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## "Our Own Little Town"

There are fancier towns than our own little town,  
There are towns that are bigger than this;  
And the people who live in the tinier towns,  
Don't know what excitement they miss.  
There are things you can see in a wealthier town,  
That you can't in the town that is small;  
And yet, up and down, there is no other town,  
Like our own little town, after all.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS CO.  
BALLINGER, TEXAS

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# 12 More Americans Killed; Wilson Empowered to Act

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—2:15 BULLETIN.—Senator Lewis, the Wilson administration leader, introduced a resolution in Congress this afternoon empowering President Wilson to order the American army into Mexico at once to settle internal troubles. The resolution did not indicate whether Senator Lewis was acting upon the request of President Wilson, but it caused the greatest speculation of any move suggested since recent massacre.

The Lewis resolution came shortly after the receipt of the news that twelve more Americans had been murdered in Mexico, and it is believed that the administration is reconsidering its Mexican policy in which it was announced that the United States would not intervene.

By United Press.  
EL PASO, Jan. 13.—Twelve more Americans, including two women, were murdered by Mexican bandits at Madera, Chihuahua, late yesterday according to unconfirmed reports reaching Chihuahua City this morning.

The execution of Bert Cramer, an American ranchman at Guerrero, by a Villista firing squad last Friday, was confirmed here today.

Gen. Banda and twelve other Villista officers, have been jailed charged with vagrancy, to save them from possible violence at the hands of a mob of Americans. The arrest of the thirteen Villista officers was made following a discovery of a plot to lynch Gen. Sanahar, suspected of ordering Tom Fountain, a young American before the firing squad.

Twenty Americans who called

at the Salazars Hotel this morning are believed to be planning other lynchings to avenge the Santa Ysabel massacre, in which eighteen Americans were murdered.

The train bearing the bodies of the eighteen Americans massacred at Santa Ysabel last Sunday, arrived here this morning, and will be turned over to relatives and carried to their respective homes for burial.

### AMERICANS HAD WARNING.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—President Wilson made a statement this morning, concerning the Mexican massacre of Americans at Santa Ysabel, in which he endorses the stand taken by Secretary Lansing. Lansing issued a statement saying that Americans who entered Mexico did so facing a warning from this government, and that they went into Mexico at their own risk.

### FERGUSON OPPOSED TO INTERVENTION.

By United Press.  
AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—Gov. Ferguson is opposed to intervention with Mexico and issued a statement in which he defends the Wilson administration's Mexican policy. Gov. Ferguson declares that the United States is not prepared for intervention.

### CARRANZA TO PUNISH BANDITS

CHIHUAHUA, Jan. 13.—Gen. Tresto has sent out an army of 500 troops in pursuit of the bandits who murdered eighteen Americans in this state.

# VILLA LEADS MASSACRE; 16 AMERICANS ARE KILLED

By United Press.  
EL PASO, Jan. 12.—Villa was seen in the vicinity of the scene of the American massacres two days ago, and it is believed that he personally directed the massacre of sixteen Americans and two Canadians of the Cosi Mining Co., of Santa Ysabel, Chihuahua, Monday.

EL PASO, Jan. 11.—Seventeen persons, all believed to have been Americans, were killed by Mexican bandits yesterday after being taken from a Mexico Northwestern train fifty miles west of Chihuahua and stripped of their clothing, according to a message received here tonight by H. C. Myles, a British vice consul here from British Consul Seovell at

Chihuahua city. The train on which the Americans were traveling from Chihuahua city to Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua, carried thousands of dollars in currency, and a large quantity of supplies sent by the American Smelting and Refining company to its mines in Cusihuiriachic.

It is believed here that all of the fifteen American mining men known by means of a check on Mexican passports to have been in Chihuahua were on board the looted train.

Thomas M. Holmes, the only known survivor, stated, however, in his brief telegram giving the first news of the raid that he counted seventeen Americans taken from the train.

# Senate Hears Resolution for Mexican Intervention

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Sherman introduced a resolution in Congress today demanding armed intervention in Mexico and the establishment of a representative government in

the Mexican republic immediately. Mr. Sherman's resolution provides for the evacuation of Mexico after the United States succeeds in establishing a government for the people and by the people in the Mexican republic.

# STEALS GOODS AND PLEADS GUILTY

It will be remembered that L. M. Hughes lost a quantity of clothing and groceries from his buggy while attending church at the Nazarene church about one month ago. Mr. Hughes was trading in the city and remained over to attend services. He reported the

theft to the officers and an investigation was instituted that led to the arrest of the guilty party this week, the return of part of the goods and a plea of guilty in court.

It seems that the officers picked up a clue through obtaining a sample from a pair of pants stolen with the other goods. The party getting the pants carried them to a tailor shop where they were cut off. Deputy Sheriff Breedlove pocketed a piece of the goods and kept it to compare with any pants

## To the Public:

We have purchased the interest of Mr. U. P. Melton in the firm of Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., and will continue business at the same stand and on similar plans as has heretofore been conducted.

The style of the firm will hereafter be

## Higdon-McElroy Co.

I will have active management of this store and assure you the same courteous treatment that has been extended you in the past and will at all times endeavor to give you the best merchandise at the lowest prices consistent to quality.

I will appreciate a visit from you, in order that we may get acquainted whether you want to make a purchase or not, I am here as a citizen and expect to unite with the citizenship of this city in our effort to keep Ballinger the best little city in West Texas.

Yours for success,

John I. McElroy

he might see walking around town. On Monday of this week Mr. Breedlove located a pair of pants suiting the description and comparing with the sample, worn by Paul Funderberg. The officers started an investigation that caused Funderberg to plead guilty to the theft, and he was arrested and placed under a \$200 bond to await the action of the county court.

Part of the goods were returned to Hughes, part had been disposed of by sale by Funderberg and the groceries had been used.

H. Grady Stokes left Tuesday afternoon for Brownwood on a short business trip.

### M. A. TRAYLOR GOES HIGHER

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 11.—M. A. Traylor was elected president of the Live Stock Exchange National Bank here today. Mr. Traylor began his career in a bank at Malone, Texas, going to a bank at Ballinger, Texas, and later was vice-president of the National Stock Yards National Bank of East St. Louis, Ill. He is 37 years old.

Mr. Traylor was formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Ballinger. He is the son-in-law of J. J. Yerby of this city. We understand that his new position carries a salary of \$12,000 per year.

### Statement of Condition

...The...

## Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

At the Close of Business November 10th, 1915

Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts \$154,826.61	Capital - - - - - \$50,000.00
Bills of Exchange cotton 65,522.74	Surplus - - - - - 10,000.00
Overdrafts - - - - - NONE	Undivided Profit net 6,126.65
Banking House F & F 20,000.00	Borrowed Money - - - - - NONE
Other Real Estate - 6,896.84	DEPOSITS - - - - - 363,826.32
Interest and Assment in Guaranty Fund - 2,217.21	\$429,951.97
CASH - - - - - 180,488.57	
\$429,951.97	

The above statement is correct.

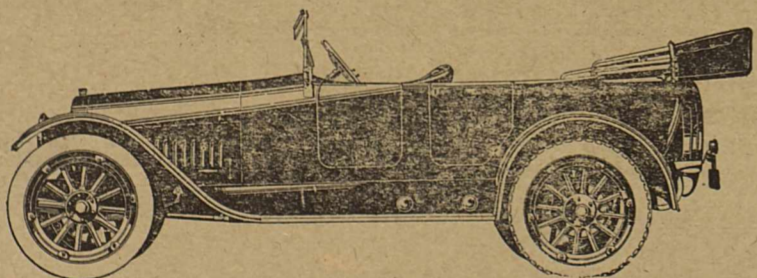
JOHN Q. McADAMS, Cashier

The constantly increasing volume of business and growth of resources indicate the satisfactory service we are giving the people of this section.

"A Guaranty Fund Bank"

W. A. Nance

Henry Jones



## Mitchell Cars on Credit

We are in a position now to sell Mitchell Cars on terms. See us at once.

Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!!

1 4 cylinder Buick, in good running condition \$125.  
1 Metz, 4 cylinder, 4 passenger, in first class condition \$250. \$150 cash balance \$10 per month.

Trade with us this year and reduce that automobile bill. You will always find us 25 to 50 per cent cheaper on anything in the auto line than anyone else. We have the tools and can turn out a job before others could find the trouble.

Tires any kind 10 per cent off list. Gasoline 17c. Dry batteries 27c. Pres-to-light put on your car \$12. Exchange on presto \$1.50. Aluminum numbers 10c. Spark plugs 15c.

## Ballinger Auto Company

Opposite Court House Lawn

# Announcing Our Great

# MID-WINTER

If ever printers ink carried a memorable announcement to our friends and patrons this is it. In face of the fact that in the last few months, due to the unprecedented demand for merchandise, and to the famine in dyestuffs, we have had to make special reductions. It will pay you to come a long way to attend this extraordinary sale. We must clear our shelves

## Sale Commences Saturday, January

### Staples

Very best outing, clearance sale	8½c
15c percale, clearance sale	12c
10c percale, clearance sale	8½c
10c gingham, clearance sale	8½c
10c cheviots, clearance sale	8½c
10c drilling, clearance sale	8½c
10-4 brown sheeting,	25c
9-4 brown sheeting	22c

### Blankets and Quilts

LARGE VARIETY OF CHOICE GOODS.

