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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. Chrits 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.

INVESTIGATING 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. Clayton 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 a 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 FALLING 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 Serbia 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 Aegen 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 heeded 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 by 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, or more than one-third the value of the entire city.

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All points along the gulf coast suffered heavy, and little coast 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 inter-urban 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

feared the number dead in Galveston will run high. LaPorte, Seabrook and Sylvan Beach have been wiped out and Texas City is known to have suffered great damage. Six are known to be dead at Morgan's Point and eighteen bodies found at Hitchcock. All efforts to communicate with Galveston by wireless since eight o'clock last night have failed. Houston's loss will run high into the millions.

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 18.—

With all efforts of the wireless station at Fort Sam Houston to get Galveston great fear is entertained here that that city has suffered a repetition of the 1900 storm. The latest message received here came last night at 9 o'clock, when a wireless flash from a government transport said that the number of lives lost is unknown.

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.

Meagre 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.

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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—its payable on demann. 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.

Cathartics and purgatives are violent and drastic in action and should be avoided.

"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.

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.

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 the 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."

"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."

"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 United States Department of Agriculture will help you from the start, (1) by sending it experts to help you and your county organize to fight the tick."

"The Department, however, can not pay the whole cost. The State should, and the county and its people must, help by doing their share."

"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."

"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 STEEL-LESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system."

"SEEING THINGS AT ANGELO. San Angelo—Two aeroplanes were seen last night north of here, for the second time in a week, and caused some excitement as nobody knows whence they came."

"ATEXAS WONDER. THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women."

"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?'

"Mrs. Joe A. Jones and two daughters, Misses Alene and Mildred of Sommersville, after a pleasant visit of several weeks to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwit 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.

Table showing State Revenue Tax, State School Tax, Pension Tax, State Poll Tax, Total State Taxes, County Ad Valorem Tax, County Special Tax, County Poll Tax, District School Tax, Total County Taxes.

Main table listing land owners, abstract and survey numbers, land descriptions, town or city lots, and various taxes (State and County).

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.

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.

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SUPERVISOR EXPLAINS PROMINENT VISITOR EDUCATIONAL LAWS ADVISES ON SHIPPING

About 25 county school trustees met in the office of County Superintendent Wooten, Monday afternoon, listening to an explanation of recent educational laws passed by the 34th legislature of Texas.

Mr. Cunningham said that the recent legislation had placed Texas 25 years ahead of her self, that the state was far behind other states previous to this action.

The educational interpreter said the laws now in effect on Sept. 1, 1916, would make it compulsory for children of ages between eight and fourteen to attend school at least five months of the year.

Mr. Cunningham in discussing the advantages heretofore of the average rural school, said that most any farmer would be glad to transfer his children to the town school, when the distance was the same or even more, but that the city man would not consent to send his children to the country school.

On this strain Mr. Cunningham said it had been thought that Texas rural districts paid too much school tax. He brought the fact that California paid \$31.50 tax for education; that Arizona citizens paid \$30.60 tax, and that Arizona provided that each school must receive at lowest \$880 per annum.

Mr. Cunningham said that in the past the commissioners' court had in reality been the county board of school for the rural schools and with all respect to them he said that they had not been elected for educational purposes and did not run on that platform.

Talking of free text books for the children, the state emissary said this might be done by a special election in the district so desiring. As evidence of the state's good will toward the struggling rural school, free books could now be had in country school districts.

The famous "Million Dollar Appropriation" was explained, showing that the aid law was not a gift from the state but in reality, it was in fact a distribution of taxes to help the school that was down and out, and the school that wash edged round with weeds unpainted and dilapidated.

Requirements of teachers in rural schools was said by the supervisor to be too low, and that the law had been changed so that better talent could be hired. The applicant to the rural school will be required to have had either experience or training or perhaps both.

At the completion of his talk by the man sent out by the state to explain the educational laws, questions were asked by interested trustees, and a general discussion was carried on.

W. H. Cleveland, secretary of the Erath County Marketing Association, of Stephenville, Texas, was a prominent visitor in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Cleveland was making an effort to sell some of the surplus apple crop from his county, and made several good sales.

Stephenville, Texas, has the honor to be the first town in the United States to ship a carload of Jonathan apples this year. These apples are grown in large quantities near Stephenville, and the flavor is said to be the best.

The Erath County man said that there was a bumper corn crop raised in his county, that very little maize was grown, and that Runnels maize would be bought there to fatten their hogs and stock; shipping their corn for greater profit.

PIONEER COW MEN RECEIVE INVITATION

SWEETWATER, Aug. 16.—A reunion that will be more than ordinary interesting is that which the pioneer cowmen of the days of the free grass era, embracing the period previous to 1885, will hold near here September 7th date of the opening of the West Texas Water Show and Sweetwater Demonstration.

A complete cow camp furnished with nothing that could not have been obtained in 1885 is being arranged as their headquarters and this is some distance from the city. Here the boys of the days of '85 must enjoy the pleasures (or endure the hardships) of the old time cow camp, which ever they choose to call it.

Governor Ferguson is to be their guest on this occasion. The whole camp will meet his train as a reception committee and forming a "body guard" will escort him across country to the camp where an old fashioned cow camp dinner will be served.

CAST IN MEXICAN JAIL ON FRAME UP

(San Angelo Standard.) After languishing eight months in a filthy Mexican prison, H. A. Shurmon, formerly of San Angelo and erstwhile owner of the Concho Herald at Paint Rock, has returned to his family, who have been residing here during his absence in Mexico.

"It was a frame up" and Mr. Shurmon today, but that did not help matters. Not only filth but short rations had to be endured, sometimes one meal and sometimes two meals daily or ortillas, beans or chile con carne being served them in that time.

Dr. W. B. Halley left Sunday for New York, where he will take a special medical course in eye, ear and throat and nose diseases. The doctor will be joined at McAllister, Okla., by Mrs. Halley and Charley Bailey, who will visit in New York.

Table with columns: Name of Owner, Abstract No., Survey No., LAND (Original Grantee), TOWN OR CITY LOTS (City or Town), STATE TAXES (Reveint, School, Pension, Poll, Property), COUNTY TAXES (Ad Valorem, No. District, School District, Penalty, Total Taxes).

BALLINGER AD MAN WRITES SPECIAL STORY

"Securing the Farmers' Trade," is the heading of a special article in the July issue of Good Storekeeping, a magazine published by Good Housekeeping Magazine's service department. This publication has a wide circulation in merchandising fields, and will help other merchants along the same lines that same methods have helped the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. Illustrated with cuts of the big store the story makes quite a showing for Ballinger and this section as one of the largest department stores in West Texas.

