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PROTEST IS COMING

By United Press
 BERLIN, July 15.—The Germans stormed and captured Przyszyn, entering the city at a heavy loss to the Russians. This is the second time the Austro-German arms have captured the city, gaining an advantageous point in the Eastern fight.

It is reported that Germany, Austria, and Turkey will join in making a strong protest against the United States shipping ammunition to the Allies, the protest to be made similar to the protest made by Vinmas.

H. Giesecke and T. J. Gardner left Saturday afternoon for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and will visit other places of note in Colorado and California before returning home.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the multitude of friends who so tenderly and untiringly helped to care for our beloved mother during her illness.

MR. AND MRS. E. L. SARGENT
 MR. AND MRS. J. T. RUSSELL.
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GERMANS GAIN HALF MILE NEAR VIENNE CHATEAU

By United Press
 AUSTIN, July 15.—Gov. Ferguson, some women suffragist leaders believe, will be their hope for action toward enfranchisement of Texas women. He recently declared in a speech that he is willing to have women vote if they so desire. Hence, the leaders feel that they may be able to round him up into a more ardent supporter of the "cause" than this brief announcement shows.

BERLIN, July 14.—German forces today drove back Franco-British armies in a fierce attack on the Vienne Chateau. The official statement from Berlin gives the distance gained by the Prussians as a half mile.

It is also stated that two thousand prisoners were taken by the Germans in this advance, and an enormous toll was taken in human life.

VIENNA, July 14.—Hungarian war experts declare the reason for the little progress by Italian armies, in the Alpine regions, is lack of discipline, and that the attacking armies are demoralized. Little credence is given to an Italian statement that barbed wire entanglements thrown up by Austrians were being destroyed by Italian heavy artillery.

BERLIN, July 14.—Radio messages to Berlin from Scandinavian countries, it has been reported, say Denmark, Norway and Sweden have protested to England on the British interference with those countries' shipping. It is said that English ships are causing untold damage to neutral commerce, by embargos and delays.

PARIS, July 12.—French and Belgian forces stationed near Arras Soissons received a baptism of fire this morning from German batteries operating in that region. Heavy bombardment was kept up by the Teutonic allies with large mortars, in an attempt to reduce the French defenses.

PARIS, July 13.—Many buildings were fired and much food and ammunition destroyed when thirty-five aeroplanes attacked the big supply station at Vigneulles, and dropped bombs from a clear sky.

LONDON, July 13.—Suddenly

coming from what appeared to be a lull on the Western front in the European struggle, some of the most terrific fighting in months sprang into action today, with the Germans decidedly on the offensive and the victors.

The Souchez cemetery, seven miles north of Arras and hardly half that distance southwest of Lens, has been wrested from the French. The French admit this loss and are fighting to regain it.

Slowly the French had been tightening their grip on Souchez until the Germans, aware that the capture of the entire position would be an important step in the French offensive toward Lens and Lille, launched a counterstroke, which left them masters. Fighting there still rages. There also has been a renewal of activity in other sections of France and Belgium. The Germans lay claim to the destruction of the British position on Hill 60 near Ypres, but this is not confirmed.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The department today received a note from Germany in which the imperial government admits the responsibility for the sinking of the Nebraskan and expresses regret. Germany also assures the United States that full compensation will be made for the destruction of the ship.

The Nebraskan, an American-Hawaiian vessel, was destroyed by German torpedoes in the war zone last month.

RURAL ROUTES AT MILES TO BE CONSOLIDATED

Effective August 2nd, 1915, the four rural mail routes out of Miles will be discontinued, and two new routes established known as Routes A and B. The four carriers now serving will be reduced to two carriers appointed for the new routes. The present carriers will have the privilege of examination for the new routes and two of them may be appointed, but the appointment will be made by the department at Washington.

The new carriers will be required to use automobiles and will draw a salary of \$1800 per year. When the roads are in such condition that the routes can not be made in automobiles the carrier must furnish a substitute to assist him.—Miles Messenger.

ISSUES FIRST STATEMENT CONCERNING GERMAN NOTE

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The first official announcement of the immediate plans of President Wilson for dealing with the situation between Germany and the United States came in a telegram from Cornish to Secretary Tammuly saying the president would return to Washington soon to lay the entire subject before his cabinet. It indicated that the president had not yet arrived at a decision as to policy. The telegram read as follows:

"Please say that from the moment of the arrival of the official text of the German note I have given the matter the closest attention, keeping constantly in touch with the secretary of state and with every source that would throw light on the situation; that as soon as the secretary of state and I have both maturely considered the situation I shall go to Washington to get into personal conference with him and with the

cabinet and that there will be as prompt an announcement as possible of the purpose of the government."

The statement set at rest reports that the president already had made up his mind on the German reply and that he did not view the situation as serious.

120,000 COAL MINERS QUIT IN ENGLAND

By United Press
 LONDON, July 15.—120,000 coal miners in South Wales walked out on a strike this morning, bringing about the most serious internal crisis in the British government since the war started. The strike curtails the coal supply for the British navy, and unless the miners can be induced to return to work will hamper the British government seriously in the present war.

The leaders—the Federation of Miners of the United Kingdom and the general public attempted to keep the miners at work until the trouble could be settled by arbitration. Threats of the government in applying munitions of war and threats of fines of \$25 daily failed to keep the miners at their post of duty and a general walk out occurred early in the day.

It is not believed that the strike will last long as the miners are divided, and the South Wales organization has not the funds with which to finance a long strike. It is also possible that miners who had enlisted in the army will be used by the government and returned to the mines.

Mrs. Will Street and children, who had been visiting relatives at Wingate the past week or two, returned home Monday at noon.

R. B. Ingle of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

JURY MAKES HARRY THAW FREE MAN

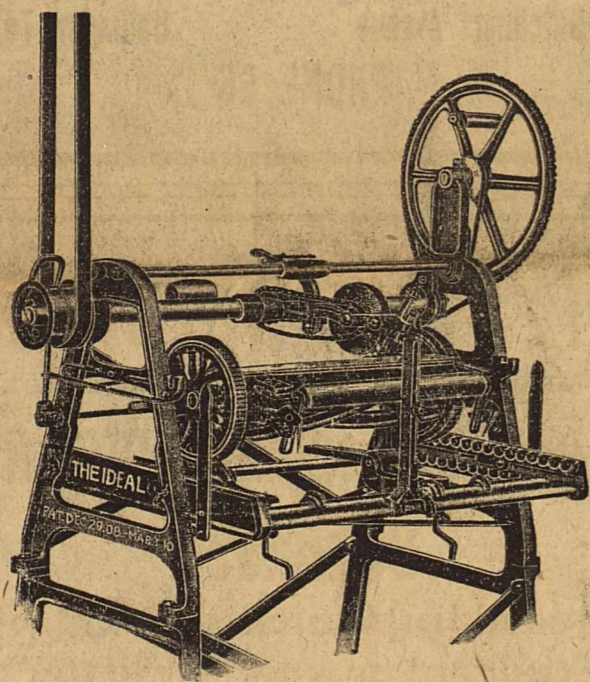
NEW YORK, July 14.—The jury in the Harry K. Thaw insanity case returned a verdict this afternoon, giving Thaw his liberty, holding that Thaw was not insane and should not be returned to Matteawan. Thaw and his mother will go to Pittsburg, Pa., where they will remain for a while before going to California to attend the Panama Exposition.

COTTON CONSUMED INCREASE

WASHINGTON, July 14.—11,800 bales of cotton were consumed in June against 44,145 bales for June consumption of last year. This report was made public here today by the government cotton report.

W. G. Allen of Wingate, was looking after business affairs and greeting Ballinger friends Wednesday afternoon.

J. P. Huffacker of Mayerick, left Monday afternoon from this point to Compass to visit his father a few days.



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

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50c bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take

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

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

EXAMPLES OF PROFIT IN RUNNELS COUNTY

A bean story—how is this? Miller Bros. on the Day ranch have 200 acres in pinto beans, so I am told that will average 1,000 pounds per acre, and will bring 7c per pound, gross. \$70.00 per acre will pay for ordinary land twice, and yet there is plenty of land in Runnels County that will do that very thing, thousands of acres. And why not plant more beans? We have machinery now on the market made especially to roast them so the bugs will not eat them up. They are put through a heating process that kills the germ.

The cost of such a crop is about one-half that of cotton, and the time about one-fourth.

Here is another example—how do you like this?

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Wheelis have ten rows of cabbage 62 yards long in their garden planted in the fall and they have already realized \$50.00 in cash, and when I saw it this week they told me that they had about \$25 more in the patch and I am of the same opinion. How does this compare with cotton? Mrs. Wheelis says that she will make more clear money off her cabbage patch than Mr. Wheelis off his cotton crop. Again Mr. Wheelis has built him a nice new barn, and has 3,000 bushels of oats in his grainery has plenty of stalls for his stock and worlds of feed. He has also provided space for his farming implements. "Mr. Wheelis," said I, "aren't you afraid some one will burn your barn for setting such an example as putting implements under cover?" "I can't help it," he says, "I must do something to stop the wear and tear on my tools."

Now the thing is this, what these two people can do others can do. Watch Runnels county grow.

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J. M. Nichols of the Bethel neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger while in the city.

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



URGES FARMERS TO TAKE A. & M. COURSE

All progressive farmers of Runnels county, and ladies, you are respectfully invited and urged to attend the sixth annual short course at A. and M. College, beginning the 26th of this month, and lasting to and including the 31st. This course will be followed by the Farmer's Congress, the 2, 3 and 4th, of August.

Your round trip ticket will cost you \$6.65, and your board and lodging will be \$7.50, incidental fee \$2.50; total \$16.65 for the short course, if you wish to take in both you can get your time extended on your ticket. Allow me to say that if you attend one of these short courses, that you will never regret it and you will be found there at each session if possible. There should be not less than fifty to attend from Runnels county. Take advantage of your prosperity, spend \$20.00 and gain \$100.00. Perhaps it will mean a start for you.

GEO. P. McLELLAND

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than in 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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J. L. Lee, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and says he is through threshing and his outfit turned out a little over 50 bushels to the acre.

A. F. Lee, of the Maverick county, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger. Mr. Lee reports crop prospects splendid in his section.

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BALLINGER ORGANIZED IN THE HOME INDUSTRY CLUB

REPORT OF BUSINESS MEN'S COMMITTEE

We, the undersigned citizens of Ballinger, acting as a committee, have thoroughly investigated the Texas League of Home Industry clubs plan for a three years state wide Home Industry campaign and beg to report to our fellow citizens as follows:

1st. The plan is founded upon sound business principles, is feasible in its operations and in our opinion calculated to do much good for this city and state.

2nd. We heartily commend the plan to the people of Ballinger, pledge our personal support to it, and urge every progressive citizen of Ballinger to pledge his support in like manner.

3rd. We unhesitatingly recommend the plan to the state at large, believing that its success will bring a greater degree of prosperity to the state than any other movement started in recent years.

CHAS. S. MILLER
J. N. ADAMS
J. MCGREGOR
U. P. MELTON, Jr.
R. G. ERWIN
NOEL PENN.
Sec. Y. M. B. L.
C. A. DOOSE,
President, Y. M. B. L.

Ballinger has joined in the Home Industry movement in Texas.

Ballinger people congregated on the Court House lawn last night, making the first move in the direction of establishing a club of the state Home Industry League of Texas. About three or four hundred people, following a few selections rendered by the band, gathered to listen to Temple boosters for the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas movement.

Geo. P. McLelland, county demonstrator, presided at the meeting, making a few introductory remarks, explaining the nature of the gathering, who in turn introduced Robert A. Higgins, director of publicity for the Texas League of Home Industry clubs. Mr. Higgins' talk was preliminary to the address of Mr. Watson. Mr. Watson is a director of the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas association also and was one of the most active delegates at the recent Fort Worth convention, when it was decided to launch the latter as a companion movement to aid the Texas League of Home Industry clubs.

Stanley H. Watson of Temple, general organizer of the Texas League of Home Industry clubs, was the chief speaker at the outdoor meeting last night, also addressed the committee meeting this morning, setting forth in a clear and concise way, plans and purposes of the league, explaining to the business men the results attained at other places and the possible and probable benefits to this town and section.

It has been developed in the state that one out of every three retail dollars in Texas goes out of the state to the blood sucking commercial vamps of the North and East, the foreign concerns that have so cunningly worked such an enormous business in the South and which are gradually and systematically sapping the vitality from the small towns and trading centers. And every town is a victim of the mail order houses, it was declared, some being more so than others. The condition throughout Texas, however, is about the same in every community and section. He said mail order houses were crushing the small towns and killing the retail merchants to build magnificent cities in Yankee-land. "One mail order manager," said the speaker, "made his boast that he would make weeds grow in the streets of Texas towns." "Are we going to let him do it?" finished the Temple man. "We in Temple are not."

More good business reasons for trading at home were expounded by Mr. J. McGregor, showing the advantage to the farmer in having a middleman. Mr. McGregor said without the retail merchant's aid there would be no market for

Runnels county poultry products which aggregate a half-million dollars to this county. He said he would meet the mail order man's prices at any time, and at the same time continue to pay taxes and help build up a better town to trade. Mr. McGregor announced that whenever Texas manufactures in his line of business could be used, they would receive preference over the foreign make, and that he was heartily in favor of Ballinger joining the movement, expressing the belief that other business men of the town would be in accord with the work.

Geo. P. McLelland followed with some chosen remarks, showing the feeling between Runnels county farmers and business men. He said that in probably no other county in the state, was there a better, or more friendly feeling, than existed between Ballinger business interests and agriculturists. He deplored the recent action of the Grain Dealer's Association in placing a ban on cotton sacks for grain, lowering prices 2c per bushel in cotton sacks made from Texas cotton, and instead recommending jute sacks coming from foreign countries.

Robt. H. Higgins, of Temple, director of the publicity work, ended the evening's discussion by calling for a committee to meet and organize the town, and make further plans for the league. Chas. S. Miller, J. N. Adams, U. P. Melton, J. McGregor, R. G. Erwin, Noel Penn of the Y. M. B. L., and C. A. Doose, president of the league met this morning to act on the proposition.

OTHER HOME INDUSTRY CLUBS ORGANIZED

The Texas League of Home Industry clubs was represented in Ballinger last night and today by Stanley H. Watson, general organizer and a director of the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas association; Robert A. Higgins, Director of Publicity for the Texas League of Home Industry Clubs; Sam H. Savage, W. E. Rutteneutter and B. F. Watson, deputy organizers. Messrs. Watson and Higgins left this afternoon for Temple and the other three gentlemen will remain over Sunday. Mr. Higgins gave the statement today that clubs had been started this week at Cisco, Coleman, Winters and San Angelo, in addition to the club here.

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THE FIRST BALE.

Brownsville, Tex., July 8.—The first bale of cotton of the 1915 season was ginned today at Lyford, Texas, near here and sped to the Houston cotton exchange late today. It came from several farms and weighs about 500 pounds. This is the third successive year that Lyford has shipped the first bale of the season's cotton in the United States.

