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for the sustenance and comforts of life. Phone 37.

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

WHITE STAR LINER SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

By United Press
LONDON, Aug. 19.—The White Star Liner Arabic has been torpedoed and sunk off Fastnet, almost on same spot where the Lusitania was sunk. The Arabic carried a crew of 260 and 175 passengers, many of whom were lost before another steamer could go to the Arabic's rescue and pick the crew and passengers up.

COTTON MARKET BREAKS.

By United Press
New York, Aug. 19.—The news of the sinking of the Arabic and the loss of lives by German torpedoes off Fastnet, caused a heavy slump in the cotton market this morning. The Arabic had Aboard Americans, and it is believed that it was not carrying contraband of war.

STORM GETS STEAMERS NEAR NEW ORLEANS?

New Orleans, La., Aug. 19.—The steamers Marowine and Bluefields have been missing for four days. It is feared they have been destroyed by the gulf storm that swept this coast early part of the week.

NEWS FROM MEXICO NOT ENCOURAGING

By United Press
Washington, Aug. 19.—Notes from both Villa and Carranza, in reply to the Pan-American notes sent out first of the week, have been received by the department. Villa agrees to the peace proposals as laid down by the United States and the A. B. C. countries, while Carranza merely acknowledges the note.

Miss Annie Hallowell of Uvalde, who had been visiting her sister Mrs. Chris and family, left for her home Monday afternoon.

Miss Mable Ramsey of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday afternoon en route to Goldthwaite on a visit to relatives and friends.

INVESTIGAT- ING FRANK LYNCHING

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 18.—An investigation into the lynching of Leo Frank is underway, and it is probable the grand jury will be called to handle the investigation. Gov. Harris is being criticized for leaving the capital after Frank was kidnapped from the state prison.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Aug. 11.—There is considerable mystery surrounding the kidnapping from the jail here last night and the lynching of Leo M. Frank. Frank was serving a life sentence on the Georgia prison farm, and since being injured by an attack made on him by a fellow prisoner, he has been kept in the Milledgeville jail, one of the best and safest prisons in the state. The mob that taken him from the jail last night had planned their work well and the plans were carried out without a hitch.

Previous to the attack all wires leading to the jail had been cut. Frank was placed in an auto and the death car was followed by a half dozen other big cars containing about twenty-five men heavily masked.

Frank had recovered from the attack made on his life two months ago, and it was thought the sentiment so strong against him when the governor of Georgia commuted his death sentence to life imprisonment was dying out.

Frank's wife was making her home with friends at Milledgeville, and learning of the lynching of Frank the woman became prostrated and her life condition today is dangerous.

Frank's case was the most noted in the annals of Georgia. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence, supported by that of a negro accomplice, and his punishment fixed at death. The higher courts held good the finding of the trial court and it was not until Gov. Slaton extended leniency and commuted the sentence to life imprisonment was the jury's verdict thwarted. Frank was attacked while asleep on his bunk after being placed in the penitentiary and fellow prisoner with a butcher knife almost severed Frank's jugular, and for a time it was thought he would die.

The case has attracted attention all over the nation and many are free to express the opinion of Frank's innocence.

GERMANS CAPTURE

ANOTHER FORT.
BERLIN, Aug. 17.—The capture of the forts at Kovno with a small supply of ammunition and guns, was reported here today.

RUSS. CITIES FAILING TO GERMANS

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The Germans are still pushing the Russians in a retreat. The latest retreat is at Vilna where the Russians are falling back in the face of a stubborn advance by the Austro-German army. The Germans have captured Kovno, and it is reported that Novo Georgiewsk is about to fall.

ROME, Italy, Aug. 16.—Fearing an invasion the Balkan states are preparing to enter the war and will fight with the Allies against the Teutons. Threats of a drive on Servia by Austro-Germans are attracting the attention of Bulgaria, Roumania and Greece, and the Balkans believe such threats to mean an invasion of the Balkan states.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British transport Royal Edward was sunk by a German submarine in the Aegean sea yesterday. The transport was loaded with British soldiers and 1000 were lost when the ship was destroyed.

Estimated 200 Dead; Texas Loss 62 Million

By United Press
GALVESTON, Aug. 19, 1:57 p. m.—Reports received here from the various points in the wake of the storm places an estimate on the total number dead at 200, and property loss at sixty-two million dollars. Boats and families not yet accounted for may run the total dead to a greater number.

It is remarkable that only eight lives were lost in the city of Galveston, while nearby points suffered heavy death loss. People along the shore line headed the warning and made their way to the interior of the city before the storm reached its worst, and having day light in which to combat the fury of the waves and wind kept the death list down. Much credit is also given the seawall for saving the city.

Work has been started building a wooden trestle along the side of the great causeway, which is badly damaged and which will take one year to replace.

The city is under martial law and rescue work is well under way and work of removing the wreckage and clearing city will be pushed as rapidly as possible and every effort made to keep down pestilence.

Shipping interest has suffered great. Forty small boats anchored in the harbor, were destroyed during the storm, most of them sunk while some were blown to pieces and the wreckage carried high onto shore.

WASHINGTON RUSHING AID.
By United Press
Washington, Aug. 19.—The war department has arranged for giving Galveston flood sufferers relief and supplies of food, tents, etc., will be rushed to that city.

After being cut off from the world for three days and nights, except an occasional wireless flash caught by the wireless stations at San Antonio and New Orleans and Brownsville, the first direct news from Galveston was received at two o'clock today (Thursday), when the United Press secured direct wire from the storm swept city.

While the property loss is appalling, the loss of life in the city of Galveston is remarkably small, not more than twenty lives so far reported lost. The small loss of life is due to the fact that the storm came in the day time and the people had ample warning to flee into the interior of the city, and also to the fact that the sea wall broke the force of the waves.

At present there is great suffering in the city, due to the lack of fresh water for drinking purposes. The water mains supplying the city were torn asunder and the city is flooded with water, but people are suffering for pure water.

The water rose to a higher point than in 1900 when more than 8000 lives were lost, and the property damage is greater. People are amazed at the low death figures when they stop to consider the great property destruction. In the city of Galveston the property loss will total to fifteen million dollars.

teen million dollars, or more than one-third the value of the entire city.

All points along the gulf coast suffered heavy, and little coastal towns without protection were entirely swept away. The loss of life is greater in a number of small towns than in the city of Galveston. Refugees reaching Houston from Galveston state that wreckage is everywhere. The carcasses of dead animals and thousands of bales of cotton are floating on the water between Houston and Galveston. The causeway suffered and it will require more than a year to rebuild the broken parts. The seawall also suffered a break and a gap of about 1000 feet was left, and of this 25 feet is in front of the Galvez hotel.

HOUSTON, Aug. 18, 1:37 p. m.—The storm swept coast is cut off from the world, and no news has been received in this city from Galveston since eight o'clock last night when the railroad and interurban wires collapsed. Automobile rescue parties sent out from this city have not been heard from and it is feared they have been lost, and it is impossible to report on the extent of the damage at this time. The death list from nearby points grows and it is

The extent of the damage and the number of lives lost is a matter of guess work up to this hour, but there is every reason to believe that it will be appalling. Fifty are known dead at Texas City, many of whom are women and children.

Meager wireless reports from the Buford, a government trans-

(Continued on Last Page.)

Ballinger Auto Co.

Has put in a machine for removing carbon from your engine and it can be done in ten minutes.

Don't have your car torn down to have the carbon removed.

Come and see it work.

We will save you one half the up-keep of your car.

Try us for one month and see the difference in your account.

Dry Batteries 27 1-2c

Gasoline per gallon 11c

We cut the price on Ford tires. per set . \$40.00

Shock Absorbers from \$5.00 per set to . \$12.00

We will save you more than one half on your repairing bill.

Better see us—we will save you money.

GARAGE OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE LAWN

Day Phone 505 Night Phone 393

When Doctor's Bills Overwhelm.

"In time of health prepare for sickness" is modern way of "saving up for a rainy day." The healthier a man is the more money he can make, while sickness or ill health decreases his earning ability. The only thing to do then is to prepare for sickness by saving while you're well.

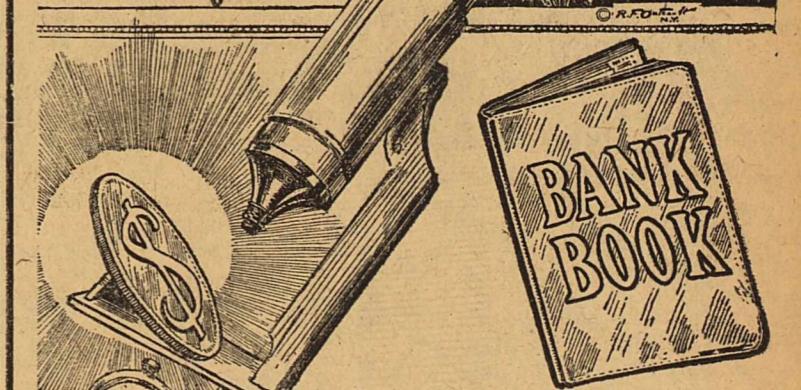
With money in the bank you can meet the doctor's bill. No use to make yourself sick again by slaving to pay off your debts. Save a little every week so when the week of illness comes you can meet it without dread. With us your money is safe—you can always get it—it's payable on demand. DO IT NOW—TO WAIT MAY MEAN TOO LATE.

...The...

Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

Every dollar that
the Careful Man
Banks in his youth
will increase a
hundred fold to
him in his
old age



Here's a fact: The money you spend now is many times that money, because it is cheating yourself out of the profit that money would earn for you some day.

In other words, you are throwing away the "foundation" on which you could build a fortune. You are casting away the seed which would become a tree if planted. Plant some money in our bank.

...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

Drawing the Interest

on your savings will prove a very pleasant experience. It is fine to receive the wages which your money has earned for you without any exertion on your part. Why not start that saving account now. The earlier you begin, the sooner your interest will amount to an income not to be despised.

Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
Ballinger, Texas



**Constipation a
Penalty of Age**

Nothing is so essential to health in advancing age as keeping the bowels open. It makes one feel younger and fresher and forestalls colds, piles, fevers, and other dependent ills.

Cathartics and purgatives are violent and drastic in action and should be avoided. A mild, effective laxative-tonic, recommended by physicians and thousands who have used it, is the combination of simple herbs with pepsin sold by druggists everywhere under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. The price is fifty cents and one dollar a bottle. For a free trial bottle write to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452, Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

**GOVERNMENT GIVES
TICK INFORMATION**

A few swims through the arsenical problem which is being discussed by stockmen of this section, may prove of benefit to them, has been received from the United States Government by the Ledger. An excerpt from the bulletin follows:

A few swims through the arsenical dipping both, and your animal is worth \$5 to \$10 more.

Provided your neighbors also dip their cattle. Your ticks keep your neighbor and your county back—their ticks hurt your cattle.

You can't do it alone, but you and your neighbors working together can do it, and enrich your county.

Five cents' worth of arsenic per head is all it costs after the vat is built. A vat cost only \$50 to \$100, and will dip all the cattle as often as needed. The only other costs are driving the cattle to the vat and handling them in the bath.

The United States Department of Agriculture will help you from the start, (1) by sending its experts to help you and your county organize to fight the tick. (2) by supplying plans for and supervising the construction of the vat, (3) by detailing a field expert to supervise the dipping.

The Department, however, can not pay the whole cost. The State should, and the county and its people must, help by doing their share. They will take all the profits, except the increased prosperity of any of its parts.

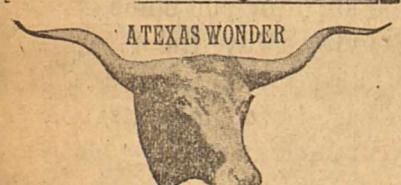
Get your neighbor interested and get him to help you interest his neighbor. Soon the county will be interested, and the next county, and the State will take a hand. That is the history of every state and county that has been freed from this money-wasting pest. But somebody has to start. Be a starter. Write today to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. for result-getting, profit-making advice on how to get rid of your ticks and how to start the dip-the-tick movement.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

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

SEEING THINGS AT ANGELO.

San Angelo—Two aeroplanes were seen last night north of here, for the second time in a week, and cause some excitement as nobody knows whence they came. This city is a hundred and fifty miles from the nearest border point.



THE Texas wonder is kidney and bladder trouble. Dissolves all diseases, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, send by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is sufficient treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonial from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

**"DIP THE TICK" IS
SLOGAN FOR CATTLE**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—"Dip the tick" is the slogan which the Department of Agriculture has adopted for a special campaign against the cattle tick in the South. Blazoned in big letters this legend will stand out in startling relief upon a two-color poster which the Department proposes to display in every post office in the tick-infested country. It is intended to make this catch phase as familiar and as effective in the South as the now famous slogan "Swat the fly."

This poster is one of several novel features which the Department is to employ to push its work for the eradication of the pest that costs the South \$50,000,000 a year. Various circulars and leaflets, profusely illustrated with half-tones, cartoons and diagrams, are being prepared to drive home to the farmer the damage the tick is doing and to preach the doctrine of the arsenical dip.

Commenting upon this new departure in the tick campaign Assistant Secretary Carl Vrooman says it is merely an endeavor to accomplish by a special effort what would take a long while to accomplish through the regular channels of Department publication:

"The cotton crisis and the high price of meat," he says, "have made it of vital importance that we push to the utmost our endeavors to foster diversification of crops in the South. Since diversification hangs on cattle and cattle upon tick eradication, we have been constrained to make this special effort to popularize the anti-tick campaign. We are going to post throughout the tick region a large two-color poster, or one sheet which will tell the people crisply and simply, and with plenty of pictures, just what the tick is doing, how it can get rid of him, and what will be the money advantage to the individual farmer and his neighborhood."

"We are going to drive home the fact that ticks take as much as 200 pounds of blood a year from a 1,000 pound steer, that in the case of a cow that ought to be giving 8 quarts of milk a day, ticks will cut the milk yield down as much as 3 to 3 quarts a day. We are going to drive home the fact that ticks reduce the home price of meat animals from 1 to one cent a pound, that they prevent the introduction of high-grade beef animals and of dairy strains that increase the milk and butter fat yield. The tick prevents bankers from lending money to promote the live-stock industry, keeps down the fertility and production of farms and makes the farmers pay \$50,000,000 a year to supply the tick with its never-ceasing barbecue of blood."