The story goes on to show how a friendly feeling exists between the Runnels County farmer and the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. store, how this was made possible through courtesy, advertising and service. Two paragraphs are devoted to advertising in local mediums, and delivering a hard one to the mail order houses. Weekly newspapers are especially recommended in Mr. Sharp's article, but he insists on truthfulness in all advertising.

Miss Hill of San Angelo, came in Tuesday morning and will be the guest of Misses Alma and Bertha Van Pelt. Will Murphy of the Maverick county, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. J. F. Holliday and baby of Winters, and her brothers, Clyde and Tom Fowler left Tuesday at noon for Christoval to spend a few days. Mrs. M. L. Parker of Hatchel, was sopping in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

L. E. Low of Winters, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday. Geo. L. Uman, who is with A. Rosenberg, left Monday afternoon on a short business trip to Taylor. R. R. Reams of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday. Dr. W. W. Mitchell of Norton, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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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 worst sting of all. Did you ever feel it?

Nobody objects to showers of prosperity, but some people are afraid of rain.

It was a step backwards when the commissioners' court cut out demonstration 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 business 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 Rannels County is not represented 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 Milledgeville, 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.

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"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 sewage 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 145 owners had complied and that 68 had not as yet complied."

"Twelve water leaks were repaired."

"Nine hundred and thirty-eight feet

of 6-inch main in Laman 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 a 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.

volution-ravaged republic are in worse shape than they were three years, two year, 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 outside 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 forget 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. Its 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 it's 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.

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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.

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FABLE OF THE TWO
DOLLARS.
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(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.

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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. "Where have you been?" "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

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

Those opposing the farm demonstration work 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 medmaids are not luring to a dry land. Elm creek affords ample water supply for the present.

Rannels 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 steak, 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 drouths. 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 Rannels County. The rule should be adopted here forthwith and immediately, and the county relieved of the burden of feeding negroes and triffing 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 will be discarded everywhere.

But many people are mistaken about the city manager plan. They express opinions which are not susceptible proof. Wherever the city manager plan 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.

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 unhurt. "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.

Appeals to the factional leaders of Mexico, "moral suasion," kind words and bluster have failed. Affairs in the re-

staurant 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. Then they were paid out together to a busy little country woman as change for an aristocratic ten-dollar bill which would hardly look at them as it passed by.

Their next trip was to Jones Bros. Grocery store where they almost lost each other in the mad scramble of the Saturday afternoon trade, but finally found themselves in two different rooms in the cash drawer with only a thin partition between.

"How do you like it?" whispered the round hard dollar to the soft crinkly one.

"Fine business," answered the other. "Everybody is so busy and seems so happy."

Just then the round dollar was whisked out of the drawer and didn't have time to even say goodbye.

But the two little dollars met again and again, quite often, in fact, for they were busy all the time. Now it would be back at the stone bank where they would be carefully sorted and stacked. Then at the grocery store, and once in a while at one of the farm houses which each visited every few days. They became well acquainted with the farmers, the trades people, the carpenters, the doctor, the druggist and, in fact, all the busy folks in Apple Center.

Then for a long time they did not see one another. The little round dollar kept on working just as tight as it could work, sometimes doing the work of twenty dollars a day and making twenty people happy. He wondered where his old friend, the soft little dollar, had disappeared to. Finally

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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. McLelland and 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. McLelland 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 brograns 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. McLelland was doing this and if we discontinue his services, who is to carry the good work on?

If Mr. McLelland 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 McLelland 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 carry on the demonstration work.

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 belt. 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

and see the many good things we had. McLelland 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 clubwork, 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 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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EXTENSION AGENT COMPLIMENTS COUNTY

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. McLelland and a Ledger representative made a trip over the Olfen 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, Mecedon, 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.

Walter Crofford, of Covington, Tenn. came in Sunday and has accepted a position with the Miller Mercantile Co., and began upon his duties Monday. He is a relative by marriage to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn.

Miss Anna Walker of Hatchel and her cousin, Miss Moore of the Pumphrey country, left from this point Saturday afternoon to visit relatives and friends at Brownwood and Lampasas.

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antee 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 the direction of Geo. P. McLelland, which has been so successful in this county, and which has made Runnels County the most talked of county in the state on account of its success in diversified farming, was brought to an abrupt end today (Saturday). To begin this work in Runnels County the United States government appropriated \$600 per year and the county \$600. The government's appropriation holds good as long as the county makes its appropriation, and the \$600 from the U. S. government is now lost to the county.

The commissioners court in its session Friday afternoon voted against the appropriation for another year. Commissioners Meadows, Craft and Smith voting against the proposition and McWilliams voting for the appropriation.

In this we believe that the court has made a serious mistake. The county has lost all and gained nothing, from the simple fact that the tax rate will not be reduced one cent for this year, and we dare say for next year, or the next. We lost the benefit of the \$600 spent each year in the interest of the farmers by the United States government, but the farmers will continue to pay the same tax nevertheless.

No man who is posted on the wonderful development made in this county during the two years campaign for better farming on more scientific basis will deny that the county has not profited thousands of dollars. Under the two years demonstration work the taxes have not been increased.

We understand that there are farmers in the county who oppose the demonstration work. The United States government says that it is a good thing and are spending thousands of dollars annually in carrying on the work, and will continue to spend the money, but by the action of the commissioners court this county will not get the benefit of one cent of the money appropriated for the betterment of the farmer. We believe that a majority of the people of Runnels County are in favor of maintaining a demonstrator.

Geo. P. McLelland has been on the job two years. The state agent on a recent visit to Ballinger stated that the county was to be congratulated in having him as he was one of the best men in the work in Texas. Since coming to Ballinger, Mr. McLelland has worked up great interest in diversified farming. Through his preaching of dairying and poultry raising, and the organizing of pig clubs, etc., he has given the county the reputation of leading all other counties in diversified farming. More poultry was shipped from Runnels County the first year of Mr. McLelland's work in this county than was ever shipped from here before, and the supply of poultry and eggs to leave the county this year will more than double that of last year.

Through Mr. McLelland'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. McLelland 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. McLelland is working will be transferred to one of these counties.

Mr. McLelland 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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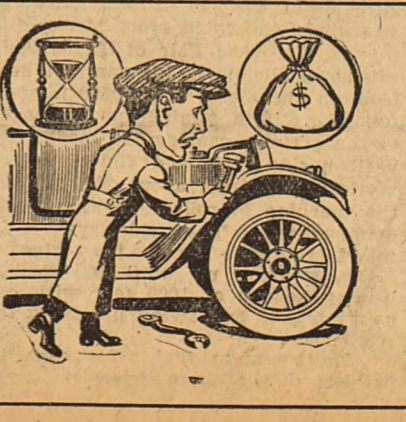
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J. E. Newby, one of the prominent citizens of the Bradshaw country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. West of Miles, came in Wednesday afternoon to visit her daughter Mrs. Owen Dorsey and Ballinger friends.