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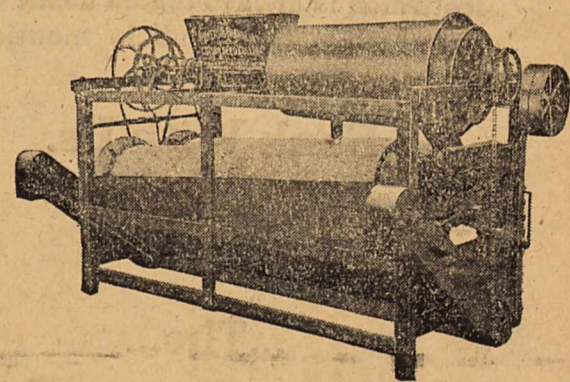
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SECOND CHAPTER GYPSEY ROMANCE

(Abilene Reporter)

When Dorsian Stevens and Ruby Adams, gypsies, were married at the courthouse by Judge E. M. Overshiner Tuesday afternoon, a mix-up that had threatened to embroil the entire gypsy camp was considerably clarified.

Stevens had obtained a license to marry Patia Thompson, pretty 18-year-old gypsy, but Patia "went back on him." The gypsies told Judge Overshiner that Stevens had bought Patia from her gypsy father, paying a hundred dollars down on the consideration of fifteen hundred dollars. Patia's papa wouldn't let Stevens talk to his daughter, and there was where the row originated.

In court Tuesday it developed that Stevens had been married to another woman for fifteen years, according to the gypsy custom.

"We got drunk, ate a whole lot and cut-up," was the way Stevens described the gypsy ceremony.

The fifteen-year-mate of Stevens fainted during the proceedings, and a perfect babel of noises ensued.

During the afternoon gypsies declared that Stevens had secured one thousand dollars from Patia Thompson. Officers who searched him found nearly \$300.00 in gold on him, which was returned to its owner. Then the gypsies decided that Stevens must marry Ruby Adams, with whom he had been wedded in the gypsy fashion for fifteen years, and accordingly a new license was obtained.

The license granting the right to marry to Stevens and the Thompson girl was torn up.

When Judge Overshiner got a that part in the ceremony where the man was asked if he took the woman to be his lawfully wedded wife until death "them do part," a typical gypsy character bobbed up.

"For six months," said Stevens under his breath, replying to His Honor's question.

"What!" said the astonished Judge.

"For life, then," amended Stevens.

When Sheriff Dodson served habeas corpus papers on Patia and her father or uncle Tuesday morning, he got hold of the wrong woman by mistake. This woman was brought to court, the entire camp trailing along behind, and was placed on the witness stand.

"Do you want to marry this man?" she was asked.

"I don't know; I'll ask my husband, was the answer. The error was discovered and the right woman put on the stand.

County Attorney H. Rob Keeble and other officials warned the gypsies to get out of town, else vagrancy proceedings would be started against them.

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WENDORF TO DALLAS ON PATENT BUSINESS.

H. L. Wendorf, proprietor of the Wendorf Saddlery, will leave for Dallas tomorrow on business of his new patent saddle tree stretcher. Mr. Wendorf has an invention that is said to be far in advance of the old way, and expects to revolutionize saddle making. He received his patent papers March 26th.

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E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.
12-14 noon d&w.

John H. Webb of the Pany creek country, was marketing a wagon load of fine peaches in Ballinger Saturday.

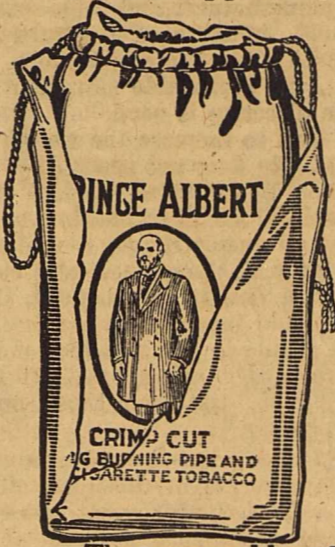
Miss Rosa Cervenka of Rowena, after a pleasant visit to her friend Miss Mary Pehacek, left for home Monday at noon.

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Will the "rollers" kindly step forward for a spell and get some of this listen into their systems? Because Prince Albert certain and sure jams more joy into a makin's paper than ever before was figured up on two hands!

In the plain language of the hills, you can't any more resist such makin's tobacco than a bullfrog can pass up a piece of red flannel! Because P. A. hands to you *everything any cigarette roller ever dreamed-out*—rare flavor, and aroma, and mildness, and body; absolutely the best bet—the best smoke

you or any other man ever did roll and put the fire to! Men, we tell you to wise up.

P. A. is crimp cut and stays put—which means rolling P. A. is as easy as falling off a log. And it's good to remember P. A. is put up in the toppy red bag especially for you "rollers." Sells for the price of a jitney ride, 5c.

Now, will the "pipers" kindly open both ears? Here's tobacco that has made it possible for three men to smoke pipes where one smoked before!

Any way you hook it up, Prince Albert is tobacco insurance! Yes, sir, it guarantees your future as well as your present smokings! And just makes your tongue so jimmy pipe joy'us that your smoke appetite grows whopping big. You men who "dassn't," we say you go to P. A., *natural-like!* Because there isn't a bite in a barrel of this national joy smoke.

Unlimber your old jimmy pipe! Dig it out of the dark corner, jam it brimful of P. A. And make fire with a match! Me-o-my!



The tidy red tin, 10c

You get acquainted with Prince Albert in the toppy red bag, 5c; or tidy red tin, 10c, but for the double-back-action-joy, you buy a crystal-glass pound humidor. And then you're set! You see, it has the sponge-moistener top and keeps P. A. at the highest top-notch point of perfection. Prince Albert is also sold in pound and half-pound tin humidors.

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY, Winston-Salem, N. C.

OAT SHELLING REACHES CLIMAX IN RUNNELS CO.

With one-half of the threshing season yet to be recorded—not more than fifty per cent of the great grain crop being garnered, we are made to wonder with amazement when placed face to face with the enormity of the crop.

The writer spent last Saturday in Winters, the center of the most thickly settled portion of Runnels county, and where the grain crop is greater for the same area than at any other place in Texas, and what we witnessed sounds almost unreasonable when placed in figures. However, 'tis true, and can be verified by a visit to that thriving town.

Since the opening of the threshing season, a period covering about three weeks, 360 cars of oats and wheat have been shipped from Winters, or an average of 20 cars per day for eighteen days. The two public scales at Winters last Saturday weighed 353 wagon loads of oats up to sun down and the weighers have been working until late at night, and no doubt checked close to 400 wagons over the scales before the halt was made for Sunday.

We dare say that there is not another town in Texas, regardless of size that received as many oats in one day as did this prosperous little town in the Northern part of Runnels county.

The big grain crop is telling on every line of business in Winters. The town is prosperous, and trade

was never better for this season of the year. The Winters State Bank reports the largest amount of money ever held by that bank before, the individual deposits at the close of business Saturday amounting to about \$250,000. This bank also broke the record for the largest number of checks handled in any one day, and honored over 1500 checks.

Miles, the city to the West of Ballinger, bordering Tom Green county, is also enjoying the great harvest in its history. Solid train loads of oats are being shipped from that place, and the country extending South from Miles in to Concho county is producing oats by the carload.

Solid train loads of grain are being shipped from Ballinger, and many oats are being stored both by the buyers and by the growers. The yield is proving better on almost every farm than was expected.

Neuralgia Pains Stopped.
You don't need to suffer those agonizing nerve pains in the face head, arm, shoulder, chest and back. Just apply a few drops of soothing Sloan's Liniment; lie quietly a few minutes. You will get such relief and comfort! Life and the world will look brighter. Get a bottle today. 3-ounces for 25c., at all druggists. Penetrates without rubbing.

Bob Mullin of San Antonio, came in Monday at noon to visit his brother Prof. Mullin, and wife, of South Ballinger, and together they will leave Tuesday for Abilene, to visit their mother and sister a week or so.

Mrs. Jack Baldwin of Haskell, who had been visiting at Goldthwaite, came in Monday at noon, and will be the guest of Miss Kathleen Jones, a few days, before going on home.

School Board Receives Plans for Central School Work

The plans for remodeling the Central school building were received from the architect yesterday. The plans and specification are ready for the inspection of contractors, or anyone else who wishes to see them. They can be found at the office of Scott H. Maek at the store of Van Pelt, Kirk & Maek.

The board will probably adopt the plans and let the contract at an early date, and the work will be pushed to completion. The proposed improvements will require the services of quite a number of workmen in order to get the building in shape for the coming term. The board will award the contract with this understanding in view, and the contractor

who lands the job will no doubt be required to furnish good and sufficient bond for the completion of the building.

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.

L. W. Compton of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday, renewed with the Daily Ledger for another year.

Best Medium Priced Car on the Market. A New OVERLAND

car with its refinements both mechanical and finish is equal to ten old cars if you only knew how to cash in its possibilities in family profits.

The Overland car is not responsible for rough roads, but the Overland engineers had to take things into consideration and build a car to withstand the strains and enable you to ride smoothly and be safe from spring breakage and short life to your car.

The production has now reached 600 cars per day and are promised our proportion for this territory, soon we can take cars of immediate demands.

Put your name on the already waiting list and avoid further delay.

LEACH AUTO WORKS
AGENT RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS

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The farmer who failed to plant grain is helping his neighbor and that makes prosperity for them both.

The little checks given for eggs, butter, cream and other produce reaped from diversification methods, is fast placing Rannels County on East Street.

There would be more "Home Buying" in Ballinger if the merchants would adopt the tactics pursued by the mail order houses—ADVERTISE. No order goes to a mail order house voluntarily. Its pretty pictures, the luring description of the article with the price quoted that lands the order.

The present summer so far has been a remarkable one. We have not heard a single farmer complaining about the weather. It has not been too dry, nor too wet, too hot or too cold. For West Texas that's an unusual statement to make, but it is true this time.

The first bale of Texas cotton for this season has been sold for six hundred and seventy-five dollars. That's profitable cotton farming. If every farmer would plant that variety of seed that would produce the first bale the cotton industry of this country would take on new life. Most all other kinds of cotton growing is a failure, when followed alone.

Gov. Ferguson has issued a statement in which he opposes the separation amendment of the University and the A. & M. We can't believe that the people of Texas will stand by the governor on this. The best educators in Texas, with the best interest of

county must be included in the vote for a special levy for road purposes. It is often the case that the entire county does not want a special road tax. We have recently been impressed with that fact here at home. Precincts should be given the right to vote on this question without involving the whole county. If you are sincere in your advocacy of local self government here is an opportunity for you to go to the polls on July 24th and prove it by your vote.

The sentiment that is now being expressed in the United States is reaching the Kaiser, and is no doubt having a great deal to do with delaying a settlement of the quarrel between this country and Germany. The Imperial Government can easily see the way the people here are divided in their opinion and the criticism that is being made and the opposition that the administration is having to contend with is hampering Mr. Wilson in getting a favorable reply to his demands on the German government. The resignation of Secretary Bryan started the ball of opposition to rolling and it now rebounds from Germany. The American people should keep their bazzoos closed and support President Wilson in his efforts to bring about a dignified settlement of the present trouble. We do not believe that it can be done as long as Germany know we have enemies in our own camp.

WEEKLY RUNAWAY ACCIDENT REPORTED

The Ledger carries in today's issue the account of a runaway, which occurred last Saturday afternoon. This makes five weeks in succession that we have been called upon to report runaways which occurred the Saturday preceding the Monday's paper. Runaways are common, but it seems striking strange that they all occur on Saturday. People should use precaution and handle their

good, comfortable home, with one crop of grain besides other crops splendid to lay by in a rainy day. Farming does pay in Rannels county.

THE GOVERNOR BUCKS THE PEOPLE.

(Bryan Eagle.)

Governor Ferguson has issued a statement on the constitutional amendments to be voted on by the people of Texas on July 24. There are six of these amendments and the Governor's statement is a dog-fall, favoring three and opposing three. Among the three opposed is Resolution 34, providing for the separation of the A. & M. College and the State University.

Governor Ferguson, before this resolution was submitted to a vote of the people by the Legislature, took quite a little stock in the matter and strongly urged the consolidation of the two institutions under the one-board plan. The people of the State, however, were opposed to his one board plan and the Legislature knocked it into a cocked hat by submitting the separation amendment to a vote of the people.

The Governor, taking the position he did before the amendment was submitted, must of course oppose it in order to be consistent and to keep down the idea that he has gone "hog wild" on the subject of higher education. The Governor is against the amendment, but the people are for it, the press of the State is for it, the State officials and other public men are for it, the political parties are for it, the Farmers' Union is for it, the Banker's Convention is for it, the District and County Attorneys' Convention is for it, the Dean of the faculty of the State University is for it, all the officials, faculty, former students and friends, of the A. & M. College are for it, yet the Governor is against it.

upon the state to help him sell his products figure that he has a good foundation for his business? Shouldn't he, instead, build up his business upon the merits of his product?

"Any legitimate and reasonable movement or influence for the promotion of Texas made products would be a great value to factories that do a state-wide business, and their prosperity would doubtless result in more factories being established in Texas. And the greater prosperity and the increased number of these factories would result in the employment of more men. Incidentally this greater prosperity of manufacturer and wage-earner would increase the aggregate wealth of the State. Therefore, we say, any reasonable movement in this direction is good.

"But to increase the wealth of the State does not necessarily increase the prosperity of all the people of the State, and to assume that all people should contribute, in taxes, to the support of a commission designed to benefit, directly and immediately, so few of the people is putting too much faith in the willingness of the people to 'cast their bread upon the waters.'

"It was pointed out by an earnest advocate of this plan that since Texas spent great sums of money in support of its agencies for the promotion of welfare of the farmers, that it should be willing to spend money for the promotion of the welfare of the manufacturer, but the cases are by no means parallel.

"Texas had, at the last census, 417,000 farm families. Over half the total population of the State is directly and immediately benefited by the work of the Agricultural Department, and ALL Texas is dependent upon the success of its agricultural industry. To spend the tax-payers' money in the development of an industry upon which practically ninety-five percent of its people depend for their daily bread is an entire-

JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

The movement looking to the erection of warehouses for the storage of cotton is easily the most important of the several movements that are on foot in Texas just now, in the opinion of the News. It is also the most urgent, since it is necessary to make use of every moment if storage facilities are to be made ready against the time of their need. If it were necessary Texas could well afford to put all other public projects in abeyance that this one might be expedited. It will not be necessary, of course, to do this, and the idea is advanced merely as a means of emphasizing our sense of the importance of this particular movement.—Galveston News.

Warehouses and the cotton marketing problem is a perplexing one. Ballinger has about \$1500 invested in a warehouse and it is an ornament only as the farmers declined to make use of it. The question when to sell cotton is just as hard to determine under a system of warehouses as it is without the houses. Those who held their cotton from last season are now regretting it. We need more warehouses probably but what we need worse is something that will help the farmer to hold his cotton until he gets ready to sell it. Diversification is helping to solve the problem in Rannels County, while the warehouse stands empty.