"The Department of Agriculture since 1906 has succeeded in clearing one-third of the tick-infested area of the South, a region as large as the German empire, from this pest and has helped the farmers in the cleared regions to inaugurate profitable stock raising and dairying. Two-thirds of the territory, however, still remains to be cleared of ticks, and while the work is progressing, it is not going ahead fast enough to enable the South to produce the increased meat which the Nation needs badly today."

It costs less than 50 cents a head to dip the cattle of a county and free that county from quarantine, and enable its cattle to compete with free cattle at the stock yards. But, before the ticks can be cleared from a county the people in that county, by themselves, or with the aid of the State, must build dipping vats which cost from \$50 to \$100 each, and must supply arsenic, which costs about 5 cents per head, to make the arsenical bath that kills the ticks. The people then must join in seeing that every steer or cow is dipped a sufficient number of times to kill all the ticks infesting the cattle, and prevent the seed ticks in the grass from finding a new boarding house. The Department will co-operate with a county that is ready to dip ticks by sending its expert field men to supervise the building of vats, to prepare the arsenical bath and to take charge of the dipping of cattle. The people of a county and State, however, must first realize the financial advantage to them of dipping their cattle, and must provide the small amount of money necessary for the actual dipping."

The Clerk Guaranteed It.

"A customer came into my store the other day and said to one of my clerks, 'have you anything that will cure diarrhoea?' and my clerk went and got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and said to him, 'if this does not cure you I will not charge you a cent for it.' So he took it home and came back in a day or two and said he was cured," writes J. H. Berry & Co., Salt Creek, Va. Obtainable everywhere.

Mrs. Joe A. Jones and two daughters, Misses Alene and Mildred of Sommerville, after a pleasant visit of several weeks to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin and friends, left for home Monday afternoon.

List of lands and lots delinquent on March 31st, 1914.

For the taxes of 1914 only, in Runnels County reported under the provisions of section 10, chapter 103, laws of 1897

STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Runnels,
I, W. T. Padgett Tax Collector of said Runnels County, do hereby certify that the within lands and town lots assessed on the Tax Rolls of said county for the year 1914, are delinquent for taxes of 1914 only, and that I am entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon.

(Seal)
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of April, 1915.
W. T. PADGETT, Tax Collector.
O. L. PARISH, County Clerk,
Runnels County.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

STATE OF TEXAS

County of Runnels.

We certify that we have examined the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the Tax Rolls of Runnels County, for the year 1914, which are delinquent for the taxes of 1914 only, and find the same correct and that W. T. Padgett, Tax Collector, is entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon, as follows, to-wit:

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT

We certify that we have examined the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the Tax Rolls of Runnels County, for the year 1914, which are delinquent for the taxes of 1914 only, and find the same correct and that W. T. Padgett, Tax Collector, is entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon, as follows, to-wit:

State Revenue Tax	\$223.74
State School Tax	356.86
Pension Tax	89.29
State Poll Tax	24.00
Total State Taxes	\$693.89
County Ad Valorem Tax	\$267.90
County Special Tax	392.93
County Poll Tax	4.00
District School Tax	166.01
Total County Taxes	\$830.84

Given in open court this 29th day of April, 1915.

(SEAL) M. KLEBERG, County Judge.

FEB. McWILLIAMS, W. D. MEADOWS,

O. L. PARISH, County Clerk. J. D. SMITH, County Commissioners.

Name of Owner	Abstract No.	Survey No.	LAND	No. Acres Delinquent	TOWN OR CITY LOTS	STATE TAXES				COUNTY TAXES											
						Original Grantee	City or Town	Lot	Outlot	Block	Revenut	School	Pension	Poll	Ad Valorem	Poll	No. District	School	District	Penalty	Total Taxes
Avent, J. K.	835	18	M. J. Parramore	80	Ballinger	3	Miller	.85	1.33	.37	.26	.25	.34	1.36	.39	7.08					
Behringer, Sam					Ballinger	4, 5, 6, 9	Pair'l w	.63	.100	.25	.19	.185	B	.10	4.11						
Bridwell, W. A.	195	492	M. Fitzpatrick	1/2	Ballinger	10	16	.04	.04	.37	.04	.30	W	.04	.83						
Burkhalter, M. E.					Ballinger	10 S. B.	2.23	3.56	.89	1.50	.82	6.59	25	B	.68	16.52					
Burrell, A. B.					Ballinger	6, 7	Orig	15.16	24.26	6.07	4.55	44.88	B		4.49	99.41					
Chastain, M. D.					Ballinger	18	Orig	2.10	3.36	.84	.63	6.22	M	.62	13.77						
Chastain, M. D.					Miles	W 1/2 of 1	Miller	.66	.96	.24	1.50	.33	1.78	25	B	.20	5.86				
Cooper, Mrs. E.																					
Critt, C. S.	121	420	Martin Demmer	9	Ballinger	5	Elm h'	.88	6.22	1.55	1.17	11.51	4	1.16	1.27	26.77					
Critt, C. S.	186	421	C. D. Fronim	3 6-100	Ballinger	3 to 6	Elm h'	3.89	2.00	1.05	.79	7.77	B	.01	7.17						
Dickinson, K. R.	357	366	Thos Largent	18	Ballinger	1 to 4	Elm h'	.04	1.50	.37	.28	2.78	B		.28	6.15					
Dickinson, K. R.	357	366	Thos Largent	42x140	Ballinger	E 1/2 of 37	Orig	.88	1.40	.35	.26	2.59	M		.26	5.74					
Dickinson, K. R.	1119	54 1-2	J. A. Davenport	160	Ballinger	20x210 ft of N	F. & P.	.38	1.00	.15	1.50	2.6	1.11	25	M	.14	4.39				
Dickinson, Mrs. C. F.					Ballinger	1, 2	Miller	.17	1.50	.50	.15	1.48	M		.15	3.28					
Dickinson, Mrs. C. F.					Miles	10 acres	44 S. B.	2.05	3.28	.02	.02	0.67	9	2.46	.85	10.15					
Dickinson, Mrs. C. F.					Miles	S. W. 1/2 of 4	Boyk 1	.03	.05	.08	.02	.02	15	M	.02	.34					
Dickinson, S. A. B.					Miles	6, 7, 8	Jacks'n	.04	.06												
Hamilton, S. A. B.					Miles	6, 7, 8	Guion	.99	1.44												
Hanz, Chas.	916	162	L. Rhomberg	160	Ballinger																

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solidated January 28, 1913.

Let's demonstrate.

Where is W. J. Bryan.

No man or set of men should rule to
ruin.

Where there is co-operation there is
peace and plenty.

The sting of Ingratitude is the worse
sting of all. Did you ever feel it?

Nobody objects to showers of pros-
perity, but some people are afraid of
rain.

It was a step backwards when the
commissioners' court cut out demon-
stration work in this county.

Will some one please tell us whether
the fall fair will also be cut out or not.
It's high time to start something.

Nursery agents report a good busi-
ness in Ballinger. We judge from this
that the people are going to beautify
their homes. Its good work, keep it up.

The socialist encamped here
deny the charge that they had any
thing to do with the rain coming
at this particular time.

San Angelo's oil well, or hole
in the ground, is down to a depth of
2250 feet. The driller says the
well must go deeper before finding
oil. How remarkable.

If Runnels County is not represent-
ed at the Dallas Fair with a good exhibit
this year, it will just be a good bet over-
looked. We have the goods that will
make this county easy winner.

The fellow who is kicking about
the county tax rate should move
to Tom Green, or some of the oth-

wasted in the county this year than it
will take to run the county next year.
We are too wasteful. Silos are great
feed savers and we have the natural
advantage for building them.

Uncle Sam should send detectives to Atlanta, Ga., or Milledge-
ville, and not rest until the bodies of the twenty-five men guilty of
the death of Leo Frank dangled from the same tree upon which
Frank was hung. No doubt some of the prison officials would attend the hanging, and might help to do the hanging—from the tree.
Guilty or not, the state of Georgia, or the nation should not tolerate such mob violence.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL PUNISHMENT.

The County Commissioners, in session this week, very wisely decided that county convicts shall work on the public roads until their fines are paid. For this work each convict is credited with fifty cents per day in payment of his fine. If allowed to lie out the fine in jail a credit of three dollars per day is given.

The county's roads are in bad conditions, and every bit of road work that can be done is badly needed. A force of half a dozen convict laborers, under wise direction, will be able to improve the condition of the roads. At the same time the county will be discouraging the class of crime which has kept the jail well filled during the past few months. A fine of thirty or fifty dollars does not punish the man or boy in jail—Well fed, comfortable and idle. But a fine of thirty or fifty dollars will be punishment to the man or boy who must labor sixty or a hundred days on the public roads.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The above appeared in Sunday's Bulletin. Tuesday's Bulletin carried a story telling of four out of seven prisoners paying fines amounting to near two hundred dollars since the road working order was passed by the court. It shows what a change was brought

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Hereafter this paper will not be mailed to your address for a longer time than for which you have paid. The label on your paper shows the date to which your subscription is paid, and in addition to this we will send you a notice when your time expires. If you do not renew, your name will be dropped from our mailing list. In order to give you time to renew without missing a copy of the paper, we may send you a copy or two after your subscription expires, but in no case will we send the paper on a credit. When you receive the paper hereafter you may rest assured that it is paid for.

We are sure the great majority of our readers will approve of this system. It will put an end to "duns" and prevent us from sending the paper to you when you don't want it and will not pay for it.

We appreciate every subscriber on our mailing list, and wish to thank all those who have been so prompt to renew since adopting this system on July 1st. We expect to keep the paper up to where we can feel proud of every issue that leaves our office, and will strive at all times to give you value received for your dollar.

BALLINGER PRINTING CO.

"One-half mile of dirt road was dragged.

"One culvert was constructed.
"A tile drain was placed back of curb on Crockett street south of Mulberry to care for seepage at this point.

"One hundred feet of sanitary sewer line east of Porter in the alley north of College street was raised to the proper grade on account of being too low.
"The roof of the city rest room was painted.

"The roof and woodwork of the dry closet disposal plant were painted.

"A reinspection was made of the premises on which privies were ordered discontinued at the time of the sanitary census. It was found that 146 owners had complied and that 68 had not yet complied.

"Twelve water leaks were repaired.
"Nine hundred and thirty-eight feet

volution-ravaged republic are in worse shape than they were three years, two years, one year, six months ago. We are once more facing the prospect of armed intervention to protect ourselves as well as to save the remaining Mexicans from themselves.

If the United States really desires to have the matter settled quickly and to the best interest of this country as well as Mexico, the Federal Government should let the State of Texas handle it. The Texans proved their ability in the days of long ago when they fought their way to independence from Mexican rule, and every time the United States has had trouble with the Mexicans, the sturdy descendants of the border heroes have been eager to do the work. It was only a short time ago that Texas became so aroused over the continued raids upon her territory by bands of "greaser" bandits and cutthroats that she determined to take matters into her own hands, and would have done so had not a Government official been hurriedly sent from Washington to argue against action.

The Mexicans do not fear the United States, but they have a wholesome respect for Texas. It is a common expression down on the other side of the Rio Grande that "Mexico could lick the United States if it wasn't for Texas." Representation of such outrages as have been committed lately by Mexicans in Texas may make the Lone Star State for get that it is handicapped by the U. S. Government. The Texas Rangers, as I knew them in the old days, would make mighty short work of the Mexican trouble if they were only turned loose. There are few Rangers now, but the men who live on the border know how to deal with Mexicans and would waste no time with talk.—*Chicago Saturday Blade*

The world must not get the idea that TEXAS does not stand for law and order. Texas perhaps knows the ways of the Mexicans better than our Uncle Sam and realizes that it takes a firm hand to control the situation at times. The homes of people living in Texas must be protected, be they Mexicans homes or homes of white men, against bandits and raiders, be they Mexican bandits or bandits of some other tribe. It is not the lawless spirit that causes the cowboys and the rangers to adopt a tried and true kind of "moral suasion" in deal-

ing with "greasers," but its the love for law and order and home that makes the job a "before breakfast one."

Yes, if it is necessary let TEXAS DO IT.

ey to throw at the birds is because they don't never throw any at the birds."—*West Times*.

It's habit to save and its a habit to spend your money foolishly. All people are not victims of the same habit and the spending habit makes it easy for the fellow with the saving habit to stick to his habit.

A German cartoonist thinks Woodrow Wilson will have to sink William J. Bryan with a well-directed shot before he can hope to be re-elected president. Just now it appears to even a casual observer that Mr. Bryan has already been sunk.—*El Paso Times*.

Mr. Wilson is building a submarine, designed especially for the job, and if Mr. Bryan enters the war zone the German act will follow

By buying all of our goods in one town, we create a better business for our town. In creating a better business for our town we are putting the business men in a position to make our town a better market. By making our town a better market, we meet with the approval of the farmers and other producers. The result is a good town, a good market, progress and prosperity. They are what Home Industry leads to.—*Brenham Banner-Press*.

Home trade makes for prosperity, there is no denying of that fact, but some people are so jealous they can't stand to see their neighbor prosperous, and will send their money for the things they must have to the mail order house and help to make the mail order man rich, and thereby keep the home merchant bankrupt and unable to help build up the home market and make it what it should be.

FABLE OF THE TWO DOLLARS.

(From Kellogg's Square Dealer.) Once upon a time there were two little dollars that started out in life together at the little stone bank in Apple Center.

One was round and hard and shiny, and the other was square and soft and wrinkly.

Their first trip outside the lit-

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after about a year they came together again at the bank.

"My, how old you look," was the hard little dollar's first words.

"I've been in Chicago, leading too fast a life," was the soft little dollar's reply.

"How on earth did you get to Chicago?" asked the hard little dollar again.

"Mrs. Hartigan sent me to a mail order house after an order of groceries," was the answer, "and such a time as I had. I haven't seen a farmer for an age. And I thought I never would get back."

"They seldom do," remarked the hard little dollar.

"Are things as busy as they used to be?" asked the soft little dollar.

"Not since so many of you went away to the mail order houses in Chicago," answered the round one. "The Jones boys have closed their grocery and Wilson's are running a general store now. The farmers are complaining about hard times and high prices. Two or three of them have moved away."