Miss Maurice Truly returned home Wednesday afternoon from Marie and was accompanied by Miss Josie Glenn of that place and will visit relatives and Ballinger friends. Miss Maurice had been visiting relatives at Wichita Falls and visited at Marie a few days before coming home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones of the Valley creek country, left Wednesday afternoon for Fort Worth, where Mrs. Jones will visit relatives, while Mr. Jones and his brother of Fort Worth will go on to Missouri to visit their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitfield and son, of Teague, Texas, came in Wednesday to visit his nephew R. E. Long and family.

Jesse Hunter, a prominent druggist of Santa Anna, who is taking a vacation was spending a few days with friends in Ballinger this week.

G. G. Odom of Fort Chadbourne came in Wednesday to attend the cow punchers meeting in the L. P. Woods pasture this week.

Tick Eradication Being Pushed; 500 Cattle Dipped on Spreen Ranch; Many Onlookers Watch

About 500 cattle, cows and calves, belonging to Mrs. Mary Spreen and sons, were dipped for cattle-ticks Wednesday at the Spreen ranch 9-12 miles northeast of Ballinger. Dr. H. Grafke, cattle-tick inspector for the San Angelo district, was in charge of the dipping operations. Dr. Grafke was accompanied to the place by Geo. P. McLelland, a Ledger reporter, and Feb. McWilliams in the latter's car.

The dip vat on the Spreen place is one of a few vats in Runnels County, and the cattle dipped Wednesday afternoon were used in fact, as an experiment as well as a demonstration. Dr. Grafke was brought here by Geo. P. McLelland and some interested cattle men, to show how the solution should be prepared, what condition the stock should be in at the time of the dipping, etc. Dr. Grafke asserted that many cattle had been lost to his knowledge through improper methods. He said cattle should not be allowed to run after let out of the vat, and said they should be fought back if necessary. Cows should be allowed to drink, before the process, especially if on a hot day. Milk-cows should have their bags greased well before going in, to prevent the arsenic in the dip from cracking the skin.

Owing to a mistake, an old formula for preparing the dip, necessitating cooking the dope, was used at this place. Solutions of sodium, arsenic and tar, were mixed in about four and a half measures for the vat containing nearly 2500 gallons of water. This delayed the work some time and dinner was called before actual work had begun.

The dinner was all that one could wish for, and there were some ten or fifteen visitors there to get a "square" meal for once. Fried chicken, peas, beans, bacon, cabbage, potatoes, yams, light-bread home-made, preserves ditto, cake and coffee, were there in their Sunday clothes, but not for Western hospitality noted all over the world, reigned under the sway of these Runnels County ladies. All visitors present were unanimous in their thanks for

the repast.

About 1:30 in the afternoon after the inspector had tested the dip in the vat to make sure of its strength, and finding it exactly correct, a bunch of cattle were driven in to a pen below the chute and three or four run in. They dipped much better than expected for the first time in. Dr. Grafke stated that wild cattle are much easier to dip than tame, on account of being in a hurry to run through. Only about fifty minutes was required for the bath, millions of ticks and flies being killed. Flies were black on the cattle when started down the slide, but were killed by the soaking in the vat and the spray from the plunge caught many. "It has been said that cattle after being dipped will not fatten," stated Dr. Grafke, "this is false as cattle can not get fat with flies and ticks on them, and the cattle will be immune for days to come from these pests, after dipping." Several minor improvements that should be made in the construction of vats were pointed out by the inspector, and the interested stockmen present checked off the faults in the Spreen vat for their own benefit.

Among those present to see the dipping were A. J. Zappe, Ike Honig, R. F. Scott, Lee Maddox, Jack McKay, Jas. Clayton, Geo. McLelland, Feb. McWilliams, and others.

A. J. Zappe will begin building a dipping vat on his farm soon, and was there taking notes. He was much impressed with the benefits to be gained. Lee Maddox with Mr. Scott of the Loomis ranch in Concho County, stated that he would construct a new vat on the big ranch in the near future. He had noted some improvements he would make in his. While there are but few vats in the county, there are more in course or contemplation of construction, and the small stockmen are being advised to build "community" vats. Feb. McWilliams volunteered the belief that the Tick Eradication Law would be passed in this county when presented for a vote this fall. More and more interest is being manifested in the eradication of the pest that take \$5 to \$10 off each animal in value in sale.

Dr. Grafke came here at the insistence of Geo. McLelland, and was scheduled to be in Fort Worth on that date, but postponed his trip there. He will be here again next week, if possible, to demonstrate more fully the dip process.

A Medicine Chest for 25c.

In this chest you have an excellent remedy for Toothache, Bruises, Springs, Stiff Neck, Backache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism and for most emergencies. One 25c bottle of Sloan's Liniment does it all—this because these ailments are symptoms, not diseases, and are caused by congestion and inflammation. If you doubt, ask those who use Sloan's Liniment, or better still, buy a 25c bottle and prove it. All druggists.

LADIES—send your coat-suit or dresses to Gilliam's to be cleaned and pressed. We know how. C. C. GILLIAM, The Leading Tailor, Phone No. 2. 19-3d-1w

J. H. Parramore of Abilene, came in Thursday to attend the Runnels County Cow Punchers Association in their annual meeting in the L. P. Wood pasture near Old Runnels, Thursday and Friday.

C. W. Barrett of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

Miss Mae McElroy, who had been visiting relatives in East Texas the past several weeks, returned home Thursday at noon.

P. J. Baron and Joe Sommers, of Rowena, who had been attending County Court the past few days, returned home Thursday at noon.

W. F. Buck of San Angelo, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Preston Dunn of the Spring Hill neighborhood, who had been east to sell a carload of melons, returned home Thursday at noon.

Mrs. Tureck of Rowena, was visiting in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

VERY ENCOURAGING, AND TEN REASONS.