\$7.00 values, clearance sale	\$5.75
\$6.50 values, clearance sale	\$5.15
\$5.50 values, clearance sale	\$4.35
\$5.00 values, clearance sale	\$3.85
\$3.50 values, clearance sale	\$2.95
\$2.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.90
\$1.75 values, clearance sale	\$1.45
\$1.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.23
\$1.25 values, clearance sale	95c
\$1.00 values, clearance sale	70c
50c values, clearance sale	35c

Fur scarfs and muffs at  
One-half Price

### Ladies' Sweaters

Values \$3.50 to \$9.00 at the extreme clearance sale price	\$1.95
\$2.50 sweaters, clearance sale	\$1.50
\$1.50 sweaters, clearance sale	75c

### Absolute Clearance on Ladies' Coats and Suits

\$15 values, clearance sale	\$9.00
\$12.50 values, clearance sale	\$7.50
\$10 values, clearance sale	\$6.25
\$9 values, clearance sale	\$5.65
\$7.50 values, clearance sale	\$4.15
\$5 values, clearance sale	\$3.15
\$4 values, clearance sale	\$2.65
\$2.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.90

### Shetland Floss

Shetland floss, regular price \$1.50, clearance sale per box	\$1.20
Eiderdown Yarn, regular price \$2.00, clearance sale price per box	\$1.60

### Ladies' House Dresses

Why sew when you can buy these practical dresses so cheap

\$2.00 values, clearance sale	\$1.58
\$1.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.20
\$1.25 values, clearance sale	98c
\$1.00 values, clearance sale	85c



### Clearance Sale Prices on Corsets

\$5.00 Warner corsets, clearance sale	\$3.90
\$3.00 Warner corsets, clearance sale	\$2.40
\$2.00 Warner corsets, clearance sale	\$1.55
\$1.75 Warner corsets, clearance sale	\$1.45
\$1.50 Warner corsets, clearance sale	\$1.23
\$1.25 Warner corsets, clearance sale	\$1.05
\$1.00 Warner corsets, clearance sale	89c
50c Warner corset, clearance sale	43c

### Ladies' Underwear at a Great Saving

\$1.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.20
\$1.25 values, clearance sale	95c
\$1.00 values, clearance sale	85c
75c values, clearance sale	63c
50c values, clearance sale	43c
25c values, clearance sale	21c

### Dress Goods at Clearance Sale Prices

\$2.00 and \$2.25 values, clearance sale	\$1.55
\$1.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.20
\$1.25 values, clearance sale	95c
\$1.00 values, clearance sale	85c
65c values, clearance sale	57c
50c values, clearance sale	41c
35c values, clearance sale	27c
25c values, clearance sale	19c
20c values, clearance sale	16c
12 1-2c values, clearance sale	9 1-2c
10c values, clearance sale	8 1-2c

### Trunks and Bags at Big Reductions

\$17.50 values, clearance sale	\$13.25
\$15.00 values, clearance sale	\$11.95
\$12.50 values, clearance sale	\$9.90
\$10.00 values, clearance sale	\$7.85
\$8.50 values, clearance sale	\$6.90
\$7.50 values, clearance sale	\$6.35
\$5.00 values, clearance sale	\$3.98
\$3.50 values, clearance sale	\$2.90
\$2.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.98
\$2.00 values, clearance sale	\$1.58
\$1.75 values, clearance sale	\$1.45
\$1.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.20
\$1.25 values, clearance sale	98c
\$1.00 values, clearance sale	79c

### Men's and Ladies' Rain-coats at Sale Prices

\$6.00 raincoats, clearance sale	\$4.95
\$5.00 raincoats, clearance sale	\$4.15
\$4.00 raincoats, clearance sale	\$3.35

### A Screaming Fire

10c Bleached Domestic, best quality, Saturday  
Forty bolts go at this price

No Goods Charged at Sale Prices

### Ladies' Purses Reduced

\$5.00 ladies' purses, clearance sale	\$3.98
\$3.50 ladies' purses, clearance sale	\$2.75
\$2.50 ladies' purses, clearance sale	\$1.85
\$1.50 ladies' purses, clearance sale	\$1.15
\$1.25 ladies' purses, clearance sale	98c

### Ladies' Gloves at Clearance Prices

\$2.00 ladies' gloves, clearance sale	\$1.55
\$1.75 ladies' gloves, clearance sale	\$1.45
\$1.50 ladies' gloves, clearance sale	\$1.27
\$1.25 ladies' gloves, clearance sale	\$1.05
\$1.00 ladies' gloves, clearance sale	79c
75c ladies' gloves, clearance sale	55c
50c ladies' gloves, clearance sale	43c
25c ladies' gloves, clearance sale	19c

### Misses' and Children's Union Suits

50c values, clearance sale	39c
35c values, clearance sale	27c
25c values, clearance sale	19c

### Children's Drawers and Shirts

One lot children's drawers and shirts, 25c values **19c**

### Table Linens Reduced

\$1.75 values, clearance sale	\$1.48
\$1.50 values, clearance sale	\$1.23
\$1.25 values, clearance sale	\$1.05
\$1.00 values, clearance sale	85c
75c values, clearance sale	57c
50c values, clearance sale	43c

No telephone or mail orders filled on Domestic at 6c or Ginghams at 6 1-2c

The success of our sales is due to the fact that we advise to forehanded buyers is: anticipate you will be higher, colors will be less reliable.

### EXTRA---Special for Thursday

Very best 10c Gingham, fifty pieces, the yard

# Ballinger Dry

Ballinger, Texas

A Sunny Disposition  
in the morning  
follows the use of  
**Rexall**  
**Orderlies**  
the night before

The laxative tablet  
with the pleasant taste

In neat tins  
10¢ 25¢ 50¢



We have the exclusive selling rights for this great laxative.  
Trial size, 10 cents.  
**WALKER DRUG CO.**  
THE REXALL STORE

**RATS, PRAIRIE DOGS AND OTHER PESTS**

Judge Ed. R. Kone of the State Department of Agriculture, will address the people at following places, organizing for the destruction of the pests, to be followed up by demonstrations by the demonstrators of the Biological Sur. U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, to demonstrate how to mix and use poisons—everybody invited.

Bronte, Jan. 8, 1:30 p. m.; Robert Lee, Jan. 10, 1:30 p. m.; Sterling, Jan. 14-15th; Miles, Jan. 17, 2:00 p. m.; Rowena, Jan. 18, 4:00 p. m.; Ballinger, Jan. 19, and 20th, 4:00 p. m.; Talpa, Jan. 22, 1:30 p. m.; Coleman, Jan. 24, 1:30 p. m.; Santa Anna, Jan. 25, 1:30 p. m.

Dates for demonstrations will be arranged at the meeting held by Judge Kone.

J. W. NEILL, Dir. Ins.

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children  
In Use For Over 30 Years  
Always bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Gifford*

**WORKERS' COUNCIL ORGANIZED AT METHODIST CHURCH**

At the Methodist Church last night fifteen officers and teachers of the Sunday School met and organized a Workers' Council which will have regular monthly meetings. The Workers' Council is composed of all officers and teachers of the Sunday School. Plans of organization and grading were discussed and methods for building up the Sunday School. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. Organized classes were discussed, and suggestions made for organizing and enrolling all classes eligible. A teachers training class was discussed and several teachers expressed a desire to join such a class.

The last Sunday in each month was selected as Missionary Day in the Sunday School and the offering on that day will go to the Conference Collections or Benevolence. Rev. E. R. Stanford, the pastor, presided and much interest was shown in the Sunday School work. "More pupils, more workers, and better work" is their motto.

**How to Cure Coughs and Colds.**

Keep out of Drafts. Avoid Exposure. Eat and Live Right and Take Dr. King's New Discovery.

You catch cold because your system is below normal and finds itself unable to throw off the cold germs. To recover you should first take a remedy to kill the germs. Then be careful of your eating. Avoid exposure. Go to bed early and save your strength in every possible way. To kill the germs take Dr. King's New Discovery.

**BROUGHT HERE FOR TREATMENT.**

Mrs. Ed Dozier of Paint Rock was brought here several days ago and placed in the Halley & Love sanitarium for an operation. Mr. Dozier accompanied Mrs. Dozier and spent several days here. We are glad to report the good lady getting along nicely.

**BREAKS A GOLD IN JUST A FEW HOURS**

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends gripe misery—Don't stay stuffed-up!

You can end gripe and break up a severe cold either in head, chest, body or limbs, by taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Be sure you get the genuine.

**SUCCESSFUL OPERATION FOR MRS. JESTER.**

R. T. Williams received a letter from Rev. T. C. Jester today stating that Mrs. Jester was getting along nicely and well as could be expected. The letter from Rev. Jester was dated at Dallas at three o'clock Monday Mrs. Jester was on the operating table for thirty minutes before noon and had come from under the effects of the medicine and no further danger was expected.

**Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly**

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

L. S. Metcalf, one of the prominent business men of Wingate, was transacting business in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

Just the minute Dr. King's New Discovery touches the cold germs they begin to shrivel and die. Your irritation ceases. The cough eases and you begin to get better. Dr. King's New Discovery is just laxative enough to expel the dead germs and poisonous secretions.

The ingredients in Dr. King's New Discovery make it an excellent cough and cold remedy. Don't endure the annoyance of coughs and colds. Don't keep on suffering. Don't take the risk of more serious illness. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. Watch your eating and habits. You will find your cough and cold under easy and natural control and be assured of a speedy recovery. At all druggists.

**BEAUTIFYING HOME ADDS TO VALUE**

By A. E. Burgess, Secretary Y. M. B. L.

It is only too common to see prosperous farmers living in unpainted houses set down on the bare and wind swept prairie, when these same farmers might, by a little thought and expense, make their homes places of beauty. In the yearly struggle for bigger crops and more money these farmers seem to have overlooked the fact that money is not the only thing to be sought in this world. Men owe to their wives and families to make the home outwardly attractive, to say nothing of the pleasure that men themselves may derive from beautiful surroundings.

It is rather a simple matter to make an attractive home and grounds out of a very plain beginning. Suppose we take an illustration. A farmer lives in a rather large, two-roomed, box-shaped, board house which sets in a bare, open field. The house is unpainted and weather-beaten. Doors and windows are few and small. No definite wagon road leads to the public highway. This farmer's barn, a building larger than his dwelling, stands to one side and a little in front of his house in the direction of the prevailing wind. The hog lot behind the barn is near and about even with the house. Other outbuildings are arranged with equal awkwardness. Pretty uninviting, isn't it?

But this farmer decides to change things up a bit. He moves his dwelling to the highest point on the front of his farm and places it about 100 yards back from the road. He moves the barn and other outbuildings to points behind and some little distance from the house and fixes them up a bit. He next builds a neat-looking gate down at the public road. Out of this gate he goes to town for some lumber and some paint. He remodels his house by widening the doors, increasing the number of windows, and by adding a dormer window at each end. Incidentally, he increases the number of his rooms by adding gable windows to the attic, making a half-story of it. He then paints the remodeled house. He next grades up a driveway to the road and takes a look at all that he has done. He has done well, he decides. He has, in fact, transformed a hovel into a home.

But there is still one thing lacking. The place needs some quick-growing trees and shrubs. He plants these, and as soon as they have grown a bit, he has the show place of the neighborhood. What did it cost him? Well, if he and his family did all the work, there wasn't any cost except for a little lumber, nails and paint. The show window display now seen at the Business League attempts to illustrate a case of this sort.

When a farmer who has a little cash begins to plan improvements around his home, he should not fail to provide sewage, good lights, a phone, and a small gasoline engine for power around the barn. These things can be secured at a reasonable cost, and if he doesn't care for them himself it is but fair to his wife for him to get them.

Each farmer who wishes to improve his homestead must work out plans to suit his own conditions, but many good magazines will give him suggestions. The secretary of the League will also gladly offer his advice.

