major Brazelton will submit figures showing what will be necessary to make the entertainment of the old soldiers complete, and give an idea what the cost will amount to.

After the meeting adjourned one of the prominent directors of the League said that it was probable that the reunion would be held here.

LOCAL BAND MAY GO TO MAZELAND PICNIC

An excursion of business men will leave here early Saturday morning for a tour of the northwest part of the county with the big Woodmen picnic and barbecue to be held at Mazeland, as the attraction. Quite a number of autos have been listed with the secretary of the Business League, their owners volunteering to help transport the band in case the businessmen decided to take the band.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the League held Thursday morning the trip was discussed, and committees appointed to enlist the interest of the business men in making the trip. Every business man who can possible get away for the day, and who has the interest of that good feeling that should prevail between man and man throughout the county at heart, should be numbered among those who leave here Saturday morning. The idea is to provide plenty of advertising matter, and extend to the people the route traversed invitations to come to Ballinger to do their trading and sell their produce, and be prepared to offer inducements that will interest them.

The Business League will supply part of the bread for the big barbecue, and this will be carried out from here early Saturday morning. It is probable the band will accompany the boosters, and will make music at the various stops and will render a number of pieces on the picnic grounds.

29th Anniversary City's Most Successful Event Observed by 8000 People

The observance of Ballinger's birthday last Tuesday was the most successful event in the 29 year's life of the little city. This was the unanimous verdict of the eight thousand people who participated in the festivities of the day.

Visitors began to arrive the day preceding the big celebration, and by noon Tuesday there were more autos in the city than were ever lined up here before. Many from a distance—neighboring towns came in autos while the late trains Monday and the early trains Tuesday brought large crowds. Many of these remained over Tuesday night and every hotel in the city was crowded to the limit, and many Ballinger homes entertained visitors.

It was the best humored crowd that ever gathered here, not a single arrest being made during the day. Order was the watchword of every one, and the officers had no trouble in controlling the large crowd. The program was carried out without the least bit of delay, regardless of the fact that there was some misunderstanding over the hour announced for the airship flight.

At nine o'clock promptly, the Ballinger band formed on the main street in front of the band hall and marching to the court house park posed for a picture. After a parade by the band, the band halted at the Santa Fe passenger station to greet the crowd that arrived on the early morning train, and then marched to the Colorado river park, where a large crowd had filled the pavilion to overflow.

At ten o'clock Mayor Powell extended a hearty welcome to the visitors in an address and briefly told something of "Ballinger of Yesterday" Judge Baugh followed Mayor Powell in an address on "Ballinger of Today." Hon. Will H. Mayes, of Austin, Father Heckman of Temple were the principal speakers of the day. A telegram received from Hon. Louis J. Wortham, of Fort Worth late Monday afternoon stated that he could not be here, and for some reason Mr. Bennett of Paris, who was to speak on "Marketing," failed to arrive.

The addresses were interspersed with music by the band, and the crowd lingered long and the prolonged cheers were enthusiastic in expressing appreciation of the excellent music.

The band concert was the great feature of the afternoon program, and the whistling by Mr. Middlebrook, accompanied by the orchestra, made a big hit with the large crowd that filled the pavilion.

The announcement that the aviator C. A. Foster, would fly at six o'clock was changed to four o'clock and this caused the crowd to gather in the base ball park and around the park for several blocks at this hour. After making ready for the flight it was announced again that the airship would not fly until six o'clock. This caused confusion and much disappointment as many people from a distance did not want to remain in town so late and make the long drive home at night. At four o'clock a stiff breeze was blowing from the south, and the aviator took advantage of this to ask for a delay with the hopes of getting more favorable weather. Those accustomed to West Texas wind did not appreciate this fact and felt that the man should have gone up in the air at the hour announced.

Following the failure of the airship to fly at four o'clock the park was cleared of all those who did not hold tickets for the base ball game, and in a slow game Ballinger was defeated by the Abilene team. The game was dragging and at six o'clock the

crowd began to gather again to see the airship flight and in the seventh inning the game was called and the grounds made ready for the aviator. The airship was stationed on the vacant ground north of the park and about one hundred feet of the park fence removed to make room for the flight. It was the first airship performance ever given in Ballinger and those who had never witnessed anything of the kind were eager to see the ship start, see it as it sailed over the city and see it as it landed like a bird from the air. The grounds committee soon cleared the way for the aviator and he fulfilled his contract with the entertainment committee by making a very pretty flight. He left the ground with perfect ease, sailing out over the south fence of the ball park, circling over the river and Elm creek and over the north end of town and when several hundred feet from the ground cut off his engine and vol-planned.

It was freely predicted and was the opinion of many that the airship flight would not take place after it was announced that the hour for this part of the entertainment had been postponed from four to six o'clock and quite a number left for their homes. These missed this part of the program as the flight, while not high or one accompanied by any daring feats, was a very pretty one.

The Dinner.
The committee in charge of the

servicing the dinner to the big crowd arranged so as to eliminate waste and serve the dinner without a rush and confusion that is so often the result where there are so many hungry people to be fed. Using the exhibit hall as place for carving the meat, and fencing off a lot with a passageway leading from the serving stand to the tables, the people were admitted into the passageway and were given plates filled with bread, barbecue and pickle and passed on out to the tables where coffee and water were served. An opening in the opposite side of the enclosure from the serving stand afforded an outlet for the people after they had satisfied their appetite. The ladies were admitted to the passageway first. As soon as the people learned the system that had been adopted for feeding the people they were patient and there was no trouble. Some feeling that the dinner would run short came to town to get dinner. Many of those who left were compelled to wait longer to be served at the various cafes than they would have had to wait if they had remained on the picnic grounds.

The barbecue came to Ballinger direct from Armour & Co., at Fort Worth to Ballinger, being shipped here in fireless cookers, fourteen big cooking ovens being used to transport the meat. It was started on the road cooking

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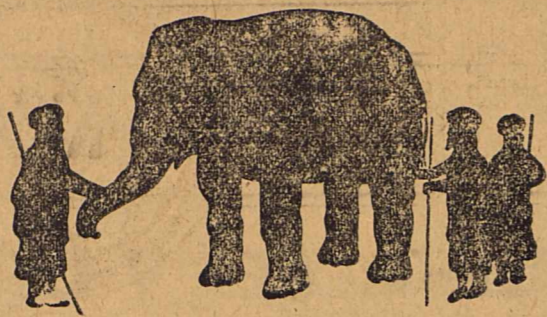
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The Three Blind Men and the Elephant

They were taken to "see" the elephant. The first one touched the trunk and said that the elephant was like a snake. The second one grasped a leg and said, "How like a tree!" The third passed his hand along the side of the huge beast and said, "Just like a wall." As is frequently the case, they didn't combine their knowledge.

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THE STENOGRAPHIC ART HAS BEEN REVOLUTIONIZED

By Henry Edward Byrne, president of the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas.

Some seventeen years ago he invented a system of Shorthand known as the Byrne Simplified. This system possessed such wonderful advantages that seven large editions of the book have been printed and there are now over 30,000 writers of this famous system. The system was controlled in this section by the Tyler Commercial College and it did much toward making it the largest business training school in America. Recently Prof. Byrne applied the principles of this Shorthand system to the typewriter using the regular type writer that is found in the ordinary business office, using the same type, but printing the characters in plain type instead of using crooked marks made with the pencil. This system is called Stenotypewriting. The Byrne Simplified Shorthand was mastered in half the time required of other systems, and Stenotypewriting is mastered in almost a month less time than the Byrne Shorthand. It can be written at a higher rate of speed than Shorthand, can be read like print because it is print and is so simple that a child can learn it, so thorough and complete that it will record anything in the English language. It is absolutely legible; there is no

guess work in the reading. It is capable of taking the most rapid speakers; it is truly the stenographic marvel of the age. It not only means a saving of much time and expense to those who desire to become efficient stenographers, but it means better stenographic service for the business office. The stenographer does not have to fool with tablet, pencil or crooked marks, but simply take the dictation on any ordinary typewriter and when the dictation is finished he begins transcribing on the same machine without removing the hands from the keyboard except to change the paper.

The Tyler Commercial College will control the teaching of Stenotypewriting in this section as it has the Byrne Simplified Shorthand. Young people desiring to make expert office assistants or to prepare to go into business for themselves, should write for catalogue of the Tyler Commercial College, read of the advantages they offer to energetic young people who desire to become thoroughly qualified as a business man, bookkeeper, stenographer, operator or secretary. Their course of Business Administration and Finance embraces twelve heavy subjects calculated to prepare young men and women for the heavier duties of the more exacting business offices. Their course in Cotton Grading is absolutely thorough and complete in every detail. Their cotton grading department is one of the most practical departments

any southern commercial training school could install, for we have a cotton growing country and cotton is the base of all commercialism. Those who can enter at an early date will be prepared for a good position during the busy fall season. Keep abreast with the times and get the best as quick as you can.

PICTURE AROUND BABE'S NECK COST HIM FREEDOM

Minneapolis, Minn., June 28.—His picture hanging about the neck of his toddling babe, is today blamed by Matt Oos, for the fact that he is in jail, charged with wife desertion. According to the allegations of his wife, he deserted his family, while making \$100 a month. He destroyed all pictures of himself, except that which his baby wore. His wife had one enlarged, she says, and through it, located her husband at Great Falls, Mont.

Rev. Father Gollbach left Saturday afternoon to his regular appointment at Coleman and will go on to San Antonio to spend a couple of weeks before returning home.

John Cameron left Saturday afternoon on a short visit points east.

Norman Cavitt, of Marlin, came in Sunday night to attend the celebration and look after business affairs in Ballinger.

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PASSING OF A NOBLE YOUNG PREACHER

At the age of thirty, almost in the beginning of his ministry, our good friend and fellow minister, Rev. Luther A. Smith died Wednesday morning June 16, 1915, at his home about eight miles north east of Ballinger. He left a faithful wife and three small children. His father, mother, sister and several brothers live in Haskell Co.

Brother Smith was converted when he was sixteen years old. He was ordained to preach in 1911 in the Friendship Baptist Church, Runnels County. These few years of his ministry were given to humbel country churches to which he was greatly devoted, and which were devoted to him. A noble calling of God is the ministry to the rural church. For this calling Brother Smith seemed to have special gifts. He was one of humble, sincere and earnest characteristics and simple trusting faith in God. We greatly feel his loss in the ministry and especially in Runnels County. He loved so much to preach and was determined to follow the call of our Savior as long as he could. As we talked a few minutes together the day before he died, his one interest was in his churches of which he was pastor. There were four of them: Valley View, Union, Millersview and Concho. May God bless these churches and soon give them a pastor, as faithful as the one taken away to lead them on in the great work.

It was Brother Smith's great desire to make further preparations for his work and he was planning to go to school next year. He was in a struggle like so many young preachers with the task of making a living and get an education. He had been farming and preaching until this year he left off the farming and was giving himself to the ministry with the four churches already mentioned. In this struggle of Brother Smith's we cannot know how much good some one might have done in the beginning of his ministry with just a little lift. Some of his relatives were heard to say that they could have helped him easily and would not have missed it, but just failed to do it until it was too late. May we never neglect another opportunity to do good when it is ours to do so.

We cannot understand all about the mystery of Brother Smith's death at this early stage in his life. We will have to wait until we meet over there. One thing we do know about those who trust Christ as their personal Savior as did Bro. Smith: "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefrom, or die we are the Lord's"

The funeral services were held Thursday morning, June 17, in Old Runnels Baptist church. Several pastors of the association (Runnels County) made appropriate talks, in the presence of a very large audience.

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DAILY LEDGER MAN VISITS WINTERS

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jones spent Wednesday in our sister city, Winters and report a very pleasant trip. Mr. Jones says Winters is a live, wide-awake place, merchants all busy, small grain coming in by many wagon loads every day, that there are three rock houses under course of construction at present. He met our mutual friend Joe Spill, who he says is boosting for Ballinger's 29th anniversary, and is advising everybody to come to Ballinger on that day and have a good time while in the city.

He says he is telling them not to fail to subscribe to the Daily Ledger or Banner-Ledger, the best county site papers in Texas.



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R. S. Willis, of Crockett, a former citizen of this county, came in Monday to look after business interests and attend Ballinger's celebration. He will spend several weeks in this section before returning home.

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Mrs. T. T. Luckett of Toyah, came in Monday at noon to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd and family and other relatives.

Walter Murry, one of the prominent business men of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Fort Worth on a short business trip.

J. M. Laxon and A. J. Tyree, of the Valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday and while here Mr. Laxon renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

E. H. Voelkel of Rowena, while in Ballinger Saturday and talked very optimistically over the general conditions in his section and renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

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G. B. Johnson of Bedias, came in Sunday to look after business interests and to attend the 29th anniversary of the city of Ballinger.

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C. M. Doyle of the Valley creek country and C. G. Conway, of the Coyote creek country were in the city Saturday and report fine rains in their neighborhood Friday night.

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TAKING CARE OF SURPLUS PRODUCTS

A car load of cans were received in Ballinger this week and will be used by the canning factory in South Ballinger in working up the surplus fruit crop. Of course one car of cans is not a drop in the bucket when it comes to preserving South Ballinger fruit, but as one man expressed it, it is a starter, and other sars loaded with empty cans will be shipped to Ballinger and shipped out loaded with as fine canned peaches as can be grown anywhere.

The egg question has been settled in this county by exporting the surplus eggs. Empty egg cases are received in Ballinger by the carload, and are filled with Runnels county eggs and shipped to New York and other places. At this season of the year the price for eggs drops to a pretty low level, but when it comes to putting every egg through a test and culling out all the bad eggs and then placing the good ones in cold storage and shipping them in refrigerator cars, one readily gets an idea of the heavy expense of handling them. However thousands of dollars worth of eggs would go to waste if the outside market did not afford a place for them.

The people of this county are learning to lay up for a rainy day. That does not mean that they are practicing economy any more than usual, but it means that they are learning to grow something that they can save and are saving it. They are diversifying and helping to feed the world.

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FORMER BALLINGER DOCTOR KILLS SELF

WICHITA FALLS, June 23.—Dr. G. W. Johnson, 45, died in his office here this morning a few minutes after he had shot himself through the head with a revolver. Notes which he left protested his innocence of charges on which he was indicted by the grand jury yesterday, but stated humiliation of trial was more than he could bear. He leaves a widow and four children. He came here several months ago from Corpus Christi.

Dr. G. W. Johnson was a former citizen of Ballinger, having practiced medicine here for several years. He moved from Ballinger five or six years ago, and located at Corpus Christi. His wife died at Corpus Christi, and later he married again. Some time after his second marriage the aunt of his second wife died under suspicious circumstances. This caused an investigation, the body of his first wife being exhumed and indictments, lodged against Dr. Johnson were soon returned by the grand jury.

GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods, and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing old specialty.
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Everett Ellis left Saturday afternoon for Dallas where he will visit his sister, Mrs. Woods and family.

T. E. Brown of Brownwood, came in Monday at noon.

43 RATS KILLED IN ONE DEN

The rat killing campaign reached a climax Saturday morning when 43 rats were slaughtered in a few minutes at the home of Dr. J. G. Douglass. The den was discovered and the rats killed with a club.