From present indications, our fall attendance will be the heaviest in the history of the institution. We are now getting from sixty to seventy-five requests each day for catalogues from those interested in attending. There are several reasons why those desiring to thoroughly prepare themselves for a successful business career should select our institution. First, we meet the demands of the business office or we would not be enrolling two thousand students annually from over half the states in the union. Second, we have our own special and copyrighted text books and methods of teaching the most important subjects. This enables us to give a better training in less time and at less expense. Third, our work is practically all arranged on the individual plan of instruction thereby enabling each student to advance as rapidly as his ability will permit. The dull student is not over crowded by the fast one, or the fast student held back on account of the dull one and both discouraged. Each works to his full capacity and increases interest in his work. This method also enables a student to enter at any day in the year and take up his work to the very best advantage. Fifth, our free Employment Department is of great value to many of our graduates in securing positions. Sixth, our service Department is of exceptional value to the graduate in after life. It is free to all and is very thorough. Seventh, we have one of the most competent corps of teachers to be found anywhere. They know how to make a student's stay pleasant as well as profitable. Eighth, we give thorough courses in book-keeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy, Cotton Classing, and Business Administration and Finance. This gives you a wide range of subjects from which to select, something to fit you for the line of work you most prefer. Ninth, we have shown the superiority of our training by placing our students in the very best positions to be had in commercial, state and national affairs. Also by repeatedly winning first honors on our exhibit of students' work at three different state fairs. Tenth, Tyler is a beautiful, moral, healthful, city of fifteen thousand high-class citizens, the metropolis, and educational center of East Texas.

Write today for catalogue and begin making your arrangements to enter America's largest business training school at the very earliest possible date.

JACK MCGREGOR LYNN

Mr. and Mrs. Estes Lynn of San Angelo, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy, born to them Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor of our city. The young gentleman was christened J. McGregor Lynn and grandfather McGregor is today one of the proudest men in Ballinger.

Tom Moreland and sister, Miss Ollie and Mrs. Eddie Pape returned home Thursday at noon from a visit to relatives and friends at Boonesville, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norton and baby, of Goldthwaite, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Norton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Scholler, left Thursday for Bangs where they will visit a few days before going home.

Miss Venita Boyd returned home Thursday from a ten days visit to relatives at Brownwood.

STORM DAMAGES STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Aug. 19.—The terrific wind-storm here today has, according to the estimate of Manager Lochridge, done from \$500 to a \$1,000 worth of damage. Two gables on the west wing of the main building were blown in, the roof of G. Hall the Library Building were dislodged and many tile from eaves and gables were blown down and hurled to the ground. Limbs of many of the campus trees were blown down and several trees uprooted. This damage was done by noon Tuesday, when the storm was still increasing in fury.

Mrs. R. E. Lane and daughter, returned home Wednesday afternoon from a visit to friends at San Angelo.

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 Black face type double regular rate.
 Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.
 Call Telephone No. 27.

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- FOR SALE—Gentle driving horse, phaeton and harness at a bargain. Apply to C. P. Shepherd. tldw
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- LAND FOR SALE—In Garza County, Near Post City. Easy terms. Lands now being offered to actual settlers in lots of from 80 to 320 acres, and improvements to suit the purchaser up to \$1700 in value, on easy terms. The amount cash down is \$200 per acre and \$1.75 per acre per year thereafter till paid for with interest at 4 per cent per annum. The price of the improvements added to the purchase price of the land. All conveniences such as lots, barns, a well and water piped over lots and in the house. Deferred payments are made "on or before" a certain date. I will pay all transportation charges of those who go from here with me and buy land there. W. M. Lloyd, agent for Runnels county. Post City Texas. 13-2twpd
- DAIRY CATTLE—I will be on the market at the Street barn with two carloads of dairy cattle about the 25th of August. Geo. B. Hollamon, Seguin, Texas. 13-2tw
- FOR SALE OR TRADE—Six-room residence on 10th street near M. E. church, good as new. Bargain if sold quick. Apply to T. J. Bryant, Ballinger. 9-2tdtwpd

WANTED

- FOR TRADE—My good bicycle for horse feed, either oats or maize. See me or leave word with my papa at the Ledger office. Albert Sledge. 13-3tw-dh.
- COTTON PICKERS—White family with bale a day force, want house and place to pick. Drop note to B. N. Northam, Ballinger, and I will hunt you up. 20-4w-pd.
- WANTED—to clean, press, alter or repair that next suit or pants that needs fixing up. Phone No. 2, C. C. GILLIAM, The Leading Tailor. 19-d3t-wlt

Form Co-partnership.

Drs. F. M. Hale and C. A. Watson have formed a co-partnership for the practice of medicine, with offices over the Zappe building in Ballinger. 19-2d-2w

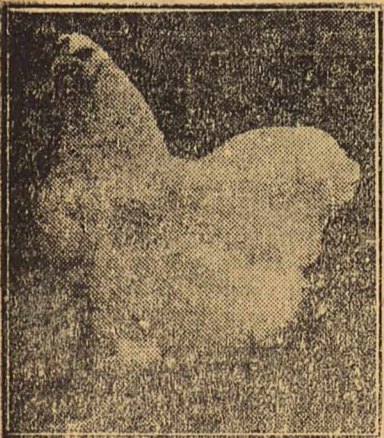
Geo. W. Cole Jr., of Belton, and his nephew, Master Walter Tomlinson of Hillsboro, and S. H. Meeks of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

H. H. Thomson of the Ballinger Dry Goods Co., returned home Thursday at noon from the Eastern markets, where he had been buying goods for his firm the past few weeks.

Mrs. Arthur Doose and two children, returned home Thursday at noon from a visit to relatives at Talpa.

EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR TODAY.

- * German cavalry occupy Brussels. Strong columns follow cavalry into city.
- * Germans reach river Dyle. Belgians retiring to ward Antwerp.
- * Germans push southward on both banks of Meuse toward Sedan.
- * Battle reported near Charleroi in which Germans lose 6,000.
- * French recapture Mulhausen in Alsace.
- * Russians occupy Gumbinnen, German town, capturing 12 field guns and many prisoners.
- * Montenegrin troops invade Austrian territory in Herzegovina.
- * A force from German East Africa reported to have invaded British East Africa protectorate.
- * S. S. France brings 1392 American refugees to New York.



GREAT POULTRY SHOW.

Dallas. The poultry exhibit at the State Fair of Texas this fall will in every way be indicative of the importance of this thriving industry. The big building at Fair Park which houses the poultry division has been thoroughly overhauled. New coops have been installed, especially the coops large enough to take care of "flocks"—a new classification this year. A flock will consist of one male and eight females. The usual generous premiums are offered for individual birds and for pens. The Texas Barred Rock Club offers a special prize of \$25 this year for the best dark and light Barred Rock exhibited.