A Jersey man got thirty days in jail for shooting at a bullfrog. Which shows that it is better to be a bullfrog in the United States than a human being in Europe.—Temple Mirror.

Why go to Europe for your comparison? A bullfrog's life in Texas is worth about as much as a man's life when the shooter has a little money and a few friends.

Miss Jane Addams is back

PURE RICH BLOOD PREVENTS DISEASE

Bad blood is responsible for more ailments than anything else. It causes catarrh, dyspepsia, rheumatism, weak, tired, languid feelings and worse troubles. Hood's Sarsaparilla has been wonderfully successful in purifying and enriching the blood, removing scrofula and other humors, and building up the whole system. Take it—give it to all the family so as to avoid illness. Get it today.

PHOOL'S PHILOSOPHY
By A. Phool

In the game of heart it's always your turn to play.

A woman may be born the equal of a man but it doesn't take her long to overcome it.

The man who will not admit the word "failure" in his thoughts is sprinkling salt on the tail of achievements.

We all like the man who smiles—and that may be the reason why things come so easy for the smiling villain.

When you get on the right track be careful that someone else does not get the right-of-way and come up from behind and butt you into the ditch.

We are careless of the things that come to us naturally. That may be the reason some women we know take such particular care of their complexions.

There isn't a freak reform idea of any kind that wouldn't work all right if all people were honest—and for that reason most of them will never work.

One of the worst features of our free government is the bunch of tattered candidates' cards that disfigure poles and old buildings.

The Danger Is Great. Mr. Farmer, it is dangerous to store your grain without protecting it with **Fire Insurance.** We can **Gover 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

the state's educational institutions at heart, and without selfishness, have investigated the proposition in detail and they are practically unanimous in favoring the amendment.

Today's dispatches indicate that the United States will probably recognize Carranza as the proper authority in Mexico. This will no doubt cause an uprising among Carranza enemies that will keep the scrap going on in Mexico, and Villa forces will gain strength and the revolution will continue to revolute.

Gov. Ferguson has indicated that he might recognize Villa's application for Huerta's extradition if Villa should prove himself the proper authority to make the application. This Villa can not do as the United States does not recognize his government. Huerta would be executed if he should fall into the hands of Villa, and Texas would be a party to the crime if Huerta was delivered to the blood thirsty Mexicans.

United States and Germany are farther apart in their relations than at any time since the sinking of the Lusitania and it is a foregone conclusion that Wilson will speak in plainer terms than he did in his previous notes. The contentions of Germany in the Lusitania case has not added peace to the controversy. Wilson's administration can not be accused of stirring up strife or courting war and even true American will give him credit for doing what he thinks right and for the best interest of America.

Of all the amendments that are to come before the voters, on July 24th, we should like very much to see the road amendment receive a good vote, and accepted by the people with a majority that would put new life in the road movement in this state. The amendment provides for a law giving each precinct the right to vote a special road tax. Under the present law precincts can not vote road tax, and the entire

teams with care and avoid such accidents.

SAYS SECRET AUTHORITIES KILLED HOLT.

Judge M. C. Smith says he had not read any comment on the Holt case that reflected his views. "I believe that the treatment given Holt by the detective and the sleuth hounds of New York and Massachusetts are responsible for his death," said Judge Smith in commenting on the Holt case. From reading the paper Judge Smith says he gets the idea that the sweating and grilling given Holt to get him to lay bare his entire life's history caused Holt to collapse completely and in his insane condition he ended his life.

Judge Smith does not place much credit in the theory that Holt and Muentzer are one and the same. He has been keeping up with the case, and the Judge says, "it does not seem reasonable that a man who was charged with killing his wife, and who was in public life like Holt could return to a country after an absence of only two years and again take up work that brought him in daily contact with prominent educators and out in the open where he could have been located if he had been Muentzer." However, Judge Smith says that it is fortunate for the country that Holt is out of the way and the case has been brought to a close.

DOES FARMING PAY HERE?

It would seem that farming pays in Rannels county from the report of Jos. and Wm. Bulsterbaum, of the Wilmett country, who were in Ballinger Monday to pay off their land note. These gentlemen bought 200 acres of land a few years ago from C. A. Dooze & Co., and paid \$1.00 per acre down, have improved their farm and put 180 acres in cultivation and this year raised small grain enough to pay off the last note due on their land.

What these men have done many others to our knowledge have done in Rannels county. They have virtually paid for a

ORIGINATOR OF HOME INDUSTRY MOVE IS OPPOSED COMMISSION

The Temple Telegram, the paper that originated the movement for the systematic organization of the state for the support of Texas industries, opposes the establishment of the Texas Industrial Commission, and says that no organization or commission can make people buy made-in-Texas goods, but by proper organization the people can be induced to investigate and will become educated to the best interest of producing Texas industries.

The Telegram says in part:

"Texas factories should receive a greater measure of Texas patronage than they now enjoy, and to all LEGITIMATE efforts in that direction the Telegram is ready to lend its aid.

"BUT to propose that the State of Texas employ, at the expense of the taxpayers, a staff of lecturers, to travel over the state, and, in effect, drum up business for Texas manufacturers, is letting enthusiasm run away with sound judgement, to say the least.

"While Texas claims six thousand factories, a great majority of these are purely local concerns doing business in the towns in which they are located, or at most within a very small radius. It is unlikely that there is, in all Texas, more than three hundred bonafide manufacturing industries to do a state wide business.

"Contemplate, dear reader, the State of Texas creating an Industrial Commission of fifteen or twenty high-salaried lecturers, paid by the masses, to go over the state and drum up business for a small class of three or four hundred business institutions.

"Personally, we are so enthusiastic over the matter of promoting Texas manufactures, that we are almost in favor of even this extreme measure were it not so undemocratic, and, futile. Would it do any good? Can one conceive of a successful business being built up by such methods? Can a manufacturer who must depend

ly different proposition from spending money to develop an industry upon which less than five percent of the people are dependent.

"The benefits of an Industrial Commission, (if indeed there would be any benefits, which we seriously doubt) are too vague to meet with general approval, and the Telegram ventures the assertion that if such a law is introduced in the next Legislature it will be snowed under so deep it will never again see the light of day.

And, as stated above, such a law, or Commission, would not be a good thing for the manufacturers themselves. There is a business proposition. They have goods to sell. They want the good will of the people to the extent of a fair investigation of the merits of the articles they have to sell. But to seek SPECIAL LEGISLATION is a dangerous road to the affections of the average payer of taxes. And when you undertake to tax the plain citizen to pay some high-brow spieler to come to him and tell him to patronize the Johnson-Jones pickle factory you lose said plain citizen's sympathy in the movement.

"Manufacturers in Texas must bear in mind the fact that very few people are losing any sleep because they are not selling more goods in Texas. Saying "Buy It In Texas" means about as much to the average plain citizen as saying "Hurrah for Texas" means to him.

"No organization or Commission can make people buy made-in-Texas goods, but a properly conducted organization CAN induce the people to INVESTIGATE made-in-Texas goods. The rest is up to the maker of the goods."

A. L. Kerley and two daughters of the Hatchel country, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

D. E. Sims and Son Orland of Paint Rock, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

from the woman's peace conference at The Hague. Miss Addams brings back the startling information that the people of the warring Nations are ready for peace. Mirabile dictu! The people did not want war to go with. It was the bootied, the spurred, the epauletted, the decorated, the crowned, who wanted war, who brought on the war, and whose voice is still for war.—Bryan Eagle.

Miss Jane should have brought us something new. That information is as old as the war, and if that is all Miss Jane learned on her trip her money has been extravagantly wasted.

It doesn't pay to shoot a millionaire in this country. If Holt had not suicided, the third degree rack, the thumbscrews, the stocks, the wheel, the garrote, the procrustean bed and other inquisitorial devices would have killed him long before the time for him to have faced a jury.—Bryan Eagle.

So many people will not believe that Holt committed suicide. The charge is being made that the hands of third degree workers are besmerched with the blood of Holt, and the law was cheated of its work.

"Hell," says a minister, "is full of chic dresses, low-necked gowns, silk hosiery and such things." There doesn't appear to be any argument against it.—Nashville Banner.

Strange, isn't it, that there is a class of preachers who seem to be determined to make the "bad place" just as attractive as possible to the sinner for whom they profess to have so much solicitude.—Chattanooga Times.

If that's all the punishment we are going to get when we get there, then why worry?—Temple Mirror.

We prefer to take the bible definition of hell. If the minister is correct and hell is full of chic dresses, low-necked gowns, silk hosiery, etc., why we have a little hell here on earth.

from one election to another.

You hear a good deal about fighting roosters, but did you ever take notice of the way a prowling dog or cat retreats before the onslaught of the mother hen?

The man intoxicated with the nectar from a woman's lips may feel just as dambhoolish over it the next morning as the man who was on a regular souse the night before.

A girl in Germany has just been married without the bridegroom. The groom was at the front and couldn't be present. Some day he may wish that the war had never ceased.

If there is anything in the old saying about faith that moves mountains, the woman who believes everything her husband tells her has faith enough to make this old world reverse its motions.

We should not be so quick to express our own conclusions when someone is found "not guilty." Think of the many things of which we are guilty which our own hypocrisy keeps from becoming known.

A man feels completely neglected both at the wedding and when the first baby arrives—but he may get some satisfaction from reflecting that those who go into raptures over the wonderful things done by delicate machinery give little consideration to the flywheel, without which the engine that operates the machinery could not run.

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.

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THE TRINIDAD LAKE ASPHALT
Ready Roofing

Your roof must have power to resist the blazing sun, the forceful wind, the pouring rain, and the driving snow.

Real life and resisting power come from natural asphalt, and Genasco is made of natural asphalt from Trinidad Lake—Nature's everlasting waterproofer.

The natural oils of this asphalt stay in Genasco and make it proof against rot, cracks, and leaks.

Be on the safe side—come get Genasco for all your buildings.

The Hall Hardware Company
Ballinger, Texas.

PEACH CROP WORTH \$3,000 THIS SEASON

The farm of W. A. Taylor, in South Ballinger, is an example of what can be done with peaches in the country adjacent to Ballinger, across the Colorado river. Valued at the present market prices received, this crop will net close to \$3,000, for the season. Five or six men are required to handle this fruit crop, and after all expenses for labor, etc., are paid, Mr. Taylor will clear about \$50 per acre on the 60 acres planted. This is an estimate for peaches alone, and does not include other revenue obtained from the same land.

Mrs. Taylor was in Ballinger Friday and stated that the trees that were smudged in the spring showed much improvement over the trees that were unprotected, and that the finest peaches were yet to be put on the market. Much of the fruit is being sold in the orchards, and hauled to nearby towns—Winters, San Angelo, and Miles. After supplying the local and surrounding markets, the fruit will be canned and shipped still farther from Ballinger.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

List of letters advertised, July 10, 1915:

J. D. Barbee; O. C. Boykins; Charles Cheatham; B. E. Funderburg; Mrs. Myrtle Proctor; Claud Stewart.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised," and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the dead letter office.

JAMES J. ERWIN, P. M.

MRS. U. P. MELTON ILL.

We regret to report that Mrs. U. P. Melton is quite sick with fever, and it is feared that she has typhoid fever again. It will be remembered that Mrs. Melton suffered a severe siege of fever last summer.

IMPROVEMENTS ON HUTCHINS AVENUE

A new drop awning is to occupy the front of the Miller Mercantile building in place of the old fashioned sheet iron awning. The change adds greatly to the north side of Hutchins Avenue.

JACK RABBITS ARE DAMAGING COTTON

Report from a number of communities in the county say that the cotton crop is being destroyed to the extent of a heavy loss to the farmers by the rabbits. In the Northwest part of the county and East of Winters, also along the valleys of Bluff and Elm creek and along the valleys of Oak and Volley creek Jack rabbits are said to be destroying the cotton, and doing greater damage than was ever known before.

Reports say there are more rabbits in this country at present than at any time since the country passed in to a farming country. The two or three years of 1910-13 the rabbits left this county, or were killed by the numerous rabbit drives, but last year and the present year they have multiplied at a wonderful rate, and the county is suffering from them.

One farmer stated that he had just about as soon have a drove of sheep in his field as the pesky Jack rabbits, and that if the rabbits did not quit eating his crop he would not have any cotton by the first of August.

There are many ways to rid the county of the rabbits, but unless the adjoining counties join in the war on them it is useless for the farmers in one county to go to the expense of killing them, as they go from one county to the other and multiply so fast that the destructive work of the pest can hardly be checked temporarily.

A. M. Nicholson of the New Home neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address. He says he can't afford to do without the old reliable county paper.

Mrs. M. A. Stroud of Kenredale, Emmett Evans of Cooper, and Walter Evans of Bowie, Tex., who had been visiting their father L. S. Evans and family, of South Ballinger the past week or ten days, returned home Saturday afternoon.

E. H. Redmon of the Rowena country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Roy Bates of the Mora mountain country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Wingate Letter Adds Second Chapter to Telephone Trouble

Wingate, Tex., July 12. Editor Banner-Ledger, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I see in your issue of July 9th an article headed "Lack of Phone Connection Cost Ballinger Heavy." As a citizen of this section of the county I think the article is a little unfair to a great majority of the people of the Wingate country, and the West Texas Telephone Co.

Wingate has got phone connection with Ballinger and eighty per cent of the telephone users at Wingate can call Ballinger when ever they get ready and wish to do so. The West Texas Tele-

phone Co., has a good line to Wingate and they keep it in first-class condition and their rates are reasonable.

However, I regret to say that there is a division among the people at Wingate over the telephone systems. But I trust that the business men of Ballinger will not be led into the fight without making a thorough investigation and getting the facts in the trouble. The Ballinger Business League should give the matter due consideration before going any further.

Yours truly,
S. L. EASON.

COUPLE HURT IN RUNAWAY SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jones, who live South of Ballinger, were hurt in a runaway late Saturday afternoon. They had been doing some trading in Ballinger and were starting home when their horses became frightened at a train and dashing down the alley back of Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.'s store threw the occupants from the buggy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones were hurt in the runaway, but nothing serious, we are glad to report.

DISCUSSING PLANS FOR LEAGUE WORK

The board of directors of the Ballinger Business League met in the League rooms Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of passing on the reunion proposition and attending to other league matters.

It was decided to pass the question of holding the reunion up to the business men—the merchants of the city, and if they desire to have as their guests for three days some time during the latter part of August the members of the Colorado-Concho Confederate Veterans Association and invitation will be framed up and extended the old soldiers. With this in view a committee was appointed to interview the merchants and report at once.

It has been pointed out that quick action must be had on this question, as the time is short in which to arrange for a successful reunion, and if Ballinger undertakes the job she will not be satisfied with anything short of success.

The fall fair plans were briefly discussed and this work will be taken up and plans perfected for the fair to be held early in October. It is the desire of the committee that people begin now to prepare their exhibits.