Mrs. Douglass returned home Friday, after a visit of more than a month to relatives at Cleburn and other places, and upon her return she found that the rats had been feasting high on her crop of squabs. She set about to make war on the rats. Dr. Douglass provided a few traps and several rats were caught Friday night. One of the captured rats escaping lead the way to a barrel in the corner of the lot, and this barrel proved to be the home of many rats.

Neighbors passing by stopped in to help make an attack on the rat den, and after the battle was over the largest pile of rats ever seen in Ballinger was a result. City Engineer Dunn was passing by and took a hand in the slaughter and helped to gather up the dead. According to exact count there were 43 rats in the pile and several got away when the den was attacked.

NEW MARKET TO ADOPT CASH SYSTEM.

I have purchased the City Market and will continue to conduct the business in the same stand. I will handle nothing but first-class meats. I will appreciate the trade of those wanting good meat and good service.

I will run strictly a cash business. Will sell you coupon books for \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$5.00, and give you a ten per cent discount on these, or you can pay cash just as you buy the meat. Beef cattle cost money, and lots of it, and I can not conduct a credit business.

Please remember this when you order meat.

Yours for high class meats,
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It's prepared from the healing Pine Balsam, Tar and Honey—all mixed in pleasant, soothing Cough Syrup called Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Thousands have benefited by its use—no need of your enduring that annoying Cough or risking a dangerous cold. Go to your dealer, ask for a 25c original bottle Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, start using at once and get rid of your Cough and Cold.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate Under 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. E. Golden, defendant 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. Co. 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. & C. R. R. Co., survey No. 347; thence south 15 east 290 vrs to the place of beginning.

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FARM TENANCY BULLETIN IS IN GREAT DEMAND

"Studies in Farm Tenancy in Texas," is proving to be one of the most popular bulletins yet issued by the Extension Department of the University of Texas. Every mail brings about twenty requests for this bulletin, and since only a relatively small number was printed, some fear is expressed that the edition will be early exhausted. Chas. B. Austin, head of the Home Welfare Division, Extension Department, says that anyone interested in securing one of these bulletins will do well to apply for same at once.

The pamphlet contains 150 pages, is profusely illustrated with maps, drawings, diagrams, and statistical tables, and constitutes altogether the most exhaustive study yet made of tenancy conditions in Texas.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,
wtj Concho county, Tex

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS

SECOND JOB FOR YEGG IN WEEK

The safe in the Santa Fe passenger station at San Angelo was dynamited Thursday night between twelve and one o'clock and the robbers secured \$300 and made their get-away.

This is the second robbery in the Tom Green town within the last week, the safe of the Angelo Produce Co., being blown to smithereens and considerable money stolen on Thursday night of last week.

The robbers used the same methods in blowing the Santa Fe safe that were used on the first safe, and the officers feel sure that the work was done by the same robbers. They used mud to close the crevices of the safe door, and it is thought used gloves to prevent their finger prints from appearing and thus covering up every clue. A heavy charge of nitro-glycerine was used to blow the safe door open, hurling the heavy door across the office and other office fixtures wrecked.

Those living near the depot heard the explosion and reported to the officers, but the robbers had made their escape before any one could arrive on the scene.

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Second: Being 100 acres of land out of the southwest part of the north 190 acre tract out of survey No. 394 located for the public school fund by certificate No. 85 granted to E. L. & R. R. R. Co., beginning at the original northeast corner of survey No. 347 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. to east line of G. W. Wheelock survey and west line of this grant; thence south 15 east 283 vrs to southeast corner of Wheelock survey; thence south 75 west 687 vrs. to northeast corner of B. B. & C. R. R. Co., survey No. 347 to place of beginning containing 100 acres of land, in Runnels county, Texas.

Third: Being all of lots No. 6 and 7 in block No. 2 in Terry's addition to the town of Ballinger in Runnels County, Texas, as shown upon the map of said addition of record in the deed records of Runnels County, Texas,

SHOPPING BY TELEPHONE

Every Woman Likes a Bargain--

And the chances are that when she knows of one she will want to take advantage of it at once—and why not? The bargains are for her benefit, and she will profit by them.

No matter how disagreeable the weather is, the WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE puts the bargain within reach of the woman in the home. Telephone orders receive prompt attention from all up-to-date merchants, and a woman has all the benefits of the sales without the tiresome trip to the shopping district.

The telephone soon pays for itself in shopping. Then consider the almost numberless uses of the telephone in the home, many of them more important than shopping: you can call the doctor, fireman, or the police, in case of emergency. You can make social calls by telephone. Infact, there are very few matters that cannot be arranged very quickly and easily by Telephone.

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H. W. Day, Local Manager

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 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 right, title and interest of the said R. F. Golden therein.

Witness my hand at Ballinger this 18th day of May, 1915.
J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff,
Runnels County, Texas.
11-18-25 July 2

Miss Alpha Dorton, daughter of Conductor Dorton of the Abilene & Southern, of Abilene, came in Monday at noon and will be in our city to attend the celebration Tuesday.

J. R. Churchill, a prominent grain man of Brownwood, who had been buying oats at Miles, Winters and Ballinger the past week, went home Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday with his family and will return this week to continue to buy in this section.

The doctrine of "demand and supply" does not apply to educational wants. Even the most extreme advocates of the principles of "laissez faire" as a strong maxim of political philosophy admit that governments must interfere in aid of education. We must not wait for the wants of the rising generation to be expressed in a demand for means of education. We must ourselves discover and supply their needs before the time for supplying them has forever passed.—Jas. A. Garfield.

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

PRISONERS CARRIED TO PENITENTIARY

J. B. Cunningham, transfer agent for the Rusk penitentiary, passed through Ballinger Thursday afternoon with three prisoners he picked up at San Angelo. In the lot was E. M. Holden, who was arrested by Sheriff Perkins as he was making his get-away east of Ballinger. Holden, it will be remembered, cashed a number of bogus checks at San Angelo, and chartering an auto came to Ballinger, where he gave the officers the dodge after a sensational chase. The man plead guilty when arraigned for trial.

D. M. Delmas, another prisoner in charge of Mr. Cunningham, was given five years at the last term of district court at San Angelo for passing bad checks.

The third prisoner was a negro, who was serving a sentence of 16 years and who escaped from the pen some time ago. He was recaptured at San Angelo.

According to Mr. Cunningham there are about 3700 convicts on the roll at Rusk, the majority of whom are negroes. The whites hold second place, there being more white men in the pen than Mexicans.

"Penitentiary" wagons, and low wagons, made in Huntsville, fully guaranteed. JNO. PECH-ACEK. 24-w4t

PURCHASE \$2,800 PERCHERON STALLION

A company of seven composed of C. G. Schlake, Chas. Schlake, G. Schumann, H. B. Halfmann, Louis Strube, Clemence Hoelscher and F. G. Hoelscher, purchased a fine black registered percheron stallion from a northern concern first of the week.

The horse is a three year old and weighs 1835 pounds. Chas. Schlake is taking care of the horse.

Runnels County Pecan Nursery

Who should put out improved pecan trees, Why, when and where you should put them out. The value of the pecan on your home place, their cost and value as an investment.

Watch this space, we want to tell you a few things during the coming year.

S. B. HOWARD

Silo Bargain

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

Ballinger Lumber Company

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

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

The splendid rain comes at an opportune time and makes another heavy maize and feterita crop a certainty.

The European war has been instrumental in developing the manufacturing interest of America, which calls for more raw material, and to supply the material there is a demand for men who will work. Surely the hobo tribe has been decreased.

Germany says she will quit using torpedoes so wrecklessly if the allies will quit ramming her submarines. This places Uncle Sam in the attitude of a peace maker again. In order to get Germany to be good Wilson must make the allies be good. How is he going to do it?

The City Pastor's Association of Dallas appointed a committee of twenty-five laymen and ministers to go after Billy Sunday. A strong effort will be made to get Billy to come to Dallas and pitch his tent and declare war on the devil. The job is a big one and Billy may not want to tackle it.

Runnels County's enormous grain crop is attracting attention abroad. Where is the county that will make a million and half bushels of oats this year? Coming on top of the big oat crop the greatest corn crop in the history of the county has been insured by the good rain of last week.

Notwithstanding that oats are making seventy-five bushels per acre and tons of nutritious feed are going to waste in the fields of Runnels county, it is no uncommon sight to see men driving horses and mules that are skeletons—a stack of bones covered with hide. A man that will drive such

why the people should adopt the amendment. Judge Jno. I. Guion, of our own city, president of the A. and M. board, has devoted much time and thought to the question, having made several trips to Austin and appeared before the committee, is interested in seeing the amendment adopted.

Prof. Doughty has just issued a letter in support of the amendment, and in the letter he says:

"In my opinion, both schools will make greater progress under separate boards, and, no doubt, separation would end the envious feeling that seems to exist on the part of some zealous friends of both institutions."

In order that our readers might better understand the provisions of the proposed amendment, we are publishing below a letter written by Col. Thomas H. Ball to the president of the A. and M. College:

"I am not only decidedly in favor of the permanent separation of the A. and M. College from the Texas University, but I am particularly well pleased with all the provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 34, which is to be voted upon by the people of Texas July 24.

"This amendment to our constitution provides, as it should, for an equitable apportionment of University lands between the University, A. and M. College, and Prairie View Normal and Industrial College, in a manner, so I understand, satisfactory to each institution.

"By its terms, the medical branch of the University is permanently located at Galveston, a most admirable domicile thereof.

"In addition, the A. and M. College of Texas, is made an independent college and permanently located in Brazos County, and the amendment authorizes the establishment of junior agricultural colleges, subsidiary thereto, and under the government of the A. and M. board.

"The Prairie View Normal and Industrial College is well located in Waller county and by terms of the amendment will be permanently established there as a branch of the A. and M. College, governed by the same board.

"The College of Industrial Arts will continue at Denton, where it is doing a splendid work, and be maintained as an independent college.

"The authors of this resolution have done well in making its purposes perfectly plain, so that all voters may properly understand its effect, and I sincerely hope that the amendment will be

tion. "The Agricultural and Mechanical College is another important unit in the system, providing a liberal education, as well as special training, and releasing the student body at an earlier period of life than a University can, with the same number of school years.

"With the adoption of this amendment carrying out the wishes of the thoughtful friends of both the University and the A. and M. College, I look to see the unfortunate jealousy which has existed between the friends of these institutions disappear forever, and a generous co-operation arise in its stead, which will insure the future greatness of these immensely important factors in our practical system."

HEARD IN BALLINGER How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong—Kidney Pills Corrected

All over Ballinger you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Ballinger people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserably, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Ballinger citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

J. A. Maxwell, farmer, 100 Twelfth Street, Ballinger, says: "My back had been paining me for some time and as Doan's Kidney Pills were endorsed by people I knew, I decided to try them. I was greatly benefited after taking the first box and continued use removed the trouble. I am now in good health."

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

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Russell and children of San Antonio, who are spending some time on his Grade creek ranch, southeast of Ballinger, motored in Wednesday afternoon to spend a few days with friends.

out committing iniquity, he shall surely live he shall not die." She said in part:

"Many people act as though it is a light thing to become a Christian, they have the idea that it means the turning over of a new leaf, to join the church and pay the preacher, but the text drags out the past, holds it up before us in all of its hideous reality, and informs us it must be strengthened up, not only that which has been taken by force from its rightful owners, but that which has been secured by fraud and an unequal balance must be given back to its proper owners or eternal death will result.

"Sin, also must be forsaken the text says, 'walk in my statutes without committing iniquity.' A sinning religion is the devil's religion. Multitudes are being deceived by it and will be lost."

One man was converted on the outside of the tabernacle.

There was much interest manifested in the service this morning, the text was Tim. 3:16. An altar service followed in which there was one profession.

Christians of all denominations are cordially invited to co-operate in the work of soul saving. Services tonight beginning at 8 o'clock.

SCHOOL TAX LESS THAN LAST YEAR

Tax Collector Mike Boyd has just completed the work of making up his tax rolls for the Ballinger Independent District, and started Thursday morning on making the rolls for the entire county.

According to the figures compiled in making up the rolls the total valuation of the district amounts to \$2,061,100, with a total school tax of \$10,305.50. This is a little less than last year's total taxes.

Mr. Boyd says the decrease is due to the cut in rendition. Quite a number of renditions were decreased. If the old rendition had remained the same the total taxes would have shown a considerable increase, as something like \$30,000 worth of cattle were caught here on January the first, being on feed here and under the law were taxable in this county. Other new renditions that were not on the rolls last year would have run the total up, but the decrease in the old rendition caused the decrease in available funds.

The big increase in scholastic enrollment, as previously reported in this paper, will run the apportionment from the state up something like \$1500 or \$2,000 and the board will be in better shape than last year, notwithstanding that they will probably have to employ more teachers than were used last term.

HOG CHOLERA MAN TALKS TO GROWERS

About fifteen men, mostly farmers, assembled at the Queen Theatre Wednesday evening, hearing Dr. Jones' of the Animal Industry Department of the United States government lecture on hog cholera. The smallness of the crowd may be accounted for by the fact that it is a busy time of the year for the farmer, and also for the reason that the damage done by cholera, so far, is comparatively small. Lack of interest in this lecture must not be construed to mean that the agricultural interests are not concerned with the prevention of this dread disease, but rather that they have not the time to come to Ballinger in the middle of the week in a busy season.

Dr. Jones illustrated his talk with copious slides and still pictures, showing different methods and means of helping the farmers fight the cholera. He stated that the United States lost \$6,000,000 from hog cholera alone in the year ending March 31, 1913; Texas itself losing a total of 100,966 animals out of 2,493,000 raised. He compared Texas with Indiana rather unfavorably, saying that Texas with much better natural resources and advantages, raises about half as many pigs as the state of Indiana. Dr. Jones stated that it was a well known fact that the Central states were getting rich off Texas porkers, and urged his auditors to co-operate, clean-up and concentrate. Claiming without these three activities Texas farmers are at great disadvantage, Dr. Jones gave several concrete examples showing how the same can be accomplished.

The demonstrator detailed the sanitary methods that should be in use with slides and talk, showing the importance of cleanliness in working with infected hogs, emphasizing strongly a clean home for swine, with plenty of ventilation, plenty of clean water, clean pens, and careful buying when restocking with breeders. Going into details over refilling the pens with stockers and breeders, Dr. Jones said that much care must be taken, that in supplying from stock yards as hogs are likely to be infected with cholera, even where the utmost precaution is exercised. A pen that is clean one day may be re-infected the next by a shipment of the diseased animals, thus making purchases from that same yard unsafe.

Another thing that the government man warned his hearers of was the buzzard; stating that this filthy bird was one of the greatest germ carriers known, and asking that farmers shoot them on sight. It was thought by the lecturer that a state bounty should be placed on the buzzard, and that farmers should co-operate to get laws passed

LAND LOANS I am direct representative for all of Central West Texas, for a large loan company, that has the money, and that will not give the preference to Central or North Texas business. We can therefore give you a prompt inspection, and close without delay. If your security and title is good, we can handle your business. We can extend paper or make new loans. If interested write and let me know your wants. All inquiries treated in confidence. B. E. HURLBUT, Brownwood, Texas

Mrs. W. A. Nance and children left Wednesday afternoon for Comanche to be present at a reunion of her brothers and sisters at the home of their parents. She was also accompanied by little Miss Ola Lee, and Master Garrett Daugherty, who will visit their grandparents at Comanche a few weeks.