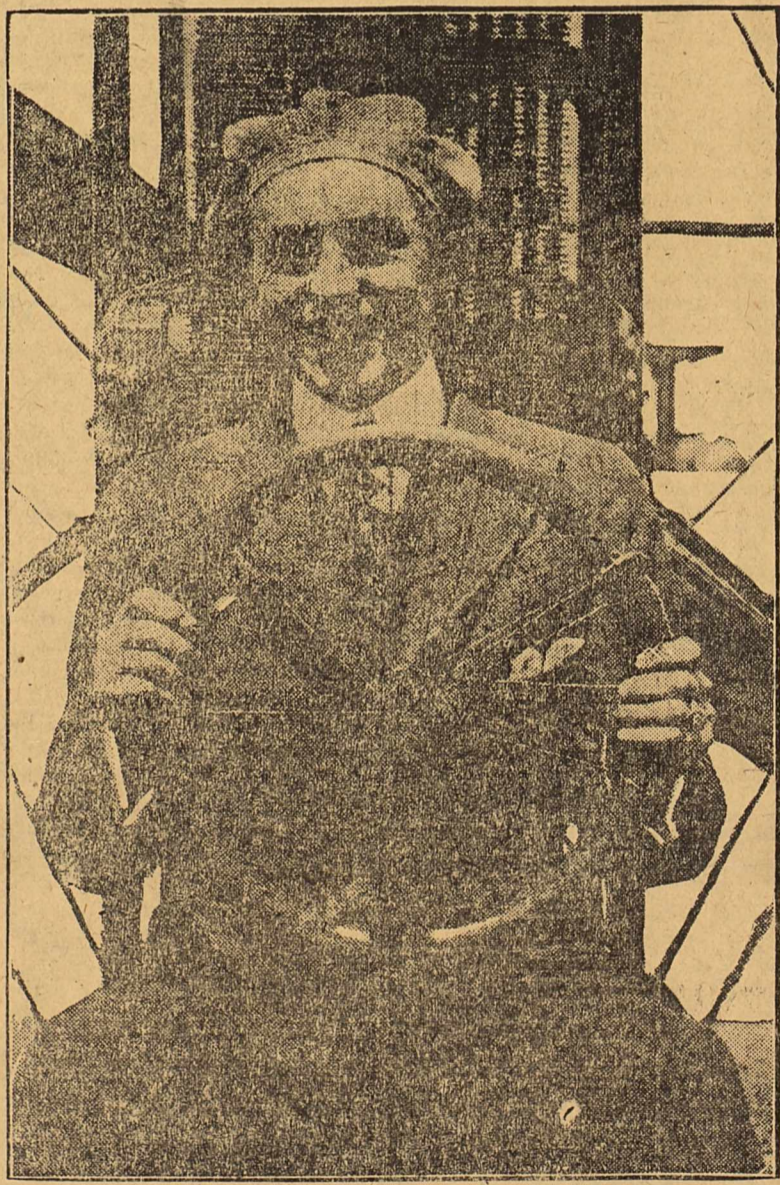
MADE-IN-TEXAS EXHIBIT.

Dallas. A new feature for the State Fair of Texas this year is the Made-in-Texas exhibit. Displays of Texas manufactured products covering more than 40,000 square feet of floor space will be a big boost for home industry. In several of the exhibits machinery will be in actual operation making the products on exhibition. Texas factory products are equal in quality, price, desirability and usefulness to those made outside the State. The Made-in-Texas exhibit was decided on to impress visitors with this fact.

POLO TOURNAMENT ASSURED.

Dallas. This city will be the Mecca of polo enthusiasts during the run of the 1915 State Fair of Texas. Assisted by Captain A. J. Edmonds, the "father of American polo," the State Fair management has arranged for a series of games to be played the first and second weeks. Crack teams from civil life and from the United States Army have already entered—some of the best players in America are assured. Polo will be played on the big athletic field at Fair Park.

Polo is a popular game with all lovers of outdoor sport. It requires courage, keen and active thought, and expert horsemanship. It is now a part of the curriculum in the mounted service of the United States Army.



WORLD'S GREATEST AVIATOR TO FLY AT STATE FAIR.

Dallas. Art Smith, the most daring aviator of all time, has been engaged to make flights each day and on six nights during the run of the 1915 State Fair of Texas. This "comet of the air" has recently out-beached Beachey in every phase of flying at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. At the State Fair of Texas Smith guarantees to put on all his hair-raising thrillers. In his contract he promises, among other sensations, the from an altitude of about 2500 feet; roll-over loops, finishing within 300 feet following. Ten straight up and over loop-the-loops in absolute succession of the ground—causing the machine to roll over side-ways, wing over wing until upside-down, and finishing by diving and leveling to right-side-up; vertical drop from about 2000 feet down to landing; wing slide in which the machine is rolled sideways until the wings point up and down, machine then falling sideways, tail slide, in which the machine is rolled sideways until the wings point up and down, machine is looped straight up until it "stalls," then falling backward tail first; looping-the-loop at 1000 feet with hands off the steering wheel and arms outstretched; and flying upside down with hands off wheel and arms outstretched. Smith's night flights are especially sensational when he loops-the-loop not less than a dozen times, his machine all ablaze with brilliant fireworks



What Are They Saying?

What would you say if you had received such a chest of silver.

For the most clever answer in fifty words or less, to this question we offer a chest of



shown in our window today. See there, also, conditions of the contest which closes October 30th.

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 Celina 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.

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. McLelland, county farm demonstration agent. The commissioners said the \$600 per year paid Mr. McLelland can better be applied to the county roads.

"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. McLelland as government agricultural demonstration agent for another year.

"There is not a man who has done more for Runnels County than McLelland," 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 ol dpeople 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 McLelland, 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.

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 into 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. Guaranteed to fit, \$15 the suit or overcoat. C. C. GILLIAM, The Leading Tailor. Phone 19-34-1w

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

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

Telle 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.

ADVANTAGES OF AN URBAN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Hall of Washington University Meets Old Questions With Time-Tested Answers.

CITES DR. HOUSTON'S WORDS

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



Dr. Frederic A. Hall, acting chancellor of Washington University, is an advantage or a disadvantage to a university to be placed in a city is up again.

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 latest 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 all divisions of social science, Economics, Charities and Corrections, Education, Government and the physical sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Engineering), the city best contributes the material needed by 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 these he can find only in a great town—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 relieving them.

The life of the city, with its sharp contrasts of rich and poor, has been thought the chief danger of our free government. If the study of these subjects is to be of practical use, 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. Large libraries 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 county Sunday afternoon at 5:30. She left immediately to attend the funeral.

Children Cry for Fletcher's



The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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W. R. Yarbrough, of Aubrey, Denton county, and J. O. Roots, of Pilot Point, who had been visiting J. S. Williams and family, left for their homes Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Yarbrough is a son-in-law of Mr. Williams and Mr. Roberts is an old time friend.

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 Corsicana 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.



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.