Pure Home-Made Sorghum at Jeanes Produce Co. 50c per gallon. 11-2td-2tw

J. D. Smith, of the Wingate country, W. D. Meadows, of the Winters country, C. N. Craft of Miles, and Feb McWilliams, of Prec. No. 1, were at their post of duty Monday at the regular monthly term of the commissioners' court.

Sid Oliver of Wilmeth, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and W. A. Pace, of Wingate was also transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

J. A. Zack, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and while here renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

Rev. M. C. Golden left Monday at noon for San Angelo to look after church work a few days.

**You've hit the right tobacco**

when you fire-up some Prince Albert in your old jimmy pipe or in a makin's cigarette. *And you know it!* Can't get in wrong with P. A. for it is made *right*; made to spread-smoke-sunshine among men who have suffered with scorched tongues and parched throats! The patented process fixes that—and *cuts out* bite and parch. All day long you'll sing how glad you are you're pals with



It's an easy job to change the shape and color of unsalable brands to imitate the Prince Albert tidy red tin, but it is impossible to imitate the flavor of Prince Albert tobacco! The patented process protects that!

**PRINCE ALBERT**  
the national joy smoke

You take this testimony straight from the shoulder, men. You can smoke a barrel of P. A. without a kick! It hands out all the tobacco happiness any man ever dreamed about, it's so smooth and friendly. It's a mighty cheerful thing to be on talking-terms with your pipe and your tongue at the same time—but that's what's coming to you sure as you pin your faith to Prince Albert!

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

Everywhere tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert awaiting your cheerful visit. Buy it in tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound humidor—and in that classy pound crystal-glass humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco so fit!

**CYCLONE DAVIS OFFERS COTTON SEED**

My Dear Sirs:

The United States Government have supplied this office with a special allotment of nine hundred quart packages of select cotton seed, with the request that I make distribution to cotton farmers in my state, who will agree to make a special effort in the propagation of the seed, and report the success of such effort back to the government.

Knowing the public spirit and enterprise of Texas editors, I do not hesitate to humbly ask your valuable assistance in this distribution, by requesting that you of the cotton sections furnish me the names of three of your most progressive and successful farmer readers.

Yours very truly,  
J. H. DAVIS.

The above letter is from Congressman-at-large Davis. We do not know who would like to have these seed, and we are publishing the letter and suggest that every farmer in Runnels county call on Mr. Davis for a quart of cotton seed. Write him at Washington.

**TRASSPASS NOTICE**

You are hereby warned not to trasspass 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,  
Concho county, Tex

**GOLDEN-BONDERANT.**

Mr. W. H. Bonderant and Miss Barbara Golden were united in marriage at Bronte a day or two ago and passed through Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to Louisville, Ky. where they will make their future home. Miss Barbra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Golden, and is a young lady of rare beauty and mental attainments and is one of Ballinger's favorite young daughters and Mr. Bonderant is an experienced electrician, known to many of our Ballinger citizens as an honorable, and successful young man in his chosen profession.

The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous and happy married life.

Mrs. Turek, the Rowena druggist had business in Ballinger Monday.

**RABBIT DRIVE DATED FOR JANUARY 19**

The first rabbit drive for the 1916 slaughter has been staged for Wednesday, January 19th. The hunters have been invited to meet in the south end of W. E. Allen's pasture, which is about five miles west of Ballinger and the drive will be made north and back down Valley creek.

The usual spread will be made for the hunters at twelve o'clock and it has been hinted that the dinner will consist of barbecue with all the extra furnished on such occasions. All the candidates and prospective candidates are invited to come, provided they bring guns and come prepared to kill their share of the pests.

This is perhaps the earliest rabbit hunt made for any season past, but Mr. Allen stated that his pasture would be stocked with little calves at a later date and he did not care to disturb them with hunting, and now is a good time to start the war on the rabbit pest in this county. It is believed that many hunts will be scheduled for the late winter and early spring months.

D. W. McWilliams of Talpa, was the guest of his son Feb McWilliams and family in Ballinger Tuesday.

**DISTRICT FARMERS TO MEET AT SAN ANGELO**

The Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union will hold their annual convention in San Angelo, Texas, on next week, January 20-21-22. It is estimated that there will be about four hundred delegates in attendance representing the five District Farmers' Unions of Texas.

A strong program has been outlined and several out of state speakers will discuss subjects of interest.

The San Angelo Board of City Development, who are making arrangements to entertain the convention, extend a cordial welcome to all members of the Farmers' Unions of Texas to attend.

Cures Old Sores, Other 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

**SELLS 92 ACRE FARM.**

B. F. Kemp closed a deal with D. R. Russell this week in which he sold to Mr. Russell, 92 acres of land on Mud creek for \$17.50

J. T. Bryant and little son, of the Millar neighborhood, left Monday afternoon to visit relatives at Marlin a week or two.

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

**THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT**

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

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

THE BANNER-LEDGER

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY

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DO YOU WANT ANY PEANUTS?

The Business League is making up an order for Spanish peanuts for planting purposes.

A. E. BURGESS, Secretary.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

To The Voters of Runnels Co: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of tax assessor.

Runnels county has been my home for eleven years and I feel like its citizens are my friends and neighbors.

I wish to run a fair race and gain the support of many friends. T. H. CURRY.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

This old timer will make the race for County Clerk of Runnels County, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the July Primary.

C. C. COCKRELL, 11-1td 1tw (adv.)

ous question, and in the minds of many it is still serious.

God's creation is the work of His hands. The moon and the stars were put in their places by His fingers, and man was created in His own image and in His own likeness.

What Is Man?

The answer depends upon that view we take of life. The materialist says, man is a highly developed animal and highly intelligent.

You may well ask, Man or Monkeys. Man according to that philosophy is a little better than a monkey, but not much.

The monkey is of more venerable ancestry than man. He eats nuts and feeds in the same old way.

Man was Made to have Dominion He was sent forth to conquer the earth. He began in caves and holes in the earth but soon built palaces, cathedrals, cities, and temples.

Made in the Image of God. "What is man that thou art

WHAT CATARRH IS

It has been said that every third person has catarrh in some form.

Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body; and local treatments in the form of snuffs and vapors do little, if any good.

To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building-tonic, free from alcohol or any harmful drugs. Try it. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

TAX ASSESSOR TO RUN FOR COLLECTOR

Notice to the People of Runnels County:

As I have been asked by a number of my friends as to my intentions, I will say I will not be a candidate again for tax assessor, having served you for the past six years as your assessor.

As to my intentions for the future, will say I will be a candidate for tax collector, as I want to try to go up one round higher, and later on will make my announcement through the papers over the county.

Again thanking one and all for many favors shown me, and wishing you all a prosperous and happy year,

I am your humble servant, MIKE C. BOYD.

Mrs. Keys Williams, of Maryneal, after a visit to relatives at Hatchel left for her home Monday and was accompanied by her sister, Miss Vedna Graves, who will visit at that place a few weeks.

WAR ON PRAIRIE DOGS AND OTHER PESTS

Judge Ed. Kone will address the people of Ballinger at four o'clock on January 19th and 20th, under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture, on the subject of eradicating rats, rabbits, prairie dogs, and other pests.

On January 24th at 10 a. m. Judge Kone will be followed by Mr. A. D. Gilchrist of the Biological Survey Department of the U. S. Government who will demonstrate how to mix and use poison on the pests mentioned.

A. E. BURGESS, Secretary Y. M. B. L.

MOVING TROOPS TO BORDER

Four short toots of the whistle of the locomotive—a signal to the operator on duty calling for a clear semaphore—an answering siren blast of two whistles, and then a long passenger train of elegant passenger coaches passed the Abilene station of the Texas and Pacific under a heavy head of steam bound for the west Sunday afternoon.

Inquiry as to what train it might be brought the reply that it was a trainload of soldiers en route to Fort Huachuca, a government post on the Mexican border.—Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. Woods of Talpa, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dee Oliver, of the Valley Creek country, during the recent illness of Mrs. Oliver, returned home Friday afternoon and we are glad to report Mrs. Oliver much improved at the present.



Mothers! Your cares in comforting the aches and pains of the family from youth to old age, are lessened when you use this old and trust-worthy remedy—

Sloan's Liniment

Bruises—Rheumatism—Neuralgia

Mothers: "Keep a bottle in your home"

Price 25c., 50c. and \$1.00

Honesty is the Best Policy; It Always Pays to Advertise

Notice to Ira Burns.

Ira Burns, the boy who presented one rabbit scalp to the commissioners' court and was paid a bounty of fifty cents instead of five cents, through error and who refunded the money to the court, should call at The Ledger office and get a reward for his honesty.

Boy's Parents Write Note.

Editor Ledger:—This will introduce you to Ira Burns. We want to thank you for your compliment, also wish to thank the commissioners' court. We have taught our boy that honesty is the best policy. This shows that our efforts have not been in vain.

the present generation. Raymond Vernimont.

Dishonesty Magnified.

Honesty may be a premium and graft may be the order of the day with some people, but our confidence in humanity is not as badly shaken as Mr. Vernimont says.

We error in magnifying dishonesty and crime of every nature and allowing the good deeds of people to go unnoticed. We are personally acquainted with more than one hundred boys in Ballinger. They are or friends and we would regret to think

Unless you cover it with a good fire insurance policy. Why take the risk? Holding Cotton Is Risky

Be on the SAFE SIDE—let us PROTECT you from loss on grain and cotton. Drop in and talk it over with us. Ballinger Insurance Agency

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the public:

I herewith announce myself as a candidate for County Attorney of Runnels County, Texas. My position on public and local questions are too well known for a lengthy discussion in this announcement but sufficient to say I believe in law enforcement to its fullest extent.

In the humble position of County Attorney I have tried to do my duty under all conditions and circumstances, but in so doing I have made mistakes—where is the man who has not? However I am able to explain every public act on its merits and have nothing to cover up.

Efficiency and loyalty to duty should be the measure by which a man should be judged and from that viewpoint I am ready to have the public pass on my case.

I trust I shall be able to see all the voters of the county before the primary election, but, if I fail to see you, I solicit your support for the July Primary.

Yours very truly, C. P. SHEPHERD.

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"MAN OR MONKEY"

Draws a very full house at the Methodist Church Sunday night. Rev. E. R. Stanford began a series of six sermons on the "Young Man's Assets". The text was Psalms 8:4. "What is Man?" To David this was a seri-

mindful of him and shouldst visit him.

"And God made man in His own image and in his own likeness and breathed in his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.