HATCHEL ANNUAL W. O. W. PIC-NIC. Will be held in F. Voelker's pasture on Friday, July 23. Every body is cordially invited to attend and those that can will please bring baskets and let's enjoy the day together. Don't get the idea that this picnic is for Woodmen only. It is for everybody and we want all to come. There will be plenty to eat, and amusement for both young and old. At night there will be a big ball given at the Woodmen Hall in Hatchel. We have ample room to accommodate all who may come. E. D. BOWEN, Clerk, Hatchel W. O. W. Lodge. 1-37w

SUCCESSFUL MEET K. P. LODGE The K. of P. Lodge started the new lodge year under most favorable conditions last Monday night. It was regular meeting night of the lodge and a good attendance was reported and much business transacted. The local K. of P. members are waking up in the work for the good of the order, and renewal life is being injected into the work. The members who have been irregular in their attendance are missing the benefits to be derived from the fraternal features of the order.

A. H. Schneider of the Tennyson county was in the city Tuesday.

The Danger Is Great. Mr. Farmer, it is dangerous to store your grain without protecting it with Fire Insurance. We can cover your barn and its contents 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

a team does not know the first principles of kindness and they should be looked after by a humane society. It's just a case of dumb brutes abusing dumb brutes.—Ballinger Ledger.

The man who will drive such a team is evidently unable to connect with that supply of feed that has been laid upon Runnels county. Usually a man who drives a team has a sort of love for the animals that will cause him to take as good care of them as he does of himself—Temple Telegram.

Yes, a man will do that, but we were talking about brutes. A man may be hard up financially, but a team that can earn from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day is entitled to its feed.

Among the several amendments to be voted upon by the voters of Texas on July 24th is one that is of particular importance to the educational interest of Texas.

This amendment is known as House Joint Resolution No. 34, and provides for the separation of the A. and M. College and the State University. It seems that some have gotten the idea that this amendment is nothing more or less than a fight between the A. and M. and the University. This is not true. Some of the most prominent men in public life in Texas, graduates of the University, are supporting the amendment and doing all they can to place before the people information that will help them to see the great need of adopting the amendment.

Superintendent Doughty, one of the best superintendents of public instruction that ever held office in this state, is in favor of the amendment. Judge Richard P. Burgess, who has been particularly interested in the University and the educational development of Texas, is supporting the amendment. Representative Griggs who had a hand in submitting to the voters the amendments now before the state, and who is a graduate of the University, is in favor of separating the two institutions. Chester H. Terrell has issued a letter in which he gives many reasons

adopted by a very large majority. "I consider the provision of the resolution authorizing the establishment of junior agricultural colleges, subsidiary to and under the government of the A. and M. board, as a very important one. "Texas is so large and our agricultural interests so pre-eminently important that I feel sure that in time this provision will be availed of by the establishment of co-related institutions in different sections of the State to supplement and carry out the great work of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

"Whatever differences of opinion may have existed, as an original proposition, as to the separation of the A. and M. College from the State University, ought now to be composed, as public thought for many years, evidenced by many party platforms, declarations of commercial bodies and resolutions of agricultural and labor organizations has crystallized as to the necessity of such separation.

"The idea of one great university, embracing in its sphere of activity every field of learning, has some attractions, but as a practical proposition such an institution is not now feasible.

"I believe in a great university at Austin, but believe as strongly in a great Agricultural and Mechanical College, separately maintained and managed.

"In the nature of things, a student body, embracing the learned professions, with an increasing demand for raising its standard to meet that of other great universities, is not best adapted for the education of boys content to receive a liberal college education, or whose parents are unable to do more for them, and who desire special training in agricultural and mechanical arts.

"The expenses of attendance upon a college situated as is the A. and M., is necessarily less, and that is an item which appeals strongly to me, as the difference in cost, sometimes means inability to finish at an institution of learning.

"The University, as part of our educational system, will serve a great purpose in giving Texas boys the advantages of a first-class University educa-

HOLINESS REVIVAL GROWS IN INTEREST

The Holiness revival being conducted by Rev. Oscar Hudson and wife at the corner of Ninth Street and Park Avenue goes forward with increasing interest, gaining converts at every service. Their plain gospel preaching, "mourners' bench" methods, with accompanying shouts of converts as well as older Christians, reminds one of the revivals of long ago.

Rev. Moore, President of Central Nazarene University, preached Tuesday night. His subject was "Sin; its blighting effect and dramatic result." He quoted his text from Ezekiel: "The soul that sinneth it shall die."

He showed, both from scripture and observation that the nature of man is corrupt, by original or inherited depravity, which if allowed to remain in the heart, naturally results in an unholy outward life. He showed that while the child was innocent it was not pure.

At the conclusion of his masterly address, Rev. Moore related an incident illustrating the awful blighting effect of sin, which melted the congregation to tears. Several came forward for prayers and two professed to get sanctified.

Rev. Hudson preached on the beatitudes yesterday morning, Matt. 5:3-8. In an interesting manner he traced the course of a soul from conviction to the crowning experience of heart purity. First, "poor in spirit" conviction. Second, "They that mourn," seekers at the altar of prayer. Third, "the meek" a changed life. Fourth, "hungering and thirsting after righteousness," the class who press on in divine life. Fifth, "the merciful," consecration to God and the work of redeeming last humanity, the conditions to be met for the reception of a clean heart. Sixth, "pure in heart." The crowning state in Christian experience.

As the preacher reached the climax in this closing proposition, describing the blessedness of heart purity in this life and its rewards in eternity, the power of God came on the congregation. A number began shouting, while the unconvinced burst into tears. Several came forward for prayers and two were reclaimed.

Mrs. Hudson delivered a powerful address last night using repentance and restitution as her theme. Her text was Ezek. 33:15. "If the wicked restore the pledge, take again that he hath robbed, walk in my statutes of life with-

Bank No. 14. OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE BALLINGER STATE BANK & TRUST CO., at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 23rd day of June, 1915, published in the Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the first day of July, 1915.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, personal or collateral \$117,493.74. Loans, real estate 6,286.00. Overdrafts 1,438.01. Revenue stamps 03.00. Real Estate (banking house) 20,000.00. Other real estate 9,500.33. Furniture and fixtures 4,523.50. Due from approved reserve agents, net \$8,458.66. Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net 1,247.92 9,706.58. Cash items 368.58. Currency 3,000.00. Specie 3,572.84 6,941.42. Interest on Depositors Guaranty Fund 2,713.67. Other resources as follows: Assessment Guaranty Fund 299.11. Total \$178,971.36

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock paid in \$60,000.00. Surplus Fund 9,500.00. Undivided profits, net 3,148.29. Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net 14,500.60. Individual deposits subject to check 68,577.01. Time certificates of deposit 8,236.37. Bills payable and discounts 15,000.00. Total \$178,971.36

Total of Texas County Runnels: W. Chas. S. Miller as president, and C. A. Orbeck as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. CHAS. S. MILLER, President. C. A. ORBECK, asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of June, A. D., 1915. SAM BAKER, Notary Public Runnels County, Tex. Correct-Attest:

Geo. M. Vaughn, Chas. S. Miller, C. A. ORBECK, directors.

A. C. Hargrave, a prominent carpenter and contractor of Blackwell, came in Thursday morning to look after business affairs in Ballinger.

exterminating the "hog of the air." Some states it was learned have already bounties on buzzards. Dr. Jones disclaimed knowledge of feeding hogs but proved otherwise in his exposure of the patent food and patent medicine, giving an analysis of a common fake medicine. The doctor said he did not believe in going to unnecessary expense to buy immune toxins and serum, but that they should be used at once when cholera developed, before the disease had time to spread. The doctor also offered to aid in administering the immunization hypos, and referred to local farm demonstrator McLelland for free help in stamping out the disease. This is the second time the Animal Industry man has visited Runnels county, and he stated that he liked the county, liked the people, and that Runnels was at the very top of the list of progressive counties. Dr. Jones left Wednesday afternoon for Brady, Texas, where he will deliver an address on similar lines.

Mrs. R. L. Wendorf and two little daughters left Monday afternoon for Temple and after a visit to her brother will go on to Sealy and other points in that section to visit relatives for several weeks during this summer.

MISS MARY PHILLIPS ELECTED SECRETARY

E. E. Upshaw, has returned from the district clerks' convention held in San Antonio, and reports a well attended meeting and a splendid time. And as we predicted a few days ago would happen, Mr. Upshaw was chosen president of the association, a honor worthy bestowed. The office of secretary of the association is appointive and President Upshaw appointed Miss Mary Phillips district clerk at Ballinger, as secretary of the association.—Belton News.

Miss Augusta Haden of Temple, who had been visiting her uncle E. R. Haden and family, returned home Wednesday.

Rev. F. M. McConnell of Fort Worth greeted friends in Ballinger while en route home from points over the A. & S. railroad.

Ed Spill, city editor of the Temple Telegram, after a pleasant visit of a few days, returned to Temple Wednesday.

Your Tin And Pipe Work Should be done by workmen who know their business, and will make you a close price. Because of a demand for a high grade of work at a reasonable charge we opened our shop. We specialize on the following items: Tanks, Water Troughs, Gutters, Galvanized Flues, Iron Chicken Houses. We build or make anything of Sheet Metal or Pipe Work. Shop located in Wooden building next door to Fire Station. Your patronage will be appreciated, and is solicited. Call and see us. Dunn and Glenn Telephone No. 22 Ballinger, Texas

The BLACK BOX

E. PHILIPS OPPENHEIM

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Novelized from the Photo Play of the Same Name, Produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company.

SYNOPSIS.

Sanford Quest, master criminologist of the world, finds that in bringing to justice Macdougall, the murderer of Lord Ashleigh's daughter, he has 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 rooms have appeared from nowhere black boxes, one containing diamonds torn from a lovely throat by a pair of armless, threatening hands, both with sarcastic, threatening notes, signed by the inscrutable hands. His valet, Ross Brown, and a caller, Miss Quirk, are murdered in his rooms. Laura and Lenora, his assistants, suspect Craig, the professor's valet. Lenora, abducted by the threatening hands, is rescued. Quest traps Craig, loses him, traps him again in the house where Lenora was imprisoned, and loses him yet again after a thrilling chase. The black boxes continue to appear in uncanny fashion with their notes of sarcasm, warning and suggestions of clues, all signed by the inhuman, armless hands.

EIGHTH INSTALLMENT

CHAPTER XVII.

THE INHERITED SIN.

"Getting kind of used to these court house shows, aren't you, Lenora?" Quest remarked, as they stepped from the automobile and entered the house in Georgia square.

"Could anyone feel much sympathy," she asked, "with those men? Red Gallagher, as they all called him, is more like a great brutal animal than a human being. I think that even if they had sentenced him to death I should have felt that it was quite the proper thing to have done."

"Too much sentiment about those things," Quest agreed, clipping the end off a cigar. "Men like that are better off the face of the earth. They did their best to send me there."

"Here's a cablegram for you," Lenora exclaimed, bringing it over to him. "Mr. Quest, I wonder if it's from Scotland Yard?"

Quest tore it open. They read it together, Lenora standing on tiptoe to peer over his shoulder.

"Stowaway answering in every respect your description of Craig found on Durham. Has been arrested, as desired, and will be taken to Hamblin house for identification by Lord Ashleigh. Reply whether you are coming over, and full details as to charge."

"Good for Scotland Yard!" Quest declared. "So they've got him, eh? All the same, that fellow's as slippery as an eel. Lenora, how should you like a trip across the ocean, eh?"

"I should love it," Lenora replied. "Do you mean it, really?"

Quest nodded.

"That fellow fooled me pretty well," he continued, "but somehow I feel that if I get my hands on him this time, they'll stay there till he stands where Red Gallagher did today. I don't feel content to let anyone else finish off the job. Got any relatives over there?"

"I have an aunt in London," Lenora told him, "the dearest old lady you ever saw. She'd give anything to have me make her a visit."

Quest moved across to his desk and took up a sailing list. He studied it for a few moments and turned back to Lenora.

"Send a cable off at once to Scotland Yard," he directed. "Say—'Am sailing on Lusitania tomorrow. Hold prisoner. Charge very serious. Have full warrants.'"

Lenora wrote down the message and went to the telephone to send it off. As soon as she had finished Quest took up his hat again.

"Come on," he invited. "The machine's outside. We'll just go and look in on the professor and tell him the news. Poor old chap, I'm afraid he'll never be the same man again."

They found the professor on his hands and knees upon a dusty floor. Carefully arranged before him were the bones of a skeleton, each laid in some appointed place.

"What about that unhappy man, Craig?" the professor asked, gloomily. "Isn't the Durham almost due now?"

Quest took out the cablegram from his pocket and passed it over. The professor's fingers trembled a little as he read it. He passed it back, however, without immediate comment.

"You see, they have been cleverer over there than we were," Quest remarked.

"Perhaps," the professor assented. "They seem, at least, to have arrested the man. Even now I can scarcely believe that it is Craig—my servant Craig—who is lying in an English prison. Do you know that his people have been servants in the Ashleigh family for some hundreds of years?"

Quest was clearly interested. "Say, I'd like to hear about that!" he exclaimed. "You know I'm rather great on heredity, professor. What class did he come from then? Were his people just domestic servants always?"

The professor's face was for a moment troubled. He moved to his desk, rummaged about for a time, and finally produced an ancient volume.

"This really belongs to my brother, Lord Ashleigh," he explained. "He brought it over with him to show me

some entries concerning which I was interested. It contains a history of the Hamblin estate since the days of Cromwell, and here in the back, you see, is a list of our farmers, bailiffs and domestic servants. There was a Craig who was a tenant of the first Lord Ashleigh and fought with him in the Cromwellian wars as a trooper and since those days, so far as I can see, there has never been a time when there hasn't been a Craig in the service of our family. A fine race they seem to have been, until—"

"Until when?" Quest demanded.

The look of trouble had once more clouded the professor's face. He shrugged his shoulders slightly.

"Until Craig's father," he admitted. "I am afraid I must admit that we come upon a bad piece of family history here. Silas Craig entered the service of my father in 1858, as under gamekeeper. Here we come upon the first black mark against the name. He appears to have lived reputably for some years, and then, after a quarrel with a neighbor about some trivial matter, he deliberately murdered him, a crime for which he was tried and executed in 1867. John Craig, his only son, entered our service in 1880, and when I left England, accompanied me as my valet."

There was a moment's silence.

"Lenora and I are sailing tomorrow," Quest said. "We are taking over the necessary warrants and shall bring Craig back here for trial."

The professor smoked thoughtfully for some moments. Then he rose deliberately to his feet. He had come to a decision. He announced it calmly, but irrevocably.

"I shall come with you," he announced. "I shall be glad to visit England, but apart from that I feel it to be my duty. I owe it to Craig to see that he has a fair chance, and I owe it to the law to see that he pays the penalty, if, indeed, he is guilty of these crimes. Is Miss Laura accompanying you, too?"

Quest shook his head.

"From what the surgeons tell us," he said, "it will be some weeks before she is able to travel. At the same time, I must tell you that I am glad of your decision, professor."