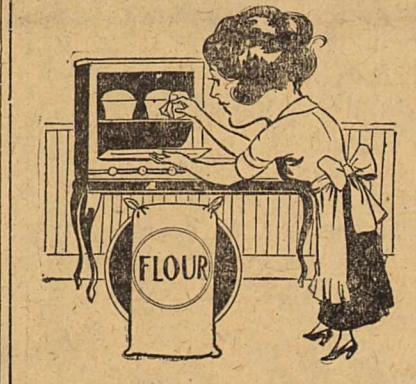
The vaudeville program arranged for this year will be a combination of song, dance and musical acts, and high class acrobatic features.

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.

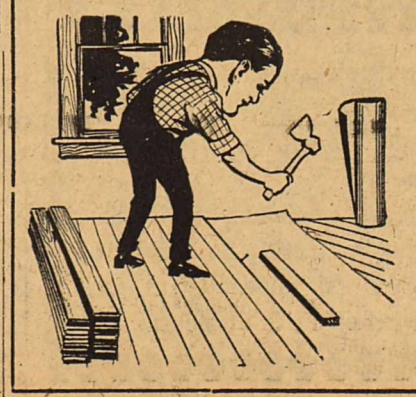
Dallas: The State Fair premium list and catalogue is now ready for distribution. The premium list is a handsome book printed in two colors which covers in detail all departments of the State Fair; all prizes and premiums; all rules and regulations; how to enter exhibits; how to ship them to the State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



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.

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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 your self an injustice if you do not get our prices. Wm. Cameron Lumber Co.



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Auto racers, prize-winning motor boat owners, aviators, choose Texaco Motor Oil. Where every ounce of energy is required to produce results and where even the slightest of defects in a product makes a great difference, Texaco Motor Oil is used because its quality and reliability are advantages that cannot be overlooked.

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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 NEW INSURANCE MAP \$1,000 BONDS FOR THIS CITY

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 209 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 BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in 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.

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, Bride, 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 on 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.

Saved Girl's Life

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

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

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

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

These Figures Show What We have and Its Value

The tax rolls just completed by Tax Assessor Boyd and approved by the commissioners' court, make a good showing for the county in gains and present a nice piece of work for Mr. Boyd. The rolls are neatly gotten up and are complete in detail and make the work of the collector much easier to carry on.

As stated in this paper last week, the gain in values are very noticeable in the livestock column, which shows that the people of Runnels county are raising something besides cotton. Following is

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 \$407,080.
14,841 head of cattle, valued at \$236,640.
40 jacks, valued at \$4,500.
14,620 sheep, valued at \$32,240.
4996 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.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Tones, sealed in Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist, or for CHICHESTER'S PILL-BLIND BOTTLE PILLS, for 50 cents known as Best. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

C. G. Siebel, O. Voglesang and P. Michaelis, of the Hatchell country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Siebel returned home Sunday from a visit to Brehan and other points in that section and reports the prospects in our section in much better in everyway 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 Cometa 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. Wiygle, one of the successful farmers of the Hatchell 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-

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 Saturdays, 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, 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 arighting 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 help less 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 Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere.

Your Tin And Pipe Work

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

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

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

Dunn and Glenn
Telephone No. 22 Ballinger, Texas

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 Lien Notes bearing 8 per cent interest, and charge no commission for placing your loans. For further information write or call on

H. Giesecke Ballinger, Texas.

DELICATE APPETITES

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.

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas.
PHONE 66

Hall Hardware Co.

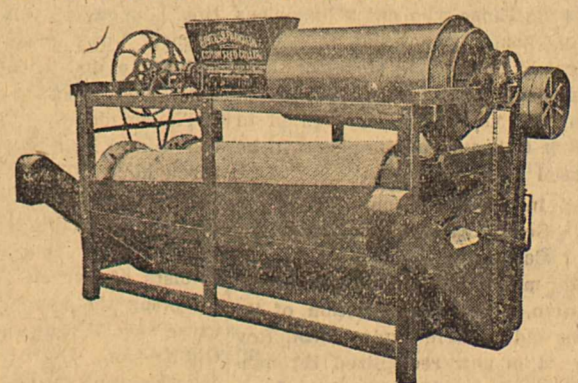
Hardware, Implements and Vehicles

Standard Implements, Windmills
Studebaker and Schuttler
Wagons

Hall Hardware Co.

A Word to Cotton Growers

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



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

T. S. LANKFORD

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 District Court, March term, 1915. To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas: 1. J. E. Humble, who resides in Williamson County, Texas...

That heretofore, to-wit, on or about October 19th, 1907, C. A. Dooze, of Runnels County, Texas, owned and possessed, holding the same by fee simple title, that certain tract of land situated in Runnels County, Texas...

Plaintiff alleges that on or 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...

ney'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...

Plaintiff alleges that heretofore, to-wit, on or about December 18th, 1911, the said C. A. Dooze 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...

Plaintiff alleges that the said G. W. Faulks departed his life on or about December 27th, 1913, in Runnels County, Texas, in testate, leaving surviving him his said widow, Mrs. C. C. Faulks, and the other named defendants herein...

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...

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...

by fee simple title of said premises as hereinbefore alleged, and then and there lawfully entitled to the possession of same, by reason of the facts hereinbefore alleged...

Plaintiff alleges that neither the said G. W. Faulks nor the defendants herein have ever made any payment on said land, except as hereinbefore stated...

Plaintiff alleges that the said G. W. Faulks, now deceased, and the defendants have had actual possession of the said premises since August 15th, 1907, and that the improvements made upon said premises by the said G. W. Faulks and the defendants, if any, are of little value...

WHEREFORE, premises considered, plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to answer herein, and that a Guardian Ad Litem be appointed by the court to represent the aforesaid defendants...

CHARLES ROGAN & M. C. SMITH, attorneys for plaintiff. Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof...

SHERIFF'S SALE County of Runnels: By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County...

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...

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

SHERIFF'S SALE 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...

Given under my hand, this 3rd day of August 1915. J. D. PERKINS, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. By J. A. DEMOVILLE, Deputy.

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 6th District, Harris County...

WILL CONDUCT REVIVAL AT NORTON Rev. R. R. Rives, accompanied by J. R. Holloway, left in the latter's auto Wednesday afternoon for Norton where Rev. Rives will be in a revival for the next two weeks or ten days...

Is Sickness a Sin? If not, it's wicked to neglect illness and means of relief. It's wicked to endure liver ills, headache, indigestion, constipation...

Man in Need with Sick Boy We understand that a man and two little boys camped in the Colorado river valley, in the edge of town, are in need of help...

WILL ORGANIZE BOY SCOUT COMPANY

John Hall, who is with the Bank Barber Shop of this city, is organizing a Boy Scouts company here. Mr. Hall has his card as Scout Master from headquarters of the American organization...