We are God's children and are capable of becoming like Him. Jesus Christ came not only to reveal God unto man but to reveal man unto himself. If man is a child of God, made in the image of God, a creature of whom God is so mindful and for whom He has done so much, we should be led personally to Him and to the highest life of which we are capable.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Nisbet, the missionaries, who had been in our city and lectured at the First Presbyterian church, left Monday for San Angelo.

THE "ENDLESS CHAIN" DANGER OF CATARRH

S. S. S. the Proper Safeguard.

Catarrh is a "cold" in its chronic form. The air is filled with bacteria which is taken into the mouth and nose through the process of breathing. When the body is in a healthy condition no harm results. But with our modern methods of indoor living and sedentary occupations, the mucous membranes are usually not able to "throw-off" this harmful bacteria, making catarrh a very common ailment.

Catarrh is a chronic inflammation of the mucous membranes. Mucous membranes are the lining on all the internal cavities of the body. Get that! ALL cavities! There is the "endless chain" element of danger.

CALL MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF Y. M. B. L.

A meeting of the recently elected directors of the Business League is hereby called for Saturday afternoon, January 15 at 2:30 in the league office. All directors are urged to be present in order that a president and vice-president may be elected from among their number and in order that a secretary may be elected for 1916.

Between now and that time be planning some of the things which it would be well for the league to attempt in 1916 and come prepared to state and adopt these plans. The secretary, even though he were perfectly familiar with local conditions and needs, cannot do all the thinking, and the league can be made much more useful to Ballinger and surrounding country if the directors and other members will each put in a little individual effort. Mark this date on your calendar.

PRIMARY CHILDREN

Owing to the crowded conditions in the rooms, and because the real beginners need so much personal instruction that new classes must be formed for them; we are unable to handle any beginners now. What the situation may be after Jan. 28, I am now unable to say.

The time to start beginners was September 20th, so that each could have an equal start. Children who have become seven since September are liable for tuition at the rate of \$2.00 per month as they are still called "unders." W. S. FLEMING, Supt.

T. A. Puckett of Wilmett, was in Ballinger Sunday afternoon to accompany his nephew who was en route home in East Texas.

MOTHER! GIVE CHILD

"SYRUP OF FIGS" IF TONGUE IS COATED

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, clean little liver and bowels.

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally. Breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

J. W. Bright of Tokeem, was supplying in Ballinger Tuesday for the store of Bright Brothers at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Burns. It Pays to Advertise.

When Ira Burns called at The Ledger office Thursday and presented the above note of introduction, he received a nice little cash reward that amounted to a great deal more than the forty-five cents he refunded to the county. The reward was contributed by different parties and left at The Ledger office by Commissioner J. D. Smith.

Honesty Is the Best Policy.

The boy who through an error was paid 50c instead of 5c for a rabbit scalp and refunded the money to the Commissioners' Court should be recommended to Uncle Andrew for a hero medal.—Ballinger Daily Ledger.

Who wants to bet that that est father and a pious mother? honest boy didn't have an honest State Press hasn't much left from the New Years saturnalia, but he is willing to bet \$10 to 10c that the honest lad at Ballinger was caught in his home that honesty is not only the best policy, but the right policy.—State Press in Dallas News.

Honesty Today Is at a Discount.

Denton, Texas, Jan. 4, 1916.

Editor Ledger:

The enclosed clipping is from State Press in Dallas News. Who is that honest boy who received forty-five cents more than his rabbit scalp was worth, and returned the money? Such cases are rare. Is there one boy in every hundred able to do such an act? Are there not parents who encourage their children to keep ill gotten goods? Will you kindly give the boy's name as an example for other boys. He may be a poor boy, but is rich in honesty.

Honesty today is at a discount with us. Graft, watered stocks, misrepresentation of goods, false weights, etc., is the order of the day. May the young generation be nobler and more honest than

that only one out of the hundred would not prove honest when put to the severest test.

Honest boys make honest men. Dishonest men make dishonest boys. State Press is right.

R. F. Green left Tuesday afternoon for Madisonville, to visit his mother and friends.

SETTLED FOR GOOD

A. C. Homan, who for some time was cashier of the Rowena State Bank, and for the past year, upto today, has acted as one of the State Bank Examiners, and has had occasion to observe closely the conditions over the territory traveled and finds Ballinger and Runnels County the best of them all, and is now connected with the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Ballinger.

Mr. Homan is now making this his home for good, and for business and social reasons is happy to be at home again.

Mr. Homan is numbered among the most energetic and progressive young men of West Texas, and is held in high esteem in the business world of the state.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th:

- Representative 111th District: WALACE E. HAWKINS.
For County Clerk: W. C. McCARVER, C. C. COCKRELL, C. C. COCKRELL.
For Tax Assessor: C. C. SCHUCHARD, T. H. CURRY.

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**CONTRACTORS**

Get your cornice, gutters, riggeroll, or any kind of special tinwork from us. Save trouble and time and get it at home.

**We Repair Windmills**  
 Repairing pumps, windmills, tanks, troughs, etc, is done by men who know. Call us for your trouble.

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For Reliable Abstract Work  
 See  
**SECURITY TITLE CO.**  
 "Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

**NOTICE**

Now is the time to make your application for land loans. I loan money on land in Runnels County at 8 per cent. interest and extend Vendors Lien Notes bearing 3 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.  
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**Hall Hardware Co.**  
 Ballinger, Texas

Headquarters For  
**STANDARD IMPLEMENTS**

Just received another car load of the famous "crop-makers," Standard Disc Plows, Standard Disc Harrows, with seeders. A complete tin shop in connection, send us your orders for cisterns, tanks, troughs, gutter work and everything in this line. Prompt attention to orders, quick service and full values. We solicit your orders, and will appreciate your business

**Hall Hardware Co.**

**RUNNELS CO., PECAN NURSERY**  
 S. B. Howard, Mgr. 107 N. 12th Street

Our trees are now ready for market. We will be prepared to deliver same at any time after December 1st. Can supply Holbert, Stuart, Fratcher, Money-maker, Kincaid, Oliver, Texas Prolific and a few from the noted Raby tree, a native of Runnels County.

**S. B. HOWARD**

**BIG DRY GOODS HOUSE CHANGE NAME**

Higdon-McElroy Co., successors to Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., is the style of the big dry goods store on the corner of Hutchings Avenue and Eighth St. The change in name was announced Monday when the senior member, John I. McElroy, and manager of the store, began mailing out notices to the patrons of the store informing them of the change.

The change is due to the fact that A. L. Higdon recently purchased the interest of U. P. Melton, and to the fact that W. A. Jackson, another member of the firm retired some time ago. Mr. McElroy succeeds Mr. Melton in ownership and manager, and is busy planning improvements to be made in the store and laying plans for a successful business during the present year.

Mr. McElroy in announcing the change, says that with few exceptions the business will be conducted on the same order as before. The salespeople who have been with the store for some time will be maintained, and you will receive the courteous treatment and good service heretofore rendered by this firm with what improvements it is possible to make.

**A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.**

Let your liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their livers active and healthy by using Po-Do-Lax. Fine for the stomach too. Stops the dizziness, constipation, biliousness and indigestion. Clears the blood. Only 50c. at your Druggist.

**NO CAUSE FOR ALARM**

We understand that the report is out that diphtheria is raging in Ballinger and that the town is threatened with an epidemic. The report is false and there is no cause for alarm, or for anyone keeping their children from school. One dath occurred from diphtheria a few days ago, but only one home was affected by the disease and there is no new case in the city, and there has been no exposure with the fatal case to cause the development of any other case. It is perhaps the work of a calamity howler that has started the report.

**Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up.**

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. Y. writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine, and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." Obtainable everywhere.

**PROSPERITY EDITIONS STILL GOING OUT.**

Parties continue to drop in and order copies of the Prosperity Edition mailed out to friends at other places. We have three or four hundred copies of this paper on hand, and we feel that they are too good to waste, and we are selling them at less than it cost to buy the paper. Why not help to advertise Ballinger and Runnels county by mailing one to a friend, in some other part of the state.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
 THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
 Ladies Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

**CHANGES HIS TITLE**

S. C. Harris, for a number of years a school teacher of this county, has opened a law office at Winters and changed his title from "professor" to "judge." Judge Harris has a card in the Banner-Ledger telling the people where they can find his shingle hanging out when they want the advice of a man who has equipped himself for the profession. We wish him success.

**Trespass Notice.**

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass in any way on my property or property controlled by me or you will be dealt with as the law directs. JAKE STUBBLEFIELD, Norton, Tex. 17-4fw

**NEW MANAGER ARRIVES FOR LOCAL STORE**

John I. McElroy arrived in Ballinger at noon Friday and will succeed U. P. Melton as manager of the Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co. Mr. McElroy comes from Lampasas where he has been with the Higdon-Senterfitt-Andrews Co for some time. His wife will join him here in a few days.

A deal was closed several days ago and made public today, in which U. P. Melton sold to A. L. Higdon his interest in the Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., one of the largest exclusive dry goods and furnishing houses in this section of the state. Mr. Melton will retire from the firm and will engage in some other business here, or go elsewhere. When seen by a Ledger reporter he stated that he had not planned for the future, and would not know for a few days what he would do. Mr. Melton has been manager of the local store for eight years and has built up a good business here, and has many friends who trust that he will arrange to continue to make this his home.

Mr. Higdon has been here for several days during the past week, returning home Thursday and spending a day and returning to Ballinger Friday. When asked for a statement as to the future plans for the big store he stated that the business would continue in the present stand and that Mr. McElroy, an experienced dry goods man had been placed in charge. "We expect to make some improvements in our store," said Mr. Higdon, "and will continue to serve our trade with the best service and best goods possible." At present Mr. Higdon stated that no other changes would be made.

The new manager is here to stay, and is busy getting a line up on the business and meeting the people. He will find Ballinger a good place to live and the people will welcome him and his wife to our midst.

**BALLINGER NEWS.**

**This Case Has a Hint for Many Ballinger Readers.**

This Ballinger woman has used Doan's Kidney Pills. She has found them as represented.

She wishes her neighbors to know. She publicly recommends them. No need to look further for a tested kidney remedy.

The proof of merit is here and can be investigated.

Profit by Mrs. Ward's statement.

Mrs. J. T. Ward, 306 Tenth St., Ballinger, says: "My back ached constantly and I had dull, throbbing pains across my kidneys. I had headaches and dizzy spells, too. My eyes swelled up and my sight was blurred. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from the Walker Drug Co., and was relieved of the backache and my kidneys were put in good condition."

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

**BROTHER DIED**

Mrs. Raby Padgett of Wyoming, who with her husband has been spending some time visiting W. T. Padgett and family, left Sunday afternoon for Omaha, Neb., on the sad mission of attending the funeral of her brother. She will be joined at that place by her mother, and together they will return to their home in Wyoming. They have the sympathy of a host of friends in this section in this sad hour of bereavement.