T. P. Brown of South Ballinger returned home Sunday afternoon from a business trip to Colorado City, and says Runnels county is way ahead of country he passed over while on the trip.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS

Effective August 1st, 1915, the four rural mail routes out of Ballinger will be discontinued, and two new routes established and will be known as Routes A and B. The four carriers now serving will be let out and two carriers appointed for the new routes. The present carriers will have the privilege of examination for the new routes and two of them may be appointed, but the appointment will be made by the department at Washington.

The new carriers will be required to use motor drawn vehicles and will draw a salary of \$1800 per year. When the roads are in such condition that the routes can not be made in motor drawn vehicles the carrier must furnish a substitute to assist him. Routes 1 and 2 will be known as Route A. Routes 3 and 4 will be

FRANK HOLT'S BODY BURIED AT DALLAS

DALLAS, July 12.—The body of Frank Holt, assailant of J. P. Morgan, was buried in Oak Hill cemetery in Dallas yesterday afternoon. Rev. J. P. Mussett of Ft. Worth, delivered the sermon at his grave. The funeral procession was composed of but few carriages. However, a large number of friends of Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, Holt's father-in-law, congregated in the cemetery. The grave was covered with flowers from friends of Mrs. Holt and the Sensabaugh family.

Holt's body arrived in Dallas early Sunday by express but attracted little attention.

WATCHMAN GUARDS FRANK HOLT'S GRAVE

Dallas, Tex., July 14.—A watchman, it was learned, has been placed at the grave here of Frank Holt, or Erich Muentzer, who shot J. P. Morgan. Mrs. Holt's family employed the guard at night to prevent desecration of the grave. A tombstone has yet been placed, the grave being marked by a board bearing the name Frank Holt.

SCHOOL BOARD WILL LET CONTRACT SOON

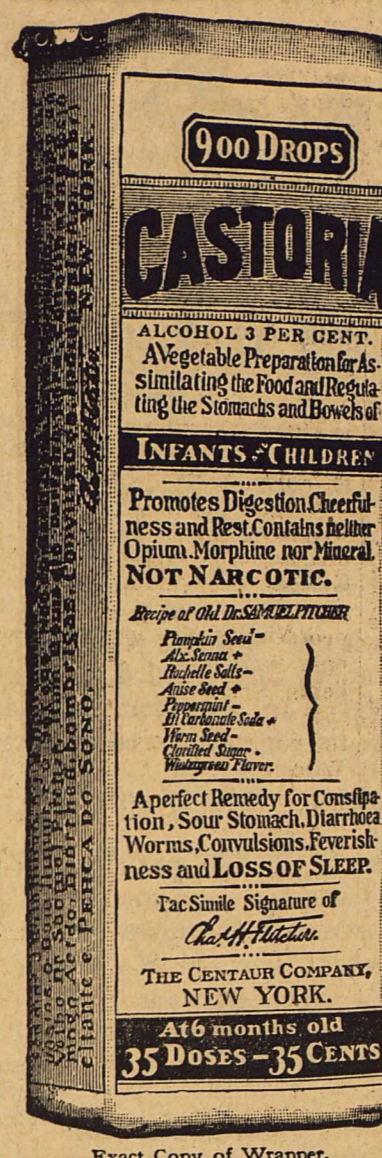
The school board of the Ballinger Independent District will meet on July 20th to receive bids for remodeling the Central school building. All those who wish to bid on the job should call at the office of Scot H. Mack and get particulars.

The work will be pushed and the building made ready for the coming term of school. The repairs are to be made out of the recent issue of \$8000 worth of bonds. It is not known how much the repairs for the Central building will cost.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bates are rejoicing over the arrival of a sweet little girl baby born to them Saturday, July 10th.

W. L. Loika and wife of Marie left this week for Dalton, Ga., to visit his old home after an absence of 30 years. He will be gone about one month.

J. A. Tyler of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.



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For Infants and Children.

Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

In Use For Over Thirty Years

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

LOCAL POST OFFICE SHOWS BIG INCREASE FOR YEAR

The Ballinger post office is one of the few offices in Texas that show an increase for the year just closed over last year. The increase for the Ballinger office amounts to more than \$1500., which means a nice increase in salary for Post Master Erwin.

The total receipts are given herewith by the quarter. The second quarter covers the holiday season, and it will be noticed is the heaviest quarter for the year, but the fourth quarter, following

after the holiday season is almost as heavy, and shows the healthy growth of the receipts, which can be used as an index to the increase in almost every other line of business. Following are the receipts for the year from March 1, 1914, to March 1, 1915, by quarters:

First quarter	\$2433.55
Second quarter	\$2568.79
Third quarter	\$3482.16
Fourth quarter	\$3307.13
Total	\$11,791.63

WAR ON RABBITS IN TAYLOR COUNTY

Abilene, Tex., July 14.—Monday, the first day the county commissioners' court has allowed claims for jackrabbit, and wolf scalps under the new bounty law that went into effect June 19, was a banner day for the hunters of scalps.

One thousand, three hundred and thirty-five jackrabbits between June 19 and July 12. This is to say that 1,335 rabbit scalps were presented to the court Monday and the claims approved. There were thirty-three wolf or coyote scalps brought into court for which \$2.00 apiece were paid.

It is an interesting fact that there was only 75 cents difference between the sums paid out for jackrabbit and wolf scalps. The rabbit scalps cost the state \$66.75, while the wolf scalps cost an even \$66.00. However, there were 1,302 more rabbit scalps than wolf scalps on which the bounty was claimed.

Tuesday the court paid out several more claims for scalps, but not as many as Monday.

J. P. Brookshire of the Miles country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

FIRST TRAFFIC ARREST MADE THIS WEEK

City Marshal Pilcher made the first arrest for traffic ordinance violation this week when he arrested a young man and lady who were too busy making love and observing the law of nature to pay any attention to man made laws.

The young couple were seeing the city and driving contrary to the rules of the traffic law. The young man had been previously warned and supplied with a card containing the rules, but as is often the case, the woman was doing the driving in this instance, and plead ignorance, holding the young man to blame for not informing her of the workings of the new law.

It being the first offense, and the young lady's pleadings were too much for the officer and he allowed them to go without punishment. The second offense, however, may call for pretty severe punishment.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Duke of the Bethel neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and while here Mr. Duke renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

Cotton Carnival Galveston

JULY 22---AUGUST 1

Very Low Fares

Tickets on Sale July 21-31 Inclusive, Limited August 2. Week-End Excursions July 24-27-30, Limited Two Days.



A. H. WIGLE, Agent

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 timid old lady asked the baggage master if her parcel would reach "Frisco intact."

Said that official, "Let's see."

Thereupon, he threw it on the floor. Once, "That's for Chicago." Twice, "That's for Kansas City." Third, "That's for Denver." The fourth time, he dashed it on the floor with extra violence. The box broke. The contents were scattered about.

"You see, mum, it wouldn't reach."

Fortunately, you are not in that position. You do not have to RISK the trial of the various things you need in your home or business. You can pick out a well-known article, one that has been tried and tested for years under actual working conditions in other places. Among such articles the trade mark "Texaco" has secured for Texaco Products the recognition to which their careful preparation and their suitability for the purpose entitles them.

Whether you use steam, electricity, or gas; whether you operate a farm, cotton gin, laundry, ice plant—anything.

There is a Texaco Product for you—under the "Made-in-Texas" Red-Star-Green-T emblem. Order from our agent.

The Texas Company
General Offices, Houston, Texas

No. 45



Many Visitors May Come to Ballinger in August

A little news item published in the state papers recently, stating that Ballinger would probably entertain the Colorado-Concho Confederate Association in a three days reunion this summer has created interest among people at a distance who wish to visit Ballinger. Letters are pouring into this city from parties making inquiry about dates, railroad rates, etc. Concession people are writing for privileges. Others want to come here to visit friends and relatives and some to see the country and prospect. With a special rate over the A. and S. and the Santa Fe many people would be induced to come here for this occasion.

The committee from the old soldiers association will meet at an early date to pass on invitations and to determine whether they shall hold a reunion this year or not. It was the almost unanimous desire of the old soldiers that they be given one more grand "round-up." The old veterans are dropping off at a rapid rate, and reunions for them are limited to a mighty small number.

It has been several years since the ex-Confederates of this section of the state have had the privilege of meeting in a reunion. It is a well known fact that they prefer Ballinger as a meeting place over any other camp ground in their territory. They have the warmest place in their hearts for Ballinger and Ballinger people for the splendid hospitality accorded them here in the past.

While the entertainment committee of the Business League, or no body of citizens of this city, have determined whether to issue an invitation to the old soldiers or not, those who have expressed themselves are in favor of holding the reunion here. One prominent business man says he thinks the entertainment could be a great success at a very small expense. In fact the money realized from the privileges would almost, if not quite, pay the bill. The grounds are in shape and the expense of arranging for the entertainment would be small. The band is in good shape and anxious to furnish the music. The probable August dates would make it easy to secure speakers and arrange an attractive program for the occasion.

Local Santa Fe Agent Wigle says that he believes that his road would make low rates all along its line from Galveston to Ballinger, and also on the Northern division. The successful celebration recently held has given Ballinger much publicity and following so close with another would mean a great deal to the city from a commercial standpoint. The people of the county will not be so busy during the August month, and a big reunion here would give them an opportunity to enjoy a few days recreation.

This is a matter that is up to the citizens, with the Business League to take the initiative, and some action should be taken at once in order to give the various committees time in which to perfect their plans.

Constipation Cured Overnight.

A small dose of Po-Do-Lax tonight and you enjoy a full, free, easy bowel movement in the morning. No griping for Po-Do-Lax is (diphylina, Mag. Apple) without the griping. Po-Do-Lax cures the cause of Constipation by arousing the Liver, increasing the flow of bile. Bile is Nature's anti-septic in the bowels. With proper amount of bile digestion in bowels is perfect. No gas, no fermentation, no Constipation. Don't get sick, nervous, irritable. Get a little of Po-Do-Lax from your druggist now and cure your constipation overnight.

SHERIFF PERKINS TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Sheriff Perkins left Monday afternoon for Waco where he goes to attend the Sheriffs' Convention. Sheriff Pewett of Concho county, and half a dozen sheriffs from Western counties passed through here Monday afternoon en route to Waco. They will be absent three or four days and the deputies are left in charge of the peace and dignity of the state while the high sheriffs are absent.

Have You?

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

Uncle Johnny Ballew of the Mazeland country, was in the city Monday to meet his wife and children who returned home at noon, from a visit to relatives at Cameron.

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

J. Hood of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route home from a visit to San Angelo.

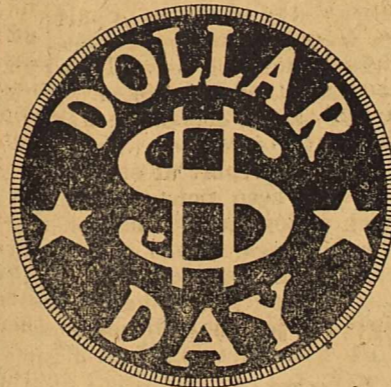
"DOLLAR DAY" ON NEXT FIRST MONDAY

For the next three weeks the Daily Ledger and the Banner-Ledger will assist the merchants of Ballinger and the buying public in getting together in a Trade's Day that will cap the climax for bargain counter sales.

On Monday August the second—first Monday in August, we will make an effort to get the merchants of Ballinger to place on their counters in a Dollar Day sale, bargains in needy dependable merchandise that will excel anything in the price reduction line ever brought about in the market. With favorable weather the busy grain harvesting season will be near an end by that time. At least the rush will be over, and the people will feel like making a halt for a few days rest. They will have money to spend and will be in the market for merchandise of almost every character. Every line of business from the cold drink stand and the picture show to the big department stores will profit by the enormous grain crop. People have been too busy to buy anything more than the necessities of life, and the things absolutely necessary to keep the farm work under good headway. They will crave some of the luxuries after the big rush. It's a mighty sorry man that does not want to dress up occasionally. It will be a season when folks will want to spend a week or two between the grain harvesting season and the cotton and maize season visiting and recreating.

It's up to the merchants of Ballinger to help them enjoy the summer days. People will be in the market for goods. They are going to buy where the buying is the best, and the man who gets in the game and offers the consumer the best bargain—at least tell him what he's got in stock and show his appreciation of the customer's patronage, will be the merchant who makes the most friends during this occasion.

It will be the second Dollar Day for Ballinger. The Ledger and the Banner-Ledger are going to do their part towards bringing the people to Ballinger to trade on this occasion. It's up to the merchants to show their appreciation after the people come to this city. If you will help us, Mr. Merchant, we will make Ballinger the most popular trading point in Central West Texas.



Monday, August 2nd.

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

E. D. WALKER AND DAUGHTER RETURN HOME

E. D. Walker and daughter, Miss Velma, returned home from Chicago Saturday. They had been away from Ballinger for nearly a month. We are glad to report that Miss Velma has fully recovered and that she returns home enjoying good health.

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

Mrs. Jas. Evans and two children, of Maryneal, passed through Ballinger Friday afternoon en route to the Pony creek country to visit her father, G. W. Wilson, and family, and other relatives in this section a few weeks.

Jeanes Produce Co. always pay the highest market price in cash, for Chickens, Butter and Eggs. See them at the Ostertag Building. 9-w2t

BUY OUR 'Peerless' Binder Twine

"The Best By Test"

As good as the best, as cheap as the cheapest. We Solicit Your Orders

Hall Hardware Company

Runnels County Pecan Nursery

Have you a home in town? Put out a few choice pecan trees. Giving you a beautiful shade as well as a supply of valuable nuts. Do you own a farm? You should be able to find a number of places where the pecans would thrive. The head of a draw, a low place on your land. Any spot which receives a good wetting from an ordinary rain will answer. A few dollars invested in choice pecans now will in a few years yield an abundant return on your outlay.

Orders booked now for fall delivery.

S. B. HOWARD

Silo Bargain

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

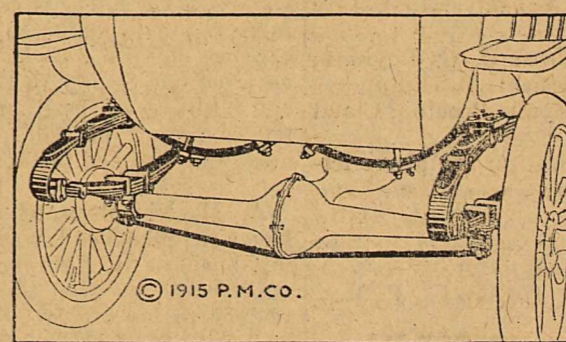
Ballinger Lumber Company



QUANTITY AND QUALITY

We must always have quantities of flour on hand to take care of our exceedingly large demand. But let us say that that demand is constant only because the quality is in every bag. Better let us send you a few sacks of our "Made-in-Ballinger" flour.

Missouri Milling Co.



BETTERFORD SPRINGS

Let me equip your Ford car with Betterford Springs. They make riding easy and protects your car from wear and tear. This cut only gives you an idea of its wonderful working. Let me show you.