"It is my duty," the latter declared. "I cannot rest in this state of uncertainty. If Craig is lost to me, the sooner I face the fact the better. At the same time I will be frank with you. Notwithstanding all the accumulated pile of evidence I feel in my heart the urgent necessity of seeing him face to face, of holding him by the shoulders and asking him whether these things are true. We have faced death together, Craig and I. We have done more than that—we have courted it. There is nothing about him I can accept from hearsay. I shall go with you to England, Mr. Quest."

CHAPTER XIX.

The professor rose from his seat in some excitement as the carriage passed through the great gates of Hamblin park. He acknowledged with a smile the respectful curtsy of the woman who held it open.

"You have now an opportunity, my dear Mr. Quest," he said, "of appreciating one feature of English life not entirely reproducible in your own wonderful country. I mean the home life and surroundings of our aristocracy. You see these oak trees?" he went on, with a little wave of his hand. "They were planted by my ancestors in the days of Henry VIII. I have been a student of tree life in South America and in the dense forests of central Africa, but for real character, for splendor of growth and hardness, there is nothing in the world to touch the Ashleigh oaks."

"They're some trees," the criminologist admitted.

"You notice, perhaps, the small ones, which seem dwarfed. Their tops were cut off by the lord of Ashleigh on the day that Lady Jane Grey was beheaded. Queen Elizabeth heard of it and threatened to confiscate the estate. Look at the turf, my friend. Ages have gone to the making of that mossy, velvet carpet."

"Where's the house?" Quest inquired.

"A mile farther on yet. The woods part and make a natural avenue past the bend of the river there," the professor pointed out. "Full of trout, that river, Quest. How I used to whip that stream when I was a boy!"

They swept presently round a bend in the avenue. Before them on the hillside surrounded by trees and with a great walled garden behind, was Hamblin house. Quest gave vent to a little exclamation of wonder as he looked at it.

"This is where you've got us beat, sure," he admitted. "Our country places are like gawdaw palaces compared to this. Makes me kind of sorry," he went on regretfully, "that I didn't bring Lenora along."

The professor shook his head.

"You were very wise," he said. "My

brother and Lady Ashleigh have recovered from the shock of poor Lena's death in a marvelous manner, I believe, but the sight of the girl might have brought it back to them. You have left her with friends, I hope, Mr. Quest?"

"She has an aunt in Hampstead," the latter explained. "I should have liked to see her safely there myself, but we should have been an hour or two later down here, and I tell you," he went on, his voice gathering a note almost of ferocity, "I'm wanting to get my hands on that fellow Craig! I wonder where they're holding him."

"At the local police station, I expect," the professor replied. "My brother is a magistrate, of course, and he would see that proper arrangements were made. There he is at the hall door."

The carriage drew up before the great front moment or two later Lord Ashleigh came forward with outstretched hands, the genial smile of the welcoming host upon his lips. In his manner, however, there was a distinct note of anxiety.

"Edgar, my dear fellow," he exclaimed, "I am delighted! Welcome back to your home! Mr. Quest, I am very happy to see you here. You have heard the news, of course?"

"We have heard nothing!" the professor replied.

"You didn't go to Scotland Yard?" Lord Ashleigh asked.

"We haven't been to London at all," Quest explained. "We got on the boat train at Plymouth, and your brother managed to induce one of the directors whom he saw on the platform to stop the train for us at Hamblin road. We only left the boat two hours ago. There's nothing wrong with Craig, is there?"

Lord Ashleigh motioned them to follow him.

"Please come this way," he invited. He led them across the hall—which dimly lit and with its stained-glass windows, was almost like the nave of a cathedral—into the library beyond. He closed the door and turned around.

"I have bad news for you both," he announced. "Craig has escaped."

Neither the professor nor Quest betrayed any unusual surprise. So far as the latter was concerned, his first glimpse at Lord Ashleigh's face had warned him of what was coming.

"Dear me!" the professor murmured, sinking into an easy chair. "This is most unexpected!"

"We'll get him again," Quest declared quickly. "Can you let us have

"Craig Disappeared About Here, Sir."



ing. The horse shied, the wheel caught a great stone by the side of the road, and all four men were thrown out. The man to whom Craig was handcuffed was stunned, but Craig himself appears to have been unhurt. He stumbled up, took the key of the handcuffs from the pocket of the officer, unfastened them and slipped off into the undergrowth before either the groom or the other Scotland Yard man had recovered their senses. To cut a long story short, this was last Thursday, and up till now not a single trace of the fellow has been discovered."

Quest rose abruptly to his feet.

"Say, I'd like to take this matter up right on the spot where Craig disappeared," he suggested. "Couldn't we do that?"

"By all means," Lord Ashleigh agreed, touching a bell. "We have several hours before we change for dinner. I will have a car round and take you to the spot."

The professor acquiesced readily and very soon they stepped out of the automobile on to the side of a narrow road, looking very much as it had been described. Farther on, beyond a stretch of open common, they could see the smoke from the gypsy encampment. On their left-hand side was a stretch of absolutely wild country, bounded in the far distance by the gray stone wall of the park. Lord Ashleigh led the way through the thicket, talking as he went.

"Craig came along here," he explained. "The groom and the Scotland Yard man who had been sitting by his side, followed him. They searched for an hour, but found no trace of him at all. Then they returned to the house to make a report and get help. I will now show you how Craig first eluded them."

He led the way along a tangled path, doubled back, plunged into a little spinney and came suddenly to a small shed.

"This is an ancient gamekeeper's shelter," he explained; "built a long time ago and almost forgotten now. What Craig did, without doubt, was to hide in this. The Scotland Yard man who took the affair in hand found distinct traces here of recent occupation. That is how he made his first escape."

Quest nodded.

"Sure!" he murmured. "Well, now, what about your more extended search?"

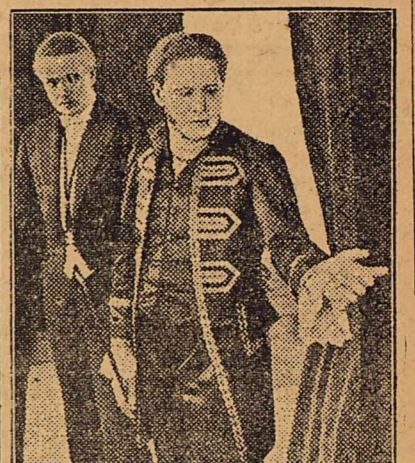
"I am coming to that," Lord Ashleigh replied. "As Edgar will remember, no doubt, I have always kept a few bloodhounds in my kennels, and

everything was in harmony, even the grave precision of the solemn-faced butler and the powdered hair of the two footmen. Quest, perhaps for the first time in his life, felt almost lost, hopelessly out of touch with his surroundings, and a struggling figure. Nevertheless, he entertained the little party with many stories. He struggled all the time against that queer sense of anachronism which now and then became almost oppressive.

The professor's pleasure at finding himself once more amongst these familiar surroundings was obvious and intense. The conversation between him and his brother never flagged. There were tenants and neighbors to be asked after, matters concerning the state on which he demanded information. Even the very servants' names he remembered.

"It was a queer turn of fate, George," he declared, as he held out before him a wonderfully chased glass filled with amber wine, "which sent you into the world a few seconds before me and made you lord of Ashleigh and me a struggling scientific man."

"The world has benefited by it," Lord Ashleigh remarked, with more than fraternal courtesy. "We here



Showing the Quest Through Hamblin House.

great things of you over here, Edgar. We hear that you have been on the point of proving most unpleasant things with regard to our origin."

"Oh! there is no doubt about that," the professor observed. "Where we came from and where we are going to are questions which no longer afford room for the slightest doubt to the really scientific mind. What sometimes loses its luster is the nature of our encodings while we are here on earth."

There was a brief silence. The port had been placed upon the table and coffee served. The servants, according to the custom of the house, had departed. The great apartment was empty. Even Quest was impressed by some peculiar significance in the long-drawn-out silence. He looked around him uneasily. The growing regard of that long line of painted warriors seemed somehow to be full of menace. There was something grim, too, in the sight of those empty suits of armor.

"I may be superstitious," Lord Ashleigh said, "but there are times, especially just lately, when I seem to find a new and hateful quality in silence. What is it, I wonder? I ask you, but I think I know. It is the conviction that there is some alien presence, something disturbing, lurking close at hand."

He suddenly rose to his feet, pushed his chair back and walked to the window, which opened level with the ground. He threw it up and listened. The others came over and joined him. There was nothing to be heard but the distant hooting of an owl, and farther away the barking of some farmhouse dog. Lord Ashleigh stood there with straining eyes, gazing out across the park.

"There was something here," he muttered; "something which has gone. What's that? Quest, your eyes are younger than mine. Can you see anything underneath that tree?"

Quest peered out into the gray darkness.

"I fancied I saw something moving in the shadow of that oak," he muttered. "Wait."

He crossed the terrace, swung down on to the path, across the lawn, over a wire fence and into the park itself. All the time he kept his eyes fixed on a certain spot. When at last he reached the tree there was nothing there. He looked all around him. He stood and listened for several moments. A more utterly peaceful night or more utter peace it would be hard to imagine. Slowly he made his way back to the house.

"I imagine we are all a little nervy tonight," he remarked. "There's nothing doing out there."

They strolled about for a hour or more, looking into different rooms, showing their guest the finest pictures, even taking him down into the wonderful cellars. They parted early, but Quest stood for a few moments before retiring, gazing about him with an air almost of awe. His great room, as large as an Italian palace, was lit by a dozen wax candles in silver candlesticks. His four-poster was supported by pillars of black oak, carved into strange forms, and surmounted by the Ashleigh coronet and coat-of-arms. He threw his windows open wide and stood for a moment looking out across the park, more clearly visible now by the light of the slowly rising moon. There was scarcely a breeze stirring, scarcely a sound even from the animal world. Nevertheless, Quest, too, as reluctantly he made his preparations for retiring for the night, was conscious of that queer sensation of unimagined and palpable danger.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Positive Relief For Constipation

The progress of modern medical science is, perhaps, no more forcefully evident than in the simplifying of many of the old time remedies of past generations. For instance, the harsh cathartics and violent purgatives used by our forefathers are now known to be not only unnecessary but really harmful. Constipation can be more effectively relieved without the discomfort and pain these old-time remedies occasion.

A combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is most effective, yet mild and pleasant. It is absolutely free from opiates and narcotics and equally as desirable a remedy for the tiniest babe as for rugged manhood. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

Born.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Fowler are at home to a baby boy. The bright, healthy little fellow arrived Sunday.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters advertised, June 26th, 1915:

Campbell, John; Carter, Geo.; Davenport, Miss Malinda; Davenport, Miss Lugenia; Duren, F. L.; Ford, Ben; Hardin, H. C.; Hopson, Mrs. Nora; Jones, Jerry; Kirkpatrick, W. F.; Lawler, Mrs. F. I.; Lavoie, J. B.; Lowery, F. M.; Miller, Miss Arguerite; Morgan, Miller, Miss Marguerite; Morgan, Miss Iola; Sanders, Tom (2); Teague, George; Warren, B. F.; Wilkerson, Mrs. Katie.

When calling for the above letters please say advertised. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

JAMES J. ERWIN, P. M.

Noble Weaver of Center, Tex., who had been here to confer with J. G. Huffman with reference to some land matters, left Monday for his home. They are building a railroad through Shelby county and Mr. Weaver was here to get the right-of-way through some valuable land Mr. Huffman owns in that county.

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

L. A. Bedford of Bangs, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from a business trip to Winters.

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

WILL MAKE BUMPER GRAIN CROP

U. G. Thomas, of the Marie country, was in Ballinger Thursday accompanied by Mrs. Thomas and their little son. Mr. Thomas reported good crops in his section of the country, and stated that he had 180 acres in oats and believed that he would crowd a hundred bushels per acre on some of the land.

Mrs. J. B. Wilmeth and two little sons came in from Brownwood Monday at noon. Mrs. Wilmeth and three sons had been spending the past school year in Austin and visited at Brownwood before coming on home.

BALLINGER SCHOOL BONDS GOOD ONES

Scott H. Mack, president of the Ballinger school board, informs us that the \$8000 school bond issue has been approved by the attorney general and the comptroller, the two officers fixing their O. K. on the bonds last week.

This puts the work of remodeling and making the needed improvements in the central school building right square up to the school board. There are a score of applications to buy the bonds, and realizing the cash on them will be a small matter now.

The board has placed an order for the printing of the bonds, and they will be floated and the work will be rushed and the building made ready for the coming school term.

The board deserves much credit for the rapid manner in which they have handled this work. It is no uncommon thing for bonds to be held up for several months in the attorney general's department for various reasons and such work is generally taken up in the order that it comes. The San Angelo school has just succeeded in getting through a bond issue after more than a year's work. The Ballinger board addressed a special letter to the attorney general and impressed him with the importance of pushing the Ballinger bonds, and he very kindly made a quick report on them.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 30 cents.

BAGLEY-ROGERS

Rev. W. Bion Adkins spoke the beautiful marriage vows Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Welden, that united the happy hearts of Mr. Henry Bagley and Miss Verna Mae Rogers.

Mr. Bagley is a prominent and highly esteemed young painter, and Miss Rogers is one of Ballinger's favorite daughters, known and loved by a large circle of friends and the Ledger joins the host of friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for this young couple.

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 destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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

Tom Patterson of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

BUSINESS MEN GOING TO MAZELAND PICNIC

Under the auspices of the Young Men's Business League plans are being worked out for an auto excursion of several dozen Ballinger business men to attend the big picnic to be given in the Mazeland neighborhood next Saturday.

The picnic is the annual celebration of the Woodmen of the World of that section of the county, and an invitation has been extended to the business men of Ballinger to be present.

The matter of providing autos for those who wish to go and the perfecting of arrangements for making the trip is now being worked out. H. Giesecke has volunteered to furnish his car, and C. A. Dooes has listed one car, and maybe two. Others who will furnish cars and assist in providing transportation should see Noel Penn, secretary of the League at once. Those who wish to go should also list their names and get busy and secure passage.

It is very important that Ballinger will be well represented on this occasion. The people have invited us, and we should show our appreciation of the splendid patronage of the people of that part of the county. The Business League has contributed 200 loaves of bread for the occasion and this will augment the supply of bread and barbeque and other good things that will be spread for the hungry picnickers.

Sales Agency and Commission Co.

at Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. Carload buyers direct from factory, jobbers and retail dealers at small profits, of vehicles, such as buggies, surreys, hacks wagons etc. Save money by seeing us before buying. wtf

NEGRO FIGHTS AND POKER PLAYING

Monday was a busy day for the officers in rounding up and settling charges filed against both negroes and whites for violation of the laws of the land.

Two negro men and their wives were before Justice Trimmer on charges of fighting. Essie Ford filed charges against her husband Sam Ford, and charges were filed against Walter Marshal and Emma Marshal, also colored folks, were arraigned before Justice Trimmer on charges of fighting. The negroes it seems made their fights just a little to much of a public affair to get by without squaring themselves with the court.

Sheriff Perkins was kept away from his usual Sunday morning attendance at church on account of getting a "whiff" of a poker game. He caught an association of boys together that did not have the appearance of a Sunday school class and keeping an eye on the boys he soon had them cornered in a poker game. After enjoying the game for a while the officer appeared on the scene and placed the boys under promise to appear in court Monday morning. They plead guilty to just common old poker playing and the court receives part of the spoils.

A Good Household Salve.