**The Gist of It.**

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. Obtainable everywhere.

Ben Taylor of the Winters country was a visitor at the Ledger office Saturday and left word to add his name to our weekly subscription list.

T. E. Hewitt, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

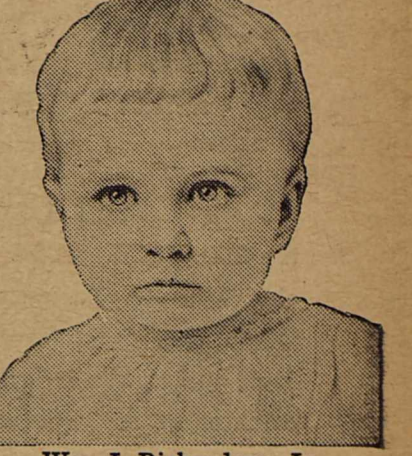
**Fine Healthy Child Convincing Evidence**

**Simple Inexpensive Remedy Checks Early Tendency to Constipation.**

About the first thing impressed on the young Mother is the necessity for regularity in her baby, which brings up the question of the most desirable laxative for children's use.

Mrs. Jesse Richardson, Philpot, Ky., says she has used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for the past year and that there is no medicine in the world like it. She writes, "My little son, William, Jr., just loved it because it is so pleasant to take, and everybody talks about his being such a fine healthy boy."

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a compound of simple laxative herbs, free from any opiate or narcotic drug, and is the standard remedy for constipation in thousands of homes throughout the



Wm. J. Richardson, Jr.

**JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR LODGES**

One of the most pleasant and highly enjoyed occasions that it has been our privilege to attend was the joint public installation of the officers of the W. O. W. and Circle at the Woodmen Hall Friday night.

About 150 members were present and after the program, were treated to a splendid luncheon of ham sandwiches and coffee, and cake and chocolate, and all did full justice in this part of the program.

Prof. W. W. Wooten was master of ceremonies and filled well the part assigned him.

The first on the program was a piano solo by Mrs. Joe Hadden followed by a duet by Misses Obanna Hadden and Ora Parmer. Then a duet by Messrs. Wooten and Lawrence Boynton, and continued by another splendid duet by Misses Hadden and Parmer.

A short address by C. C. Schuchard on the good of the order and the social features of Woodcraft and a few remarks by C. C. Cockrell closed the speaking.

A solo by Troy Simpson and a violin solo by J. C. Bauman were highly enjoyed by the audience and also a piano solo by Mrs. Coy Drennan was a special feature of the evening.

The installation of the officers of the Circle was beautiful and impressive and the drill by the team under the management of Mrs. Adolph Wilke was a delight of the large crowd present.

The Woodmen officers were then installed under the direction of H. C. Midgeley in a most imposing and impressive manner.

Officers of the Circle installed by Mrs. Mattie Dickinson, past Guardian, were: Mrs. Chester Cherry, Guardian; Mrs. Julia Mc Minn, Advisor; Mrs. W. T. Ward, Clerk; Mrs. Z. A. Snell, Banker; Mrs. W. A. Talley, Attendant; Miss Fannie D. Moore, Asst. Attendant; Mrs. J. A. Williams, and Miss Thomas, Sentinels; Dr. W. B. Halley, Physician; Coy Drennan, Manager.

Officers elect of the Woodmen,

were: O. P. Dorsey, C. C.; W. E. Brooks, Adv. Lieut.; R. E. Wiltingham, Banker; J. F. Lusk, Clerk; M. H. Thomas, Escort; W. S. Harmon, Watchman; A. Wilke, Sentry; Drs. Love, Douglass and Fowler, Physicians; E. L. Harper, Manager elect; and J. O. Talbot, and Carl Dunn, hold-overs.

All left the Hall with a kinder feeling one for another and the bonds of fellowship cemented closer, and unbounded love and high esteem for Woodcraft in general.

**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

**DEATH AT HATCHEL SATURDAY MORNING**

Mrs. Gunter, mother of Mrs. M. L. Parker, died at the home of her daughter at Hatchel Saturday morning. Deceased was seventy years old and had been in bad health for some time.

C. R. Crews, undertaker, was called out Saturday morning and arranged for the funeral which was held Saturday afternoon, the remains being brought to Ballinger and interred in the City Cemetery.

Those who sorrow on the account of this death have the sympathy of their friends.

**Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.**

For your cold, for your cough, for your feverish throat, nose and head, use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Honey soothes the irritation, Pine-Tar cuts the phlegm, thus relieving congestion. Pine Tar also acts as an antiseptic, as a result general relief follows. Breathing becomes easier and further inflammation is arrested. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is an ideal treatment. Price 25c.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. C. Nix is improving very nicely since a recent operation at the Halley & Love sanitarium.

**Effective January 10th, 1916**

**To all Patrons of The Leach Auto Works**

I intend to keep employed a very limited amount of workmen and by so doing, conduct a Quality Service Station only. Can take care of any high-class technical job requiring skill and painstaking care.

Owing to the shop requiring all of my time and the extra cost of collections, I am discontinuing the monthly account system. Please govern yourself accordingly.

Yours Truly  
**H. M. LEACH**

A Car Load of The  
**Cream of the Plains Flour,**  
 Just Received at  
**ROTEN'S**  
**LUCKY GROCERY STORE.**

There is none better if any as good. Try a sack  
**TELEPHONE 101**

# 26 Years

There is nothing of the experiment in dealing with the GEO. ALLEN MUSIC HOUSE. It is 26 years old. The man who started it owns and controls it today. The idea of an exalted business policy, of doing business along legitimate lines, has been perpetuated and strengthened each year. It represents a steady growth of one up-building policy, continuous and consistent. Its history is a record built up,—not on a series of changes or accidents, but a steady growth along intelligent and conservative lines. It has become a factor in the musical life of the southwest—steady and sure.

There is peculiar satisfaction among musicians in having connection with it. A feeling of sympathetic appreciation exists between the patron and the house, a feeling that is hardly confined by distances. The dominating influence of the house is a musical one. True musical natures appreciate and are drawn to each other as no other natures are drawn.

Judge for yourself. Are you contemplating the purchase of an elegant GRAND PIANO? None are nearer the highest ideas of pianodom than the "Soulful" Sohmer & Co., or the Boardman & Gray. Do you prefer a superior Upright Piano? They are found here in the two named makes and also in the superb toned Mathushek Piano that has justly earned the reputation of "the most durable piano in the world." Investigate them; ask for full information regarding them and others in our line.

Perhaps you are not a performer on the piano. Then you may buy a piano that you CAN play,—the wonderful AUTOPIANO, the player piano with a reputation that is world-wide, used by His Holiness, the Pope of Rome, the only player piano that, by Pontifical Decree has been named the Official Purveyor to the Holy See. A supreme honor and one of the greatest triumphs ever achieved by an American manufacturer. Uncle Sam has selected and bought more than 100 of them for the battleships of his navy. Certainly you would be proud of one of them, and they are well within your reach.

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**GEO. ALLEN**  
San Angelo

## NEGRO VAGS TOLD MUST GET BUSY

The officers were busy Tuesday and rounded up a bunch of about thirty negroes in an effort to start a "clean up" move of the vagrant population of this city. The negroes were given to understand that further vagrancy would not be tolerated, and were told in plain English "to get busy."

For some time there has been a general complaint from the citizens living in the Southern part of the city that things were not just what they should be for a "white man's town." The officers made a tour of the city and found that there was a surplus of colored women in this city, living without any visible means of support. For some time petty thieving has been on the increase here and an immoral element allowed to subsist that did not suit the white people owning property in the negro section of the city. Arrangements are being perfected to work the vagrants on public works, and the law will be enforced.

Give us a chance to buy your oats and wheat. We pay top market. Missouri Milling Co. 13-3td-3tw.

J. R. Harris and E. Graves of the Hatchel country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Harris has just returned home from a visit to relatives in north Alabama and reports a very pleasant trip.

Claud Tubbs of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and renewed with The Banner-Ledger and the Ledger's splendid clubbing offer for the ensuing year.

Judge Kleberg and the four county commissioners made an inspection trip over the roads in the north part of the county Tuesday in an auto and visited Winters, Wingate, Norton and other points in that section.

## NO INDIGESTION, GAS OR STOMACH MISERY IN FIVE MINUTES

"Pape's Diapepsin" for sour acid stomach, heartburn, dyspepsia.

Time it! In five minutes all stomach distress will go. No indigestion, heart burn, or eructations or undigested food, no dizziness, bloating, foul breath or headache.

Pape's Diapepsin is noted for its speed in regulating upset stomachs. It is the surest, quickest and most certain indigestion remedy in the whole world, and besides it is harmless.

Millions of men and women now eat their favorite foods without fear—they know Pape's Diapepsin will save them from any stomach misery.

Please, for your sake, get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store and put your stomach right. Don't keep on being miserable—life is too short—you are not here long, so make your stay agreeable. Eat what you like and digest it; enjoy it without dread of rebellion in the stomach.

Pape's Diapepsin belongs in your home anyway. Should one of the family eat something which don't agree with them, or in case of an attack of indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or stomach derangement at daytime or during the night, it is handy to give the quickets, surest relief known.

P. H. Hamilton, who lives a few miles East of the city, while here on business Saturday renewed with The Banner-Ledger and took advantage of the paper's liberal clubbing offer.

Take your wheat and oats to Missouri Milling Co., and get top prices. 13-3td-3tw.

R. L. Wylie, one of the Ledger's good friends of the New Home community, expects to keep in touch with the doings of the world as well as keep up with his county news. He comes in on our clubbing offer and was a pleasant caller at our office Monday.

### MAKE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, GET AHEAD OF THE OTHER FELLOW, BY PICKING SCRAPS OF TIME FROM THE WASTE BASKET.

Abraham Lincoln would split rails all day in the forest, and then after his day's work was finished, would walk five miles to borrow a book to study and improve himself. It is said of George Washington, in answer to a question of his mother as to why he studied so late at night, replied that he was working out the destiny of his country.

There are hundreds of young people today who are desirous of gaining a practical education, but for one reason or another they cannot leave home to secure it, so they drag along from one year to the next in the same old rut. There are hundreds of others that are availing themselves of the opportunity offered by the correspondence department of our college, saving their leisure moments and investing them in an education that will mean thousands of dollars to them in the coming years.

You say that you are not able to take a course, but the person who can least afford it is the one who needs it most and should have it by all means at any sacrifice; it does not cost much. We have them from \$10 up.