JOHN PECHACEK, BALLINGER, TEXAS

...The... Farmers Union Warehouse Company

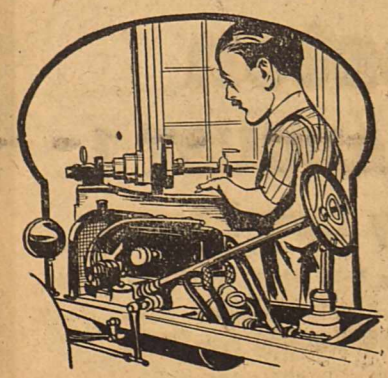
Wishes to thank the Farmers and Business Men of Country for their kind and liberal patronage and hope we may continue to receive the same.

J. P. BOOTH, Mgr.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

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and ready for the test. This we insist on before any auto repair job passes out of our hands. We must satisfy ourselves beyond question that everything is O. K. Then we call you in for final approval. We abide by your decision.

Leach Auto Works



Blindfolded Tire Buyers

This is to point out the way to the light.

Tires which seem identical are often most unlike. There are dozens of standards. The fierce competition compels many a compromise, affecting what you seek.

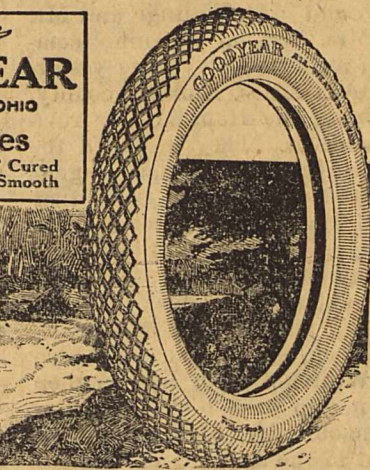
Features Which Cost Millions

Goodyear Fortified Tires have

five great features found in no other tire. They

have others which are rare—hidden features, never missed until the tire meets trouble.

These Goodyear extras, on this year's output, will cost us \$1,635,000. Our 1915 improvements alone will cost us



Goodyear Service Stations Tires in Stock

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

\$500,000 yearly. And nearly all for things you never see—things you never miss until the tire falls down.

Yet our late price reduction saves our users about five million dollars this year. And that was our third reduction in two years, totaling 45 per cent.

How to Judge

Judge tires by the maker. Judge them by known features. Each exclusive Goodyear feature combats a major trouble.

Judge, above all, by records. Not by mere good luck or mishap, but by Tiredom's general verdict. In its 16th year the Goodyear tire far outsells any other. It has outsold for years.

By any measure you can use, Goodyear tires are best. Adopt them. Any dealer will supply you.

SANTA FE ROBBED IN 3 TOWNS SAME NIGHT

While the Santa Fe passenger station was being robbed last Tuesday night robbers were also at work at Lometa and at Roscoe. At Lometa the robbers robbed the Santa Fe depot and got away with \$70. It is not known what they secured from the depot at Roscoe.

Only a short time ago the safe in the passenger station at San Angelo was blown open and the Santa Fe lost several hundred dollars. The robbers seem to be making a specialty of robbing passenger stations, and the burglaries at Lometa and San Angelo lead the officers to believe that the robbers are professionals.

It was at first thought that the local robberies were committed by some boy tramps who had been laying around Ballinger for a day or two, but the other robberies indicate that the work is being carried on by a band of robbers. The officers have no clue, but are co-operating with the Santa Fe detectives in an effort to apprehend the burglars.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Indicated Aids you in Digestion. Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 35 years known as Best. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

TEMPLE BANK GETS BALLINGER FRUIT

(Temple Telegram)

A sample of west Texas fruit was received in Temple yesterday. By express from Ballinger, came an extra large basket of fine Elberta peaches, grown on the farm of C. S. Miller, a few miles from Ballinger, consigned to the First National Bank. In the morning's mail came a letter addressed to P. L. Downs, Jr., assistant cashier of the bank, from Dan McKenzie, formerly connected with the First National; Sam Savage of Temple and Judge Quincy V. Miller of Ballinger, in which it was stated that the peaches were sent by the trio to the force at the bank and a part of the Telegram staff. Justice was done to the gift before the noon hour, although under ordinary circumstances the basket was calculated to last a week by the donors. The fruit was high grade luscious and ripe. The Ballinger fruit crop is extra large this year, according to advices received here.

FEEL LIKE GIVING UP?

Many Ballinger People On the Verge of Collapse.

A bad back makes you miserable all the time—Lame—every morning; sore all day. It hurts to stoop—it hurts to straighten.

What with headache, dizzy spells, urinary weakness. No wonder people are discouraged.

Who do not know the kidneys may be the cause of it all. Give the weakened kidneys needed help.

Use a tested and proven kidney remedy. None endorsed like Doan's Pills.

Mrs. R. F. Smith, Ballinger, says: "Two attacks of fever left my kidneys very weak. I had such intense backaches that I could hardly get about at times the kidney secretions were scanty then again profuse. After using Doan's Kidney Pills a few days, the backache left and I was able to rest much better."

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

WILL HOLD W. O. W. PICNIC

Bert Fletcher, the Maverick gun man, was in Tuesday and requested us to announce that there would be a Woodman picnic at Maverick on Friday, July 23rd, and a cordial invitation is extended to every body to attend.

Maverick citizens are noted for their splendid picnic dinners and we feel sure this will be no exception to the rule.

NEGRO WITH GUN PLACED IN JAIL

Deputy Sheriff Kuhn, of Rowena, brought a negro by the name of Howell McKnight to Ballinger Sunday and locked him in jail and filed a charge of carrying concealed weapons against him.

The negro came to this county from Dalls county last fall. He had been at work here since and was enjoying prosperity and Saturday he tanked up on bootlegging liquor and with his automatic he began to put on a show at Rowena. Mr. Kuhn took charge of the negro and brought him to jail.

Monday morning the negro stated that he was ready to plead guilty and asked what the fine would be. When informed that it would cost him \$123.20 to get his liberty, he immediately addressed a letter to his father, who he says lives in Dallas, and from whom he expects to receive the cash to pay his fine. In case the negro fails to raise the money he will be given a job on the court house park, and at the regular rate for such services under contracts with the county it will only require 246 days for the negro to work out his fine.

HAVE HAD THE PROOF.

Could you do the Work and Command the pay if you took course with Us?

Here are a few extracts from letters of prominent business men who have had the proof as to the ability of our graduates:

"Having employed several of your graduates, I think your institution the best of its kind in this country."

"We have six of your graduates in the past few years; they were all good; send us another."

"There is such a scarcity of business colleges who fit their students for real business that we cannot refrain from writing and endorsing your college, since several of your students have proven competent in our office."

"I am always glad to recommend your Cotton Cladding Dept. It has been of great benefit to me and my employer is highly pleased with my work."

"As you all know, I have had a number of your students in my office. I take this opportunity of saying that every student that I have had from your schools shows superiority of training over students that I have had from other schools."

"I have given your graduates a thorough test, and have found them to be accurate and quick with their work. Thorough and practical training you give fits them for any kind of a position."

"We have had one of your graduates as stenographer in our legal department at a handsome salary giving entire satisfaction. The work is extremely difficult, requiring the greatest skill and accuracy, reads her notes like print. We wish to commend your school for turning out such excellent graduates."

"If all of your graduates are as proficient as the three young men we have in our office you are certainly doing a great work for not only the young people but the business men as well."

A large firm of cotton buyers of east Texas says:

"We predict much success for your Cotton Cladding Dept. It is thorough and up to date and is in charge of capable instructors."

"It is indeed a pleasure to use one of your stenotypewriting operators. He takes dictation so easily and when called upon to read back he does it with perfect ease because it was print and not crooked marks."

Write for catalog containing hundreds of indorsements together with name and address of business men who pay our graduates good salaries. With our modern systems, we can give you a better course of Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Cotton Grading, Business Administration and Finance, or Telegraphy in half the time, and at half the expense of any other school teaching other systems.

Address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

A. S. Gaston and son Ernest, of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Gaston says this city needs a place badly for the farmers to stop when they come to town to sell their products.



Eddie Collins Drinks



—considers it the premier, all-round wholesome thirst-quencher for athletes. This comes well from one of whom Comiskey said, after paying \$50,000 for him—"I secured him for the White Sox fans because I believe he will prove that he is the greatest exponent of quick thinking and the brainiest player in the game."



Demand the genuine and avoid disappointment

THE COCA-COLA CO. ATLANTA, GA.

EXAMINATION FOR HATCHEL POST OFFICE

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on the date named above an examination will be held at Ballinger, Texas, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Hatchel and other vacancies as they occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interest of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$249 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit, 21 years and over on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a State where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the post-office for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Hatchel or from the United States Civil Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington at least seven days before the date of the examination, otherwise it may be impracticable to examine the applicants.

EDWIN C. SCHUCHARD, Local Secretary.

Jeanes Produce Co., were compelled to seek larger quarters to take care of their rapidly growing business and they are anxious for all their old customers as well as new ones to call on them at the Ostertag Building, 9-w2t

LITTLE GIRL HURT AT PLAY

Little May Garlington, while playing with other children last night, ran into a hydrant, in the dark, and removed the skin in places from her leg. The child was taken home and the doctor took three stitches in the wound. Reports today state that May is some better.

J. M. Garlington has just finished threshing his oats on his farm near Benoit and on 150 acres made a little over 7,000 bushels, and sold for 36 cents per bushel.

Joe Oliver of the Hatchel country, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

COTTON MONEY IS PLENTIFUL NOW

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Preliminary reports on facilities in the South for handling the coming cotton crop have been received by W. P. Harding, of the federal reserve board from officials connected with the four southern banks in the federal reserve system. The reports deal only with warehouse facilities, which are said to be adequate.

Officials in Washington who do not wish to see conditions this year such as confronted the cotton producers last year, are anxiously watching for warehouse legislation in Georgia and Alabama. It was pointed out tonight that Texas, Louisiana and South Carolina had laws which make warehouse receipts paramount to liens against cotton on which loans are made and that bankers do not fear to lend money on the security of such receipts in those states. Georgia and Alabama have not so far enacted such laws.

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

NEW PHONE DIRECTORY COMPLETED

The Ballinger Printing Co., is delivering the new directories of the West Texas Telephone Co., today, and the new directories will be distributed at an early date. The new directory contains many new names and changes, and will be the means of saving the patrons of the local exchange the trouble of phoning the chief operator for numbers. Use your directory in calling for numbers.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST ORDERED PUBLISHED

The delinquent tax list for the year 1914 is in the hands of the printer and will be published in the Banner-Ledger at an early date. The list is perhaps the shortest one for several years. After the delinquents have been published suit will be filed against the delinquent property.

WHY YOU ARE NERVOUS

The nervous system is the alarm system of the human body. In perfect health we hardly realize that we have a network of nerves, but when health is ebbing, when strength is declining, the same nervous system gives the alarm in headaches, tiredness, dreamful sleep, irritability and unless corrected, leads straight to a breakdown. To correct nervousness, Scott's Emulsion is exactly what you should take; its rich nutrient gets into the blood and rich blood feeds the tiny nerve-cells while the whole system responds to its refreshing tonic force. It is free from alcohol.

SHIPPING BUILDING STONE TO ANGELO

Three car loads of building stone went out over the Santa Fe today with San Angelo as the destination. A large contract for building stone is being filled by Ballinger contractors and shipments are being made daily.

The stone billed out today will be used in building an addition to the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.'s plant at San Angelo, and judging from the quality of the stone being selected the building will be a good one, nothing but first class rock, all carefully selected, is being loaded on the cars.

Ballinger quarries are the best in the state for high class limestone rock, and the supply is sufficient to build many cities.

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

Col. J. R. Taylor of the Norton country, was in the city Monday and bought from Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co., a five passenger "6" Saxon auto and drove out home in the afternoon.

Ballinger W. O. W. Camp
No. 157
Meets every Friday night. Remember the date and attend if possible. Visitors cordially invited
J. F. Lusk, Clerk.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

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THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS

FORD WINS 200 MILE ENDURANCE RACE

Making almost forty miles an hour in a 200 mile endurance race at San Angelo yesterday (Thursday) a Ford car driven by R. B. Hayden won over all other entries. The Ford made the trip over the road between San Angelo and Sonora, a distance of 200 miles in 5 hours, 19 minutes, and 20 seconds.

R. L. Meek in a Buick came in almost one hour later, and Adolph Myers in a Car-Nation, scored third place. All the other cars were put out of commission from various troubles and dropped out.

A purse of \$250 was divided between the winners on a ratio of 60, 30 and 20. Seven cars entered the race, and only three finished. The road in places between Sonora and San Angelo is a rough one, and the cars in attempting to smash rough road records encountered much trouble.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hitchcock*

OATS NEAREST TOWN PANS OUT 69 1-2 BUSHELS

The oats on the patch nearest to Ballinger has just been threshed and turned out 69 1-2 bushels per acre. This was the field on the W. T. Routh place just across Elm creek, near the Missouri Milling Co., cultivated by L. H. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton also had in 23 acres of wheat and from this he realized a yield of 23 bushels to the acre. This land was in cotton last year, and is a fair sample of how the cotton acreage in this county has been reduced.

Notice to Farmers Union Stockholders and Directors.

You hereby notified to be present at the company place of business on July 23, 1915.
W. T. STOVALL, Pres.
9-2wt

Best Laxative For Children

When your baby is cross and fretful instead of the happy, laughable little dear you are accustomed to, in all probability the digestion has become deranged and the bowels need attention. Give it a mild laxative, dispel the irritability and bring back the happy content of babyhood.

The very best laxative for children is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, because it contains no opiate or narcotic drug, is pleasant tasting and acts gently, but surely, without gripping or other distress. Druggists sell Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at fifty and one dollar a bottle. For a free trial bottle write to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St. Monticello, Ills.

FIRE IN BOAT IS STARTED BY RATS

A fire in the Harwell Motor Co.'s garage was averted and what might have been a destructive blaze, nipped in the bud Thursday night by a party of young men who were out auto riding. The fire started in a rather peculiar way, but is charged to rats.

Diaz Wood, Delbert Vancil, K. V. Northington and Harry Lynn, were out auto riding and in passing the Harwell garage they happened to notice a fire blazing up in the building and rushing in the building they found a boat on fire. There were some matches left in the boat, and it is presumed that the rats ignited these and started the fire. The boat was pulled out of the building by the young men and the fire checked before doing any damage of consequence.

A man sleeps in the garage, but at the time of the fire he was in another part of the building and had not discovered the fire.

HATCHEL ANNUAL W. O. W. PICNIC

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.

RETURNS HOME

Rev. Father Goldbach returned to Ballinger Sunday from an extended visit to San Antonio, and will continue to make this city his home, having been assigned to this section in his church work.

He says Ballinger was among the few cities in this section that received favorable mention during their church deliberations, and Father Goldbach says he is highly pleased that his work will continue to be with the benevolent and hospitable citizens of Ballinger and West Texas.

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

Simple As Saying It; Never Fails

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



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

"GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere. 5c 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.