"How about Mrs. Hartigan, the lady that sent me to Chicago?"

"Well I haven't seen her for a long time. We all stopped calling on her after her husband lost his job. Then they began to buy goods at home on credit and finally they moved away."

The two little dollars lived to a good old age, although the hard

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er neighboring counties, where the county rate is fifty cents. Our rate is only 37 cents.

Those opposing the farm demonstration in this county say the money would do more good invested in roads. Every move to build roads has been swatted with a death blow. What's the use?

Billy Sunday coming to Dallas will bring thousands of visitors to that city and of course a few dollars will go with each visitor. We trust the dollar is not the object of greatest importance to the Dallas committee that went after Sunday.

We haven't any desire to live closer to Galveston. We can hear the music of the waves now, and the maidens are not luring to a dry land. Elm creek affords ample water supply for the present.

Runnels County is the garden spot of the state. Great grain crops this year opened the season for swelling bank accounts, and this is being followed with a fine fruit crop, with a bumper maize, feterita and cotton crop rapidly ripening. Poultry and pork plentiful also.

Tourists are quick to kick at bad roads. If every auto owner contributed a special road tax for building roads, there would be better roads and less kicking. More and more we see the need of some way to raise money for building roads. What are we going to do when everybody rides in autos?

We have been reading of famine and hunger in Mexico, and now comes a news dispatch from Matamoros saying: "For 16 cents, American money, a dinner can be brought in Matamoros consisting of small porter house stake, one pork chop, potatoes, beans, coffee, bread, cake and a half quail." But then we must not forget that Matamoros is close to Texas.

The people of this county have the natural advantages with which to provide against the effects of short crops and droughts. There will be more feed

about in so short a time as a few days. The average convict wants no better thing than to stay in jail at the rate of three dollars per day and his board, and will do this every time in preference to digging up the cash and paying the fine. He will claim that he has no money and take the pauper's oath, when if he had to work on the road or some other public works at the rate of fifty cents per day there would be a different story to tell. Its the secret of successful punishment in the Brownwood way, and its a way the Ledger has long been advocating for Runnels County. The rule should be adopted here forthwith and immediately, and the county relieved of the burden of feeding negroes and trifling white men and getting nothing in return. Such a rule would stop the credit system followed by some peace officers. Some officers allow convicts to go free and without bond, permitting them to pay their fines when it suits them, or on the installment plan. That's not business and it is mighty poor punishment. No county should allow its officers to conduct a credit business in dealing with its convicts.

A WHOLESOME EXPERIMENT.

Many declare that the city manager plan of municipal government is nothing but an experiment; that after it has been tried it has succeeded, because it gives the people a business administration of public affairs, with all the strings in their possession. They are enabled to check the work of their public servants, and to place their finger on the man whose work does not meet the public's demands.

Sherman, Texas has a city manager, whose name is Karl M. Mitchell. He is making good, and Sherman people are pleased with him. One of the reasons is that Mitchell keeps the people of Sherman informed as to what he is doing. Witness the following report for work accomplished during the week ending July 31:

"During the week ending July 31 work was completed as follows:

"Nine miles of street was cleaned.

of 6-inch main in Lauman street was lowered and recalked.

"C. T. Freeman was appointed city attorney, effective Aug. 1, 1915.

"Fifty complaints received at the city manager's office were disposed of.

"Karl M. MITCHELL,

"City Manager," Suppose, for instance, that those fifty complaints had been made in Brownwood instead of in Sherman. A week from now they would be presented in open council meeting. So much time would be required for individual discussion that not more than half a dozen would each be referred to a council committee. In the course of two or four weeks the committee would report, after making a cursory investigation. The remaining forty-four complaints would receive attention in the course of a month or two. And—be sure to get this—Brownwood has an exceptionally fine city council, and the affairs of the city are handled as well or better than in any other city in the state which has an aldermanic form of government.—Brownwood Bulletin.

We profit by experiment. We don't know of a single town that has tried this experiment that has discarded the city management plan and declared it failure. On the other hand every town that has adopted it endorses it.

The human race is given too much to prejudice. The average man forms an opinion without investigating and becomes "set" in his ways and allows himself to be controlled by prejudice. Selfish and prejudiced motives kill the usefulness of the best of men.

LET TEXAS DO IT.

A number of years ago there was an interesting old Texas character, Judge Bean by name, who held court about 70 miles southwest of San Antonio. Before him one day was brought a white man, charged with having shot a Mexican. Upon hearing the evidence, however, His Honor learned there had been two Mexicans in the affray, one of whom had escaped unharmed. "You are fined ten dollars," he severely informed the white man, "for not getting both of them."

Judge Bean represented Texas sentiment in those days, and so far as I know the sentiment has not changed.

Possibility of the United States becoming involved in the present European war is becoming more remote every day. The most serious matter which may require armed action is the Mexican situation, which today is again on the carpet.

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ing with "greasers," but its the love for law and order and home that makes the job a "before breakfast one."

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JUST FOR ARGUMENT SAKE

We are waiting to hear Britain's bid for the entire cotton crop of the South. So are the exporters—who are said to have made so much money out of last year's crop; and who, being human, "even as you and I" cannot in fairness be blamed even a little bit if they hope to do the same thing this year. But if the grower is able or has the nerve to hold on a while this season he, too, may hope to make some money.—*Waco Tribune*.

It does not take much persuasion to get the farmers to hold their cotton, but too often such advise brings destruction. There is going to be much speculation on the strength of the cotton shortage and the blockade, and this alone makes it a good opportunity for the speculators to make a big haul by knocking the market when the farmers are well stocked on cotton. The best time to sell cotton is when you have the cotton and need the money. If you don't need the money there is little to be lost in holding your cotton.

What is your boy doing this summer vacation? inquires the Minneapolis Journal. Has he something to do each day these three months as definite and educational as he had during the preceding nine school months? (It not, why not?) Does he need three months of undirected, aimless rest? If he is a healthy boy, he does not. Indeed, such a vacation may be demoralizing.—*Waco Morning News*.

Some boys' vacation are like some men's vacation. Some are benefited and some are injured. In fact the way in which a boy spends his vacation is a pretty good index as to the kind of a man the boy will make.

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gle bank was when they were crowded close together in Farmer Watkins' big wallet after he had cashed his check for a load of wheat. Thus the two little dollars became quite chummy, and they hoped they would not be separated for a long time.

As luck would have it, they were not. The first thing they knew they were plunked together into the cash drawer at Wilson's Dry Goods Store.

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Successful Farmer Says Court Should Reconsider

Sunflower Farm, Aug. 16, 1915.
Editor of the Banner-Ledger.

My Dear Sir:—I was surprised to learn that our commissioners have discontinued the services of our County Demonstrator, Mr. McLellan. I regard it as a calamity to the Runnels County farmers. He has done everything to arouse the farming people to the importance of the conservation of soil moisture by thorough cultivation, contouring and terracing, which is the paramount need of the farmers of Runnels County. Mr. McLellan is also the promoter of the baby beef, pig, feterita, and corn clubs. He is an efficiently active member of the Young Men's Business League which has been of very great benefit to the farmers. Had it

not been for the League our cotton would have rotted on the stalk last fall for lack of pickers and would have been plowed under this spring.

I am aware of the fact that we have a number of farmers always ready to put their programs down on anything that smacks of book farming. The only way out of the difficulty is by education which, though slow, can be done by precept and example. Mr. McLellan was doing this and if we discontinue his services, who is to carry the good work on?

If Mr. McLellan leaves us, the good work will stop and I think it would be a wise thing for our commissioners to reconsider this important matter and employ him for another year.

Very truly yours,

L. B. JAMES.

Private Subscription May Keep Demonstrator on Job

There is a general protest against the suspension of farm demonstration work in this county, and strange as it may seem, men who are not farmers and who are not directly interested in the success of the farmers, are volunteering to contribute to a fund to make up the appropriation heretofore made by the county, and which the commissioners' court have failed to make for another year. The action of the court is being criticized by both business men and farmers, and it is probable that a move will be started before this is in print and money subscribed to keep the work going in this county.

J. J. Pope, a successful farmer, and one who has profited by scientific farming, registered a kick when he learned of the court's action and very promptly volunteered to help pay what the court had declined to provide for.

Chas. Ferguson said that from a standpoint of hog and poultry gain alone in this county McLellan had been worth much to this county, and it was a long step backwards to throw away what we had gained by the demonstrator's two years work in the county, most of which time was necessary to organize his work and get the people started.

Four men from the office of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., H. W. Lynn, R. B. Creasy, W. H. Schleyer and Chester Cherry, none of them farmers, phoned the Ledger early Monday morning, and wanted to know if it was not possible to get the court to reconsider the matter, and stated that they would contribute \$1.00 per month each, or \$48 per year for the four, if you please, towards keeping the work going in this county. Quite a number of business firms in Ballinger have volunteered and stand ready to contribute to such a fund, and there is little doubt but what the money can be raised, and that in short order, to car-

ry on the demonstration work. We learn that the commissioners court a Corpus Christi several years ago did the same thing that the Runnels County court has done, and Joe Hirsch, a banker, who is well known all over the state, stepped in and guaranteed the money to keep the work going, and the farmers and business men of that county made it up in short order and the work was continued and today the commissioners consider it one of the most important features of the county work. The court went wrong and cut it out before the plan had been thoroughly organized and tested out, and before the people learned the benefit of the work.

We are living in an agricultural country and there is no question but what the government is doing a great work in educating the people in better farming and in diversification. The question is no longer a debatable one. It's a one sided question, and it is just as important that the farmers organize and plan in carrying on their work as it is for the business men to maintain a commercial organization, such as the Business League, and keep a man on the job.

Great good has been accomplished in this county during the two years, but the work is in its infancy, and what has been done will be wasted unless the work can be kept up.

The United States government realizing the importance of this work are making a greater appropriation for Runnels county than for any county in Texas. \$600 from the government is the limit and we have been getting the limit. The government, we understand, will meet a private subscription with the appropriation just the same as they did the county appropriation, and it is probable the private subscription will be forth coming, and a serious set back in the county prevented.

Killed the Demonstrator But Wants Demonstration

How about the county fair now, how about it? Going to have it, or going to just talk about having it?

"Ess have it, boys. We can pull off a stunt that will make prospectors jump out of their seats. The north end of the county can take the rag off the brush. We can put some products on exhibition that will even make our own people laugh in their sleeves."

Did you ever see such maize heads, now did you?

I jings, it beats a goose a gobbling. Did you in all your born days see such Kafir heads? Well sir, upon my word, the world and all of its islands can't beat it. Watermelons did you say?

Well, bless your soul, honey, we can't do the Runnels County melon justice with our tame vocabulary. It's the truth.

Uncle takes the liberty of his nieces and nephews to throw down the gauntlet to the world. Runnels County pulls down the palm and wears the belts I have heard that some county was trying to ship as much small grain as Runnels but the record will show for itself. I see the photo of a maize head in the Dallas News that measures seven inches in length. Runnels County has them ten inches long by the wagon load.

I cut a piece of sorghum this morning that averaged all over 931 big machine-bound bundles to the acre, by Jinks. My statements need no proof but one of these bundles seven feet long weighs 30 pounds. How much is that per acre in tons? Next.

Come here and see some maize that never had a plow stuck in it from the time it was planted in the third furrow when the land was broken.

Come on fool. We can show you. We are ready to deliver the goods and set pessimists to creaming. There is nothing left for the skeptic to do but go screeching up a tree. Knocks have

that sheep-faced look of a face with a can at his tail.

Put away your tear jug together with your skull and cross bones.

Runnels is diked out in her glad rags and is just itching to prance out and parade in front of the grand stand.

Let's have a fair and invite guests and put some good "tasty victuals" in their jaws.

And then let us widen our zone and place Runnels' best foot foremost at the State Fair this fall.

I renew my proposition to go with the exhibit free of charge and pay my own fare. Will anybody underbid me.

"UNCLE JOHNNY."

Uncle Johnny, you are correct, we've got the goods and could put up the best show ever made in any county fair, and the north end of the county could no doubt "take the rags off the bush."

Then we could go to the State Fair with our show and take some more rags off the bush, and Ballinger would gladly put up the wherewithal to defray the expenses of the State Fair exhibit, but we have been crippled in our work.

The north end of the county took the rags off the bush when through their commissioners they placed the rollers under the demonstration work in this county.

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and see the many good things we had. McLellan was one of the main-springs in the county fair work. He was on the job and enthusiastic for Runnels county's success, and a successful fair would have been a great boost for every interest in Runnels county and especially for the agricultural interest. Editor.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

It is deplorable fact that our commissioners' court have seen fit to throttle the rapid pace that was being made to prosperity in this county. My sympathy, is with the boys and girls in the club-work, the great possibilities of these children cannot be measured by a few careless words, it goes far beyond our imagination. I am very sorry that such is the case. But children stay with your pigs, calves, and crops it is all yours, and will bring you some money and that is what the boy and girl likes just like grown people. Now I wish to make a mild request of you who reads this article if you think the demonstration has benefited you or your county, will you kindly write me a postal or letter telling me so. It will be highly appreciated.

GEO. P. MCLELLAND.

A BIT OF ADVICE.

First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment.

If you suffer from backache, headaches or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.

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The recent visit of Wilton Poteet, A. & M. Extension Department man, seemed to have created a favorable impression on that gentleman for Runnels County. Mr. Poteet, in company with Geo. P. McLellan and a Ledger representative made a trip over the Olton section and stopped at Rowena; later the party visited the Winters country and interviewed the farmers of that part of the county.

Mr. Poteet has visited over forty counties in the state of Texas, many of whom are without a farm demonstration agent, and he stated boldly that "Runnels County does more business than any county I have traveled over in Texas." The A. and M. College investigator is an old newspaper man, having been in the profession for over thirty years, working on San Antonio Express, Fort Worth Record, and other large dailies, and is in a position to get facts. Mr. Poteet thinks the demonstration work has advanced Runnels County into the very front ranks of progressive counties, but said when he was here last week, that this work had only begun and that he hoped to see it finished. At that time it was thought impossible to eliminate the agricultural agent in this county.

Despondency Due to Indigestion.

"About three months ago when I was suffering from indigestion which caused headache and dizzy spells and made me feel tired and despondent, I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. Geo. Hon, Macedon, N. Y. "This medicine proved to be the very thing I needed, as one day's treatment relieved me greatly. I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they rid me of this trouble." Obtainable everywhere.