Ordinary ailments and injuries are not of themselves serious, but infection or low vitality may make them dangerous. Don't neglect a cut, sore, bruise or hurt because it's small. Blood poison has resulted from a pin-prick or scratch. For all such ailments Bucklen's Arnica Salve is excellent. It protects and heals the hurt; is antiseptic, kills infection and prevents dangerous complications. Good for all skin blemishes, pimples, salt rheum, eczema. Get an original 2-ounce 25c box from your druggist.

Mrs. McBeth and daughter of Harper, Texas, came in Saturday to visit her brother W. T. Padgett and family.

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

J. W. Godwin of Ardmore, Okla. who had been visiting in Ballinger the past week, returned home Saturday.

W. S. Martin of the Talpa country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

M'CLELLAND DELIVERS ADDRESS AT NORMAL

SAN ANGELO, Tex., June 28.—Geo. P. McLelland, government agricultural agent in Runnels county, made an address before the students of the San Angelo Summer Normal here Thursday afternoon. He spoke principally upon diseases among animals and was listened to attentively for forty minutes.

Mr. McLelland was a member of a party, composed also of Prof. W. W. Wooten, superintendent of the schools in Runnels county, his wife and Superintendent W. S. Fleming of the Ballinger school system. The government agent was escorted over the city in the afternoon by Prof. J. C. Wells of Miles.

"McLelland is the man who has made agriculture go in Runnels county, and is the farmer with the big 'F,'" said Professor Wells in introducing the visitor to a Standard reporter. "He has practically stamped out hog cholera in Runnels and his work has been responsible for the big business in egg shipping which has been started."

It was then stated that within a period of four months twenty cars of eggs, or about 24,000 dozen, had been shipped to market from Ballinger. The infertile egg campaign has also been inaugurated within that time.

"We want to see Tom Green county come alive," said Mr. McLelland. "Get you a demonstrator again and you will find that you don't have to raise two bales of cotton to the acre to get along on out here. Poultry, eggs, hogs, and produce will solve the problem."

"Why, in Runnels last year we produced \$200,000 worth of poultry and eggs and shipped \$125,000 worth of it. We realized \$18,000 alone from cream, to say nothing of the money derived from other dairy products."

Tom Green county has not had a government demonstrator in over two years.

An Easy, Pleasant Laxative.

One or two Dr. King's New Life Pills with a tumbler of water at night. No bad, nauseating taste; no belching gas. Go right to bed. Wake up in the morning, enjoy a free, easy bowel movement, and feel fine all day. Dr. King's New Life Pills are sold by all druggists, 36 in an original package, for 25c. Get a bottle today—enjoy this easy, pleasant laxative.

Y. M. B. L. DOING GOOD ROAD WORK

M. C. Braden in charge of a grading and roadwing crew, left Ballinger Monday morning for a point about three miles out from Ballinger on the Ballinger-Angelo road.

Under the direction of the Young Men's Business League, the League footing the bill, a bad stretch of road will be put in first class condition. Noel Penn, secretary of the League stated that his board of directors felt that they could not use some of the League funds to a better advantage than keeping the roads in the best shape possible.

The people have turned down with a cold thud every proposition put up to them to help raise money with which to build roads, and it is now up to the citizens to do the best they can. Those in favor of good roads, and who have devoted so much time in trying to devise means to build roads, are not discouraged to the extent that they are quitters. They are still on the job and are determined to do the best they can, with what they have to do with.

The county's road fund is limited and the assistance given by the League, which is nothing more nor less than money contributed by the business men, will help to carry on the work slowly. The people living south of this stretch of road will no doubt be glad to know that it is being repaired just as fast as the men and teams can do the work, and when Mr. Braden gets through with it you can count on it being a good job, the money at hand considered.

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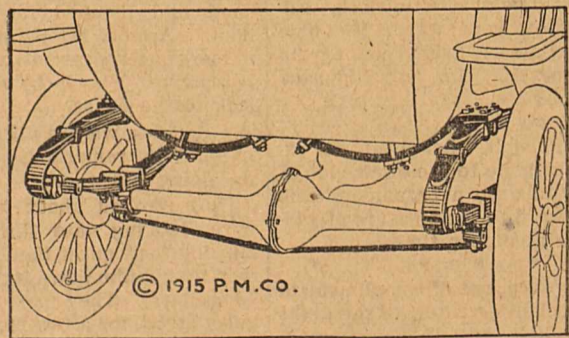
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Cull your Seed and increase the Yield from 15 to 25 per cent

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

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It puts the liver, stomach and bowels in fine healthy condition, builds up the nervous system, strengthens the body, clears the complexion and changes a poor, tired, discouraged woman into one of sparkling good health and cheerfulness.

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

Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.



TORPEDO KILLS 20 U. S. MEN

WASHINGTON, June 30.—A Dominion liner, the Armenian, sailing from New Portnews was torpedoed today off Cornwall. The vessel was sunk and twenty of crew lost, believed most of them Americans. The vessel carried a cargo of horses, supposedly for the British and French armies.

PRESIDENT IN NEAR ACCIDENT

WINDSOR, Vt., June 30.—The work of the skilful chauffeur of President Wilson prevented what came near being a serious accident this morning. The president's car was ditched by the chauffeur to prevent crashing into a lumber team as the car was rounding a sharp curve. No one was injured, but the car was put out of commission.

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

J. F. White and J. W. Brice of the Truitt country were here first of the week.

SOCIALISTS ASK GERMANY FOR PEACE

BERLIN, June 30.—Thousands of socialist are calling on Germany in the name of humanity to try to bring about peace at an early date.

AMERICA NLINER IN WRECK

London, June 30.—A Holland-American liner, the Nieuw Amsterdam, was seriously damaged in a collision with an unidentified steamer off Port Deal last night.

FRENCH REPORTS FRENCH CAPTURE

Paris, June 30.—The French report the capture of some important trenches in Erne, and along the wall of fighting.

ALVARADO MAN RESTORED BY WONDERFUL REMEDY

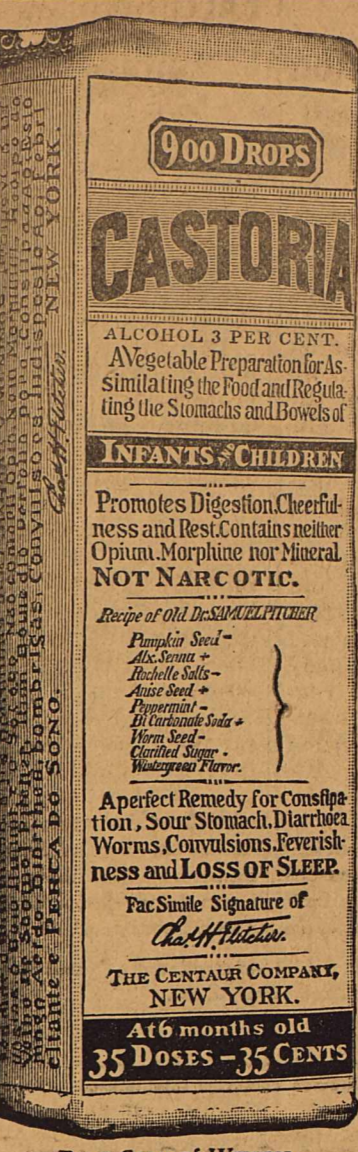
Gets Appetite and Comfort Back After Taking First Dose.

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

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

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

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



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For Infants and Children.

Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of

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Farmers and Merchants State Bank	\$100.00	Edgar Ellis	\$1.00
First National Bank	\$100.00	Wm. Stephens	\$2.50
Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co.	\$50.00	Ballinger Bot. Works	\$7.50
Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.	\$100.00	The Fair	\$2.50
Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack	\$50.00	H. L. Mobley	\$10.00
Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co.	\$25.00	W. A. Gustavus Jr.	\$5.00
Hall Hardware Co.	\$50.00	N. Passur	\$15.00
D. Reeder	\$25.00	E. A. Jeanes & Co.	\$10.00
Ballinger Dry Goods Co.	\$25.00	G. M. Vaughn	\$12.00
T. S. Lankford	\$25.00	Home Steam Laundry	\$5.00
The Hub	\$25.00	H. Giesecke	\$15.00
The Walker Drug Co.	\$50.00	Doss & Baugh	\$5.00
J. Y. Pearce	\$25.00	F. F. Moore & Co.	\$10.00
L. B. Stubbs	\$25.00	Ballinger Insurance Agency	\$5.00
Miller Mercantile Co.	\$25.00	S. L. Henderson Co.	\$10.00
Hardin & Bateman	\$25.00	Halley & Love	\$10.00
Wm. Cameron & Co.	\$25.00	City Barber Shop	\$2.50
The Ballinger Printing Co.	\$25.00	Chas. Eisenhuth	\$2.50
E. F. Elder & Son	\$25.00	W. M. Holland	\$2.50
West Texas Telephone Co.	\$25.00	Union Yard	\$2.50
W. B. Wood	\$15.00	Street & Middleton	\$5.00
Harwell Motor Co.	\$15.00	Star Yard	\$2.50
Dunlap & Co.	\$20.00	Ballinger Yard	\$2.50
W. A. Nance	\$10.00	City Yard	\$5.00
U. E. Hartman	\$10.00	E. Shepperd	\$5.00
Mrs. Fannie Johnson	\$10.00	N. N. Lovell	\$5.00
H. M. Leach	\$10.00	J. Dan	\$5.00
R. P. Conn	\$10.00	J. Keidel	\$5.00
S. J. Carmany	\$15.00	Stocks Hotel	\$2.50
Ballinger Lumber Co.	\$25.00	W. E. Allen	\$2.50
J. M. Radford	\$20.00	N. J. Wardlow	\$2.50
Dr. W. W. Fowler	\$5.00	H. I. Armstrong	\$2.50
J. D. Coulter	\$2.50	I. N. and W. H. Roark	\$5.00
C. C. Schuchard	\$2.00	Schawe Grocery	\$5.00
Claud Stone	\$1.00	Jas. E. Brewer	\$5.00
L. C. Alexander	\$1.00	City Market	\$5.00
E. E. Spencer	\$1.00	M. D. Chastain	\$5.00
Thad Thompson	\$1.00	W. A. Gustavus	\$5.00
Maxie Phillips	\$1.00	H. A. Cady	\$1.00
Roy Reeder	\$10.00	H. L. Wendorf	\$5.00
C. A. Doose	\$15.00	—Hamilton	\$2.50
H. C. Wilke	\$10.00	Laxon Restaurant	\$5.00
Morr & Stroble	\$10.00	W. S. Fleming	\$2.00
L. Cohen	\$10.00	Dr. Hale	\$2.50
Oil Mill	\$50.00	Cash Market	\$5.00
Abilene & Southern	\$50.00	L. Afflerbach	\$5.00
West Texas Compress	\$10.00	Ike Honig	\$5.00
A. J. Zappe	\$15.00	W. C. Jones	\$2.50
City Drug Store	\$5.00	M. C. Smith	5.00
Jno. I. Guion	\$5.00	Jno. Pechacek	\$2.50
Geo. Wachter	\$2.50	J. L. McWhirter	\$2.50
Jno. Hopkinson	\$1.00	Jim Freeman	\$1.50
A. R. Crews	\$1.00	C. W. Harper	\$2.50
J. F. McMillian	\$1.00	Jno. W. Clampitt	\$5.00
Sim Corteje	\$1.00	Sol Devaul	\$1.00
Bill McGregor	\$1.00	Asa Cordill	\$5.00
L. H. Ward	\$1.00	W. A. Payne	\$2.50
J. M. Tyburn	\$1.00	J. H. Bartlett	\$1.00
roy Starkey	\$1.00	Dr. Douglass	\$2.50
Roy Sharp	\$1.00	C. J. Lynn & Son	\$2.50
L. D. Robinson	\$1.00	J. J. Erwin	\$5.00
Ira Thurman	\$1.00	W. R. Bushong	\$2.50
Bruce Creasy	\$1.00	M. C. Braden	\$5.00
O. C. Williams	\$1.00	W. E. Brooks	\$2.50
E. C. Schuchard	\$1.00	H. F. Demmer	\$2.50
Don A. Swett	\$1.00	R. B. Creasy	\$2.50
		Dr. Baskin	\$2.50
		W. L. Golden	\$1.00
		Dr. Raby	\$2.50
		R. J. Deens	\$2.50

Dr. McKinney	\$1.00
Mitchel Moore	\$2.50
Gresset & Miller	\$2.50
Mike C. Boyd	\$2.50
W. L. Brown	\$2.50
J. E. Powell	\$2.50
M. Kleberg	\$2.50
R. S. Griggs	\$2.00
J. D. Perkins	\$2.50
O. L. Parish	\$2.50
W. C. McCarver	\$2.00
Mary Phillips	\$2.50
W. W. Wooten	\$2.50
W. T. Padgett	\$2.50
Thos. Lilly	\$2.50
Cash	\$1.00
Scotch Woolen Mills	\$2.50
Security Title Co.	\$2.50
A. Wilke	\$1.50
Jack McKay	\$2.00
B. F. Corum	\$1.00
G. A. Jarrett	\$1.00
O'Kelley & Walton	\$5.00
C. R. Stephens	\$2.50

\$50.00 TELEGRAM FROM SANTA FE

Temple, 6-28-15.
A. H. Wigle, Ballinger.
Your personal wire 17th. Please advise Mr. McGregor that we are mailing him check today for fifty dollars, donation towards defraying expense Anniversary celebration.

K. S. HULL.
The most valuable telegram received by the finance committee in charge of Ballinger's birthday party came early Monday morning to A. H. Wigle, Santa Fe agent, and was from Superintendent Hull. The telegram was worth just fifty dollars and Mr. Wigle delivered it to Mr. Kirk, manager of the big entertainment.

This telegram came in the form of a check for \$50, the Santa Fe's subscription to the barbecue fund. It shows the spirit of appreciation from the road for the splendid business it has enjoyed at this point during the last two years.

It will be remembered that the Santa Fe broke the record for both freight and passenger business at the Ballinger station last fall, doing the greatest business both for one day and for one month that was ever recorded here by that railroad.

The Ballinger citizen feel most kindly towards both the Santa Fe and the A. & S. for the liberal contributions towards making the celebration a great success.

Banker Haas, J. F. Kuhn and P. J. Baron, of Rowena, were among the crowd at the celebration in Ballinger Tuesday.

AN EPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON THE 24TH OF JULY.

It is important that the voters of Texas be enlightened on the proposed amendments to the Constitution to be voted on the 24th of July.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 increases the Supreme Court from three to five members. In other words two members will be added by the adoption of this amendment, and their salaries increased from \$4000 to \$5000 a year.

House Joint Resolution No. 9 provides that the commissioners court of each county in this state shall have the power when a majority of the qualified voters of such county shall vote to create such a fund, to create a fund to be known as a Students' Loan Fund, for the purpose of enabling students of the public free schools of said county to borrow money to be used in their education for the purpose of graduating from the county public schools and after graduation to continue their education in any higher institution of learning, such fund to be created and administered by the commissioners' court of each county as may be provided by law.

The legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such county for the purpose of raising said Students' Loan Fund, said tax not to exceed in any one year 20 cents on the 100 dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation; provided that a majority of the qualified taxing voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote for such tax.

Resolution No. 3 authorizes the levy of a special road tax not to exceed 50 cents on the 100 dollars worth of property in any county, or subdivision of a county, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said county or subdivision of the county.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 18 provides for bonds for public improvements, such as levies, drainage, roads and other improvements.