COMEDY OF MISHAPS ATTENDS HAM REVIVAL

(San Angelo Standard)

The Ham-Ramsey evangelistic campaign which has been in progress in Sweetwater for the past five weeks ended last night. Mr. Matthews arrived in San Angelo this morning and will visit friends here. The party reassembles at Temple, Texas, the last Sunday in August.

"A series of unusual incidents marked the Sweetwater meeting," said Mr. Matthews. "A man wrote to me and threatened to fill me full of buckshot if I continued to wobble while playing the piano. He said it was the most idiotic stunt he ever saw. Dr. Ham's voice disappeared for an entire day and he could only talk in whispers. One pastor's home burned down while the meeting was in progress. Evangelist Ham received an invitation to attend a dance in a neighboring city at 4 a. m., Fourth of July. Oscar Chitwood 'hit the trail' one night and then went home and prayed for the Lord to restore his wife's voice. She has been totally mute since last March. He got up from 17, knees and she spoke to him at once in her normal voice and testified at the tabernacle that night. One pastor had a fight with a Sweetwater citizen before the meeting and they were reconciled at the altar. One of the pastors disagreed with Dr. Ham about the method of conducting the revival, and following a spectacular speech at a morning service withdrew from the revival followed by his congregation. Up to that time, though within ten days of the close of the meeting, there had been only 64 converts. Afterwards there were over 500. At street meetings the Ham-Ramsey party occupied one corner, a socialist orator another and a medicine salesman another. A terrific hail storm so riddled the roof of the tabernacle that it was impossible to repair it. A heavy wind storm broke up one meeting in the middle of the sermon. In the midst of one 'after service' some one threw a rock through the plate glass window of a bank adjacent to the tabernacle and the report of robbers flashed through the audience. The best solo sung in the campaign was sung by a colored girl. Practically every railroad man running into Sweetwater was converted. Business houses closed for the morning service throughout the campaign. Eighty-five converts 'hit the trail' in a single night. One church received seventy-five members Sunday. Two men broke out of jail while the jailers were at the meeting."

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

ONE-FOURTH COTTON CROP GROWN IN TEXAS

Washington, July 10.—Texas produced in 1914 4,592,112 bales of cotton, or more than one-fourth of the entire yield of the United States, according to final figures compiled by the Department of Commerce. The 1914 crop amounted to 16,134,930 bales of 500 pounds each, the largest number produced in the history of the industry. Although cotton is grown in eighteen States the States of Texas, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Oklahoma and Oklahoma and Mississippi produced more than 1,000,000 bales each, and combined they produced four-fifths of the crop. Oklahoma produced 1,262,176 bales, or 7.8 per cent of the crop.

The banner cotton county in the United States is Ellis County, Texas, in which the ginnings of the 1914 crop amounted to 143,714 bales, approximately 75 per cent more than the entire crop of Missouri or Florida, about three times that of California and nearly six times that of Virginia. The area of Ellis county is 975 square miles and its population is about 55,000.

OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

Mrs. W. S. Fleming, who was taken quite ill yesterday evening, at her home on Ninth Street, was taken to the sanitarium this evening and operated on for appendicitis. Last reports as we go to press state that she is resting well.

CREASY PRACTICING HOME INDUSTRY

R. B. Creasy not only believes in home industry, but he puts it to practice what he believes in. Mr. Creasy recently placed an order with the Ballinger Printing Co. for 5,000 catalogues for the Creasy Rotary Filer Co. The catalogs were delivered this week and will be placed in the hands of the customers and prospective customers of this fast growing manufacturing plant.

The Creasy Rotary Filer Co. had its origin in Ballinger. Mr. Creasy invented and placed on the market a machine for filing gin saws that is revolutionizing this part of the gin and linter business. The machine is finding its way on the market at a wonderfully rapid rate, and wherever they have been tried they have been highly endorsed and the demand increases as fast as gin and linter men learn of the machine.

The catalog job just completed was a very particular one. The cuts used in illustrating the machine put out by the Creasy Company were the finest cuts ever handled in the Ballinger printing office, and the printing in two colors on heavy enamel half tone paper demanded the best skill in workmanship. Mr. Creasy realized this, but he was willing to trust home printers with the job, and consequently every dollar of the money, except for the amount spent for the paper will be spent in Ballinger. And the work is satisfactory to Mr. Creasy.

This is an example of home industry that others might follow profitably. Mr. Creasy received flattering offers for locations for his headquarters when he placed his machine on the market, and established his manufacturing plant, but he preferred home, and opened his plant here, and as far as possible he is practicing home industry in conducting his business.

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 skanky from the severity of the attack," writes H. W. Ireland, Louisville, Ky. Obtainable everywhere.

THE METHODS THAT BILL EMPLOYED.

Bill Turner was a farmer, he labored all his life. He didn't have no schoolin' and neither had his wife. But Bill was built for business and made the wheels go round, and left a healthy fortune when they put him under the ground. He was always taking chances, paid a hundred for a bull. His neighbors called him crazy, but he left a stable full of cows that broke the record, making butter by the ton, an' Bill had his picture printed in the Squeedunk Keewly Sun. He had new fangled notions of making farming pay. He even bought a fool machine to help him load his hay. The neighbors fairly snorted when they saw the 'bloomin' thing; said Bill would never make it work. It wasn't worth a ding. Bill didn't say a single word and didn't care a darn 'bout what they said, for slick as grease his hay went in the barn an hour before a thunder storm came sailing out that way and caught his neighbors in a pinch and spoiled their new mown hay. Bill's neighbors put their milk in cans, and set 'em in a tank. Bill skimmed his milk with a machine and turned it with a crank. Smith chops his firewood with an ax. Bill used some gasoline and saws a hundred cords a day with another blame machine. Today Bill's wife rides in a car and dresses up in silk. Smith's wife rides in a wagon and keeps on skimming milk.—Taylor County (Ky.) Enquirer.

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

WHEN YOU FEEL BAD

If you are bilious, languid, constipated, suffer from indigestion, sour belching, bloated feeling, bad breath, headache, wind in the bowels, dizziness, you need

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

The Great System Cleanser and Regulator.

A few doses will open and purify the bowels, tone up the stomach, stimulate the kidneys and liver and impart a feeling of strength and vigor. It transforms a tired, nervous, half-sick man or woman into one of bright, ruddy good health, energy and cheerfulness.

Get the Genuine with the letters "P" in Red on Front Label.

Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

1500 WITNESS CLOSE OF HOLINESS REVIVAL

The Holiness meeting came to a close Sunday night, after a two week's series of services that proved beneficial to the church. It is estimated that at least 1500 people were present at the closing service, the various churches of the city calling in the evening services.

Rev. Bost, pastor of the local Nazarene church, announced there were about forty conversions and the church was greatly strengthened by the revival, new members being added and the older member staking great interest in the welfare of the church.

An offering was made for the revival workers, Rev. and Mrs. Hudson, and a very satisfactory sum raised for them. The collection each night assisted greatly in taking care of the expenses of the meeting, paying for the building of the tabernacle, etc.

Rev. and Mrs. Hudson will begin a meeting at Trickham at an early date. Rev. Hudson returned home Monday for a few days, and Mrs. Hudson remained here until he returns, and they will go to Trickham.

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

A BIRTHDAY REUNION.

Mrs. W. A. Nance came in from Ballinger last week to be at the celebration of her mother's birthday dinner, Thursday, July 1. Her mother is Mrs. M. E. Butler, who resides with her son, Lee Butler in this city. She was 71 years of age. She has lived in Comanche county 42 years, mostly in the Board Church community, where she brought up all her children, and where they were all married, since which she broke up housekeeping and makes her home with Lee. She has four children, the others being Mrs. Hugh Rambo of Comanche, and Charlie Butler, living eight miles east of here. Her husband, John Butler, died 32 years ago and she carried the burden of rearing the children as a widow. She was born in Georgia, but her people came to Texas when she was a child, settling in Bastrop county. All of the children were present at the anniversary celebration, and we understand all the descendants were present, including 22 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

This editor fully knows what a joy Mrs. Butler experiences in having her children all present any kind of a family reunion. It is a joy this editor has little prospect of having during the remainder of his lifetime.—Comanche Vanguard.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

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

ZAPPE WILL HARVEST 7,000 BUSHELS OF SMALL GRAIN

Reports from the Zappe farm, six miles East of Ballinger, give the estimated total of 7,000 bushels of oats from between 250 and 300 acres sown. Some of the oats will yield as much as 43 bushels to the acre, but the average will range around 23 bushels. Mr. Zappe will probably hold his oats for a higher market. Last year he held his crop till December and realized 50 cents per bushel on 1500 bushels.

TRAVELS 100 MILES TO ATTEND PREACHING

(Sweetwater Reporter)

Mr. and Mrs. Walinge and Mr. and Mrs. Preston McKinley composed an auto party here yesterday from Miles, Runnels county, to attend the Ham-Ramsey revival services. They attended the big revival held at San Angelo, and told the party that they would make Sweetwater a visit during the meeting and were only keeping their promise. They left Miles about 3 o'clock Sunday morning and arrived here about 10 o'clock, coming via Ballinger and Winters. They left on their return trip at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. McKinley is engaged in the saddle and harness business, while Mr. Walinge is a Ford dealer there.

They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry while in the city.

FIRST LOAD SOUTH BALLINGER MELONS

The first two loads of home-grown melons to invade the local market were brought in Saturday morning by A. K. Zachery and J. H. Jones of South Ballinger. These melons are small, but are said to be of good quality, and are the forerunner of a heavy melon season.

South Ballinger rocky ford cantaloupes have been on the market for several days, and shipments are leaving this point daily. Quite a good trade has been created for these famous melons, and cities in the North and East make a leader of the Ballinger variety.

FIRST MELONS MARKETED

Bright and early Monday morning, wet with dew, cold and sweet, the first load of Bangs water-melons came to town. They were raised by W. H. Brooks on his fine Mukewater farm and were of good size considering their earliness, and were sold out promptly. The honor for the first load of cantaloupes belongs to G. Tesson, who brought in a load of his fine Rocky Fords as early as last Friday. But ere many days the patches all over the country will be full of the luscious fruit.—Bangs Enterprise.

BALLINGER STATE BANK HAS NEW OFFICER

At a directors meeting of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co., held this week, the resignation of Geo. M. Vaughn as vice-president of that financial institution was accepted, and N. J. Allen elected to succeed Mr. Vaughn.

Mr. Vaughn has severed his official relations with the bank in order that he might not be hampered in any way in conducting the business of his mill, the Missouri Milling Co.

The new vice-president is one of the pioneer citizens of this county, having come here in the early days, and is perhaps one of the best known stock and sheepmen in this section of the state.

Judge C. O. Harris remains on the board as a director and vice-president, and the bank is lined up to enjoy some of the prosperity that is sweeping this country.

At a semi-annual meeting of the Rowena bank board this week a five percent dividend was declared, and that institution proven to be on a firm basis.

TRESPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,
wtf
Concho county, Tex.

MARKETING WHEAT

G. W. Wilson and sons of the Pony creek country, were marketing wheat in Ballinger Monday and sold to the Missouri Milling Co., at 99 1-2c per bushel. They made 25 bushels of wheat to the acre, about 1500 bushels, and 70 bushels of oats to the acre about 1100 bushels. They will not sell their oats, but keep them for home use.

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

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

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The BLACK BOX

by E. Phillips Oppenheim

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 MacDougal, the murderer of Lord Ashleigh's daughter, he has but just begun a life-and-death struggle with a mysterious master criminal. In a hidden hut in Professor Ashleigh's garden he has seen an anthropoid ape skeleton and a living inhuman creature, half monkey, half man, destroyed by fire. In his rooms have appeared from nowhere black boxes containing sarcastic, threatening notes, signed by a pair of armless hands. Laura and Lenora, his assistants, suspect Craig, the professor's servant, of a double murder. The black boxes continue to appear in uncanny fashion. Craig is trapped by Quest, but escapes to England, where Quest, Lenora and the professor follow him. Lord Ashleigh is murdered by the Hands. Lenora is abducted in London and rescued. Craig is captured and escapes to Port Said.

TENTH INSTALLMENT

CHAPTER XXII.

THE SHIP OF HORROR.

Quest leaned a little forward and gazed down the line of steamer chairs. The professor, in a borrowed overcoat and cap, was reclining at full length, studying a book on seagulls which he had found in the library. Laura and Lenora were both dozing tranquilly. Mr. Harris of Scotland Yard was deep in a volume of detective stories.

"As a pleasure cruise," Quest remarked grimly, "this little excursion seems to be a complete success."

Laura opened her eyes at once. "Trying to get my goat again, eh?" she retorted. "I suppose that's what you're after. Going to tell me, I suppose, that it wasn't Craig I saw aboard this steamer?"

"We are all liable to make mistakes," Quest observed, "and I am inclined to believe that this is one of yours."

Laura's expression was a little dogged. "If he's too clever for you and Mr. Harris," she said, "I can't help that. I only know that he came on board. My eyes are the one thing in life I do believe."

"If you'll excuse me saying so, Miss Laura," Harris ventured, leaning deferentially towards her, "there isn't a passenger on board this ship, or a servant, or one of the crew, whom we haven't seen. We've been into every stateroom, and we've even searched the hold. We've been over the ship, backwards and forwards. The captain's own steward has been our guide, and we've conducted an extra search on our own account. Personally, I must say I have come to the same conclusion as Mr. Quest. At the present moment there is no such person as the man we are looking for on board this steamer."

"Then he either changed into another one," Laura declared obstinately, "or else he jumped overboard."

"Come on, Harris, you and I promised to report to the captain this morning. I don't suppose he'll be any too pleased with us. Let's get through with it."

The two men walked down the deck together. They found the captain alone in his room, with a chart spread out in front of him and a pair of compasses in his hand. He turned round and greeted them.

"Well?"

"No luck, sir," Quest announced. "Your steward has given us every assistance possible and we have searched the ship thoroughly. Unless he has found a hiding place unknown to your steward, and not apparent to us, the man is not on board."

The captain frowned slightly. "You are not suggesting that this is possible, I suppose?"

"Quest did not at once reply. He was thinking of Laura's obstinacy. Personally," he admitted, "I should not have believed it possible. The young lady of our party, however, who declares that she saw Craig board the steamer, is quite immovable."

"Brown," said the captain, turning to the steward, "I understand that you say that you have taken these gentlemen into every corner of the ship, that you have ransacked every possible hiding place, that you have given them every possible opportunity of search for themselves?"

"That is quite true, sir," the mar acknowledged.

"You agree with me that it is impossible for anyone to remain hidden in this ship?"

"Absolutely, sir."

"You hear, gentlemen?" the captain continued. "I really can do no more. What the mischief are you hanging about for, Brown?" he asked, turning to the steward, who was standing by with a carpet-sweeper in his hand.

"Room wants cleaning out badly, sir."

thought, when he was showing us round the ship," Quest agreed.

"Mem," Harris murmured, softly, "as the gentleman who wrote the volume of detective stories I am reading puts it, to keep our eye on Brown."

The captain, who was down to dinner unusually early, rose to welcome Quest's little party, and himself arranged the seats.

They settled down into the places arranged for them.