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Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee.

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

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

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

COMMISSIONERS COURT CUTS OUT U. S. FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK

The farm demonstration work under last year. Through Mr. McLellan's efforts the people have been induced to adopt a better marketing system for their eggs, and the first large shipment of infertile eggs to leave the county were recently shipped out and brought five cents per dozen more than the common egg.

It was through the efforts of Mr. McLellan that the first agricultural and live stock exhibit was made possible. He brought together the fruits of his work, and demonstrated with the goods what had been accomplished. He had the work well in hand for holding of the second fair, and assisted by the business men of Ballinger and the citizens of the county, an exhibit would have been made that would have attracted much attention, and it was the purpose of the Business League to send this exhibit to the State Fair where it would have been worth as an advertisement for the county more than the demonstrator's salary for the year amounted to.

To discontinue the work at this time falls as a heavy loss to the county, and that too without saving one cent for the tax payers. Both Tom Green and Coleman County are anxious for a demonstrator, and it is probable that the department of the United States government under which Mr. McLellan is working will be transferred to one of these counties.

Mr. McLellan has not lost his job, as the government has other places they can use him, but Runnels County has suffered an irreparable loss.

Dee Johnson of Crews, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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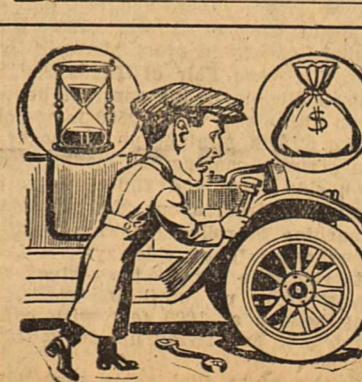
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Jas. E. Brewer "The Jeweler"

Judge W. H. Gross and wife and son, Will, motored in from the ranch Thursday morning to look after business.

Mrs. J. C. Wheelis, of Santa Anna, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. G. Marburger and her husband's uncle W. C. Wheelis of South Ballinger, returned home Thursday morning.

F. F. Moore and family, who recently returned to Ballinger from Céline to make home again, are now comfortable domiciled in the Currie and Ray residence in West End just vacated by J. N. Mason and family. Mr. Mason has moved to his farm on Valley creek.

George Biggs, a former citizen of Ballinger, came in from Vernon Wednesday to visit friends a few weeks. He had the misfortune to fall from a wagon just before leaving Vernon and got his shoulder broken, which he is now carrying in a sling.

MADE BIG MISTAKE SAYS OUR NEIGHBORS

The Commissioners' Court of Runnels County has fired George P. McLellan, county farm demonstration agent. The commissioners said the \$600 per year paid Mr. McLellan can better be applied to the county roads. Likewise the \$600 per year paid to commissioners with such narrow ideas could be applied to a fund for endowing a home for crippled canaries. The remarkable progress of Runnels County during the past two or three years has been due to the development and improvement of the agricultural interests there, and McLellan had been largely responsible for this development and improvement—Brownwood Bulletin.

"I think Runnels County is making a mistake and I hope Tom Green will profit by it," was the comment of Prof. J. C. Wells of Miles Tuesday afternoon upon the failure of the commissioners at Ballinger Saturday to re-appoint George P. McLellan as government agricultural demonstrator for another year. Prof. Wells was here, accompanied by Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Nettie Seal and daughter, Miss Willie Ethel Seal, of Kereans, Texas, who are at present their guests in Miles, and Mrs. R. R. Holmes. The party motored over in an automobile.

"There is not a man who has done more for Runnels County than McLellan," said Prof. Wells, who is superintendent of the Miles schools. "He keeps in touch with the school work and also with the boys, whom he gives the latest ideas about farming. The people also receive benefit as well. As an individual he is exceptionally desirable, and as an agricultural expert he is hard to surpass."

Mr. Wells stated that a question of \$800 per year, necessary to maintain McLellan, seemed to have been the trouble with the Runnels commissioners who thought that now the seeds of agriculture were well planted, they would no longer need cultivation. Through the government man's efforts, Runnels county has been turned from a cotton field into a country of diversified farms.—San Angelo Standard.

Bob Gannaway of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

ANGELO MAN VICTIM OF A MAD BULL

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Aug. 19.—Geo. M. Barkham, who was almost butted to death by an enraged bull yesterday morning, is still in a critical condition, but it is believed that he will recover. The attack on Barkham was made by a large Jersey bull kept in the breeding stable of W. D. McNeill. Mr. McNeill was out of the city and Mr. Barkham was looking after the stock for him. He had just driven another bull in to an adjoining pen and was passing through the pen where the enraged bull was when he was attacked and knocked against a board fence where the bull butted him into insensibility before aid could reach him.

When first attacked Barkham cried for help, and Tom Redding, a blacksmith, who happened to be nearby rushed to the man's aid, and plunged a pitchfork through the fence at the bull. The animal withdrew dripping blood, and Mr. Redding picked the unconscious man up and he was carried to a drug store and given medical aid and later carried to his home.

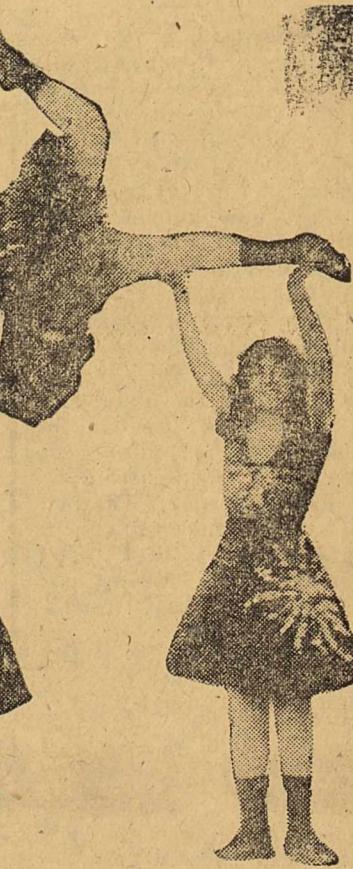
The bull had no horns and this only saved Mr. Barkham from being gored to death almost instantly. He had been warned to watch the bull when other stock were around. Barkham has a wife and two children and the family moved here from Louisiana last December.

\$15—Don't put off ordering that suit or overcoat until the last minute. Order now and have suit delivered, Sept., Oct., Nov., or Xmas. Guarantee to fit, \$15 the suit or overcoat. C. C. GILLIAM, The Leading Tailor. Phone No. 2. 19-3d-1w

Jake Stubberfield of Norton and J. R. Stubberfield of the Valley creek country and H. R. Kimbler of Blackwell, were looking after business in Ballinger Tuesday.

W. J. Young of the Crews country, was in Ballinger Tuesday to meet his brother Jeff Young of Mills county, who came in at noon to visit in this country.

Tellie Harvey of Abilene came in Sunday and says his father, Watt Harvey will be here in a few days and they will do the plastering on the public school building in Ballinger.



EIGHT FOR-GET-ME-NOTS—COLISEUM FEATURE.

Dallas: Those who enjoy high-class musical, song and vaudeville entertainment have much in store for them at this year's State Fair of Texas. All offerings of this nature presented in the great Coliseum in the past will be surpassed in every way.

First in consideration comes the famous Scotch Highlander Band, the idol of Canadian music lovers. The splendid musicianship of this great organization, under the direction of its tireless and capable leader, Prof. Roy B. Smith, is now recognized throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The Scotch Highlander Band is the prize organization of Canada, having won that title in two great contests. It will come to Dallas prepared to give audiences just what they want in music—from the classic right down to the ragtime—and will give it in such a way to make them sit up and applaud and encore and ask for more of the same.

Another popular musical organiza-

tion booked for this year is Ewing's Zouave Band, whose excellent musicianship and superb drill presentations made it very popular last year.

The vaudeville bill as arranged for the State Fair Coliseum is all-star throughout. The morning, afternoon and evening programs, as planned, call for six vaudeville acts, a continuous band program, instrumental and vocal soloists of national fame.

Among the vaudeville acts that deserve special praise are the Eight For-Get-Me-Nots, the Marco Twins, Nick Kaufman's Skating Girls, and Cora Youngblood Corson's instrumentalists.

Thirty-two good looking girls and two lonesome men—the Marco twins. That's the present Coliseum offering. However, the management is now negotiating for three more acts that will equalize the bill.

The vaudeville program arranged for this year will be a combination of song, dance and musical acts, and high class acrobatic features.

FOOTBALL AT STATE FAIR.

Dallas: The 1915 State Fair of Texas will be the occasion of a great football season. There will be as many as eight games, four of which have already been booked. The schedule so far decided is: Saturday, October 16, Trinity University vs. Baylor College; Tuesday, October 19, Texas Christian University vs. Austin College; Saturday, October 23, University of Texas vs. Oklahoma; Saturday, October 30, A. and M. College of Texas vs. Haskell Indians.

WRITE FOR PREMIUM LISTS.

Dallas: The State Fair premium list and catalogue is now ready for distribution. The premium list is a handsome book printed in two colors which covers in detail all departments of the State Fair; all prizes and premiums; all rules and regulations; how to enter exhibits; how to ship them to the State Fair and numerous other details. For a premium list write Secretary W. H. Stratton, Dallas.

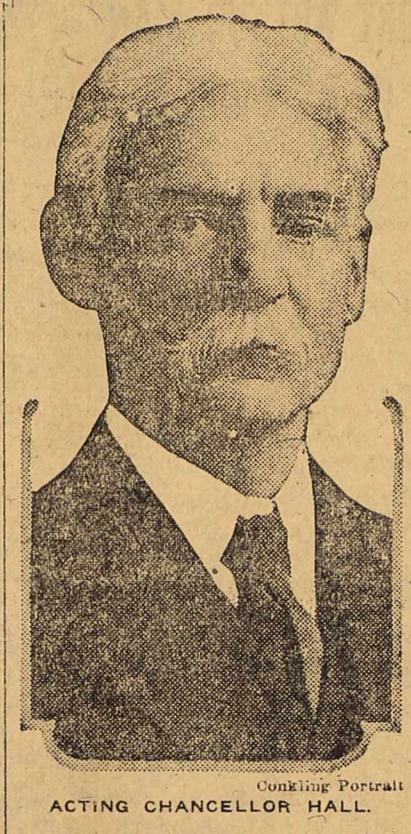
ADVANTAGES OF AN URBAN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Hall of Washington University Meets Old Questions With Time-Tes ed ANSWERS.

CITES DR. HOUSTON'S WORDS

Show Cabinet Member to Be Among Educators Who Regard City as Teacher of Knowledge Unobtainable From Books Alone.

Conkling Portrait



ACTING CHANCELLOR HALL.

The old question as to whether it is an advantage or a disadvantage to a university to be placed in a city is up again.

Dr. Frederic A. Hall, acting chancellor of Washington University, that St. Louis seat of learning the remarkable expansion of which, particularly in its Medical Department, is a matter of world interest, expressed, when seen, the opinion that ground for a controversy on the subject no longer exists.

"That question was dealt with decisively more than six years ago," said Dr. Hall, referring his interviewer to an address delivered by the university's chancellor, Dr. David F. Houston, who is on leave of absence to serve as Secretary of Agriculture in President Wilson's Cabinet, and to a paper, treating the subject in detail, prepared by a professor of the university several months afterward.

"The points then raised in favor of the urban university seem to me to gain strength with age," said Dr. Hall, who, calling the librarian, procured copies of the papers of which he had spoken and presented them to his visitor.

Dr. Houston's Terse Argument.

The Houston address, while dealing primarily with another, although related, subject, includes a terse argument in favor of the urban university.

"The advantages of a city location for a university are obvious," declares Dr. Houston in this address. "They lie not more in the large collections of available books and documents and in the interplay and friction of the minds of the strongest men of the nation, and in the frequent presence of the great men of the world, than in the existence of great institutions like courts, manufacturing establishments, architectural monuments and undertakings, and engineering enterprises, which make it possible for the student, and the professor as well, to keep abreast of the times, and to see the best demonstrations of applied science."

The paper pointing out in detail the advantages of the city for a university is in part as follows:

To begin with, the city itself is a great teacher—a teacher of knowledge which no formal class instruction affords, but which every student ought to receive. For in the divisions of social science, Economics, Charities and Corrections, Education, Government and the physical sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Engineering), the city best contributes to the needs of the student. Some of these studies are scarcely possible outside of a city. Poverty, crime, and vice and the means of dealing with them can not be studied from books alone; the student must observe the facts at first hand and then can find only in great towns—there only can he find in sufficient numbers, living in their own districts, the classes of people to be studied, and also the institutions for receiving them.

The life of the city, with its sharp contrasts of rich and poor, has brought the chief danger of our free government. If the study of these subjects is to be successful, that study must take place in the midst of these puzzling and troublesome facts.

In many subjects of study, the libraries of the city supplement the library of a university. In some cases, nearly always specialize more or less; one is well supplied with certain books which others lack. The presence in a city of a number of large libraries is, therefore, a considerable advantage to the university.

Ray Morgan of Brownwood, came in Monday to relieve Mr. Day at the West Texas Telephone office. Mr. and Mrs. Day will take a two or three weeks vacation.

Mrs. R. F. Golden left first of the week for Wise county in response to a message telling of the death of her father in that country Sunday afternoon at 5:30. She left immediately to attend the funeral.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

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The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. Fletcher. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEE CONVENTION HERE

A meeting of the school trustees of this county will be held in Ballinger Monday, August 23rd. Every local trustee in the county is expected to be here to meet with the county board. The meeting will be held at the court house, and it is probable more than 100 trustees will be here.

At this meeting all schools in common school districts will be classified. Co-operative buying of all school supplies is planned, and many other things of vital interest to schools and communities will be considered.

Under the new laws considerable power and responsibility is given the county school trustees, and they are anxious to further the school interests of the county in every way possible. To do this co-operation of all the school forces of the county is necessary. So it is earnestly desired that every local trustee in Runnels County be present. Come prepared to stay over until Tuesday, if necessary, for there is much work to be done.

This announcement was made by Superintendent Wooten Thursday morning, with the request that we give it all publicity possible, and we are glad to aid in the work.