Young friend, why not take advantage of this opportunity and gain a business education by using your moments that would otherwise be wasted? Why not spend an hour of the long winter evenings after nightfall qualifying yourself with a knowledge of the famous Byrne simplified shorthand, stenotypewriting, practical bookkeeping, typewriting, arithmetic, grammar, writing, salesmanship, and business efficiency, advertising, and telegraphy, for which the business world readily pays cash.

Fill out the following blank and mail to the correspondence department for catalogue and full particulars.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.  
Name .....  
Address .....  
Correspondence Course interested in .....  
Cash or Note Plan .....

J. A. Watkins and Shannon McWilliams and G. F. Crim of the Valley creek country, were among the visitors in Ballinger and while here Mr. Crim renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

Rev. E. B. Laughter of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Cameron to be at the bedside of a relative, who is quite ill.

We are in the market for all the oats and wheat in Runnels County. Don't sell until you get our prices. Missouri Milling Co. 13-3td-3tw.

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FOR SALE—One gentle buggy horse, 7 years old, weight 1,000 pounds. See J. L. Davis, Phone 231. 13-6td-1tw-pd.

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FOR SALE—Two scholarships in Tyler Business College. If you contemplate going to a business college, you can not beat this one. For particulars call on or address The Ballinger Printing Co. 14dw

### POSTED

#### Trespass Notice

All parties are hereby forbidden under penalty of the law, to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, or otherwise trespass upon my Pecan Mott farm, or upon any and all other properties owned or controlled by me in this (Runnels) County. dwtf C. A. DOOSE.

#### Posted—Keep Out!

Notice is hereby given that no hunting or fishing is allowed in my pasture.

SAM BROOKSHIRE.

10-8tw-pd.

### LOST

LOST—open face gold filled watch. 15 jewell Walt h a m movement. Short piece of long-link chain hooked in ring. Liberal reward for return of watch to Ledger office. 10-d&w1t

#### Lost, Strayed or Stolen

ESTRAYED—from my farm 3 miles west of Maverick, pay horse about six years old, about 15 hands high, color mark, branded on jaw circle with bar through it. \$10.00 reward for recovery of animal. A. L. Pearce, Coleman, Texas. 14-2tw

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION ...THE...

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1915

#### Resources

Loans and Discounts	\$383,107.86
U. S. Bonds	101,500.00
Banking House, E. & F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	6,800.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	157,020.17
CASH & EXCHANGE	169,014.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$842,442.72</b>

#### Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	38,890.08
Stockholders Fund	78,000.00
Dividend Unpaid	10,000.00
Circulation	100,000.00
Bills Payable	75,000.00
DEPOSITS	440,552.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$842,442.72</b>

### The Above Statement Is Correct R. G. ERWIN, CASHIER

We invite attention to the above strong, clean, plain statement, and on its merits solicit the deposits and financial patronage of the good people of our territory.

#### THE BANK OF GOOD SERVICE.

Where "Uncle Sam" deposits his cash is a safe place to deposit yours.

Miss Olive Dunn, who had been ill for the past few weeks, left Sunday afternoon to resume her school duties in the Valley Creek country.

## Where Do You Plant Your Dollars?

In planning your work you are very careful to lay out your work to give you the greatest return for your efforts. Do you use the same deliberation when it comes to selecting a place to deposit your money?

This bank makes it its business to give you the best service for your account, so we invite you to consult us when you are looking for Banking connections.

...The...

### Farmers & Merchants State Bank

"The Bank that HELPS YOU Do Things"

## The Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. Ballinger, Texas

Condensed Statement at the Close of Business December 31st, 1915.

Resources		Liabilities	
Loans and Discounts	\$122,901.13	Capital Stock	\$60,000.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	57,829.33	Surplus and Undivided Profits	14,855.35
Banking House, Furniture and	24,523.50	Deposits	170,681.38
Other Real Estate	NONE	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$245,536.73</b>
Guaranty Fund	3,194.41		
Cash and Exchange	37,088.36		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$245,536.73</b>		

The Above Statement is Correct

CHAS. S. MILLER, President and Cashier



### "SAFETY FIRST"

and profit afterwards is the rule in handling the money of our depositors. Read our last statement and judge for yourself how well the funds are invested, how ample the cash reserve and how easily convertible into cash the investments are. We invite the strictest scrutiny from intending depositors.

**The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.**  
Ballinger, Texas

# THE GIRL AND THE GAME

A STORY OF MOUNTAIN RAILROAD LIFE  
By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

AUTHOR OF "WHISPERING SMITH," "THE MOUNTAIN DIVIDE," "STRATEGY OF GREAT RAILROADS," ETC.

NOVELIZED FROM THE MOVING PICTURE PLAY OF THE SAME NAME. PRODUCED BY THE SIGNAL FILM CORPORATION.

### CHAPTER I.

In the midmorning quiet, the bathing beach and the ocean reflected only the brightness of the inviting sun. But a little way back from the glistening sand and converging through a small park toward a suburban station the streets of the seaside resort were alive with men and women, hurrying to the city for the grand of the day. Motor cars, too, glided noiselessly along the boulevards, drew up in turn before the station and discharged their passengers. From one of these a middle-aged, military-looking man, General Holmes, an ex-army officer and a railroad man, alighted on the platform. A governess and pretty little girl, Helen—General Holmes' only child—had accompanied her father to the train, and when he turned to the open tonneau to say good-by, Helen sprang impulsively half into his arms. His train pulled in as he quite simply but affectionately kissed his child and boarded the nearest car.

Helen, promised a morning in the park, left the motor car with her governess the moment they crossed a small scenic railroad running back of the beach. She already had her eye on what she wanted to play with. A contented dog, at peace with the world and sunning himself on a grassy slope, had riveted her alert eye; Helen advanced joyously to get acquainted. The dog seemed not averse to a passive friendship, but the little maid, sitting down, sought something more, and by pulling hard and with confidence at his neck, soon had his unpromising head—after a fashion, at least—in her diminutive lap.

The strain on his sensibilities appeared more than her amiable and carefree friend could stand. After submitting for a time he rolled over, jumped up and trotted briskly away for a new seclusion and a new peace. Helen, undaunted, sprang to her feet and followed. Her governess, engaged with the chauffeur, saw nothing of this part of the incident. But a moment later the few spectators in the scenic railroad square, waiting to board one of the miniature trains, saw a protesting dog trotting rapidly away from a curly-haired girl, who briskly and relentlessly followed.

A newsboy, relaxing against a convenient lamp post after the morning rush, watched the pursuit for a moment with languid interest, then turned to look at an approaching train on the scenic road. He seemed no more than half awake. His wits, in truth, were wool-gathering. Every morning found him absorbed greatly in the mysteries of the miniature engine that pulled the scenic railroad train.

A shout, then a chorus of cries aroused him from his reverie. The puffing train was pulling swiftly toward the open space. The unhappy dog, casting reproachful glances over his shoulder at his pitiless friend, was galloping uncertainly, but directly down the narrow track toward the oncoming train. Helen, seeing or heading nothing of the train and fixed only on her chase, ran after at top speed. A dozen people saw her danger as the train rounded the curve just in front of her—only one of them made a move. Dropping his unsold, the day-dreaming newsboy, waking sharply, ran headlong after the heedless girl.

It was none too soon. The dog, dismayed alike by the cries and a second pursuit, sprang, almost in the teeth of the engine pilot, right across the track. Helen fast on his heels was ready to jump after, but it would have been pretty certainly a jump to her death. The newsboy caught her arm and whirled her from the engine just at it shot past with brakes screeching on the drivers. Helen sprawled headlong beside the track, and the boy, unbalanced, rolled on the gravel near her.

He was on his feet in a trice, standing over Helen. She was frightened and breathless, and without speaking he knelt by her. Her eyes began to fill with big tears. She sat confusedly up as her companion brushed the granite dust from her pique skirt and with a coarse handkerchief began wiping the blood from a cut on one of her pink knees. Her rescuer made little of the accident. He told her not to cry. He even brushed the round tears from her cheeks—Helen liked him. "What is your name, little boy?" she faltered in a would-be commanding tone.

"I'm no little boy," returned her rescuer gruffly. A crowd had gathered and he was already red in the face. Helen gave the bystanders no heed. "What are you, then?" she demanded gravely.

"I'm a big boy. My name is George Storm; I'm named after my father. He was a railroad engineer. My father got killed on a train. Who's your father?"

"Where did that dog go?" quivered Helen, not answering.

"Gee! I didn't see. You pretty near got killed. That dog wasn't any dog," declared the boy scornfully. "Some day—" he stopped the blood on her knee once more with his handkerchief, and then added firmly: "I am going to drive a big engine sometime myself, like my father."

A frantic governess, followed by an open-mouthed chauffeur, came running at that moment toward them.

The child parted reluctantly from her new-found friend. "Are you going to be a really-truly engineer and smokyed up?" she asked.

George faced her unabashed. "You better believe I am."

"I don't care," declared Helen, gulping solemnly while the governess tried to hurry her away, "I won't ever forget you—no matter what you are."

At eighteen, Helen had lost none of the characteristics of her childhood. They were held in deeper reserve, but they were just as persistent. Restrained by convention, she was still adventurous in spirit and her father's one anxiety, old soldier though he was, was that a spirited horse or an ocean undertow would some day be his daughter's undoing. At that, he was forced to admit, the reckless girl could get more out of a horse than he himself could.

Closest among her father's friends, was Amos Rhineland, a New York man of large means, and General Holmes, returning on Helen's eighteenth birthday with Rhineland and Rhineland's nephew—Robert Seagrue, himself a young and ambitious railroad promoter—from a trip of inspection of the tidewater terminals of Holmes' road, was eagerly awaited by his daughter at their country home among the San Pablo foothills. A message sent up to her from Signal, the suburban station of the country seat, had asked her to meet her father that day on No. 20, the through eastern passenger train.

The motor car had gone ahead and Helen, taking Rocket, one of her favorite hunting horses, rode down at her leisure to the station.

While far from being a spoiled child, Helen felt very much at home anywhere on the Copper Range and Tidewater railroad. Reared at home, under a discipline almost military, and under teachers held sternly to account for her education by her only living parent, the growing girl had still preserved an innate simplicity—something almost naive—which was reflected in her friendship for the employees, high and low, of the entire Tidewater line, of which her father was president and in which he owned a substantial interest.