An elderly lady, dressed in somewhat oppressive black, with a big cameo brooch at her throat and a black satin bag in her hand, was being shown by the steward to a seat by Quest's side. She acknowledged the captain's greeting acidly.

"Good evening, captain," she said. "I understood from the second steward that the seat on your right hand would be reserved for me. I am Mrs. Foston Rowe."

The captain received the announcement calmly.

"Very pleased to have you at the table, madam," he replied. "As to the seating, I leave that entirely to the steward. I never interfere myself."

Laura pinched his arm, and Lenora glanced away to hide a smile. Mrs. Foston Rowe studied the menu disapprovingly.

"Hors d'oeuvres," she declared, "I never touch. No one knows how long they've been opened. Bouillon—I will have some bouillon, steward."

"In one moment, madam."

The professor came ambling along towards the table.

"I fear that I am a few moments late," he remarked, as he took the chair next to Mrs. Foston Rowe. I offer you my apologies, captain. I congratulate you upon your library. I have discovered a most interesting book upon the habits of seagulls. It kept me engrossed until the very last moment, and I am hungry."

"Well, you'll have to stay hungry a long time at this table then," Mrs. Foston Rowe snapped. "Seems to me that the service is going to be abominable."

The steward, who had just arrived, presented a cup of bouillon to Quest. The others had all been served. Quest stirred it thoughtfully.

"And as to the custom," Mrs. Foston Rowe continued, "of serving gentlemen before ladies, it is, I suppose, peculiar to this steamer."

Quest hastily laid down his spoon, raised the cup of bouillon and presented it with a little bow to his neighbor.

"Pray allow me, madam," he begged. "The steward was to blame."

Mrs. Foston Rowe did not hesitate for a moment. She broke up some toast in the bouillon and commenced to sip it.

The spoon suddenly went clattering from her fingers. She caught at the sides of the table, there was a strange

"A Message From the Hands! Look!"

look in her face. With scarcely a murmur she fell back in her seat. Quest leaned hurriedly forward.

There was a slight commotion. The doctor came hurrying up from the other side of the saloon. He bent over her and his face grew grave.

"What is it?" the captain demanded. The doctor glanced at him meaningfully.

"She had better be carried out," he whispered.

"Was it a faint?" Lenora asked. "We shall know directly," the captain replied. "Better keep your places. I think. Steward, serve the dinner as usual."

The man held out his hand to with draw the cup of bouillon, but Quest drew it towards him.

"Doctor," he said, "I happen to have my chemical chest with me, and some special testing tubes. If you'll allow me, I'd like to examine this cup of bouillon. You might come round, too, if you will."

The captain nodded. "I'd better stay here for a time," he decided. "I'll follow you presently."

The service of dinner was resumed. Laura, however, sent plate after plate away. The captain watched her anxiously.

"I can't help it," she explained. "I don't know whether you've had any talk with Mr. Quest, but we've been through some queer times lately. I guess this death business is getting on my nerves."

The captain was startled. "You don't for a moment connect Mrs. Foston Rowe's death with the criminal you are in search of?" he exclaimed.

Laura sat quite still for a moment. "The bouillon was offered first to Mr. Quest," she murmured.

The captain called his steward. "Where did you get the bouillon from you served—that last cup, especially?" he asked.

"From the pantry just as usual, sir," the man answered. "It was all served out from the same caldron."

"Any chance of anyone getting at it?"

"Quite impossible, sir."

In Quest's stateroom the doctor, the professor, Quest and Lenora were all gathered round two little tubes, which the criminologist was examining with an electric torch.

"No reaction at all," the latter muttered. "This isn't an ordinary poison, anyway."

The professor, who had been standing on one side, suddenly gave vent to a soft exclamation.

"Wait!" he whispered. "Wait! I have an idea."

He hurried off to his stateroom. The doctor was poring over a volume of tabulated poisons. Quest was still watching his tubes. Lenora sat upon the couch. Suddenly the professor reappeared. He was carrying a small notebook in his hand, his manner betrayed some excitement. He closed the door carefully behind him.

"I want you all," he begged, "to listen very carefully to me. You will discover the application of what I am going to read when I am finished. Now, if you please."

"This," he began, "is the diary of a tour made by Craig and myself in northern Egypt some fourteen years ago. Here is the first entry of import:

MONDAY—Twenty-nine miles southeast of Port Said. We have stayed for two days at a little Mongar village. I have today come to the definite conclusion that anthropoid apes were at one time denizens of this country.

TUESDAY—Both Craig and I have been a little uneasy today. These Mongars into whose encampment we have found our way, are one of the strangest and fiercest of the nomad tribes. They are descended, without a doubt, from the ancient Mongolians, who invaded this country some seven hundred years before Christ, but have preserved in a marvellous way their individuality as a race. They have the narrow eyes and the thick nose base of the pure Oriental; also much of his cunning. One of their special weaknesses seems to be the invention of the most hideous forms of torture, which they apply remorselessly to their enemies.

WEDNESDAY—This has been a wonderful day for us, chiefly owing to what I must place on record as an act of great bravery by Craig, my servant. Early this morning, a man-eating lion found his way into the encampment. The Mongars behaved like arant cowards. They fled right and left, leaving the chief's little daughter, Feerda, at the brute's mercy. Craig, who is by no means an adept in the use of firearms, chased the animal as he was making off with the child, and, more by good luck than anything else, managed to wound it mortally. He brought the child back to the encampment just as the chief and the warriors of the tribe returned from a hunting expedition. Our position here is now absolutely secure. We are treated like gods, and, appreciating my weakness for all matters of science, the chief has today explained to me many of the secret mysteries of the tribe. Amongst other things, he has shown me a wonderful secret poison, known only to this tribe, which they call Veedemzo. It brings almost instant death, and is exceedingly difficult to trace. The addition of sugar causes a curious condensation and resolves it almost to a white paste. The only antidote is a substance which they use here freely, and which is exactly equivalent to our camphor.

The professor closed his book. Quest promptly rang the bell.

"Some sugar," he ordered, turning to the steward.

They waited in absolute silence. The suggestion which the professor's disclosure had brought to them was stupefying, even Quest's fingers, as a moment or two later he rubbed two knobs of sugar together so that the contents should fall into the tubes of bouillon, shook. The result was magical. The bouillon turned to a strange shade of gray and began slowly to thicken.

"It is Mongar poison!" the professor cried, with breaking voice. They all looked at one another.

"Craig must be here amongst us," Quest muttered.

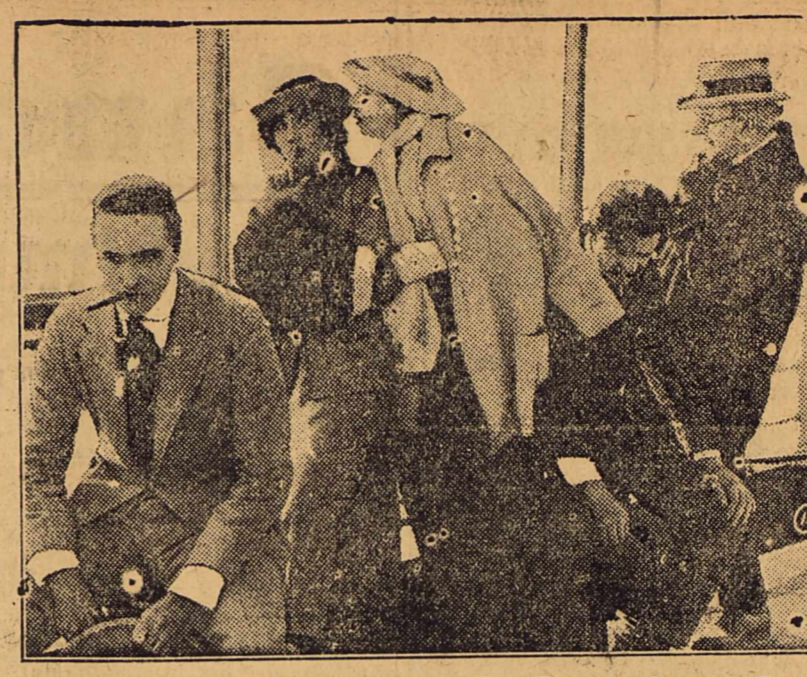
"And the bouillon," Laura cried, clasping Quest's arm, "the bouillon was meant for you?"

There seemed to be, somehow, among all of them, a curious indisposition to discuss this matter. Suddenly Lenora, who was sitting on the lounge underneath the porthole, put out her hand and picked up a card which was lying by his side. She glanced at it, at first, curiously. Then she shrieked.

"A message!" she cried. "A message from the Hands! Look!"

They crowded around her. In that same familiar handwriting was scrawled across the face of the card these few words:

To Sanford Quest: You have escaped this time by a



"As a Pleasure Cruise," Quest remarked, "This Excursion Seems to Be a Success."

chance of fortune, not because your wits are keen, not because of your own shrewdness; simply because Fate willed it. It will not be long.

Underneath was the drawing of the clenched hands.

"There is no longer any doubt," Lenora said calmly. "Craig is on board. He must have been on deck a few minutes ago. It was his hand which placed this card on the sort-hole."

Listen! What's that?"

There was a scream from the deck. They all recognized Laura's voice. Harris was out of the stateroom first, but they were all on deck within ten seconds. Laura was standing with one hand clasping the rail, her hand fiercely outstretched towards the lower part of the promenade deck. Through the darkness they heard the sound of angry voices.

"What is it, Laura?" Lenora cried. She swung round upon them.

"Craig!" she cried. "Craig! I saw his face as I sat in my chair there, talking to the captain. I saw a man's white face—nothing else. He must have been leaning over the rail. He heard me call out and he disappeared."

The captain came slowly out of the shadows, limping a little, and followed by his steward, who was murmuring profuse apologies.

"Did you find him?" Laura demanded eagerly.

"I did not," the captain replied, a little tersely. "I ran into Brown here and we both had a shake-up."

"But he was there—a second ago!" Laura cried out.

"I beg your pardon, miss," Brown ventured, "but the deck's closed at the end, as you can see, with sail-cloth, and I was leaning over the rail myself when you shrieked. There wasn't anyone else near me, and no one can possibly have passed round the deck, as you can see for yourself."

"Very well, then," she said, "you people had better get a strait-waistcoat ready for me. If I didn't see Craig there, I'm going off my head."

Quest had disappeared some seconds ago. He came thoughtfully back, a little later.

"Captain," he asked, "what shall you say if I tell you that I have proof that Craig is on board?"

The captain glanced at Laura and restrained himself.

"I should probably say a great many things which I should regret afterwards," he replied, grimly.

"Sit down and we'll tell you what has happened in my room," Quest continued.

He told the story, calmly and without remark. The captain held his head.

"The ship shall be searched," the captain declared, "once more. We'll look into every crack and every cupboard."

Lenora turned away with a little shiver. It was one of her rare moments of weakness.

"You won't find him! You won't find him!" she murmured. "And I am afraid!"

Lenora grasped the rails of the steamer and glanced downwards at the great barge full of Arab sailors and merchandise. In the near background were the docks of Port Said. It was their first glimpse of eastern atmosphere and color.

"I can't tell you how happy I am," she declared to Quest, "to think that this voyage is over. Every night I have gone to bed terrified."

He smiled grimly.

and hurried off across the docks. On the landing stage, mind!"

The captain came and put his head out of the door.

"Mr. Quest," he said, "can you spare me a moment? You can all come, if you like."

They moved up towards him. The captain closed the door of his cabin. He pointed to a carpet-sweeper which lay against the wall.

"Look at that," he invited.

They lifted the top. Inside were several sandwiches and a small can of tea.

"What on earth is this?" Quest demanded.

The captain, without a word, led them into his inner room. A huge lounge stood in one corner. He lifted the valance. Underneath were some crumbs.

"You see," he pointed out, "there's room here for a man to have hidden, especially if he could crawl out on deck at night. I couldn't make out why the dickens Brown was always sweeping out my room, and I took up this thing a little time ago and looked at it. This is what I found."

"Where's Brown?" Quest asked, quickly.

"I ran down for the chief steward," the captain continued, "and ordered Brown to be sent up at once. The chief steward came himself instead. It seems Brown went off without his wages, but with a huge parcel of bedding, on the first barge this morning, before anyone was about."

Quest groaned as he turned away.

"Captain," he declared, "I am ashamed. He has been here all the time and we've let him slip through our fingers. Girls," he went on briskly, turning towards Laura, who had just come up, "India's off. We'll catch this barge, if there's time. Our luggage can be put on shore when the boat docks."

The captain walked gloomily with them to the gangway.

"Professor," Quest asked, "how long would it take us to get to this Mongar village you spoke about?"

"Two or three days, if we can get camels," the other replied. "I see you agree with me, then, as to Craig's probable destination?"

Quest nodded.

"What sort of fellows are they, anyway?" he asked. "Will it be safe for us to push on alone?"

"With me," the professor assured him, "you will be safe anywhere. I speak a little of their language. They are far more civilized than some of the interior tribes."

They disembarked and were driven to the hotel, still discussing their project. The professor had disappeared for some time, but rejoined them later.

"It is all arranged," he announced. "I found a dragoman whom I knew. We shall have four of the best camels and a small escort ready to start tomorrow morning. Furthermore, I have news. An Englishman, whose description precisely tallies with Craig's, started off only an hour ago in the same direction. This time, at any rate, Craig cannot escape us."

They made their way back to the hotel, dined in a cool, bare room, and sauntered out again into the streets. The professor led the way to a little building, outside which a man was volubly inviting all to enter.

"You shall see one of the sights of Port Said," he promised. "This is a real Egyptian dancing girl."

A girl, who seemed to be dressed in little more than a winding veil, glided on to the stage, swaying and moving slowly to the rhythm of the monotonous music. She danced a measure which none of them except the professor had ever seen before, coming now and then so close that they could almost feel her hot breath, and Lenora felt somewhat vaguely disturbed by the glitter of her eyes.

Suddenly Laura leaned forward. "Look at the professor," she whispered.

They all turned their heads. A queer change seemed to have come into the professor's face. His teeth were gleaming between his parted lips, his head was thrust forward a little, his eyes were filled with a strange, hard light. He was a transformed being, unrecognizable, perturbing. Even while they watched, the girl floated close to where he sat and leaned towards him with a queer, mocking smile. His hand suddenly descended upon her foot. She laughed still more. There was a little exclamation from Lenora. The professor's whole frame quivered. He snatched the ankle from the girl's ankle and bent over it.

She leaned towards him, a torrent of words streaming from her lips. The professor answered her in her own language. She listened to him in amazement. The anger passed. She held out both her hands. The professor still argued. She shook her head. Finally he placed some gold in her palms. She patted him on the cheek, laughed into his eyes, pointed behind and resumed her dance. The ankle remained in the professor's hand.

"Say, we'll get out of this," Quest said. "The girls have had enough."

The professor made no objection. "Congratulate me," he said. "I have been a collector of Egyptian gold ornaments all my life. This is the one anklet I needed to complete my collection. It has the double mark of the Pharaohs. I recognized it at once. There are a thousand like it, you would think, in the bazaars there. In reality there may be, perhaps, a dozen more in all Egypt which are genuine."