House Joint Resolution No. 1 authorizes a qualified voter to vote for State officers, or any proposition submitted to the voters of the State, in a precinct other than his home precinct, under certain conditions. This amendment also provides that a qualified voter must be a citizen of the United States in accordance with the Federal naturalization laws.

Joint Resolution No. 34 provides for the complete separation of the A. & M. College from the University and constitutes the former an independent college. It places each of these institutions under its own governing board. It provides for an equitable division of the lands set apart for the University of Texas and its branches. It provides that the college of Industrial Arts for white girls, located at Denton, shall be recognized as an independent college of the first class and given its own governing board, and its domicile permanently fixed at Denton.

It removes the inhibition against the appropriation by the Legislature for buildings at the University. This amendment has been demanded by every Democratic platform since 1910, by both the Republican conventions in 1914, by the Texas Farmers Congress, the Farmers' Union, the Farmers' Institutes and the Bankers' Convention, and by every candidate for Governor since 1910.

It provides for no bonds. It lays no burdens whatever in the way of additional taxes upon the people. It will allay all enmity and discord now existing between the two schools and will forever settle all differences between them.

R. H. Herring was in the city Saturday from his ranch on Mustang creek and says he has no business in Ballinger since school closed and is busy looking after the ranch, shearing sheep and threshing his small grain, etc.

FORMER BALLINGER BOY WEDS

Miss Mabel Waddell and Mr. Sam Hamilton were very quietly married at the home of the bride's parents in Waco last Monday evening, Rev. Greer, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating in a most impressive manner.

The bride and groom came in this morning on the late train and the announcement that they were married was a great surprise to their numerous friends who are congratulating them upon all sides. Miss Waddell had lived here most of her life, and is an accomplished young lady, possessing those traits of character which make for true womanhood. She was a popular member of the graduating class of 1914-1915, was editor-in-chief of the high school annual which is a monument to her taste and executive ability.

Mr. Hamilton is a rising young business man and by his true manly character and sterling worth has made his friends by his acquaintances. He is now the western agent for the Jeffry Automobile Co.

This bride and groom were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Homer, in Dallas yesterday, and dined with Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Robertson today. They will leave for a visit to Mr. Hamilton's parents in Ballinger this afternoon.—Sweetwater Reporter.

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

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

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

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Here You Are!



Coca-Cola

Here's a new voice for the thirsty roofer—here's refreshment for the excited fan—here's deliciousness for all—Coca-Cola, the beverage that athletes endorse—that wise business men enjoy—that everyone welcomes for its simple, pure wholesomeness.

Carbonated in bottles—at stands and in grand stands—and at soda fountains everywhere.

Demand the genuine by full name—nicknames encourage substitution.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
ATLANTA, GA.

Whenever you see an Arrow, think of Coca-Cola.

AMERICANS INCLUDED IN HUERTISTAS WAR PLOT; ARRESTS TO FOLLOW

EL PASO, Texas, June 28.—The United States Department of Justice will make more arrests today in big war plot that was frustrated here by the arrest of General Victorani Huerta at Newman, N. M., yesterday.

The arrest to be made today include Americans living in Texas. An unconfirmed report says that New York financiers will be arrested in connection with the war plot.

After being released on \$15,000 bond Gen. Huerta joined his daughter and is remaining at his hotel with her and declines to discuss the charges upon which he has been arrested by United States officers. The authorities are keeping closest watch on both Huerta and Orozco.

Villa has 3000 troops, eighty miles from Juarez. Following war plot reports there is a possibility of a revolt at the Juarez garrison and it is rumored that Huerta bribed the troops.

El Paso, Tex., June 28.—Charges of conspiring to incite a revolution against a friendly country were filed today against General Victorani Huerta, former president of Mexico, who was placed under arrest at Newman, N. M., by federal officers.

Similar charges were filed against Orozco, who was arrested at the same time.

Huerta was released last night on \$15,000 bond and Orozco on \$7,500 bond.

General Victoriano Huerta arrived yesterday in El Paso, cheered by hundreds of Mexican refugees and sympathizers on this side of the border. Last night he was detained at Fort Bliss, a virtual, if not a formally accused, justice of the government, whose flag he, as provisional president of Mexico refused to salute.

Orozco Also Arrested.

Detained with him is General Pascual Orozco, who, with Major Luis Fuentes, son-in-law, of Huerta, had gone to Newman, N. M., by automobile to meet General Huerta. Fuentes, together with A. K. Ratner, confidential financial associate and interpreter, who were traveling with the general, were not detained.

General Huerta left the train at Newman, N. M., traveling the last twenty miles by automobile. He was driven into the city as the guest of United States officials and escorted by a detachment of the Fifteen United States cavalry.

Late in the night federal officials learned that Huerta was traveling toward El Paso on the El Paso and Southwestern train number one. Zack L. Cobb, collector of customs at El Paso acting for the state department, assisted by Clifford Beckham, of Ft. Worth, special agent for the department of justice, arranged to meet the train at Newman, accompanied by a small force of federal officers and twenty-five cavalrymen from Fort Bliss.

Huerta reached Newman at 6:40 a. m., and readily agreed to the request that he and General Orozco accompany the officials to El Paso for a conference. The general was informed that he was to be given every courtesy.

"Ah, soldiers, fine!" exclaimed the general, espousing the cavalryman as he alighted from the train.

He chatted cheerfully during the drive.

"War is not all bad," he said.

"The civil war made of the United States a greater country than it otherwise could have become. Perhaps the civil war in Mexico may have some such effect at the end."

"I did not intend to enter Mexico," Huerta said here. "Perhaps I may return at some future time, but not in less than five years."

Word of Huerta's arrival spread rapidly and in a short time the streets around the federal building were jammed with an excited, eager throng. Fearing possible disorders or injury to Huerta by enemies from Mexico, Major Lee secured permission of federal and army officers to transfer Huerta and Orozco to Fort Bliss during their detention, where they were held in quarters.

"Viva Huerta!" cheers and handclapping, greeted the gen-

eral as he walked from the federal building to the automobile that carried him to Fort Bliss.

Date of Hearing Fixed.

Formal charges were filed against Huerta and Orozco on instructions from the United States district attorney at San Antonio.

The accused were taken before George Oliver, United States commissioner, and their bond approved and their hearing fixed for Thursday, July 1. Surety was furnished by Ike and Frank Alderete, Max Moye and Rudolfo Cruz.

General Huerta and Orozco were released at once from the brigade headquarters at Fort Bliss, where they had been detained since noon. General Huerta was driven to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Luis Fuentes. Orozco was taken to the home of friends.

Huerta reiterated that he did not intend to attempt to enter Mexico until peace is restored. He said he is here merely to visit his daughter and greet old friends.

"I am on my way to Los Angeles and San Francisco," said the general, "to visit the Pacific coast and see the Panama Pacific exposition. I lived in Oakland twenty years ago, and have never visited the west coast of the United States since."

HOME GROWN CABBAGE.

W. C. Wheelis of South Ballinger believes in diversification and raises a little of everything to live on and some to sell. He has been marketing some fine cabbage in Ballinger the past week and presented the local reporter with three heads of cabbage that were simply fine and fully demonstrated the fact that no family should be without home grown cabbage when they can be raised here and all who have eaten them say they are better in every respect to the imported article. When eaten once they always call for more, in fact the demand is greater than Mr. and Mrs. Wheelis can supply.

Traveling Man's Experience

"In the summer of 1888 I had a very severe attack of cholera morbus. Two physicians worked over me from four a. m. to 6 p. m., without giving me any relief and then told me they did not expect me to live; that I had best telegraph for my family. Instead of doing so, I gave the hotel porter fifty cents and told him to buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and take no substitute. I took a double dose according to the directions and went to sleep after the second dose. At five o'clock the next morning I was called by my order and took a train for my next stopping point, a well man but feeling rather skaky from the severity of the attack," writes H. W. Ireland, Louisville, Ky. Obtainable everywhere.

Geo. Spidell of Winters, who was here to attend the 29th anniversary of Ballinger, says the first three men he ever shook hands with in Ballinger were Jno I. Guion, D. M. Baker and D. C. Underwood just 29 years ago and by a peculiar incident they were the first three men he met Tuesday.

Misses Alice and Clarence Coruthers of DeWitt county, came in Sunday to visit their sister, Mrs. J. E. Boon and family.

RUSSIA WILL CONTINUE FIGHT.

Petrograd, June 30.—The Russian premier says that the Russians have not become discouraged on account of "temporary" reverses and will fight on to victory.

ATEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States, Dr. E. W. Hall, 2725 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists—Ad.

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THE TRINIDAD LAKE ASPHALT
Ready Roofing

The proof of roofing is in its waterproofing. Genasco Roofing is made of Nature's everlasting waterproofer—Trinidad Lake asphalt. It is rain-proof, sun-proof, wind-proof, heat-proof, cold-proof, acid-proof, and alkali-proof. And that means also that it is expense-proof.

Get Genasco here for all your roofs.

The Hall Hardware Co
Ballinger, Texas

TEXAS-OKLAHOMA GRAIN CROP WORTH \$100,000,000

DALLAS, June 28.—More than one hundred million golden dollars from Texas and Oklahoma's golden wheat and oats! That is the conservative estimate today of what the two states' bumper crops will yield when they are safely stowed in elevators, ready for the mouths of mankind.

From every section of the two giant states there piled in today the cheerful findings of big crops and prospective returns. Some of them, it is true, were tintured with a shadow of the "might-have-been-better" except for rain, but on the whole the news was glad news—more acreage in wheat and oats, more returns under war prices—prosperity for all.

Most of the crop is already harvested. Threshing is under way at many points. At still others shipments have already started toward the north land, ready to pile up in elevators, ready to ship abroad to warring Europe or to distribute among Uncle Sam's 90 million children.

Day and night, toiling men have garnered this vast crop, heedless of burning sun, disregarding extra long hours of toil, even into the night, under flaring gasoline torches or the pale rays of the moon.

Oklahoma's wheat crop, according to the estimate of President Frank Gault of the board of agriculture will be about forty-five million bushels, while the oats crop be about 52,800,000 bushels. The average wheat price will be \$1 and oats fifty cents, so that the gross receipts for Oklahoma farmers will be \$71,400,000. Of course, this amount is far from clear profit, but it represents a gigantic income which the farmer can stow safely away in the bank this autumn. Twenty five thousand men, it is estimated, have received work at \$2 a day. This threshing and other costs clips the farmers' receipts to \$60,187,000 but this cool sum isn't to be sneezed at.

As for Texas, her wheat yield was estimated today by H. B. Dorsey of the Texas Grain Dealers association as between twenty and twenty-five million bushels which means about \$20,000,000, \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 minus costs, of course—for the Texas farmer. The acreage has increased about 40 per cent this year, and the yield about 12 per cent Dorsey figures.

In oats, Texas has a twenty-five percent increased acreage, a five percent better condition, and a crop of about 40,000,000 bushels which mean about \$20,000,000 for the tillers of the soil.

And, just for full measure, Dorsey reported "The condition of corn at this time is most excellent." While weather conditions will have much to do with the final showing, Dorsey is optimistic about this particular crop.

No estimates are available at present on fruit yields, but both the Texas and Oklahoma crops would easily run the prosperity figures a few million more.

The Panhandle country in Texas reports its biggest crop ever, its citizens foresee an era of prosperity unparalleled in this country "Where the west begins."

Samples of the optimistic reports from a few sections of Texas and Oklahoma follow:

Belton, Texas, says the oats and wheat crop will be from 50 to 75 percent larger than last year, and that 100 earloads of grain have already been shipped from there. Some parts of the county reported the yield not as heavy as the farmers would have wished, while others said it was exceedingly good. Threshing will be completed in a few days.

Waxahachie, Texas reports Ellis county farmers threshing the largest grain crops of years, with the aggregate crop increased by greater acreage, though the yield not quite as large as anticipated.

Corn and cotton were reported good. Cotton has been reduced in acreage, but Ellis county expects, as usual, to lead all other counties as the greatest cotton producer. Over one hundred thousand bales is the estimated production.

Ada, Oklahoma reports that the Pontotoc county crop will average around 20 bushels an acre and that it is averaging fairly well.

Chickasha, Okla., reports that Grady county's 90,000 acres of wheat are practically harvested. This acreage is about double last year's. Figures run from 40 bushels an acre down to 10. Both farmers and business men are encouraged over the outlook.

The labor problem has been more or less difficult in Oklahoma. In some places, hands came to the wheat country before they were needed, and the problem of feeding them was extremely difficult. In one instance they were driven out by militia. Texas however, has not been confronted with this problem. All reports indicate that there has been sufficient labor at hand, without unusual efforts to round up more.

Prominent business men here, conversant with both Texas and Oklahoma conditions declared today that both states are facing an unprecedented era of prosperity. Texas in particular is enjoying business conditions that are of the best.

C. H. Henson of Cooper, Texas, came in Monday afternoon to join his wife who is here on a visit to their relatives Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and family.

Mrs. L. C. Jackson of Miles, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thos. A. Rape and attending the celebration in Ballinger Tuesday.

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

2 Seconds, 2 Drops — Corns Vanish!

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



"Some Foxy Trot, M'amelle, What? Corns Gone? Yes, I Used 'GETS-IT!'"

any and every corn or callus without fail, without fussing with thick bandages, toe harnesses, corn-swelling salves, irritating ointments. It's applied in 2 seconds—bing, bang—2 drops, the work is done, the corn shrivels up, your corn agony ends and the corn leaves forever! All the limping, the pains that dart to your heart's core, the crucifixion of having to wear shoes over screaming corns, the danger of blood poison from making them bleed by using knives, razors and scissors—are gone at last! "GETS-IT" is the new way, the sure, simple, painless way. Try it for corns, calluses, warts and bunions. "GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.

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

WHITE MAN CUTS NEGRO WITH KNIFE

A fight between Homer White, a white man, and Jim Roberson, a negro, occurred late Tuesday night at the Laxon Cafe. Both of the men were employed as cooks at this cafe, one cooking in the day time and the other at night. On account of the rush Tuesday night they were both on duty.

The trouble started in the kitchen where the two men were at work. It seems that there were no eye witnesses, or at least no evidence has been given out as to what caused the trouble.

In the difficulty White cut the negro across the shoulder, making an ugly and painful wound but not necessary a fatal one. The negro was carried to the Halley & Love sanitarium and is being cared for, and it is thought he will recover.

Sheriff Perkins arrested White and he was released pending an investigation. This was the only arrest made during the day, and it grew out of trouble altogether foreign to Ballinger's big birthday celebration.

L. Teplieck of the Rowena country and G. H. Dierske, of the Olfin country, were among the number who renewed with the Banner-Ledger while in the city Tuesday.

Roger Wisenbaker, of Maverick, was holding down a chair in the Bank Barber Shop Tuesday during the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harris of Miles, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and family while attending the celebration.

Theo Kre, of the Pony creek country says the airship was a little late about going up but the Pony creek delegation were here on time as scheduled the day before.

Frank Mountz of the Valley creek country was in the city Tuesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger sent to the address of Mrs. Cynthia King, of Sames, Ky. with his compliments.