On the day that Helen centered lazily down through the foothills toward Signal, a long west-bound freight train,



The Air Pump Had Quit.

climbing the grade east of a big hill known on the division as Blackbird pass, found itself in trouble. The air pump, after balking all morning, had quit, and the conductor going forward found the engineer, after repeated efforts with the big machine, helpless. Without losing much time, the conductor rigged up his emergency telephone and asked for instructions from his dispatcher. The answer to his request was curt: "Bring in No. 145 by hand brakes." The crew spread to their posts on the decks and the lumbering string of heavily laden cars painfully got under way up the hill. It was a struggle all the way to the summit; then, dropping over the hill, the long string began rapidly to pick up. It picked up, indeed, too rapidly. The crew vainly strove to hook back the unwieldy train. Clubs in hand and with the brakes hard jammed, they saw their monster restlessly

getting away from them. The train crew tumbled forward, for a conference, to the cab. The conductor, comparing watches with the engineer, looked serious—within ten minutes they would be running on No. 20's time; they might even meet her at the bottom of the hill before they reached Signal.

The conductor acted quickly. Picking up a lump of coal he scratched a message on a white signal flag and wrapped it around a wrench. Cedar Grove station was hardly a mile ahead. As the engine dashed past it, the conductor, in the gangway, hurled the message through the office window. Picking it up and hastily reading the rough scrawl, the startled operator wired the tidings instantly to the next station. That station was Signal.

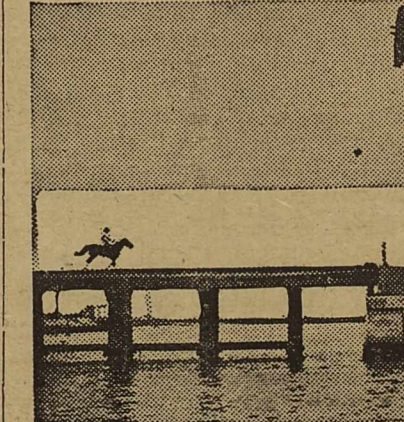
In the bouncing engine cab there were grave faces. "What are you going to do?" shouted the engineer. Without hesitation the conductor cried: "Cut off the caboose and stop it—let the train go!" The engineer agreed: "We've only got one life apiece. No time to lose George!" he yelled to his fireman, "make for the caboose."

The fireman, perhaps the youngest man in the two crews, without answering, continued to hunt for a wrench. "Wake up, George," shouted the conductor, "come on!"

Searching the tool box, the fireman shook his head. "What do you mean?" demanded the engineer, catching in excitement at his companion's arm, "aren't you coming?"

The fireman did not hurry his answer. "No, I'll stay here," he said, turning simply. He was a stubborn, well-set fellow, really a big, clean-looking boy—with a heavy head of dark hair pushed under his grimy cap and a slow, clear eye matching his deliberate way of speaking.

"Stay here!" thundered the conductor in surprise. "Are you crazy?" He caught the fireman's other arm and with the engineer talked to the obstinate fellow. The two, who liked him, pulled the boy toward the tender. He shook loose. The brakeman joined



Helen Headed Rocket Straight for the Open Draw.

in the struggle. Again the fireman wrenched away. "That's all right—you fellows go ahead."

"It's suicide for you, man," protested the engineer.

"No, Dan," retorted the fireman. "It's every man for himself," he repeated, backing across the footplate. "I'll stay with the cab."

"Stay and be—hanged," shouted the conductor, with a fiery expletive. "Let him alone, boys," he cried, angrily. "He's dippy. Come!" And with his companions hustling close after, he started over the coal on the tender.

The train had attained a frightful pace. Already glimpses of its long, curving roll on the distant hill might be seen from the window of Signal station, where the disturbed operator had taken the message of the runaway from Cedar Grove and was reading it to Helen Holmes, breathless beside his table:

"AIR BRAKES BROKEN DOWN. RUNNING AWAY. SIDETRACK NO. 20. NO. 145."

It was the import of the last sentence which for an instant froze her senses. Her father! The passenger train facing that runaway on the single track below Signal. More than once she had heard her father declare that the stretch between Signal and the next station, Beaman, must be double-tracked—only, money was so hard to get. If the lack of it should now cost him his life, the lives of perhaps half a hundred others!

While she was thinking, the operator was working furiously at his key with a message for Beaman station. His one hope of avoiding the head-on collision was to catch the passenger train beyond Beaman.

"STOP NO. 20. RUNAWAY ON MAIN LINE."

He told Helen, closely watching the dots and dashes, what he had sent. "I should have an answer in a minute."

It came almost at once. Signal station operator first tried to write it, then threw down his pen and repeated its words unsteadily to the frightened girl.

"NO. 20 LEFT ON TIME. BETWEEN HERE AND THE RIVER."

With wide-open eyes she looked intently toward the mountains. At the moment, the rolling hills now hid the runaway, but the situation was charting itself, like lightning, in her mind. Between where she stood and where the passenger train was coming, the line crossed San Pablo river, a navigable tidewater stream and a waterway that fed a considerable traffic to the railroad. Her father had put across the San Pablo a huge jack-knife drawbridge—the best an honest engineer and an honest railroad directorate could build. Just over the river from Signal station he had already put in, as a start towards double-tracking, a long passing track.

With everything of this speeding

like a film through her head, Helen was dashing out of the office when the scream of a whistle signal bore down on her ears. Confused as she was, it meant nothing to her. A chance, a hope, had flashed across her mind and her resolve had been taken—to reach the passing track switch and sidetrack the fatal runaway before it should strike and scatter to destruction the helpless passenger train.

Rocket, without a thought other than of alfalfa and undisturbed repose in his drooping head, stood at hand in the sunshine. To his amazement his mistress running to him, headlong, vaulted upon his back. In her fear, she cried to him. The horse heard—it seemed as if he understood. He woke, quivering, at the impact of her body. Whirling with his charge, at the touch of the rein, so quick he almost bolted from under his mistress, who was trying to seat herself, the brute galloped with Helen down the main track for the river bridge.

She panted at great drafts of sunny mountain air as Rocket's wiry legs stretched and bounded under her. With every stride her mind cleared. With this, her courage mounted. It was, after all, no more than a smart dash for her to attain for everyone safety. The bridge was a difficulty, but Rocket, who could thread a lava bed without bruising a fetlock, or cross a prairie-dog town at full speed and hold his mistress as steady as if she were sitting a rocking horse, was not likely to balk at galloping over mere ties—besides, she would give him his time. At the worst, any bridge, she said to herself, must be reached before it can be crossed, and her eyes were already fixed hard on the one she must cross, when she thought she saw the great jack-knife span ahead moving mysteriously on its balanced bed. Urging her horse to his best, centering all of her faculties on mastering the ticklish task ahead, Helen's eyes set in a stare on the jack-knife, to determine whether it was moving or tricking her straining senses. In almost an instant her doubt was resolved; to her consterna-

tion she saw the huge knife draw moving unmistakably upward. Her eyes sought the bridge tower—the bridge tender was standing at the open window. Her glance swept the stretch of river; then she remembered, then she understood, then she knew, all—a river tug was bearing rapidly downstream; she could see the pilot and the captain in the wheelhouse; the bridge was lifting for the boat's passage. She had heard its loud whistle at the moment she rushed from the station.

The balked girl drove her little spurs into Rocket. The horse sprang, infuriated, to greater effort. If she could make the draw in time she would jump it—a slight rise—nothing should keep her back. She wildly waved her free hand at the bridge-tender. He was watching the boat and the span was slowly rising; but a few strides closer and she would have risked making the jack-knife—she realized now she was too late.

Without swerving for an instant from her purpose; without shrinking from her single alternative, and only praying for time still to make good her endeavor, Helen headed Rocket straight for the open draw. His feet struck the pier. She gave the horse's head. The wiry beast saw what yawned ahead. He heard his mistress' quick word. As his feet touched the brink of the abutment the horse coiled like a spring, and for an instant quivered. His mistress with a sharp cry of command rose in her stirrups; then launching himself and his burden, like an arrow far out, the hunter sprang with Helen cleanly into the river. There was a great splash and the parted water closed over their heads.

A pilot, captain and bridgetender stood as men dazed, looking on. The river captain, yelling the crew to quarters, hurried forward to throw out lines as soon as the tug should come within reach of the imperiled girl. The bridgetender, in the window, glued to the scene, watched the circling bubbles where horse and rider had plunged down, waiting for them to reappear. For an interminable instant the onlookers waited. It seemed as if the two would never come up. Then a girlish head of soaked curls rose among the ripples, a young face emerged from the troubled pool, and Helen, throwing herself free from Rocket, shook the water from her eyes and nose with a swimmer's quick certain puff and struck out for shore. Rocket was not far away. With a few powerful strokes his mistress caught his mane and recovered him. The tide, running heavily through the channel, carried the two together below the pier on the opposite bank. But Rocket, scrambling in a moment from the water, bore his charge unscathed up the steep bank, and under her urging ran up the track to the tower.

The bridgetender, at the door, confronted her. The dripping girl, seated on her quivering horse, told the astonished man in a few hurried words what had happened, and as he hurried into the tower agape to lower, the draw Helen urged Rocket at a run down the track. It seemed as if her ears bubbled and rang with the rumble of the two approaching trains, but her brain had ceased to take note of anything beyond her one stubborn resolve to reach the passing-track switch—she could see it plainly ahead. The bridgetender was hastily lowering the knife for the freight. Determined, while in the river, to leave the bridge open and wreck the freight, Helen believed she could avoid even that, and had given the tender his orders accordingly. The tug, which had been whistling wildly, low heeled violently toward the wharf, where the captain, a game sport, had resolved to make fast and see the excitement out. With the boat crew ashore and dashing across the wharf to watch Helen, she crouched like a jockey over Rocket as he crushed and scattered the cinders under his flying feet, and in what seemed another moment—so fast had she flown—checking the horse cruelly, she threw her lines and slid from his back beside the passing-track switch.

Running to it, she grasped the lever only to find the switch locked. She had feared, almost expected, as such—but now, how to open it! She looked ahead. A shrill engine whistle startled her, and her cup filled—the passenger train, bearing down the long tangent at full speed, was whistling for her home crossing, hardly two miles distant.

She could see smoke streaming from the stack of the engine. Behind, she had no need to look, the rumble of the head-end of the runaway was thundering on the bridge. Desperation cleared her head. She caught up a heavy stone from the right of way and pounded fiercely at the switch lock. She struck at the stout bow and hammered in a fury at the resisting cover.