Are you interested in your boys of Ballinger? Scoutcraft is essential to the community enterprise. It's the community's opportunity to reach the boy with corrective influence for character building and good citizenship...

The method is summed up in the term "Scoutcraft," and is a combination of observation, deduction, and handiness, or the ability to do things. Scoutcraft includes instruction in First Aid, Life Saving, Tracking, Signaling, Cycling, Nature Study, Seamanship, Campercraft, Woodcraft, Chivalry, Patriotism, and many other subjects...

Ed Dean of Wingate was in the city Monday with several wagons to move the household goods of Wm. Stevens to Wingate where he will run the Wingate gin, having bought the same a few weeks ago.

G. W. Ray of the Maverick country was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

MAN IN NEED WITH SICK BOY We understand that a man and two little boys camped in the Colorado river valley, in the edge of town, are in need of help...

PREACHING SERVICES. We are requested to announce that Elder G. W. Newman will preach at the Millar school house Friday night, August 20th. A cordial welcome to everybody to attend.

B. F. Davis, of Dallas, who had been looking after the compress work in Ballinger the past week or two, left for home Tuesday afternoon. He informed us that the compress would be turned over to the company on or before Sept. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Crouse, who had been living on the Don McLarry place up the river in the Spring Hill neighborhood, left Tuesday afternoon for their home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Elmer Voelkel, after a pleasant visit to his parents and Ballinger friends, returned to Dallas Monday afternoon, where he holds a position.

SPRING HILL NEWS

Health 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...

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Blathewick 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 Mertzson, has returned home after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hinde.

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 Hoofstutter 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.

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 Oviar 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.

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. Robson of Benoit was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.



Drink
Coca-Cola

Because it is delicious
Because it is refreshing
Because it is thirst-quenching

And because it is the combination
of the three. That marks Coca-Cola
as a distinctive beverage.



DEMAND THE GENUINE AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

THE COCA-COLA CO. Atlanta, Ga.

Whenever
you see an
Arrow think
of Coca-Cola

TOM GREEN COUNTY WANTS DEMONSTRATOR

(San Angelo Standard)

George P. McLelland, 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. McLelland has made one of the biggest records ever produced by an agricultural demonstrator in Texas. He received a salary of \$1800 per annum. Of this sum \$1000 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. McLelland if the proper encouragement is received from the 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, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and relief.

LAND DEAL.

The Security Title Co., closed up the papers and placed of record a land deal in which C. C. Carter sold to J. J. Martin of the Noton 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 \$0,500. 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 rebuild 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 2,496 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

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 "out-law."

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 Olfen 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 to-do 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 a 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 40 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 ever 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 Wilde 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,
Talpa

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. 10-5dwtf

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. GROZIER 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 long 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 down town 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 Durhams.

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 would 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 owners of such houses 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 superintending the drilling, is seriously ill and there is little hopes 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 Hatchel 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.

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The BLACK BOX

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

Author of "The Moving Finger," "The Prince of Sinners," "Anna, the Adventress," 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-and-death struggle with a mysterious master criminal. In a hidden hide in Professor Ashleigh's garden he has seen an ape skeleton and a living creature, half monkey, half man, destroyed by fire. In his rooms have appeared black boxes 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 boxes continue to appear in uncanny fashion. Craig, captured, escapes to Port 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 train wreck, outgenerals his pursuers, and goes back to New York, where he flies 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 scotched 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. Rheinhold!" 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 live 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."

The sound of a human voice seemed to produce a strange effect. The professor straightened himself, shook his head, his hands dropped to his side, ghastly pale, but his smile was once more the smile of the amiable naturalist.

"My friends," he said, "forgive me. I am very old, and the events of these last few hours have unnerved me. Forgive me."

He groped for a moment and sank into a chair. Quest fetched a decanter and a glass from the sideboard, poured out some wine and held it to his lips. The professor drank it eagerly.

"My dear friend," he exclaimed, "you have saved me. I have something to tell you, something I must tell you at once, but not here. I loathe this place. Let me come with you to your rooms."

"As you please," Quest answered, calmly.

He gripped Quest's arm. In silence they passed from the room, in silence they took their places once more in the automobiles, in silence they drove without a pause to Quest's rooms. The professor made his way at once to his favorite easy chair, threw off his overcoat and leaned back.

"Quest," he pronounced, "you are the best friend I have in my life! It is you who have rid me of my great burden. Tell me—help me a little with my story—have you read that page from the Medical Journal which

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"He is Dead!" Quest Declared.

moment. The picture faded out.

"Oh, stop it!" Lenora begged. "Haven't we seen enough? We know the truth now. Stop it or I shall die!"

The criminologist made no reply. His eyes were still fixed upon the professor, who showed some signs of returning consciousness. He was gripping at his collar. He seemed to have difficulty with his breathing. Quest suddenly braced himself. He pushed Lenora back.

"One more," he muttered. "There's something growing in my mind. I can feel it. Wait!"

Again they all turned towards the mirror. They saw the hallway of Ashleigh house, the pictures upon the walls, they could almost feel the quiet silence of night. They saw the professor come stealing down the stairs. He was wearing the black velvet suit with the cowl in his hand. They watched him pause before a certain door, draw on the cowl and disappear. Through the opening they could see Lord Ashleigh asleep in bed, the moonlight streaming through the open window across the counterpane. They saw the professor turn with a strange, horrible look in his face and close the door. Lenora burst into sobs.

"No more!" she shrieked. "No more, or I shall go mad!"

Quest leaned forward and released their victim. The whole atmosphere of the place seemed immediately to change. Lenora drew a long, convulsive breath and sank into a chair. The professor sat up and gazed at them all with the air of a man who has just awakened from a dream.

"Have I, by any chance, slept?" he asked. "Or—"

He never finished his sentence. His eyes fell upon the mirror, the metal band lying by his side. He read the truth in the faces still turned towards him. He rose to his feet. There was another and equally sudden change in his demeanor and tone. He carried himself with the calm dignity of the scientist.

"The end of our struggle, I presume?" he said to Quest, pointing to the metal band. "You will at least admit that I have shown you fine sport."

No one answered him. Even Quest had barely yet recovered himself. The professor shrugged his shoulders.

"I recognize, of course," he said, gravely, "that this is the end. A person in extremis has privileges. Will you allow me to write just a matter of twenty lines at your desk?"

Silently Quest assented. The professor seated himself in the swing chair, drew a sheet of paper towards him, dipped the pen in the ink and began to write. Then he turned around and reached for his own small black bag which lay upon the table. Quest caught him by the wrist.