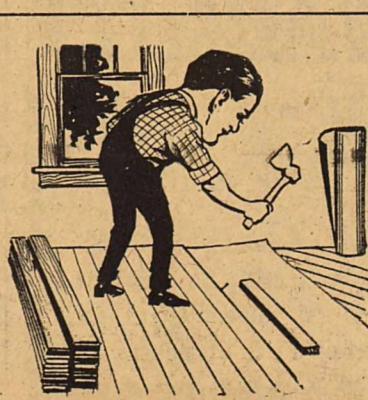
Mrs. J. H. Patterson and daughter, Miss Maurine, left Sunday for Corsica where they will visit for some time. They will be joined in Fort Worth by Mr. Patterson.

Miss Alene Dibrell and Miss Henderson of Coleman are the guests of Ballinger friends.

A GOOD BATCH OF BREAD

Made at home is not only complimentary to the one who did the baking, but to the flour as well. Every housewife can make as good bread and better than she can buy, but it must be made from our flour. That is the secret of successful home baking—good flour. Get a bag from any town dealer or at the mill for the next batch.

MISSOURI MILLING CO.



THE BEST FLOORING

is the best in the end. Get it from us right now while you are doing your building work. There'll be no warping or splitting afterwards. We have on hand at this moment thousands of feet of good flooring and can quote you a very close price. If you need anything in the lumber line you do yourself an injustice if you do not get our prices.

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It is a worthy representative of Texaco quality.

The same quality is evident in every product bearing the Red Star and Green "T."

When you buy oils for lubricating any kind of machine or engine, it will pay you to remember this.

There is a Texaco agent in your vicinity. He is a good man to know.

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MILES SCHOOL WANTS \$1,000 BONDS

The Miles school district votes on a \$1,000 bond issue on September 3rd to decide whether or not repairs are to be made on the Miles High School, according to information received here from Prof. J. C. Wells, superintendent.

There were 200 pupils in the Miles school last year, stated Prof. Wells, and over 300 are expected this term; hence a general overhauling is desired.

The Miles country is in excellent shape. Cotton is doing fine and will be coming in within a few days. Last year, Miles handled something less than 8,000 bales. This year it will receive only about one-half that number. The acreage has been decreased. There is no need of rain at the present time and there is much maize on the ground and heavy showers would ruin this crop.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BEET QUININE is better than Quinine and Quinine can cause nervousness and ringing in the head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

CHURCH WRECKED BY STORM.

Rev. Father Goldbach received a message Monday morning stating that a severe wind storm passed over Santa Anna Sunday night and among the damage done was the Catholic church, which was blown to pieces. He failed to learn if any other serious damage was done at that place.

A. W. Harrell of the Hatchell country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

NEW INSURANCE MAP FOR THIS CITY

H. C. Moten, who has been for more than a month making an insurance map of Ballinger has completed his work and is ready to deliver to the various insurance companies an up-to-date map. The new map shows the location of every building in the city and contains all the necessary information needed in writing fire insurance policies and hereafter all policies will be written to conform with the new map.

The old map was made several years ago, and since that time there have been many changes. New buildings have gone up, changes made in the construction of buildings, while the new map shows the ground floor plan, style of construction, and materials used.

The new map will not affect the insurance rate, but will be a great convenience to the insurance companies and enables them to correctly give the location of property and class it when issuing policies.

Have You?

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

CAN BALLINGER SUP-
PORT SUGAR BEET FACTORY

W. A. Ogle, the irrigation farmer up the river had an exhibition in Ballinger Friday some extra fine beets raised on his place and says he will make a thousand bushels to the acre. Some of his beets will weigh 25 pounds. He says a sugar beet factory for Ballinger would be a paying investment as there is enough irrigable land on the river near Ballinger to supply any demand. It is a proposition well worth considering.



C. G. Siebel, O. Voglesang and P. Michaelis, of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Siebel returned home Sunday from a visit to Breckinridge and other points in that section and reports the prospects in our section in much better in every way than where he visited.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Inman and children of the Winters country, were in Ballinger Saturday and Mrs. Inman and children left in the afternoon for Lometa to visit relatives.

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

W. W. Wygley, one of the successful farmers of the Hatchel country, was in the city Monday and had the Banner-Ledger to continue to his address for another year.

Elected Vice-President National Druggist Board

John A. Weeks, of this city, received today notice of his election as vice-president of the National Association Board of Pharmacy. The National Druggists Association are in session in San Francisco, and Mrs. Weeks was elected to this position in a vote taken this week. Mr. Weeks was not present at the meeting, but he stated that he would be there at the next session to represent the Texas pharmacists.

Mr. Weeks has been the recipient of many honors from his associates in business; and has been appointed by three successive Texas governors as member of the state board of pharmacy. Ex-

an itemized statement of what we have and how it is valued:
654,211 acres of land, valued at \$5,147,740.
City property, valued at \$1,820,860.
8,278 head of horses, valued at \$407,680.
14,841 head of cattle, valued at \$236,640.
40 jacks, valued at \$4,500.
14,620 sheep, valued at \$32,240.
4,006 hogs, valued at \$10,050.
20 dogs, valued at \$600.
3,100 vehicles, valued at \$107,360.

PORT ARTHUR MAN FINDS GOOD HEALTH

Sufferer is Restored and Makes
Remarkable Gain in Weight
on Few Doses.

J. F. Stoneburner of Port Arthur, Texas, suffered from stomach ailments for a long time. He fell off in weight and took treatment without apparent benefit. He tried physician after physician until he almost lost hope.

He at last took Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, then wrote:

"I have taken all of your wonderful stomach remedy and got good results from it. I have gained in weight since starting on your remedy—twenty-one pounds so far. I was under the care of five doctors for about six months before I got your medicine. I am entirely well now."

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

W. R. White, accompanied by his son-in-law, W. H. Moncrief, left Tuesday morning for New Mexico where they will spend a few days visiting. They are making the trip through the country in Mr. White's auto. Mr. White has been marketing his fruit crop this year at nearby towns, making the trips daily in his auto fitted up with a truck constructed especially for hauling fruit. He loaded his auto in his orchard every morning and made the trip to San Angelo, Sonora, and other places, disposing of his fruit while it was fresh at a good price.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE CAR TURNS OVER

County Superintendent Wooten returned Sunday from an overland trip to Austin, and a visit to relatives at other places. Prof. Wooten came near losing his life and the life of relatives in an auto accident, a mention of which was made in Saturday's Daily Ledger. He returned home with a black eye and other bruises that make him a cripple for awhile.

"My misfortune was not due to reckless driving," said Prof. Wooten, as soon as he spied the newspaper man looking at him. "However, I know that if I had been driving at a slower speed the accident would probably not have occurred. I was driving at twenty miles an hour and on very good road when a blow out in one of the front tires caused my car to run in a ditch and turn completely over."

Prof. Wooten was driving six miles from Round Rock when he happened to the accident that came so near being a fatal one. His father and mother and his brother's wife and baby were in the car with him. At the time the tire on one of the front wheels of his car burst ed, throwing the weight of the car on the rim and wrenching the steering wheel out of his hands in such a way as to throw the car into a ditch that was only a few feet from the track of the car. Before Mr. Wooten could check the speed of the car, the car turned completely over, righting itself after throwing the occupants out.

Prof. Wooten's sister-in-law was the most seriously injured of the party. The superintendent's father was also badly injured and for five hours was unconscious; while Prof. Wooten's mother, an invalid and who weighs 225 pounds, and also the baby, another helpless one in the car, escaped without injury. Mr. Wooten says it is indeed a miracle that some of the party, or all of them were not killed.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh-Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

J. M. Adams and W. W. Poe of the Wingate country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

For a Sprained Ankle.

If you will get a bottle of Cham berlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere.

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

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

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

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Ballinger, Texas

NOTICE

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 percent interest and extend Vendors Liens Notes bearing 8 per cent. interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

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need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

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A Word to Cotton Growers

Cull your

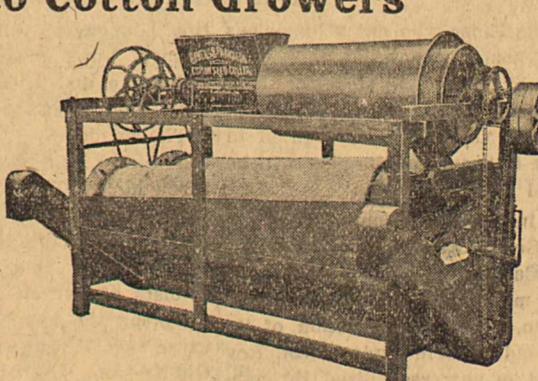
Seed and

increase

the Yield

from 15 to

25 per cent



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

T. S. LANKFORD

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvana 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. 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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Citation.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable
of Runnels County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Mamie Reynolds by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday on October, A. D. 1915, the same being the 11th day of October, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer petition filed in said court on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1915, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1666, wherein J. E. Humble is plaintiff and Mrs. C. C. Faulks, a feme sole, J. Webb Faulks, E. D. Faulks, Docia Lee, Robert Lee, Katy Whittley, Bryan Whittley, A. B. Faulks, Geo. W. Faulks, Jr., Nancy Field, Pedro Field, J. W. Faulks, Minnie Faust, Daniel Faust, Mary Teague, F. M. Teague Ethel Gibson, Walter Gibson, Lou Reynolds, Mamie Reynolds, Sam Epperson, Herff Epperson, Earl Epperson, Lois Epperson, Albert Epperson, Clarence Epperson, Gladis Epperson and Catherine Epperson, the last seven named defendants being minors are

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Runnels.

In District Court, March term, 1915.

To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas:

1.

J. E. Humble, who resides in Williamson County, Texas, herein-after styled plaintiff, complaining of Mrs. C. C. Faulks, a feme sole, J. Webb Faulks, E. D. Faulks, Docia Lee, and her husband, Robert Lee, Katy Whittley and her husband, Bryan Whittley, who resides in Runnels County, Texas, and of A. B. Faulks, Geo. W. Faulks, Jr., Nancy Field and her husband, Pedro Field, who resides in Jones County, Texas, and of J. Will Faulks, Minnie Faust and her husband, Daniel Faust, who reside in Taylor County, Texas, and of Mary Teague and her husband, F. M. Teague, who resides in San Saba County, Texas, and of Ethel Gibson, and her husband, Walter Gibson, who reside at Randlett, State of Oklahoma and of Lon Reynolds, and Mamie Reynolds, daughter of the said Lon Reynolds, and Mattie Reynolds, deceased, who reside at Fowlerton, La Salle County, Texas, and of Sam Epperson, and Herff Epperson, Earl Epperson, Lois Epperson, Albert Epperson, Clarence Epperson, Gladis Epperson and Catherine Epperson, the last seven named defendants being children of said Sam Epperson, deceased, who reside in Sevier County, Texas, the said named children, last aforesaid being minors, and the above named defendant Mamie Reynolds, being also a minor, all of whom herein-after styled defendants, represents:

2.

That heretofore, to-wit, on or about October 19th, 1907, C. A. Doose, of Runnels County, Texas, owned and possessed, holding the same by fee simple title, that certain tract of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, and described as follows: Being all of block No. 77 of 150.6 acres of land, a subdivision of survey No. 370, originally granted to R. B. Craft by virtue of certificate No. 2077, known as abstract No. 91, said block No. 77 being the same as shown upon the plat of said subdivision of survey No. 370, now on file in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a more particular description of said land in the case of R. L. Harwell et al versus T. L. Huggins et al, No. 1676, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in Sept., A. D. 1915, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property to-wit:

Being situated in Runnels County, viz.: Being all of block No. 2 of the town of Wingate in Runnels County, Texas, as shown by plat of said town on file in record books of said Runnels County, Texas, in Volume 21, page 637. Leved on the 4th day of August, 1915, as the property of T. L. Huggins, to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$118.35 with interest, from March 12th, 1915, at the rate of 8 percent per annum and costs of suit, in favor of R. L. Harwell and to satisfy a further judgement in favor of J. T. Carpenter, for \$120.72, obtained as a second lien holder with interest at 8 percent per annum from March 12th, 1915, and costs of

plaintiff's fees of ten per cent, and providing for ten per cent interest on all past due interest, said notes due and payable on or before January 1st, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916, respectively, after date, each of said notes providing that failure to pay either of said notes or any instalment of interest thereon when due, shall at the election of the holder of them, or any of them, mature all of said notes; that said first note herein before mentioned has been paid off in full, and that each of the remaining unpaid seven notes, have credits thereto as follows: November 18th 1912, \$38.15; December 20th, 1913, \$28.57; that all interest on each of said seven notes was paid to January 1st, 1909. That in said deed of conveyance and in each of said notes, the Vendor's lien was expressly retained to secure the payment of said notes, by reason of which the superior title to said block No. 77, containing 150.6 acres of land, as aforesaid, remained in the said C. A. Doose, or those holding under him, the premises last aforesaid.

3.

Plaintiff alleges that heretofore, to-wit, on or about December 18th, 1911, the said C. A. Doose endorsed and transferred and conveyed in writing, for a valuable consideration, the said last seven mentioned notes, being numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, respectively, together with all his right and title in and to said block No. 77, containing 150.6 acres of land, as aforesaid, to plaintiff without recourse on him, the said C. A. Doose; that plaintiff then and there became the legal owner and holder of said seven notes, together with the superior title in and to the premises last mentioned and described and that he is now the legal owner and holder of the same; that no payment has been made on either of the said seven notes, either principal, or interest, except as hereinbefore stated, and that the said G. W. Faulks wholly made default in the payment of the annual interest on all of said notes falling due after January 1st, 1909, and wholly made default in the principal of said notes falling due 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914, and that plaintiff, the owner of said notes, duly declared the whole of said notes due and payable according to their legal tenor and effect, and that the said G. W. Faulks wholly failed and refused to pay the same or any part thereof, either principal or interest, except as hereinbefore stated and thereby violated his said contract and wholly failed to perform the same according to the terms and consideration thereof as hereinbefore stated, and by reason thereof plaintiff elected to rescind said contract of sale and to recover title and possession of said last described premises.

4.