PURE BLOOD MAKES HEALTHY PEOPLE

Hood's Sarsaparilla removes scrofula sores, boils and other eruptions, because it drives out of the blood the humors that cause them. Eruptions cannot be successfully treated with external applications, because these cannot purify the blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes rich, red blood, perfects the digestion, and builds up the whole system. Insist on having Hood's. Get it now.

TO THE FARMERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY, AND THIS MEANS YOU.

We have got Runnels county on the map and lets keep it there. With your permission I want to urge every farmer in Runnels county to break your stubble land just as soon as possible and as deep as possible so that the vegetation may have time to decay for the next crop, and we will by doing this have more humus in the ground for the moisture retaining element.

If you can't break your stubble good and deep use a section harrow double on the land and you will form a mulch that will keep the land soft and easy to break any time of the year.

If all farmers will observe this suggestion Runnels county will be thousands of dollars to the good each year on increased yields of grain and every thing else as far that matter.

Very truly yours,
GEO. P. McLELLAND, Agent.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than at other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts direct on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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SUBMARINE H-3 IN TROUBLE

San Francisco, June 30.—The submarine H-3 is in high surf off Point Sur. The submarine is aground and it is feared will be pounded to pieces before it can be rescued. A vessel is standing near-by and there is no far for the crew's safety.

NORWEGIANS LOSE TWO VESSELS.

London, June 30.—Two Norwegian vessels were submerged late yesterday. German torpedoes sent the ships to the bottom of the deep sea in the war zone. It is reported that the crew of both vessels were saved.

J. L. Moreland of the Millar neighborhood was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

The Exploits of Elaine

A Detective Novel and a Motion Picture Drama

By ARTHUR B. REEVE
The Well-Known Novelist and the
Creator of the "Craig Kennedy" Stories

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SYNOPSIS.

The New York police are mystified by a series of murders and other crimes. The principal clue to the criminal is the warning letter which is sent the victims, signed with a "clutching hand." The latest victim of the mysterious assassin is Taylor Dodge, the insurance president. His daughter, Elaine, employs Craig Kennedy, the famous scientific detective, to try to unravel the mystery. What Kennedy accomplishes is told by his friend Jameson, a newspaper man. Enraged at the determined effort which Elaine and Craig Kennedy are making to put an end to his crimes, the Clutching Hand, as this strange criminal is known, resorts to all sorts of the most diabolical schemes to put them out of the way. Each chapter of the story tells of a new plot against their lives and of the way the great detective uses all his skill to save this pretty girl and himself from death.

THIRTEENTH EPISODE

THE DEVIL WORSHIPERS.

Elaine was seated in the drawing room with Aunt Josephine one afternoon, when her lawyer, Perry Bennett, dropped in unexpectedly. He had hardly greeted them when the butler, Jennings, in his usual impressive manner announced that Aunt Josephine was wanted on the telephone.

No sooner were Elaine and Bennett alone than Elaine, turning to him, exclaimed:

"Last night I dreamed that father came to me and told me that if I would give up Kennedy and put my trust in you, I would find the Clutching Hand. I don't know what to think of it."

Bennett, who had been listening intently, moved over nearer to Elaine and bent over her.

"Elaine," he said in a low tone, his remarkable eyes looking straight into her own, "you must know that I love you. Then give me the right to protect you. It was your father's dearest wish, I believe, that we should marry. Let me share your dangers and I swear that sooner or later there will be an end to the Clutching Hand. Give me your answer, Elaine," he urged, "and make me the happiest man in all the world."

Elaine listened, and not unsympathetically, as Bennett continued to plead for her answer.

"Wait a little while—until tomorrow," she replied, finally.

"Let it be as you wish, then," agreed Bennett quietly.

He took her hand and kissed it passionately.

An instant later Aunt Josephine returned. Elaine, unstrung by what had happened, excused herself and went into the library.

Involuntarily, her mind traveled back over the rapid succession of events of the past few weeks and the part that she had thought, at least, Kennedy had come to play in her life.

Then she thought of their recent misunderstanding. Might there not be some simple explanation of it, after all, which she had missed? What should she do?

She solved the problem by taking up the telephone and asking for Kennedy's number.

I was chatting with Craig in his laboratory, and, at the same time, was watching him in his experimental work. Just as a call came on the telephone, he was pouring some nitrohydrochloric acid into a test tube to complete a reaction.

The telephone tinkled and he laid down the bottle of acid on his desk, while he moved a few steps to answer the call.

Whoever the speaker was, Craig seemed deeply interested, and, not knowing who was talking on the wire, I was eager to learn whether it was anyone connected with the case of the Clutching Hand.

"Yes, this is Mr. Kennedy," I heard Craig say.

I moved over toward him and whispered eagerly, "Is there anything new?"

A little impatient at being interrupted, Kennedy waved me off. It occurred to me that he might need a pad and pencil to make a note of some information, and I reached over the desk for them.

As I did so my arm inadvertently struck the bottle of acid, knocking it over on the top of the desk. Its contents streamed out saturating the telephone wires before I could prevent it. In trying to right the bottle my hand came in contact with the acid which burned like liquid fire, and I cried out in pain.

Craig hastily laid down the receiver, seized me and rushed me to the back of the laboratory, where he drenched my hand with a neutralizing liquid.

He bound up the wounds caused by the acid, which proved to be slight, after all, and then returned to the telephone.

To his evident annoyance, he discovered that the acid had burned through the wires and cut off all connection.

At the other end of the line, Elaine was listening impatiently for a response to her first eager words of inquiry. She was astonished to find,

at last, that Kennedy had apparently left the telephone without any explanation or apology.

"Why—he rang off," she exclaimed angrily to herself, as she hung up the receiver and left the room.

In the center of a devious and winding way, quite unknown to all except those who knew the innermost secrets of the Chinese quarter, and even unknown to the police, there was a dingy tenement house, apparently inhabited by hard-working Chinamen, but in reality the headquarters of the notorious devil worshippers, a sect of satanists, banned even in the Celestial empire.

The followers of the cult comprised some of the most dangerous Chinese criminals, thugs and assassins, besides a number of dangerous characters who belonged to various Chinese secret societies. At the head of this formidable organization was Long Sin, the high priest of the devil god, and Long Sin had, as we know, already joined forces with the notorious Clutching Hand.

The room in which the uncanny rites of the devil worshippers were conducted was a large apartment decorated in Chinese style, with highly colored portraits of some of the devil deities and costly silken hangings. Beside a large dais depended a huge Chinese gong.

On the dais itself stood, or rather sat, an ugly figure covered with some sort of metallic plating. It almost seemed to be the mummy of a Chinaman covered with gold leaf.

Into this room came Long Sin attired in an elaborate silken robe. He advanced and kotowed before the dais with its strange figure, and laid down an offering before it.

This performance was witnessed by twenty or thirty Chinamen who knelt in the rear of the room.

At the same time an aged Chinaman carrying a prayer wheel entered the place and, after prostrating himself devoutly, placed the machine on a sort of low stool or tabourette and began turning it slowly, muttering.

A few moments later Long Sin, who had been bowing before the metallic figure in deepest reverence, suddenly sprang to his feet. His glazed eyes and excited manner indicated that he had received a message from the lips of the strange god.

The worshippers who had prostrated themselves, in awe at the sight of their high priest in the unholy frenzy, all rose to their feet and crowded forward.

Long Sin struck several blows on the resounding gong and then raised his voice in solemn tones.

"Ksing Chau, the Terrible, demands a consort. She is to be foreign—fair of face and with golden hair."

At the same time, in a room of the adjoining house, the Clutching Hand himself was busily engaged in making the most elaborate preparations for some nefarious scheme which his fertile mind had evolved.

The room had been fitted up as a medium's seance parlor.

Two of the Clutching Hand's most trusted confederates and a hard-faced woman of middle age, dressed in plain black, were putting the finishing touches to this apartment, when their chief entered.

Clutching Hand gazed about the room, now and then giving an order or two to make more effective the setting for the purpose which he had in mind.

Finally he nodded in approval and stepped over to the fireplace where logs were burning brightly in a grate.

Pressing a spring in the mantelpiece, the master criminal effected an instant transformation. The logs in the fireplace, still burning, disappeared immediately through the bottom of the brick tiling and a metal sheet covered them. An aperture opened at the back, as if by magic.

Through this opening Clutching Hand made his way quickly and disappeared.

Emerging on the other side of the peculiar fireplace, Clutching Hand pushed aside a curtain which barred the way and looked into the Chinese temple, taking up a position behind the metallic figure on the dais.

The Chinamen had by this time finished their devotions, if such they might be called, and the last one was leaving, while Long Sin stood alone on the dais.

The noise of the departing satanists had scarcely died away when Clutching Hand stepped out.

"Follow me," he ordered hoarsely, seizing Long Sin by the arm and leading him away.

They passed through the passageway of the fireplace and, having entered the seance room, Clutching Hand began briefly explaining the purpose of the preparations that had been made. Long Sin wagged his head in voluble approval.

Elaine was standing in the library gazing sadly at Kennedy's portrait, thinking over recent events and above all the rebuff over the telephone which she supposed she had received.

Jennings entered with a card on a salver. Elaine took it and saw with surprise the name of her caller:

MADAME SAVETSKY,
Medium.

Beneath the engraved name were the words written in ink: "I have a message from the spirit of your father."

"Yes, I will see her," cried Elaine eagerly, in response to the butler's inquiry.

She followed Jennings into the adjoining room and there found herself face to face with the hard-featured woman who had only a few moments before left the Clutching Hand.

Elaine looked rather than spoke her inquiry.

"Your father, my dear," purred the medium, with a great pretence of suppressed excitement, "appeared to me the other night from the spirit world. I was in a trance and he asked me to deliver a message to you."

"What was the message?" asked Elaine breathlessly, now aroused to intense interest.

"I must go into a trance again to get it," replied the insinuating Savetsky, "and if you like I can try it at once, provided we can be left alone long enough."

Seated in her chair, the medium muttered wildly for a few moments, rolled her eyes and with some convulsive movements pretended to go into a trance.

Suddenly the curtains were pulled aside and Aunt Josephine and Bennett, who had just come in, entered.

"I can do nothing here," exclaimed Savetsky, starting up and looking about severely. "You must come to my seance chamber where we shall not be interrupted."

"I will," said Elaine, vexed at the intrusion at that moment. "I must have that message—I must."

"What's all this, Elaine?" demanded Aunt Josephine.

Hurriedly, Elaine poured forth to her aunt and Bennett the story of the medium's visit and the promised message from her father in the other world.

Aunt Josephine, who was not one easily to be imposed on, strongly objected to Elaine's proposal to accompany Savetsky to the seance chamber, but Elaine would not be denied.

"It might be safe for Elaine to go," Bennett finally suggested to Aunt Josephine, "if you and I accompanied her."

A few moments later, in the Dodge car, Elaine, the medium and her two escorts started for the Chinese quarters.

At the house the medium opened the door with her key and ushered in her three visitors.

Entering the room, the medium at once prepared for the seance by pulling down the window shades.

Suddenly an indistinct face was seen to be peering through the black curtains. A voice, deep, sepulchral, was heard in slow and solemn tones.

"I am Eeko—the spirit of Taylor Dodge. I will give no message until one named Josephine leaves the room."

No sooner had the words been uttered than the medium came writhing out of her trance.

"What happened?" she asked, looking at Elaine.

Elaine reported the spirit's words.

"We can get nothing if your aunt stays here," Savetsky added, insisting

there came a knock at the door and I opened it hurriedly. There was a messenger boy who handed me a note. I tore it open. It was from Kennedy and read: "I shall probably be away for two or three days. Call up Elaine and tell her to beware of a certain Madame Savetsky."

I was still puzzling over the note and was just about to call up Elaine when the speaking tube was blown and to my surprise I found that it was Aunt Josephine who had called.

"Where is Mr. Kennedy?" she asked greatly agitated.

"He has gone away for a few days," I replied blankly. "Is there anything I can do?"

She was very excited and hastily related what had happened at the parlor of the medium.

"What was her name?" I cried anxiously.

"Madame Savetsky," she replied, to my surprise.

Astounded, I picked up Craig's note from the desk and handed it to her without a word. She read it with breathless eagerness.

"Come back there with me, please," she begged, almost frantic with fear now. "Something terrible may have happened."

Aunt Josephine had hardly left Savetsky when the trance was resumed. Suddenly, from the mysterious shadows of the cabinet, there appeared the spirit of Long Sin, whose death Elaine still believed she had caused when Adventurers Mary had lured her to the apartment.

Elaine was trembling with fear at the apparition.

As before, a strange voice sounded in the depths of the cabinet and again a message was heard, in low, solemn tones:

"I am Keka, and I have with me Long Sin. His blood cries for vengeance."

Elaine was overcome with horror at the words.

Then a dim, ghostly figure, apparently that of Long Sin, appeared. With arms outstretched, the figure glided from the cabinet and approached Elaine. She shrank back farther in fright, too horrified even to scream.

At the same moment, the medium drew a vapor pistol from her dress, and, as the ghost of Long Sin leaped at Elaine, Savetsky darted forward and shot a stream of vapor full in Bennett's face.

Bennett dropped unconscious, the lights in the darkened room flashed up, and several of the men of the Clutching Hand rushed in.

Quickly the fireplace was turned on its cleverly constructed hinges, revealing the hidden passage.

Before any effective resistance could be made, Elaine and Bennett were hustled through the passage, securely bound, and placed on a divan in a curtained chamber back of the altar of the devil worshippers.

It was at that moment that I, little dreaming of what had been taking place, arrived with Aunt Josephine at the house of the medium.

She answered my ring and admitted us. To our surprise, the seance room was empty.

"Where is the young lady who was here?" I asked.

"Miss Dodge and the gentleman just left a few minutes ago," the medium explained, as we looked about.

I happened to notice a torn handkerchief lying on the floor. It flashed over me that perhaps it might afford a clue.

As I passed it, I purposely dropped my soft hat over it and picked up the hat, securing the handkerchief without attracting Savetsky's attention.

Aunt Josephine was keen now for returning home to find out whether Elaine was there or not. No sooner had she entered the car and driven off, than I examined the handkerchief. It was torn, as if it had been crushed in the hand during a struggle and wrenched away. I looked closer. In the corner was the initial "E."

That was enough. Without losing another precious moment I hurried around to the nearest police station. The sergeant detailed several roundsmen and a man in plain clothes, and together we returned to the house, laying a careful plan to surround it secretly, while the plainclothes man and I obtained admittance.

Meanwhile, the Chinese devil worshippers had again gathered in their cursed temple and Long Sin, in his priestly robe, appeared on the dais. The worshippers kotowed reverently to him, while at the back again stood the aged Chinaman patiently turning his prayer wheel.

Two braziers, or smoke pots, had been placed on the dais, one of which Long Sin touched with a stick, causing it to burst out into dense fumes. Standing before them, he chanted in nasal tones: "The white consort of the great Ksing Chau has been found. It is his will that she now be made his."

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As he finished intoning the message, Long Sin signaled to two young Chinamen to go into the anteroom. A moment later they returned with Elaine. Frightened though she was, Elaine made no attempt to struggle, even when they had cut her bonds.

They carried her up to the dais, and now Long Sin faced her and sternly ordered her to kotow to the gruesome metallic figure.

She refused, but instantly the Chinamen seized her arm and twisted it, until they had compelled her to fall to her knees.