"What do you want out of that, professor?" he inquired.

"Merely my own pen and ink," the professor expostulated. "If there is anything I detest in the world, it is violet ink. And your pen, too, is excusable. As they are to be the last words I shall leave to a sorrowing world, I should like to write them in my own fashion. Open the bag for yourself, if you will. You can pass me the things out."

Quest opened the bag, took out a pen and a small glass bottle of ink. He handed them to the professor, who started at once more to write. Quest watched him for a moment and then turned away to French. The professor looked over his shoulder and suddenly bared his wrist. Lenora seized her employer by the arm.

"Look!" she cried. "What is he going to do?"

Quest swung around, but he was too late. The professor had dug the pen into his arm. He sat in his chair and laughed as they all hurried towards him. Then suddenly he sprang to his feet. Again the change came into his face which they had seen in the mirror. French dashed forward towards him. The professor snarled, seemed about to spring, then suddenly to Quest the paper upon which he had been writing.

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Quest held up the paper. They all read. The professor's letters were carefully formed, his handwriting perfectly legible:

You have been a clever opponent, Sanford Quest, but even now you are to be cheated. The wisdom of the ages outreaches yours, outcrucies it and triumphs.

Quest looked up quickly.

"What the devil does he mean?" he muttered.

The professor's arms shot suddenly above his head. Again that strange animal look convulsed his features. He burst into a loud, unnatural laugh.

"Mean, you fool?" he cried, holding out his wrist, which was slowly turning black. "Poisoned! That is what it means!"

They all stared at him. Quest seized the ink bottle, revealed the false top and laid it down again with a little exclamation. Then, before they could realize it the end came. The professor lay, a crumpled-up heap, upon the floor.

Quest swung round in his chair as French entered the room and held out his left hand.

"Glad to see you, French. Help yourself to a cigar."

"I don't know as I want to smoke this morning just at present, thank you," French replied.

"Nothing wrong, eh?"

"The fact of it is," French explained, "I should like a few words with Miss Laura."

Quest laughed shortly.

"Why on earth couldn't you say so?" he observed. "Never know you bashful before, inspector. She's up in the laboratory. I'll ring for someone to show you the way."

Quest touched the bell and his new secretary entered almost at once.

"Take Inspector French up into the laboratory," Quest directed. "See you later, French."

"Yes—perhaps—I hope so," the inspector replied nervously.

Quest watched him disappear with a puzzled smile. Then he sat down at his desk, drew a sheet of paper towards him and began to write:

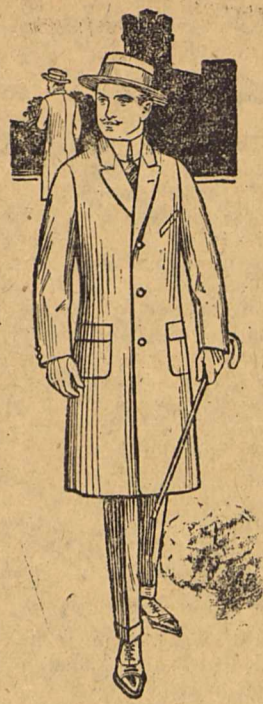
My Dear Inspector:

I am taking this opportunity of letting you know that out of deference to the wishes of the woman I hope soon to marry, I am abandoning the hazardous and nerve-racking profession of criminology for a safer and happier career. You will have, therefore, to find help elsewhere in the future.

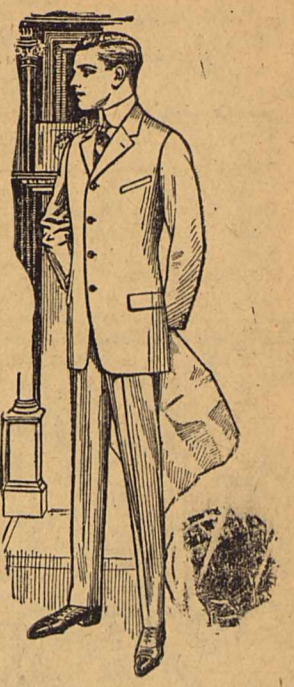
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In addition to conducting a general merchandise business, Mr. Holliday will also act as postmaster, and will have charge of the lumber yard at Hatchel. He is perfecting plans for carrying a good stock of goods and will no doubt be successful in his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

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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 Rannels 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 would 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 business men 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 there by 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 Manager 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—as it does not cost the town man and the man in the country, who is connected with the local switch board 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.

E. 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. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

James Old Sores, Ulcer Remedies 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

While the threatening weather prevented the Socialists from a distance from being present at the opening of the encampment here Wednesday morning, those in and around Ballinger were on the ground early. The speakers failed to arrive until noon when E. R. Meitzen and T. A. Hickey arrived.

At three o'clock, despite the high wind that was sweeping the dust down through the pavilion in the Colorado river park, E. R. Meitzen addressed the Socialists on the subject, "The Mission of Socialism."

The encampment will hold over for three days, and the committee has announced the following program for the occasion:

8 p. m. tonight—"The Waste of Competition," or "How to Get the Money," and address by T. A. Hickey, editor of the Rebel.

Second Day—August 19.
10 a. m.—"Socialism and War" by E. R. Meitzen.

3 p. m.—"The Land Question in Dixie," T. A. Hickey.

8 p. m.—"Great Achievements of the Democratic Party" by Covington Hall.

Third Day—August 20.
10 a. m.—"Might is Right" by Covington Hall.

3 p. m.—"Evolution of Industry," T. A. Hickey.

8 p. m.—"The State Platform of the Socialist Party" by E. R. Meitzen.

GO TO—Ballinger. Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc. Complete line of Saddlery goods and accessories. Shoe work and general repairing our specialty.
E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

Mrs. Lewis and little daughter of Westfort, Texas, who had been visiting her aunt Mrs. E. F. Elder and family left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

P. J. Baron, and Joe Sommers of Rowena, were among the number attending county court in Ballinger this week.

W. R. Richardson ordered the Banner-Ledger to the address of S. B. Whitely of Wagoner, Okla., Wednesday, to keep him posted on the old home news.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

FATHERS' AND MOTHERS' BANK

THE BANK THAT HELPS YOU DO THINGS

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 a 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. Blasdel has a sister at Morgan's Point, where six were reported drowned. Dr. Blasdel 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 stead 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.

ZEPRELINS 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 thirty feet of bowels causes absorption of poisons, tends to produce fever, upset digestion. You belch gas, 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 tall, free bowel movement in the morning—you feel so grate full. Get an original bottle, containing 36 pills from your druggist today for 25c.

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 grand parents, 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.

What is it?
Devoe.
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.
Ballinger Lumber Co.
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