Plaintiff alleges that the said G. W. Faulks departed his life on or about December 27th, 1913, in Runnels County, Texas, in intestate, leaving surviving him his said widow, Mrs. C. C. Faulks, and the other named defendants herein, his children and grandchildren and sole heirs at law, and being children and grand children of the said defendant, Mrs. C. C. Faulks, except the said defendant, F. M. Teague, husband of the said Mary Teague, formerly Mary Faulks, and except the said defendant Pedro Field, husband of the said Nancy Field, formerly Nancy Faulks, and except Bryan Whittley, husband of the said Katy Whittley, formerly Katy Faulks and except the defendant Lon Reynolds, surviving husband of the said Mattie Reynolds, deceased, formerly Mattie Faulks.

5.

Plaintiff alleges that more than twelve months have elapsed since the death of the said G. W. Faulks and that no administration has been had upon his estate, and that there is no necessity for such administration as he owed no debts, except the debts involved in the contract for the purchase of the last above described premises, and that he has no estate upon which an administration could be had.

6.

Plaintiff alleges that on and after the breach of the said contract of sale on the part of the said G. W. Faulks, and after he had wholly failed and refused to perform the terms and conditions of the said executory contract of sale for said last above described premises, all of said seven notes being now past due and owing and unpaid, except the credits thereto as hereinbefore stated, and that upon the death of said G. W. Faulks, as aforesaid, while plaintiff was then and there the owner

suit. Given under my hand, this 4th day of August, A. D. 1915.
J. D. PERKINS,
Sheriff.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas:
County of Runnels.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Jones County, on the Fourth day of February, 1915, by the Justice of Peace thereof, in the case of Brown & Orr versus J. M. Scoggins, No. 1186, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on Tuesday the Seventh day of September, A. D. 1915, at the court house door in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Runnels County, Texas, and being a part of a certain 6 1/5 acre tract of land sold to W. H. Mullin by W. M. Smiley and wife, said larger tract being out of the D. Floyd Survey No. 518, Abstract No. 193, located by virtue of Certificate of Survey No. 193, and patented by the State of Texas to D. Floyd, November 9, 1854, by Letters patent No. 000, Volume 6 and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the intersection of Main Street in the City of Winters, Texas, with Roberts Street, said point being the intersection of the W. line of Main Street with the North line of Roberts Street; Thence West to a point in the West line of Roberts Street, directly opposite and South of a certain well located in the boundary line of this property and another lot adjoining owned by L. H. Suggs; Thence North passing through the center point of said well 210 feet; Thence East to the West line of Main Street; Thence South 210 feet to the place of beginning.

Levied on as the property of J. M. Scoggins, to satisfy a judgement amounting to Eighty-nine and Fifty-five one hundredths dollars (\$89.55), in favor of Brown & Orr, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 3rd day of August 1915.

J. D. PERKINS,
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.
By J. A. DeMOVILLE, Deputy.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels.

By virtue of a certain pluries execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of the 1st District, Harris County, on the 10th day of August, 1915, by O. M. Duclos Clerk of said court against A. B. Pickett and Man (W. J.) Carter for the sum of eighteen hundred, ninety-three and 49/100 (\$1834.49) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 56,442 in said court, styled Chas L. Michael, A. B. Pickett, et al and placed in my hands for service, I, J. D. Perkins as sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 12th day of August, 1915, levy on certain real estate, situated in Runnels County, described as follows, to-wit: All of lots Nos. one (1), two (2), and the one-third (1-3) of lot No. three (3) adjoining said lot No. two (2), in block No. fifteen (15) of the original town of Ballinger, as same appears upon the map of the plan of said town now on file and of record in the office of the county clerk of Runnels County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of said A. B. Pickett and on Tuesday, the 7th day of September, 1915, at the court house door of Runnels County, in the city of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said A. B. Pickett by virtue of said levy and said pluries execution.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Banner-Ledger a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 12th day of August, 1915.

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

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SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS:
County of Runnels.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, on the 10th day of July A. D. 1915, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of R. L. Harwell et al versus T. L. Huggins et al, No. 1676, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in Sept., A. D. 1915, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property to-wit:

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WILL ORGANIZE BOY**SCOUT COMPANY****SPRING HILL NEWS**

Halth in our community is very good.

Crops are looking nice and most people are heading maize.

Mrs. Frank Aycock has gone to Andrews to visit her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers of Mexia, are visiting their son, Will Rogers and family.

Mrs. Best and daughter, Miss Mollie Best, of Ballinger visited Mrs. Owen Aycock the past week.

Miss Alice Dunn is visiting her aunt in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer and family have been visiting their daughter Mrs. Clifton.

Miss Flora Compton visited friends in Ballinger last week.

Grandma Dean has returned home after a protracted visit in Ballinger with friends.

Mrs. Halstead and Laxon visited Mrs. Compton.

Bro. Melton will preach at the Spring Hill school house next Sunday evening at 3:00 o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday evening at 3:30 o'clock. Every one cordially invited to come out.

"KNOX."

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Blathwick of San Angelo, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch this week.

Mrs. S. J. Mullen of Abilene, is visiting her son, Prof. T. D. Mullen.

Rod Cambell of Mertzon, has returned home after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hinde.

W. E. Branch has returned from Grogan Wells, Sweetwater, where he has been for the benefit of his health the past few weeks.

"ELBERTA PEACIL."

VIEWS FROM VALLEY VIEW.

Miss Grace Taylor left Saturday afternoon for Talpa, where she will visit friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas left Wednesday for an extended visit to points in East Texas.

Mr. Paschal Armstrong has returned from Fort Worth where he has held a position for the past year.

Mrs. John Hoefstutter had the misfortune to get her ankle seriously broken while on a visit to San Saba. She has returned home and we are glad to report that she is improving.

Percy Crimn, who recently had his leg broken was able to attend church Sunday without his crutch.

Ben Mann, from near Winters, spent the day with Ernest Gaston Sunday.

We had a slight shower Sunday afternoon, but it was not heavy enough to prevent the maize heading from beginning anew early Monday morning.

D. B. Elliott expects to get his silo filled this week.

Mrs. Dee Ovler spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wood of Barnett school community.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Norman spent Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Norman.

Crops are in fairly good condition; maize heading is nearly finished and every one is in good spirits.

"POLLY ANN."

Your Cough Can Be Stopped.

Using care to avoid draughts, exposure, sudden changes, and taking a treatment of Dr. King's New Discovery, will positively relieve, and in time will surely rid you of your Cough. The first dose soothes the irritation checks your Cough, which stops in a short time. Dr. King's New Discovery has been used successfully for 45 years and is guaranteed to cure you. Money back if it fails. Get a bottle from your Druggist; it cost only a little and will help you so much.

Frank Huffman of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

List of letters advertised, August 14, 1915:

Willie Brown; Mrs. Bonnie Flowers; S. P. Hall; Mrs. Lewis Hudson; Nat McCleary; Edward Mayes; Mrs. N. E. Rains; Roland Shaw (2).

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.

C. C. Robeson of Benoit was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

TOM GREEN COUNTY WANTS DEMONSTRATOR

(San Angelo Standard)

George P. McLellan, the government demonstrator who converted the cotton fields of Runnels county into diversified farms, is now at liberty to accept another engagement, his contract with Runnels county having expired during the past week.

Mr. McLellan has made one of the biggest records ever produced by an agricultural demonstrator in Texas. He received a salary of \$1,800 per annum. Of this sum \$1,000 was paid by the federal department of agriculture and \$800 is paid by Runnels county. So far had the work advanced in Runnels county before the termination of the contract that three of the county commissioners did not see the necessity of spending an additional \$800 for another year's engagement.

It is probable that negotiations will be opened between the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. McLellan if the proper encouragement is received from them Tom Green county commissioners.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blistering or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. \$5.00.

LAND DEAL

The Security Title Co., closed up the papers and placed record a land deal in which C. C. Carter sold to J. J. Martin of the Norton country 200 acres of improved land for a total consideration of \$4,000.00 of which \$2,000 was cash. Also Mr. Carter bought the Wm. Forbus 383 acre tract of improved land above Norton for \$5,000.

Runnels county land is changing hands at good prices, showing conclusively that the people have confidence in real estate in this section.

HAS EXTRA FINE SWEET PEPPER.

W. T. Hill, the Benoit postmaster, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and had with him a bunch of extra fine sweet pepper, raised this season in his garden, and he says they sold \$3.75 worth off 20 stalks, besides having all they wanted for home use.

Will Voss of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Mrs. Burrows left Tuesday morning for Talpa to nurse a patient as long as her services are needed.

RHEUMATISM ARRESTED

Many people suffer the tortures of lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system.

To arrest rheumatism it is quite as important to improve your general health as to purify your blood, and the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great blood-maker, while its medicinal nourishment strengthens the organs to expel the impurities and buildup your strength.

Scott's Emulsion is helping thousands every day who could not find other relief. Refuse the alcoholic substitutes.

TOM GREEN MAKES WAR ON RABBITS

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 13.—"Rabbit Day" with the county commissioners' court Wednesday was one of the largest in history, scalps of 2,406 jack rabbits, 127 wolves and one wildcat paid for, the total sum being paid out being \$379.80.

The highest amount going to an individual was paid to John Corbett, professional trapper, who received \$149.75 in payment for 435 rabbit scalps and 64 scalps of wolves.

The next highest sum was paid to W. A. Storey, \$25, for 13 scalps of wolves; third high money went to Lem Roff, \$20, for 10 scalps of wolves, while S. C. Teal drew \$18 for scalps of nine wolves.

Wednesday, September 15 will be the next "rabbit day" with the county commissioners. Each person entitled to bounties for scalps must appear in person before County Clerk Keating and make oath to the number of scalps he has taken; then he must go before the county commissioners and Judge Frink in person, who count the scalps one by one. If found correct the affidavit made to the county clerk is approved and then the holder presents it to County Treasurer Hanks, who pays the amount called for on the face of the certificate.

H. G. STOKES TAKES
VACATION.

Ray Davis, of Temple, came in Monday night to relieve H. G. Stokes, the local express agent, who will take a month's vacation. He will leave about Friday for Austin to visit old friends and will go from there to the Pecos county and Imperial valley to visit his son.

BRONCHO BUSTER HURT.

"Slim" Jackson an exhibition rider for the "bronc" horse show that has been operating in the city sustained a badly broken leg just above the ankle when a horse fell with him Monday. He received attention at once and is now resting very well, although it will be several weeks before he will summon sufficient courage to ride another "outlaw."

Mr. Jackson's parents from Mitchell county came in yesterday and will remain with the unfortunate rider until he is able to be up and about.—Winters Enterprise.

Luther Pumphrey, one of the Winters business men and Mr. Hillyard, one of the Winters bankers, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Sheriff John Bannister of Coleman, passed through Ballinger Tuesday in his auto en route to Sonora to get a Mexican wanted in his county. When cranking his car to start Mr. Bannister was hit in the face by the crank and was knocked unconscious for a while, but was soon able to start as above stated.

W. S. Maddox of the Norton country, and T. E. Brown of Brownwood, and F. G. Hoelscher, the Olfin merchant, and Wood McKissick, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

BALLINGER GETS TWO BALES FRIDAY

There was a time when King Cotton attracted much attention and a great bale was made over the first bale marketed for the season. That time is no more. People look up on cotton with a small degree of disgust and consider it as an imposition on a progressive commerce.

There was a time when the merchants felt slighted if they were not given an opportunity to contribute to the first bale premium fund. That time has also vanished and the man who now starts out with a subscription list to raise the premium and keep up the old cotton custom, is looked upon as a man with little to do.

When the first bale appeared on the streets it occupied a prominent corner of the business district a long time before the honor of acting as auctioneer was bestowed upon some individual, and the bale sold at a fancy price, some times twice what it was worth, to the buyer who wanted to establish a "rep" as a live wire in the cotton market.

That was when cotton was king, and the credit way of doing business held full sway in the cotton belt of the South.

Our first bale comes now unheralded and even two first bales do not excite the people and the incident is looked upon as such insignificant matter that the reporter finds it difficult to run down the story and get the name of the owner, the buyer, etc.

In 1902 R. B. Rogers marketed the first bale for that season in Ballinger. He did the same thing again this year, and brought the first bale to Ballinger from his farm three miles east of Ballinger. Mr. Rogers arrived here with the cotton Thursday afternoon late, but on account of the gin not being quite ready for business the bale was not ginned until Friday about noon. Mr. Rogers sold his cotton to Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack for 0.25. It was a 404 pound bale and Mr. Rogers will receive a premium, which is now being collected.

13 years ago when Mr. Rogers marketed his first bale of cotton, he received a copy of the Banner-Ledger as a premium. He has been a subscriber of the paper every since.

Friday morning A. F. Aycock, of the Spring Hill community, brought in a bale of cotton, arriving here while the Rogers bale was in the gin. Mr. Aycock sold his bale to Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., receiving 9 cents for same.

In the past it has been the custom to divide the premium, giving two-thirds to the first bale grower and one-third to the second. This will probably be adhered to this season.

The bale ginned at the Ben Wilder gin at Rowena, and which was reported would be brought to Ballinger, was sold at Rowena.

TRESPASS NOTICE

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

GODFREY MASSEY,
wtl Concho county, Tex

HOUSE HIT BY LIGHTNING.

H. Kasburgs residence in the Spring Hill neighborhood, was struck by lightning last Thursday night during an electrical storm and struck the flue, ran over the metal saddle board across the entire building and knocked a big hole in the corner of room in passing to the ground. It is a new residence, just being completed and the family had moved into the same and but for that fact no doubt some of the family would have been seriously hurt. It took three men a whole day to repair the damage done and it was fortunate that the family were not in the building.

TO MY FRIEND AND PATRONS.

I will have my millinery department at The Hub the coming season. Please remember the location. Mrs. W. A. Breedlove.

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CHILD ATTACKED BY A MAD FOX

Last Saturday night a fox that must have been rabid entered the bunk house at the W. H. Bachler ranch in this county and savagely attacked "J. B." the ten-year-old son of Mr. Bachler, says the Ozona Stockman.

In the early part of the night the boy awoke to find the animal standing directly over his head. Think it, in the darkness, a cat or dog, he put out his hand to push it away, when the brute bit him several times on the hand and arm. His cries and the yells of the man sleeping with him aroused the ranch and the fox was soon attacked from all sides, but never tried to escape. He bit and fought at sticks, pillows, tarp, etc., until he was finally struck and killed by a rock.