Having forced her to kotow, Long Sin turned to the assembled devil dancers.

"With magic and rare drugs," he chanted, "she shall be made to pass

beyond and her body encased in precious gold shall be the consort of Ksing Chau—forever and ever."

With callous devilry, the oriental satanists made every arrangement for embalming and preserving the body of Elaine.

At last all seemed to be in readiness to proceed.

"Hold her," ordered Long Sin in guttural Chinese, to the two attendants, as he approached her.

Long Sin held in his hand a small, profusely decorated pot from which smoke was escaping. As he approached he passed this receptacle under her nose once, twice, three times. Gradually Elaine fell into unconsciousness.

While Elaine was facing death in the power of the devil worshippers, I had reached the house of Savetsky next door with the police, and the place had been quietly surrounded.

With the plainclothes man, a daring and intelligent fellow, I went to the door and rang the bell.

"What can I do for you?" asked the medium, admitting us.

"My friend here," I parleyed, "is in great business trouble. Can your controlling spirit give him advice?"

Savetsky set to work preparing the room for a seance. As she moved over to the window to pull down the shades

she must have caught sight of one or two of the policemen who had incautiously exposed themselves from the hiding place in which I had disposed them before we entered. At any rate, Savetsky did not lose a jot of her remarkable composure.

"I'm sorry," she remarked merely, "but I'm afraid my control is weak and cannot work today."

She took a step toward the door, motioning us to leave. Neither of us paid any attention to the hint, but remained seated as we had been before.

Almost before I knew what she was doing, she made a dash for something in the corner of the room. It was time for open action, and I seized her quickly.

My detective was on his feet in an instant.

"I'll take care of her," he ground out, seized her wrists in his viselike grasp. "You give the signal."

I rushed to the window, threw up the shade and opened the sash, waving our preconceived sign and turned again toward the room.

With a sudden accession of desperate strength, Savetsky broke away from the plainclothes man and again attempted to get at something concealed on the wall. I had turned just in time to fling myself between her and whatever object she had in mind.

As the detective took her again and twisted her arm until she cried out in pain, I hastily investigated the wall. She had evidently been attempting to press a button that rang a concealed bell.

What did it mean?

Elaine, now completely unconscious, was being held by the Chinamen, while her arm was smeared with sticky, black material from the cauldron of Long Sin.

Suddenly the aged Chinaman with the prayer wheel stopped his incessant, impious turning, and, rising, held up his hand as if to command attention.

"This is nonsense," he cried in a loud voice. "Why should our great Ksing Chau desire a white devil? I, a great-grandfather, demand to know."

Shaking with rage, Long Sin ordered the intruder off the dais. But the aged devotee refused to go.

"Throw him out," he ordered his attendants.

For answer, as the two young Chinamen approached, the old Chinaman threw them down to the floor with a quick fu-jitsu movement.

Furious now beyond expression, Long Sin stepped forward. He seized the beard and queue of the intruder. To his utter amazement they came off!

It was Kennedy.

With his automatic drawn, before the astonished devil dancers could recover themselves, Craig stood at bay.

Long Sin leaped behind the big gong. As the Chinamen rushed forward to seize him, Kennedy shot the

leader of Long Sin's attendants and struck down the other with a blow. Kennedy seized Elaine's yielding body, and, pushing back the curtain to the anteroom, succeeded in gaining it and locking the door into the main temple.

Bennett was still lying on the floor tightly bound. With a few deft cuts with a Chinese knife which he had picked up, Kennedy released him.

At the same time Chinamen were trying to batter down the door, Kennedy's last bulwark. It was swaying under their repeated blows.

While Kennedy was thus besieged by the devil worshippers in the anteroom, several policemen and detectives gathered in the seance room with us, next door, where Savetsky was held a defiant and mute prisoner.

I had discovered the bell and, taking that as a guide, I started to trace the course of a wire which ran alongside the wall.

To the fireplace I traced the bell and, in pulling on the wire, I luckily pressed a secret spring. To my amazement the whole fireplace swung out of sight and disclosed a secret passageway.

I looked through it.

It was almost at that precise instant that the door of the anteroom burst open and the Chinamen swarmed in,



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and was ready to serve steaming hot when it arrived here at twelve o'clock, coming over the A. & S. from Abilene and over the T. & P. to that point. The meat was accompanied by an expert carver from the Fort Worth plant. He superintended the carving and in less than thirty minutes after the train arrived dinner was announced and the waiters began to serve the people as they filed by the serving stand.

A committee was placed at the entrance of the passage way leading to the serving stand and a count kept on the people who passed through. According to the count during the rush 4500 people passed into the tables, and many were fed after the counters quit the job. It is estimated that at least 5000 people were fed at the tables, and at least three thousand did not go to the tables, many going to the cafes for their dinner, while many of the town people went home and others were served by "hand outs," and eat dinner with those who passed into the tables secured their supply of meat and passed out to spread their dinner in family style.

The waiters remained on duty until the hour for the airship to fly, and megaphones were used in announcing throughout the crowd that all who had not been to dinner to come eat, drink and be merry for there was plenty and to spare. The feasting continued until late in the afternoon and the supply was not exhausted. Many lunches for supper were handed out after it became known that there was plenty and to spare. Those who were patient and waited until the rush was over received better service and were loud in praising the committee for the orderly manner in which the big affair was conducted. No one could leave Ballinger saying that they could not get something to eat. It was a big job to feed so many people, and the idea that there would not be a sufficient supply for every one caused some to rush to the table, and early in

this part of the program caused some to not get as good service as they would have received had they been just a little patient.

The appreciatively inclined complimented the committee for the quality of the barbecue, the coffee and the manner in which it was served. The coffee was handled on wholesale basis, several large washpots being used, and the coffee drinkers declared it the best picnic coffee ever served. Ed Cook was in charge of the coffee making, under the direction of Lee Maddox and the good coffee was an important item on the menu.

The Best of Order Prevailed

The fact there was not an arrest during the entire day is sufficient grounds for the claim that it was the most orderly crowd that ever came together in Ballinger. The officers started out early in the morning to learn the people how to drive, and after getting them started off properly there was no trouble. The officers remained on the job throughout the day and until late at night, but there was nothing for them to do in the way of making arrest. They encountered no trouble in keeping the streets clear and maintaining perfect order. The entire official force deserve credit for the efficient service rendered on this occasion.

Jitneys Do Good Business

Seventh Street was designated as auto driveway on this occasion and early in the morning this street was lined with autos loaded with passengers. The autos maintained a splendid jitney service throughout the day, hauling thousands of people to and from the grounds. The traffic law was complied with remarkably well for a new law in this city and there were no near accidents during the entire day.

Band Attracts Much Attention.

Prof. Ward and his aggregation of twenty-odd music makers attracted much attention with their splendid musical program. The band was uniformed in an attractive way, and were followed in their parade by several hundred people and the program carried out at the pavilion was responsible for many nice compliments for the band. It was

the first public engagement for the local band under the present management and no one will dare say the boys failed to make good.

Refreshments Plentiful.

Almost every kind of soft drink imaginable could be found on the grounds. The red lemonade and the lemonade of almost every other color in the rainbow hue was in evidence. The famous Ballinger fruit was served by the wagon loads. The novelty man was among the children picking up the nickles and dimes and dispensing racket machines, toy balloons, etc.

Committee Faithful to the Last

R. P. Kirk, delegated as general manager for the occasion, and who has worked almost day and night for the success of the occasion, says the entire committee force did their work well. Mr. Kirk stated that he has known Jack McGregor for twenty-five years and Jap Adams for fifteen years, and says that he has known Ralph Erwin all his life, and it was the first time he ever saw them work enough to get up a sweat. Every member of the various committees was on the job early and the entire citizenship of the town should take their hats off to Mr. Kirk and his committee.

Visitors Appreciate Hospitality.

Ed Eason, of the Winters Enterprise, did not leave town for his home until he located Mr. Kirk and expressed his appreciation for the splendid way in which the people from his section of the county were entertained. "You have certainly pulled off a great stunt," said Mr. Eason in conversation with Mr. Kirk, "and it has been a great success." Many such expressions were made to the various committees and citizens before they departed for their respective homes.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express through the columns of this paper my most sincere appreciation and thank every member of the various committees appointed to arrange for and observe the 29th anniversary of the city. I can not see you in person and tell you how much I appreciate the cooperative way in which you all have responded.

As chairman of the work I also wish to thank all those who contributed so liberally to the fund. By your liberal contribution, and hearty co-operation we have been able to entertain the people as we never entertained them before. I feel that our barbecue has been a great success and it is due to the spirit of co-operation that prevailed throughout the time we made our plans and carried them out.

Thanks His Deputies.

The deputies that assisted me in keeping order and instructing the people how to comply with the traffic law served without pay. They were on the job all day and were a great help in making Ballinger's big blow out a success. I wish to publicly express my appreciation of their faithful service.

OLD TIMERS HERE FOR BIRTHDAY.

Among those who live at other places, but who were visitors to Ballinger on her birthday we note the following:

H. E. Dickinson of Reagan county, Capt. A. B. Hutchinson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hutchinson and children of Midland; Miss Jennie Bennett of Blackwell; J. A. Abernathy, of Garden City; F. O. Key and family of Bronte; Capt. A. D. Tally, J. W. Rainwater, W. P. Vaughn of Crews; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Proctor of Wilmett; Mr. and Mrs. Max Winkle, of Millersview; H. Winkler of Sweetwater; Ben Cusenbary, Jr., of Sonora; George Lusk of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Parker, of Atoka, Rev. A. E. Baten of Brownwood; Everett Hardgrave of San Angelo; E. J. Guin of Wingate; Clarence, Henry and Dock Harter of Wilmett; Ben Allen of Big Springs; Kelsy Wylie of San Angelo; C. W. Schwartz of Crews; Fred Prusser and O. Voglesang of Hatchel, Ben Parker and little son of Tokeen; R. C. Tillery of Concho; George Bonds, Charlie Zenker and Wm. Schmiemann, of San Angelo; Jake Stubberfield and J. T. McCaughn of Norton; Mr. and Mrs. H. Connor of Benoit; Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Baldwin of Crews; Dr. J. W. Dickinson of Fort Worth; M. C. Bright of Tokeen; Ang Herring Jr., of Talpa; Mr. and Mrs. Cal Proctor and family of Midland; Judge and Mrs. C. O. Harris of San Angelo; R. A. Hall of San Angelo; Jim and Pink Hubbard of Reagan; W. H. Rodgers, Van Ness Lewis, Jno. Hoffer, Aug. Spill, Jr., Aug. Spill, Sr., C. E. Woodrow, Mr. and

Mrs. Geo. Spidell, W. S. Slyer, Tad Richards of Winters; and several thousand visitors who have not been citizens of this county quite as long as the above.

Beauty More Than Skin Deep

A beautiful woman always has good digestion. If your digestion is faulty, Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. Obtainable everywhere.

PROF. HAGAN RAISES FINE PEACHES

Prof. E. L. Hagan presented the Ledger with a sack of the finest peaches it has been our pleasure to enjoy, or even see this year. The peaches were perfect in form, color and of the finest flavor and are known as the Newport Cling. Mr. Hagan gathered the peaches from a tree in his yard, and reports that the tree was "loaded" with fruit and had afforded much enjoyment for he and Mrs. Hagan. Prof. Hagan has the thanks of the entire Ledger force.

Prepared to do all kinds of hauling. Will appreciate a part of your patronage. Phone 192, W. C. SMITH. 23-6d-2w-pd

Wm. Stevens and family left Wednesday morning for an overland trip in their auto for Corpus Christi where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer of Bangs, spent Tuesday with their son Jas. E. Brewer and family and report a very pleasant day at Ballinger's anniversary. They returned home Wednesday.

Benefited by Chamberlain's Liniment.

"Last winter I used Chamberlain's Liniment for rheumatic pains, stiffness and soreness of the knees, and can conscientiously say that I never used anything that did me so much good." —Edward Craft, Elba, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.

S. L. Cook of Winters, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to San Angelo on a short visit to friends.

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Black face type double regular rate.
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FOUND

FOUND—Pair bridle bits. Owner can get same by calling at Ledger office, describing property and paying for this notice. 1-dwit

FOUND—Childs' white flannel sack, trimmed in pink, owner can get same at Ledger office. Party advertised for it a few weeks ago, but office lost name. 1dlw

WANTED

WANTED—To trade clear residence property in Ballinger, well located for small farm free of debt—about 100 acres—one residence well suited for school purposes being near the high school building, no "hot air" deal considered. Will give some man a good trade. Land near Ballinger preferred. X. Y. Z. Ballinger, Texas. 30-dwtf

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

LOST.

LOST—One blue serge, white striped coat, with W. H. Roark's name, on Paint Rock road. Finder return to Ledger office or H. Y. Wiesepape. 30-1td 1twpd.

LOST—Pair gold frame spectacles in metal case covered with leather. Dr. Levey's name on case. J. R. Jones, route 1, Ballinger, or leave at Ledger office. 1tdwpd.

FOR SALE

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

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

COW FOR SALE—Freshin milk, Ring 321. wtf

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Just once. Try "Dodson's Liver Tone" when Bilious, Constipated, Headachy—Don't lose a day's work.

Liven up your sluggish liver. Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.

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Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmful Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my per-

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

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

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G. A. Lewis, a prominent business man of Coleman, had business in Ballinger Tuesday and enjoyed the celebration.

Chas. Tibbs of Itasca, joined his wife in Ballinger Sunday to visit relatives and friends and attended the celebration.

J. C. Calvert of Santa Anna, who visited his son and attended the celebration in Ballinger Tuesday, returned home Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Morgan of Albany, Texas, came in Monday to visit relatives in our city a few days and attended Ballinger anniversary.

John Warner of Brownwood, who spent the day with friends in Ballinger Tuesday, left for his home Wednesday.

Diarrhoea Quickly Cured.

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted for over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Obtainable everywhere.

Mrs. J. H. Hadley and little daughter of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, left Saturday afternoon for Oletha to be at the bedside of her son, who is quite ill near that place.

Mr. S. T. Clemmons, one of the prominent business men of Spur, Texas, came in Saturday to join his wife and two children, who are here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McAlpine and will enjoy Ballinger's birthday celebration tomorrow.

Fred Mapes of the Pony creek country and Homer Stokes of the South Ballinger country, were greeting friends in the city Saturday.

Hugo Miller, of Nogales, Ariz., after a pleasant two weeks visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Miller, left for his home Saturday afternoon. He will go on to San Francisco and other points in that state during this summer.

H. Winkler, of Sweetwater, who enjoyed Ballinger's celebration Tuesday, left for his home Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Winkler has many friends in this section who always welcome his visits and hope some day to have him again as one of our permanent citizens.

Miss Lueline Rognemore of Coleman, who had been the guest of her friend Miss Willie Hutton the past few days, left for her home Wednesday.

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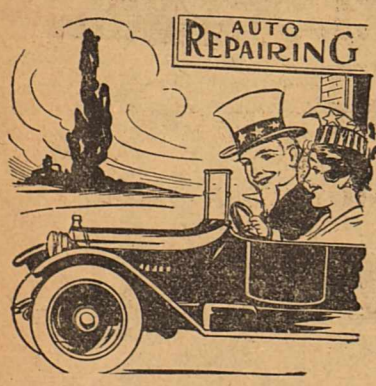
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