They all looked at one another. Their relief had grown too poignant for words.

"Early start tomorrow," Quest reminded them.

Lenora, a few nights later, looked down from the star-strewn sky which seemed suddenly to have dropped so much nearer to them, to the shadows thrown across the desert by the dancing flames of their fire.

Laura rose to her feet.

"Say, I'm going to get a drink," she announced.

The dragoman who had been hovering around, bowed gravely and pointed towards the water bottles.

She took the horn cup from the dragoman.

"Have some yourself, if you want to, Hassan," she invited.

Hassan bowed gravely, filled a cup and drank it off. He stood for a moment perfectly still, as though something were coming over him which he failed to understand. Then his lips parted, his eyes for a moment seemed to shoot from out of his dusky skin. He threw up his arms and fell over on his side. Laura, who had only sipped her cup, threw it from her. She, too, reeled for a moment. The professor and Quest came running up, attracted by Lenora's shriek.

"They're poisoned!" she cried.

"The Veedemzo!" Quest shouted. "My God! Pull yourself together, Laura. Hold up for a minute."

He dashed back to their little encampment and reappeared almost immediately. He threw Laura's head back and forced some liquid down her throat.

"It's camphor!" he cried. "You'll be all right, Laura. Hold on to yourself."

He swung round to where the dragoman was lying, forced his mouth open, but it was too late—the man was dead. He returned to Laura. She stumbled to her feet. She was pale, and drops of perspiration were standing on her forehead. She was able to rise to her feet, however, without assistance.

"I am all right now," she declared.

Quest felt her pulse and her forehead. They moved back to the fire.

"We are within a dozen miles or so of the Mongar village," Quest said grimly. "Do you suppose that fellow could have been watching?"

They all talked together for a time in low voices. The professor was inclined to scout the theory of Craig having approached them.

"You must remember," he pointed out, "that the Mongars hate these fellows. It was part of my arrangement with Hassan that they should leave us when we got in sight of the Mongar encampment. It may have been meant for Hassan. The Mongars hate the dragoman who brings tourists in this direction at all."

They talked a little while longer and finally stole away to their tents to sleep. Outside, the camel drivers talked still, chattering away, walking now and then around Hassan's body in solemn procession. Finally, one of them who seemed to have taken the lead, broke into an impassioned stream of words. Soon they stole away—a long, ghostly procession—into the night.

"Those fellows seem to have left off their infernal chattering all of a sudden," Quest remarked, lazily, from inside the tent.

The professor made no answer. He was asleep.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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REV. TWYMAN DIED FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. H. G. Twyman died at the Christian Church parsonage at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The announcement that death had ended his suffering did not come as a surprise as it had been known for nearly two weeks that the young minister's life would soon pass out. It was a greater surprise that he lingered as long as he did, and it was thought for several days last week that he would die and death had been expected every day this week.

Arrangements have been perfected for the funeral and the remains will be shipped to Bonham Saturday afternoon, where deceased parents reside. His father and mother and Mrs. Twyman's

mother have been here for several days and will accompany the remains to Bonham tomorrow.

Rev. Twyman accepted the work of the local Christian church only a few months ago, coming here in the spring. He only appeared before his congregation a few times when his health gave way. He was popular among the people who had formed his acquaintance and his friends here mourn his death, and the sympathy of the entire citizenship goes out to his wife and other relatives.

GRANDMA JONES DEAD

Mrs. M. E. Jones, familiarly known as grandma Jones, died Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sargent, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. W. Best conducted the funeral services. She was 79 years of age at the time of her death and her only two children, Mrs. Sargent and John T. Russell were at her bedside at the time of death.

She was born in Perry county, Alabama, and moved with her family to Texas in 1870. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church, and died in triumph of a living faith.

The Ledger joins many friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad ones left to mourn her death.

INFANT DIES.

A little boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Shuhmann Friday night about eleven o'clock, but his stay with his parents' who loved him was only a short one as he was called away to join other little angels above, the following morning.

Rev. Schiek of San Angelo conducted funeral services Sunday evening. Remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery south of town. Mr. and Mrs. Schuhmann have the sympathy of their many friends.—Rowena Review.

W. H. GILL DIED AT HATCHEL MONDAY.

On last Monday at 11:45 a.m. Willie H. Gill quit the walks of man. He leaves behind to mourn his death his wife and baby, father, mother, four brothers and five sisters, and a host of friends.

Deceased was a member of the Baptist church, and a W. O. W. His body was laid to rest in the K. of P. cemetery at Winters. The Hatchel W. O. W. camp and the Winters camp conducting the ceremony. The pall bearers were S. H. Guinn, John Thompson, B. Haddick, E. D. Bowen, C. K. Williams. Rev. J. B. Davis preached the funeral.

A FRIEND.

TO THE LADIES OF RUNNELS COUNTY

The annual farmers short course will be held from July 26 to the 31st inclusive. Regular courses in agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, horticulture, agricultural education and domestic science will be given. In addition to these a series of lectures on poultry husbandry will be given.

I wish especially to call your attention to the domestic science of the program. The women on the farm have not been given a square deal and this course is offered for their special benefit.

The course in agricultural education is designed especially for rural teachers and teachers of agriculture.

Let me urge all teachers who can, take advantage of this opportunity. For your enlightenment I will say that we have many women there each year but not enough, it is everybody's right and privilege to go that wants to. The ladies have a large hall set aside for their exclusive use with bath and all conveniences with negro servants to look after your wants. One solid week of good and wholesome knowledge and pleasure combined. I can't say too much for it, try it, and be convinced. We have an exceeding low rate; one cent each way, or two cents one way. Board and lodging \$1.25 per day, incidental \$2.50; total from Ballinger \$16.35. I think with the glowing prospects that stand out before the people of Runnels county that there should be at least fifty people go from this county.

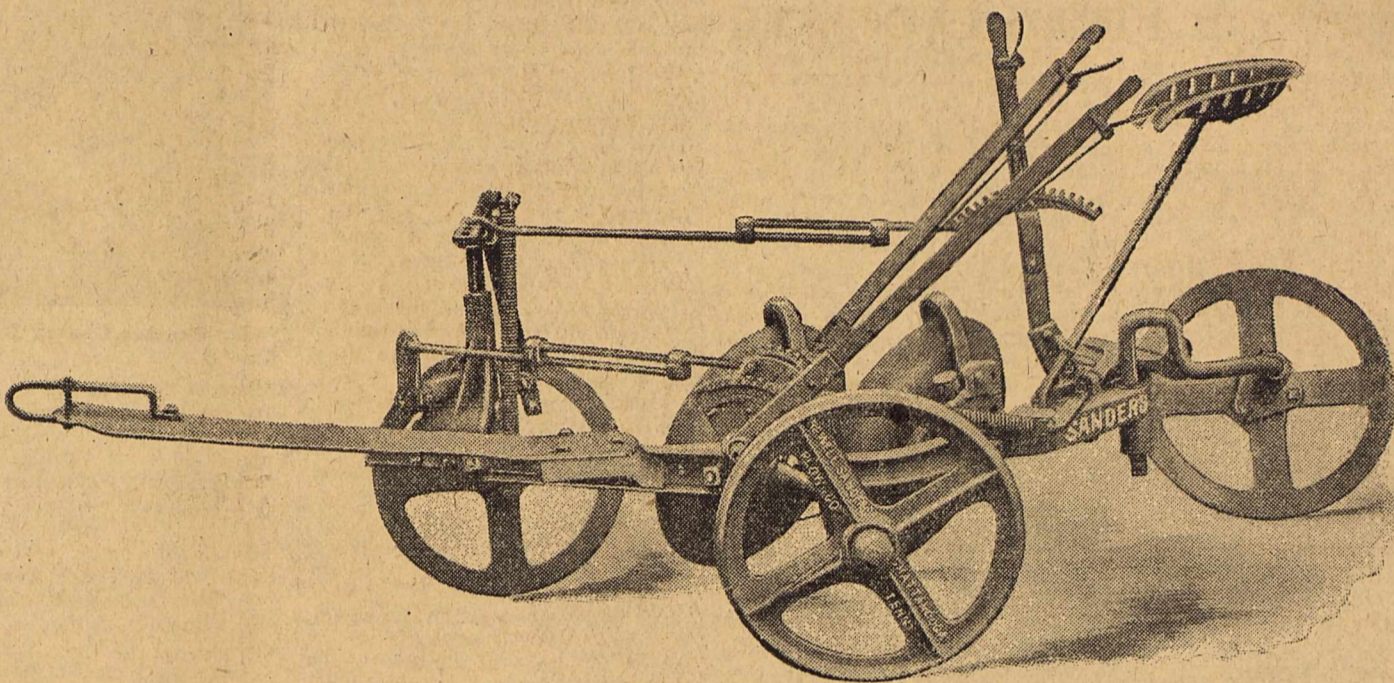
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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mr. Jim Hinde, of San Angelo, is visiting his brother L. P. Hinde. Mrs. R. L. Thompson and daughter, of Temple, visited Mr.

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STRAYED PONY—Fistulosed bay mare pony, no brand, got into my pasture, owner can get same by paying expenses. W. M. Lewis, Ballinger, route 3. 1twpd

and Mrs. J. W. Black this week.

Mrs. Smith and Miss Kellar, of Evant after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lilly returned home Sunday.

Mr. Burford Derriek and son, of Bronte, spent several days with Mr. W. E. Branch and family.

Prof. T. D. Mullins and wife, accompanied by Mr. Mullin's brother, of San Antonio, left Tuesday for Abilene, to visit their mother a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown spent Sunday in Winters visiting friends.

Miss Pearl Brown, of Goldthwaite, after a pleasant visit with her cousins, Miss Ada Brown has returned home.

Mrs. Krutz, who lives near the sand pit is reported very low.

A most delightful surprise party was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black Friday night.

W. E. Branch left Monday for Sweetwater.

ELBERTA PEACH.

TICK ELECTION MAY BE HELD IN RUNNELS

A move is on foot to hold a "clean-up campaign" on the farms and ranches of this county and eradicate the cattle tick. It is claimed that cattle free from ticks, those where the law has been complied with and the cattle dipped, are worth from \$3 to \$5 per head more on the open market than cattle subject to fever from ticks.

Tom Green county stockmen and farmers are dipping or spraying every cow, calf and yearling in the county. The stockmen of that county are very anxious that Runnels and other counties in this section join in the clean-up campaign and free the county from ticks and fever. M. B. Pulliam, a prominent stockman of San Angelo, it is reported, found twenty dead yearlings when he went to round-up and it is presumed that they died from fever.

There is a law governing this question and certain rules laid down by the Live Stock Sanitary

Board. Petitions have been drawn and will probably be presented to the commissioners' court asking for an election to determine whether the cattle of this county shall be required to undergo a dip or spray for tick eradication. The majority of the stock of this county are owned in small lots, and if the election is held it is probable that the question would be gloriously defeated unless the livestock owners familiarize themselves with the law. We understand that it will not cost the man who owns less than fifty head of cattle anything to spray his cattle, the government furnishing a man and a spray, and the cost on larger numbers is very small. We are not certain about this, but in case the election is called the full facts will be given to the public.

This move is one that interests the larger cattle men the greatest, and it is one that we must become more familiar with before declaring ourselves either for or against the measure. However, if it is true that cattle are worth from \$3 to \$5 per head more if free from ticks than those infested, it seems that the tick eradication is worth while.

SAN SABA COUNTY FAIR.

We are in receipt of the usual press courtesies of the San Saba County Fair, with an invitation to be present and enjoy the hospitality of the good people of San Saba on July 27-30. We regret to say that we will not be able to attend and realize we will miss a treat as the San Saba County Fair Association is offering the best program in the history of the association.

FORMER BALLINGER MUSICIAN MARRIED

Robert Stephenson returned Friday from Fort Worth, where he went to attend the marriage of W. P. Edwards, a former citizen of Ballinger, to Miss Dalva McCune, of Fort Worth. They were married at a Presbyterian church in that city Tuesday. Mr. Edwards formerly played for the White City.

HE STILL SELLS BOOTS TO OLD COW PUNCHERS

Wm. Doose, Sr., known as the "pioneer" bootmaker of West Texas, has a list of a score or more places in this state and foreign places that will keep him busy for many years to come. People who have once used boots sewed by Mr. Doose will refuse to order from any other cobbler, it has been stated by authority, and ranch owners and rodeo bosses send in orders to this unassuming little man every year to cover their entire range "families." Though the roster of those who do duty in the cow country is fast diminishing, and orders for shop-made boots decreasing in even greater proportions, the little "shop 'round the corner" is still busy.

Ben J. Perkins, of Putney, Arizona, has standing orders for his bunch of cow punchers and also includes himself. Will Asgood, of Alzada, Montana, a former citizen of this section, buys his fancy boots from the Doose shop. Tom McCrany, of Hachita, New Mexico, may buy his provisions in Phoenix, of that state, but he always buys boots from the little shop in Ballinger.

These boots can not be bought in a store, but when you come to ask where the best hand-sewed, shop-made variety is purchased, the almost unanimous verdict is "Doose's."

Some more of the cowmen who buy from a distance are:

Will S. Green, Dardanelle, Ark.; B. Leatherwood, Santa Rosa, N. M.; Gus Jones, Foraker, Okla.; Will J. Nichols, Naco, Ariz.; Claud Wood of the Dakotas; Raby Padgett, Moorcraft, Wyoming; and Addison Day of Medicine Hat, Canada. Many others in parts of Clifton, Arizona, and Junction Arizona, still buy from Mr. Doose.

As to cheapness, well, you can't expect to get quality with price, yet the Doose boot today sells for \$13.00 to \$18.00. You can buy a store boot that is made

in Boston for less, but you can't buy the lasting, heavy-stitched, fancy finished, narrow toe sore.

CAMP MEETING AT 17 MILE CROSSING

Rev. L. S. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church at Miles, has announced a big camp meeting to begin on next Sunday at the 17 mile crossing on the Concho river.

Everything is in readiness for the big meeting. The location is an ideal one, the large pecan and elm trees composing a park with a dense shade at all hours of the day. Plenty of seats have been provided and a large platform erected for the speakers and the choir. A good well nearby will furnish plenty of drinking water. There are ideal camp grounds close by, and arrangements have been perfected for cold drink and confectionery stands to supply refreshments. An ice wagon will deliver ice daily to the campers on the ground. A telephone will be installed on the grounds, and those who attend will be connected with the outside world by wire. The arrangements are perfect and complete and the attendance will no doubt be great. Many will attend the meeting from Ballinger, and some will go prepared to camp and spend several days.

Willoughby-Griffith.

Mr. O. H. Willoughby of this city, and Miss Lois Griffith of Robert Lee, were married Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. T. A. Griffith; Rev. T. L. Sorrels, of this city, performing the ceremony. Only a few of the relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby left shortly after the ceremony for Bronte, their future home.—Bronte Enterprise.

M. B. Wardlow of Concho, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.