The boy was brought to town, his wounds were cauterized, and his mother left with him Friday for the Pasteur Institute at Austin. The head of the fox was also taken there for dissection and analysis.

JUDGE J. H. CROZIER DIED AT PAINT ROCK

News reached Ballinger early Saturday morning of the death of Judge J. H. Crozier, which occurred at his home in Paint Rock at two o'clock Saturday morning. The news was received here with much regret among the friends and close acquaintances of Judge Crozier.

Judge Crozier had been in bad health for some time, suffering with Bright's disease. He recently visited Mineral Wells, and on the Friday afternoon before his death Saturday morning, he drove from Eden to Paint Rock in an auto and walked from the downtown district to his home, and told friends that he was feeling greatly improved and was hopeful for recovery. His death came sudden and was a surprise to the members of his family and his closest friends.

Judge Crozier was a pioneer citizen of Paint Rock. He served the county for a number of years as county judge. He was a man that stood high among his people and was prominent in business life of his town. His friends all over this section of the state will be grieved to learn of his death.

While no announcement has been made of the funeral it is probable the remains will be interred in the cemetery at Paint Rock Sunday afternoon. A son who is at Galveston will arrive here tonight and will go to Paint Rock to attend the funeral. Other members of the family were at home.

PEARL FISHER FINDS BIG ONE

J. A. Nixon, pearl fisher, operating in this section and on the Concho river, created quite a flurry in the crowds in town Saturday with the exhibition of a big blue-gray pearl. This pearl, it is said by the owner to be the biggest pearl he ever found or ever saw, and after sending it to Tiffany & Co., of New York, the same verdict was passed on by their precious stone expert.

Mr. Nixon says Tiffany & Co. made him an offer of \$1,200, but he refused, holding out for \$2,500. He says some years ago his partner received \$3,000 for a pearl not half as large and not quite as perfect. Mr. Nixon thinks the present jewel should be worth more.

This pearl fisher has a small cardboard box filled with pearls of all sizes, ranging in price from \$2.50 to the \$1,200 stone. He makes frequent trips to New York, but says he has not enough pearls to justify a visit to the metropolis yet. Mr. Nixon has been in this same business for 29 years.

TALPA MAN LOSES \$750 WORTH CATTLE

Albert Livingston, of the Talpa country, had the misfortune to lose 15 head of high-grade cattle this week, causing a loss to him in dollars and cents to more than \$750.00. The cattle were high grade Jerseys and Short Horn Durham.

The cattle died from fever and from being dipped in dip that was thought to be too strong. When the cattle first took the fever Mr. Livingston drove them to the Russell ranch where he dipped all those that had not taken the fever. Several died after being dipped and the strong dip is claimed to have killed some of the cattle that would perhaps have escaped the fever.

Mr. Livingston lost just half of his herd of high-class cattle. He lost every Jersey that he had, and they were as fine as there is in the country.

DEMAND FOR RENT HOUSES INCREASING

Rent houses are almost at premium in Ballinger at this time, and with the coming of the school term the demand will increase. Choice houses are hard to get, and in order for a man to secure a comfortable home he must make application before there is a vacancy and watch his chances.

There are quite a number of houses here that could be put in shape at a small cost and fit for a man to live in. The owners of these houses can not expect to rent them at a fair price as long as they present the appearance of bat cave and not a residence for man. The properties are sleeping on their rights. They should spend a dollar or two and fix up the property and not try to hedge because the property has been vacant for a while. Cut the weeds, clean up the yard, straighten up the fence and make the place more attractive and it will rent for a better price and do it quicker.

A. W. Hardin of Norton, and his brother-in-law, H. F. Kemp, of Hamilton, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

OIL WELL PROMOTER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

We have been informed that Col. Clemenger, who selected the site for sinking the oil well ten miles east of Ballinger, and who has been supervising the drilling, is seriously ill and there is little hope for his recovery. Col. Clemenger was stricken with apoplexy and came near dying.

After recovering from the first stroke of apoplexy and becoming able to travel Col. Clemenger's son arrived from New York and carried the old gentleman to that city. It is doubtful whether he will ever be able to return to Texas and see completed the work he started in the drilling of a test oil well, and for which he entertained the most optimistic hopes of great success.

We understand that the work of sinking the well to a greater depth will be carried on under the direction of a San Antonio Co., with ample capital to prove the existence of oil or determine its failure.

S. W. Martin of the Benoit country, was supplying in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Martin left Wednesday to visit friends at Winters a few days.

George Gerhart, of Winters, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

Percy Jones of Abilene, came in Wednesday at noon to look after business affairs in Ballinger a few days.

COW PUNCHERS MEET NEXT WEEK

The annual reunion of the members of the Ex-Open Range Cow Punchers' Association of Runnels and adjoining counties will take place on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 19 and 20 in the L. P. Woods pasture at Old Runnels. Members and their families are looking forward to the event with a great deal of pleasure.

The boys will gather on the grounds in the afternoon of Thursday and remain over until next day when a genuine old time barbecue will be indulged in. To this will be added good things to eat by the ladies.

To become a member of the association one should have worked cattle in Runnels county or adjoining counties prior to the year 1890. The old timers are invited to become members of the association and attend its annual camp and barbecue.

ON FISHING TRIP.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson and children of Mazeland, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Patterson of the Winters country and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Mathews of the Hatchet country, met at Ballinger Monday afternoon and left for the Colorado, where they will spend a few days fishing.

C. M. Doyle of the Valley creek country, was in Ballinger Wednesday to meet Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lawson, who came in Wednesday at noon from their home at Aubrey Texas. Mrs. Lawson is Mr. Doyle's sister.

RUNNELS CO., PECAN NURSERY S. B. HOWARD, Mgr.

Do you realize that an orchard of paper shell pecans properly started and cared for on your home ground will usually begin bearing nuts at three years from putting out? And in ten years time you may reasonably expect them to be paying 10 percent interest on a valuation of one thousand dollars per acre? Can you beat it as an investment? Set out at least a few this fall. We have them for sale.

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The BLACK BOX

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

Author of "The Moving Finger," "The Prince of Sinners," "Anna, the Adventuress," etc.

Novelized from the motion picture drama of the same name produced by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company. Illustrated with photographs from the motion picture production.

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SYNOPSIS.

Sanford Quest, master criminologist of the world, finds that in bringing to justice Macdougal, the murderer of Lord Ashleigh's daughter, he has but just begun a life of crime, struggle with a most dangerous master criminal. In a hidden hut in Professor Ashleigh's garden he has seen an ape skeleton and a living creature, half monkey, half man, destroyed by fire. In his room he has found a black box containing 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 box continues to appear in unexpected fashion. Craig attempts to escape. For said Quest and his party follow, and beyond into the desert. They are captured by Mongars, escape with Craig as their captive, and turn him over to Inspector French in San Francisco. He escapes in a trap, weak, exhausted, from his pursuers, and goes back to New York, where he dies while Quest is attempting to hypnotize him into confession.

FIFTEENTH INSTALLMENT

CHAPTER XXXV.

The first shock was over. Craig's body had been removed, and the girls had taken Mary, half stunned with grief, to their room. French and Quest were left alone.

"That is some disappointment," the former remarked, gloomily.

"It is a disappointment," Quest said, slowly, "which may clear the way to bigger things."

"What's in your mind now?" French inquired.

Quest shook his head.

"A turmoil. First of all, where is the professor?"

"Must have scooted right away home," French suggested. "He was looking pretty sick all the time. Guess it must have been a powerful shock for him, and he isn't so young as he used to be."

"Give me that paper of Craig's again," Quest asked.

The inspector produced the document from his inner pocket, and Quest, stretching it out upon his knee, read it word for word.

"Never to communicate or to have anything to do with anyone of the name of Ashleigh, eh?" he remarked, as he handed it back again. "Rather a queer provision, that, French."

"I've been thinking that myself," the inspector admitted.

Quest glanced at the clock.

"Well," he said, "if you're ready, inspector, we'll be getting along."

The two men drove to the outskirts of the city almost in silence. The professor's house seemed more than ever deserted as they drew up at the front door. They entered without ringing and crossed the hall towards the library. On the threshold Quest paused and held up his finger.

"Someone is in there," he whispered, stepping quickly forward. "Come!"

He threw open the door. The room was empty, yet both Quest and French were conscious of a curious conviction that it had been occupied within the last few seconds.

"Queer, but it seemed to me I heard someone," French muttered.

"I was sure of it," Quest replied.

They stood still for a moment and listened. The silence in the empty house was almost unnatural. Quest turned away with a shrug of the shoulders.

"At any rate," he said, "Craig's dying thoughts must have been truthful. Come."

He led the way to the fireplace, went down on his knees and passed his hands over the bricks. The third one he touched, shook. He tapped it—without a doubt it was hollow. With his penknife he loosened the mortar a little and drew it out easily. The back was open. Inside was the black box.

"Craig's secret at last!" French muttered, hoarsely. "Bring it to the light, quick!"

They were unemotional men, but the moment was supreme. The key to the mystery of these tragical weeks was there in their hands! Their eyes almost devoured those few hastily scrawled words buried with so much care:

See Page 62, January Number, American Medical Journal, 1905.

They looked at one another. They repeated vaguely this most commonplace of messages. As the final result of their strenuous enterprise, these cryptic words seemed pitifully inadequate. Quest's face darkened. He crumpled the paper in his fingers.

"There must be some meaning in this," he muttered. "It can't be altogether a fool's game we're on. Wait."

He moved towards a table which usually stood against the wall, but which had obviously been dragged out recently into the middle of the room. It was covered with bound volumes. Quest glanced at one and exclaimed softly:

"American Medical Journal, 1905! French, there's something in this message, after all."

He turned over the pages rapidly. Then he came to a stop. Page 61 was there; page 62 had been neatly removed with a pair of scissors.

"The professor!" he cried. "The professor's been at work here!"

The two men stood looking at one another across the table. Strange

thoughts were framing themselves in the brains of both of them. Then there came a startling and in its way a dramatic interlude. Through the empty house came the ringing of the electric bell from the front door, shrill and insistent. Without a moment's hesitation, Quest hurried out and French followed him. On the doorstep was another surprise. Lenora and Laura were there, the former carrying a small, black bound volume.

"Don't be cross," she begged, quickly. "We just had to come. Look! We picked this up underneath the chair where Craig was sitting. It must have slipped from his pocket. You see what is written on it?— Diary of John Craig."

Quest took it in his hand.

"Say, this ought to be interesting," he remarked. "Come along."

They passed into the library. French lingered behind for a moment and caught them up just as they were opening the book underneath the electric lamp.

"See here what I've found!" he exclaimed. "It was just by the side of the wall there. Where's that magazine?"

He spread out the piece of paper—it fitted exactly into the empty space. They all read together:

Professor Ashleigh, after being bitten by the anthropoid, rapidly developed hydrophobia of a serious nature. After treatment with a new serum the patient was relieved of the hydrophobic symptoms, but to my horror this mild-mannered, humane man seems possessed at times of all the characteristics of the brutal anthropoid—cunning, thievery, brutality. I do not know what may come of this. I hesitate to put even these words on to paper. I am doubtful as to what course, in the interests of humanity, I ought to take.

(Signed) JAMES MERRILL, M. D.

Editor's Note—Just as we go to press, a cable announces the terrible death of Doctor Merrill, the writer of the above notes. He was attacked by wild animals whilst alone in a South American jungle, and torn to pieces.

There was a queer little silence among the company. No one seemed inclined for speech. They looked at one another in dumb, wondering horror. Then Quest drew a penknife from his pocket and with a turn of his wrist forced the lock of the diary. They all watched him with fascinated eyes. It was something to escape from their thoughts. They leaned over as he spread the book out before him. Those first two sentences were almost in the nature of a dedication:

For ten years I have protected my master, Prof. Edgar Ashleigh, at the cost of my peace of mind, my happiness, my reputation. This book, even though it be too late to help me, shall clear my reputation.

Quest closed the volume.

"French," he decided, "we must find the professor. Will you have your men search the house and grounds immediately?"

The inspector left the room like a dazed man. They could hear him giving orders outside.

"The next page," Lenora begged. "Just one page more!"

Quest hesitated for a moment. Then he turned it over. All three read again:

Ten years of horror, struggling all the while to keep him from that other self, that thing of bestiality, to keep his horrible secret from the world, to cover up his crimes, even though their shadow should rest upon me. Now Sanford Quest has come. Will this mean discovery?

"Another page," Quest said. "Don't you see where it is leading us? We have the truth here. Wait!"

He strode hastily to the door. French and one of the plain-clothes men were descending the stairs.

"Well?" Quest asked, breathlessly.

"The professor is not in the house," French reported. "We are going to search the grounds."

Quest returned to the library. Lenora clung to his arm. The diary lay still upon the table.

Quest opened the volume slowly. Again they all read together:

The evil nature is growing stronger every day. He is developing a sort of ferocious cunning to help him in his crimes. He wanders about in the dark, wearing a black velvet suit with holes for his eyes, and leaving only his hands exposed. I have watched him come into a half-darkened room and one can see nothing but the hands and the eyes; sometimes if he closes his eyes, only the hands.

"Mrs. Rheinholdt!" Quest muttered.

The door was suddenly opened and French entered.

"Beaten!" he exclaimed, tersely.

"You haven't found him?" Quest asked.

French shook his head.

"We've searched every room, every cupboard, every scrap of the cellar in the place," he announced. "We've been into every corner of the grounds, searched it all backwards and for-

wards. There's no sign of the professor."

Quest pocketed the diary.

"You're perfectly certain that he is not in this house or anywhere upon the premises?"

"Certain sure!" French replied.

Quest shrugged his shoulders.

"Well, we'd better get back," he said.

They were on the point of starting, the chauffeur with his hand upon the starting handle, French with the steering wheel of the police car already in his hand. And then the little party seemed suddenly turned to stone. For a few breathless seconds not one of them moved. Out into the clammy night air came the echoes of a hideous, inhuman, blood-curdling scream. Quest was the first to recover himself. He leaped from his seat and rushed back across the empty hall into the study, followed a little way behind by French and the others. An unsuspected panel door which led into the garden stood slightly ajar. The professor, with his hand on the back of a chair, was staring at the fireplace, shaking as though with some horrible ague, his face distorted, his body curiously hunched up. He seemed suddenly to have dropped his humanity, to have fallen back into the world of some strange creatures. He heard their footsteps, but he did not turn his head. His hands were stretched out in front of him as though to keep away from his sight some hateful object.

"Stop him!" he cried. "Take him away! It's Craig—his spirit! He came to me in the garage, he followed me through the grounds, he mocked at me when I hid in the tree. He's there now, kneeling before the fireplace. Why can't I kill him! He is coming! Stop him, someone!"

No one spoke or moved; no one, indeed, had the power. Then at last Quest found words.

"There is no one in the room, professor," he said, "except us."

"Professor," Quest said, sternly, "we are surrounded by the shadow of some terrible deeds for which as yet there is no explanation. I do not say that we mistrust you, but I ask you to submit to this test."

"I refuse!" the professor replied,

"And I insist," Quest muttered.

The professor drew a little breath. He sat back in his chair. His face became still, his lips were drawn closely together. Lenora wheeled up the machine and with deft fingers adjusted the fittings on one side. Quest himself connected it up on the other. The professor sat there like a figure of stone. The silence in the room was so intense that the ticking of the small clock upon the mantel piece was clearly audible. The very atmosphere seemed charged with the thrill and wonder of it. Never before had Quest met with resistance so complete and immovable. Sternly he concentrated the whole of his will power upon his task. Almost at once there was a change. The professor fell back in the chair. The tense self-control had passed from his features. His lips twitched. Simultaneously, the mirror for a moment was clouded—then slowly a picture upon it gathered outline and substance. There was a jungle, strange, tall trees, and brushwood so thick that it reached to the waists of the two men who were slowly making their way through it. One was the professor, clearly recognizable under his white sun helmet; the other a stranger to all of them. Suddenly they stopped. The latter had crept a yard or so ahead, his gun raised to his shoulder, his eyes fixed upon some possible object of pursuit. There was a sudden change in the professor. They saw him seize his gun by the barrel and whirl it above his head. He seemed suddenly to lose his whole identity. He crouched on his haunches, almost like an animal, and sprang at the other's throat. They could almost hear the snarl from his lips as the two men went down together into the undergrowth. The picture faded away.

"Doctor Merrill!" Lenora faltered. "Then it was not wild beasts which killed him."

Almost immediately figures again appeared in the mirror. There was a small passage which seemed to lead from the back entrance of a house; the professor, with a black mantle, Craig followed him, pleading, expostulating. They saw the conservatory for a minute, and then blackness. The professor was leaning against a marble basin. There was nothing to be seen of him but his eyes and hands. They saw him listen for a moment or two in cold, unresponsive silence, then stretch out his hand and push Craig away. The picture glowed and faded and glowed again. Then they saw through the gloom the figure of a woman approach, a diamond necklace around her neck. They saw the hands steal out and encircle her throat—and then more darkness, silence, obscurity. The mirror was empty once more.

"Mrs. Rheinholdt's jewels!" Lenora cried. "What next? Oh! my God, what next?"

Lenora stood a little apart with a faint frown upon her forehead. She touched Quest on the shoulder.

"Mr. Quest," she murmured, "he is lying!"

Quest turned his head. His lips scarcely moved.

"What do you mean?" he whispered.

"He is lying!" Lenora insisted.

"I tell you there's another creature there, something we don't understand.

Let me bring the electro-thought transference apparatus; let us read his mind." If I am wrong, I will go down on my knees and beg for forgiveness."

Quest nodded. Lenora hastened to the farther end of the room, snatched the cloth from the instrument and wheeled down the little mirror with



"He Is Dead!" Quest Declared.

its coils and levers. The professor watched her. Slowly his face changed. The benevolence faded away, his teeth for a moment showed in something which was almost a snarl.

"You believe me?" he cried, turning to Quest. "You are not going to try that horrible thing on me—Professor Lord Ashleigh? I am all broken up. I am not fit for it. Look at my hands, how they shake."

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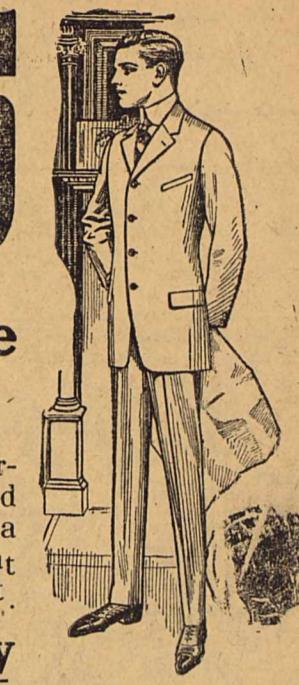
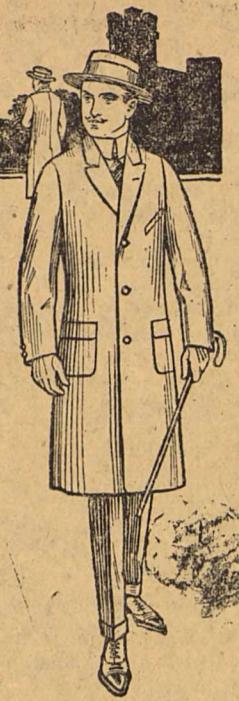
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OPENS NEW BUSINESS
AT HATCHEL, TEXAS

David Holliday is opening a new general merchandise business at Hatchel and was in Ballinger Tuesday figuring with the local wholesale houses, and while here placed an order with the Ballinger Printing Co., for a supply of stationery.

In addition to conducting a general merchandise business, Mr. Holliday will also act as postmaster, and will have charge of the lumber yard at Hatchel. He is perfecting plans for carrying a good stock of goods and will no doubt be successful in his new business.

Hatchel is located in the center of a thickly settled and prosperous community and being ten miles from Ballinger, the trade is sufficient to support such a business in a successful way. It is one of the most prosperous and progressive communities in the county, and this new store will add greatly to the place.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's
The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Child 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.

MORE FINE PEACHES.

Judge J. W. Powell, on his way from his home to his office, passed the home of W. A. Francis Wednesday morning. Mrs. Francis picked two large peaches off a tree in her yard and handed them to the Judge, stating that he could place them on his desk as ornaments. The judge stopped at the postoffice to get his mail and the crowd admired the peaches and many stated they were the largest they ever saw. Oscar Pearson stated that he had just returned from his old home in Tennessee where he had told wonderful stories of the bumper crops in Runnels County, and they would not believe him, and asked the judge to give him those peaches to send back to Tennessee and they would need no further proof. The peach tree from which these peaches were picked is loaded down and these were just fair samples of the crop.

KANSAS BUILDS ROADS.

Topeka, Aug. 18.—With the corn "laid in" and the threshing partly finished, Kansas today dropped their regular work and turned to repair the roads, badly damaged by a long continued rainy season. Thousands turned out in every section, of the state at the call of Governor Capper. A million dollars worth of work will probably be donated by citizens today and tomorrow in their efforts to get the highways in shape for moving the bumper crops to market when prices are "right."

A. J. Green, of Pecos, Texas, who had been looking after business in this section the past few days, left Tuesday for his home.

BALLINGER MAY HAVE ANOTHER 'PHONE EXCHANGE

As a result of the citizens of the north and northwest part of the county not being able to talk free, the announcement was made, following a meeting of representatives of rural independent phone lines, held here Monday, that an independent telephone exchange must be established here at an early date.

About a dozen men, constituting a committee, representing the section of the county it is proposed to connect with Ballinger by wire, met here Monday. A committee of Ballinger businessmen met with them, and the proposition was discussed, and a contract agreed upon. E. D. Walker, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, speaking for the Ballinger committee, stated to a ledger representative Tuesday that there was nothing to give out for publication, further than to say that the exchange would be built. Mr. Walker stated that two propositions had been submitted to build the exchange, two different parties, or companies, offering to put up the finances and build the line if the committee would secure the franchise for them.

The citizens living in the territory covered by the rural lines already in operation claim to have 600 subscribers that they will bring to Ballinger and connect with the local exchange, and thereby give the business men free connection with 600 farm homes. They also claim that telephone connection on the above basis will bring a great deal of trade here that is now going to other places.

Mr. Walker in discussing the proposition stated that it was just a matter of business, and that no one would be forced to connect with the new line, and only those who realized the value of the connection would be expected to connect. When asked if the new exchange would take in residence district, Mr. Walker stated that all those living in the residence district would be supplied with phones upon making application for same.

This is the outgrowth of a demand made by the people in the north end of the county for phone connection with Ballinger. The prospects are good for Ballinger to have to support two exchanges in order to remedy the trouble that for some time has been working a hardship on the town. In other words the question presents itself in the form of a necessary evil.

CAN'T GIVE FREE SERVICE.
In discussing the phone question with Managed Day, of the West Texas Telephone Co., this morning, not with a view of getting an interview, or even quoting Mr. Day, we learned something of the view taken by Mr. Day's company concerning the telephone proposition as it confronts Ballinger. Mr. Day stated

that it was supplying free service to 600 subscribers and give good service, and "Universal Service" is the slogan of the West Texas Co. The expense of maintaining a rural line is heavy and the people who get good service must expect to pay for it.

The West Texas Co., maintains a rural operator in its local office and is supplying service to 250 farm homes in the Ballinger trade territory. This service, as a rule, is very satisfactory, and is as good as any rural service. It is what you might call free service—it does not cost the town man and the man in the country, who is connected with the local switchboard anything extra to talk to each other, but the system is not a mutual one, as that of the independent companies operating in the north end of the county, and the rural subscriber pays for the privilege of connecting with the local exchange and bears his part of the expense in keeping up the party lines and buys his own telephone. In some cases the company is supplying the telephone and the charges are on a different basis.

There is no question but what two telephone exchanges are a burden to a town, but the question that is confronting the city at this time, and one which each business man, it seems, will be compelled to answer for himself is whether the benefit is worth the extra burden and cost, and if so fall in line and help support the independent exchange.

ICE CREAM SUPPER.

É. Koenig, of the Bethel neighborhood, was in Ballinger Wednesday to take out some articles for the ice cream supper Friday night, August 20th. Mr. Koenig says the supper will be under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society and the money realized will go toward their church work. Every body cordially invited to attend.

Cures Old Sores, Cuts Nomedes 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

Roscoe Stocks has accepted a position with the grocery department of Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., beginning work Monday.

B. L. Coulter and two little daughters of San Angelo, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to visit at their old home in Kentucky. His wife and two children will visit with J. D. Coulter and family while Mrs. Coulter is away from home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chapman and baby of Temple, who had been visiting relatives at Winters passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

SOCIALIST MEET IN ENCAMPMENT

ESTIMATED 200 DEAD;
TEXAS LOSS 62 MILLION

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port, lead to believe that the city has suffered as heavy property damage as in 1900, and if the loss of life is not as great it will be due to the seawall protection.

HOUSTON, Aug. 17.—All means of communication with Galveston was cut off last night, and the only report received from that city today comes by the way of wireless out of New Orleans. Efforts of the wireless station at Fort Sam Houston failed to bring response from Galveston after eight o'clock last night.

Up to a late hour today the extent of the damage is not known. Before all communication were cut off last night, reports from the island city stated that the water had risen to a depth of ten feet in the city and was pouring over the seawall.

It is known here that the storm is a repetition of the 1900 storm, and that the sea wall is responsible for the saving of lives.

FIRST DIRECT NEWS FROM STORM CENTER

The first direct news to be received from the Gulf coast storm came this afternoon in telegram from Ed McCarver at Texas City, to Mrs. McCarver's sister, Mrs. Harrie of this city. The telegram stated that McCarver and family were all safe.

Quite a number of Ballinger citizens have relatives and friends in the storm district, and there has been great anxiety during the last twenty-four hours. Dr. H. W. Blasdell has a sister at Morgan's Point, where six were reported drowned. Dr. Blasdell has not heard from his sister. The receipt of the telegram from Texas City leads to believe that the way has been opened and that communication with the storm swept district will now soon bring news of the extent of the damage.

W. J. BRYAN HONORS A FRIEND TODAY

BLOOFIELD, Ia., Aug. 18.—William J. Bryan, former Secretary of State was the principal speaker here today at the dedication of Weaver Park, the old home of Iowa's soldier, statesman and reformer, purchased by the city and dedicated to his memory as a park. James G. Weaver and Bryan were lifelong friends. Bryan followed Weaver in his populist campaigns and later Weaver was Bryan's right hand man in the first 16 to 1 campaign.

All through public life Weaver cut the way to new reforms and before his death had started the nationwide prohibition movement as a political issue. Thousands of former friends of the dead statesman, many old soldiers who followed him in war and still other thousands of people anxious to hear Bryan are here today.

ZEPRELLINS KILL NINE; WOUND 36

LONDON, Aug. 18.—A German Zeppelin raid on the east coast killed nine and wounded thirty-six and destroyed much property.

Constipation Causes Most Ills.

Accumulated waste in your thirteen feet of bowels causes absorption of poisons, tends to produce fever, upset digestion. You feel gassy, feel stuffy, irritable, almost cranky. It isn't you—it's your condition. Eliminate this poisonous waste by taking one or two Dr. King's New Life Pills tonight. Enjoy a full, free bowel movement in the morning—you feel so grateful. Get an original bottle, containing 36 pills from your druggist today for 25¢.

T. J. Bryant of the Millar neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and returned to Spencer Parish his lost pocket book as advertised in the Daily Ledger a few days ago. The Ledger want ads gets results.

M. B. Wardlow, of Concho, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mrs. George Kearney, of Belton, who had been visiting relatives and Ballinger friends for several weeks past, returned to her home Wednesday. Her son Master Dan, will remain with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt a few weeks longer before returning home.

Mrs. E. J. Ray, of Hamilton, who had been visiting her son G. W. Ray and family of the Maverick country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Springfield of Winters, came in Tuesday afternoon to accompany their sister-in-law, Mrs. M. J. Cottingham, who was en route to her home at Cleburne.

A. C. Homann, the bank examiner, left Tuesday afternoon for points east in his official work.

BEST PAINT.
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How Devoe?
It's 160 years old; but that isn't how.

It has long been the best; but that isn't how.

It has been developed by use and study, by study and use; that is how; and approved by experience, many years; that's how.

It commends itself by long lasting and small paint-cost; not cheap by the gallon, but cheap by the job and cheap by the year and ten years, cheap by the lifetime.

That's how.

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