No mechanism could stand such an assault for long. The ground under her feet was vibrating with the fearful pound of the great freight engine as it dashed with its heavy drag over the close-by rail joints. She knew the reeling machine must be almost on her and the thought spurred her to unnatural strength. The staple gave way. The excited girl jerked the twisted bow clear and threw the switch, half fainting beside it as the monster engine struck madly at the switch points. Then, with a shock that tore the heavy roadbed and the roar almost of an earthquake, engine, tender and train lurched heavily into the siding. Car after car jumped and pounded at the stubborn rails. On and on they came, shaking the solid earth under Helen as she panted and gasped. But the thundering, jumping wheels continued to catch the switch in safety and the points held. The long train made the siding to the very end and Helen, almost stunned saw, in something like a vision, the passenger train, its brakes throwing streams of fire from the grinding wheels, race past her down the main track toward the bridge. The sight meant little to her now—her senses were too numbed to realize what it meant—that the passenger train at last was quite safe.

The runaway freight was less fortunate. At the farther end of the passing track three box cars stood patiently waiting for orders. They had been standing there unmolested for days; they had tarried one moment too long. The runaway engine with its still obstinate fireman, at times on the running board and at times in the cab, was heading viciously for them. But the fireman saw the game was clearly up. He chose his moment and jumped, landing violently in the cinder ballast. Bruised and cut, he lay breathless, almost insensible. He heard confusedly the terrific crash into the idle box cars. The huge engine scattered them in dust and kindling high in the air. He tried to roll farther from the threatening wreck—for the head-end of the train had been derailed by the impact and the jamming string of cars was zig-zagging wildly across the right of way. The first realization that came to the stunned boy was of someone struggling to help him get away from the wreck—some puny strength exerted to drag his heavy body to greater safety. With a breath, the first he had been able to draw, he opened his eyes. A young woman was bending over him.

He was a forbidding sight. Blood, dust and gravel hung in half a dozen cuts on his forehead—hardly a feature of his face, except his eyes, had escaped the smash of the cinders. Someone with a very little and very wet handkerchief wiped his eyes and he could see more clearly when he opened them again. He could see the face bent over him and two eyes fixed anxiously on his—a girl's face, strange and yet—what could it be of recollection that struggled through his whirling senses?

Nor had Helen, as she knelt and worked over the injured man, dreamed of seeing any face she had ever looked into before. Even had it been uninjured, she would hardly have recalled it under ordinary conditions. But two people, a young man, now, and a young woman, were meeting under extraordinary circumstances and their eyes were very close together. The man caught at her hand as it passed his forehead, stopped it, and looked keenly into Helen's eyes. With that look, a vision swept across their memories.

"I surely know you," he said, not taking his eyes from hers. Unequal

to releasing her gaze, she stared at him without speaking. "I'm sure I know you," he exclaimed, perplexed. He rose of a sudden to his feet—so easily it surprised her. "It was the beach," he went on, slowly. "You were hurt—the miniature railroad!"

She regarded him a moment in silence. Then she spoke: "Is it possible?" she murmured. "You are—?"

"I'm the little boy," he smiled grimly. "Till now, I've never seen the little girl since."

A sense of confusion assailed her; she wanted to escape his look. "You are hurt," she said, dismissing with an effort all consciousness of their strange meeting.

He hesitated; then he saw, and he thought he understood. "No," he said brusquely, almost rudely, "only a few scratches."

A cry of recognition and amazement cut off their words. The passenger train had backed down on the



"You Are Hurt," She Said.

scene. Her father, his friend Rhineland, young Seagrue, the Signal station operator, the tug captain and the train passengers crowded the observation platform looking at her and the shaken-up fireman.

The flagman could hardly raise the step cover quick enough to release Holmes so that he might get down to his daughter. He knew all—the operator had told the story. He caught his daughter in his arms with a shower of misty reproaches. "What!?" he cried. "Have you lost your mind? Are you mad?" Helen's eyes fell before her father's anger. She was a dutiful girl. "Don't you know what danger is? Have you no sense of fear?" he stormed. She raised her eyes and paused an instant; then she asked, shyly: "Where was I to get it, father?"—she looked queerly up at him—"from you?"

"Gammon!" he blustered, edging away from the subject, beaten. "Who's this boy?" he demanded, pointing to the grimed and disfigured fireman. "What's your name?"

"Storm, General Holmes—George Storm, fireman," responded the boy, unmoved.

"What were you sticking like a leech to a runaway engine for—why didn't you go back with the rest of the crew?" demanded the head of the road severely.

Storm met the assault calmly. "I thought I might be able to get the air pump going," he countered.

"Did you do it?" asked Holmes, with sarcasm.

"I'd have done it if I'd had time," persisted the somewhat dismantled fireman. "I guess," he added calmly, looking back at the mess of cars, "I needed a couple of days more."

"No matter, Storm," declared Holmes, secretly pleased, "you're all right."

"I should think as much," cried Helen, breaking through her reserve. "If you had any men like that!"

Amos Rhineland took the scene in with an abundance of satisfied humor. He was a big, wholesome fellow. Beside him stood Seagrue, silent and observant. Both before and after her father introduced him, he scrutinized Helen a long time. With his introduction, he ventured something of compliment—tried, as it were, for a moment, to take the stage and seemed to await confidently an appreciation of his remark.

But Helen, whether confused by her much-wilted plight, or engrossed by the recollection of her adventure, could hardly notice his effort to be agreeable. Storm had started back to his engine. Her father was helping his daughter back to the observation platform. From it Helen looked steadily back at Storm, now standing down the track in the midst of the wreckage. The passenger engine sounded four sharp blasts to call in the flagman. Storm looked around; the passenger train was moving ahead. He saw in the group on the rear platform one figure—that of a slender girl, in a wet jockey costume, a smile fighting her face as she looked toward him. She was lifting her hand in a good-by. He started, touched his hand to his bruised forehead and waved back her greeting. Beside Helen stood Seagrue. He did not seem pleased with her attitude and dropped an ironical remark in her ear. This one she quite plainly heard and understood: "Very gratifying," he smiled, "to find a president's daughter so very clever. And," he added softly, "she seems to take a real interest in engine men!"

Helen looked deliberately around at him—but whatever may have been her thought, she made no reply.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

# UGH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

## RETAIL SALES SHOW 16 PER CENT INCREASE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 10.—An investigation conducted in nearly 200 leading market centers in this country and Canada by the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World shows that the consumer demand in 1915, as indicated by retail sales, increased 16 per cent over 1914, and collections improved materially. In compiling the report November was taken as an index to business conditions.

The frequency with which the investigation showed that sales rise as advertising increased in a community is an interesting feature of the report. An average increase of 2.5 per cent in local advertising throughout the country is disclosed. Retailers increased the stocks they are carrying 4.81 per cent.

Grocers, jewelers, department store owners, hardware dealers, clothiers and druggists represent the six lines of business investigated. No less than 1,000 investigators interviewed merchants in the leading marketing centers. In each city at least three representative merchants in each of the six lines were interviewed.

Encouraging increases in sales in all lines were reported practically everywhere in the United States and the average increase over 1914 in business was shown to have been 15.93 per cent. Business conditions as compared to those following the outbreak of the European war were decidedly improved.

Collections also were better, the average for the whole year being 5.8 above normal, as compared with 1914. The point system of scoring collections, as used in the report, consists of assigning 40 points for a report of poor collections, 60 points for a report of normal collections, and 80 points for a report of good collections.

The following table shows average percentages of increase in sales, advertising and collections; the figures under collections are above normal:

	Sales	Adv.	Col.
Dept. Stores	19	1.4	8.1
Clothiers	17.9	4.6	6.1
Grocery Stores	8.8	3.1	4.5
Hardware "	18.3	3	4.7
Drug Stores	11.6	4.3	4.4
Jewelry Stores	18.9	2.9	2.7

The following table shows to what extent the average customer increased his purchases, the figures showing percentages of increase over 1914:

New England States	16.58
Middle Atlantic States	13.68
South Atlantic States	18.44
East-South Central States	23.41
East-North Central States	15.12
West-North Central States	14.43
West-South Central States	23.02
Mountain States	15.45
Pacific States	11.23

One of the main purposes of thereport is to enable sales man-

agers, advertising managers, credit men, bankers, and retailers to plan their business campaigns for 1916 more effectively. It is pointed out that retailers, by comparing the figures in the report with their own sales, collections and stocks, will be able to determine their standards for 1916, and to compare their own sales increases, advertising increases and collection conditions with those in other lines in their own and other sections of the country.

**Constipation and Indigestion.**  
"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.

F. T. Rushing of South Ballinger was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger for another year.

John Simmons of the Pony Creek country, motored into Ballinger Saturday to look after business affairs a few hours. John now handles the wheel like an old timer.

**Sciatica's Piercing Pain.**  
To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied. A great comfort too with Sloan's is that no rubbing is required. Sloan's Liniment is invaluable for stopping muscular or nerve pain of any kind. Try it at once if you suffer with Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sore Throat, Pain in Chest, Sprains, Bruises, etc. It is excellent for Neuralgia and Headache. 25c at all druggists.

Ed Bowen of the Hatchel country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday and reports a very pleasant Xmas visit to his old home in East Texas.

Dr. E. R. McKinney returned home a day or two ago from an extended visit to his daughter at Yoakum, Texas, and says he had a nice visit but is glad to be back in the healthful ozone of the West.

Mrs. R. P. West of Abilene, was the guest of G. R. West and family, while en route to Talpa on a visit to relatives.

**Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's**

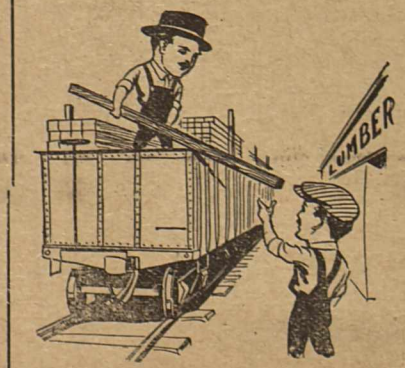
The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Rev. J. G. Braly, of Santa Anna, who preached at New Home Sunday, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home.

### OUR LAST CARLOAD OF LUMBER

contains some specially fine, sound, kiln dried lumber in a great variety of woods. Anything you need in the line of lumber you may obtain here at prices that are remarkably low. Cypress, oak, maple, pine, birch, we have in abundance.

Wm. Cameron Lumber Co



## OFFICERS GET TWO BOOTLEGGERS SAT.

Local officers arrested two men a white man and a negro Saturday night and locked them in jail, and Monday morning complaint of bootlegging was filed against them.

The white man is only 20 years old and gives his name as Grover Cleveland Williams and his home as Haskel, Texas. According to the testimony upon which the young man is being held, he made two sales, receiving the money and delivering the booze. He is a stranger and it seems that he was very bold about delivering the booze.

The negro, Ben Scotty, also made two sales and was caught open handed by the officers who were on the watch for the deal. Unless the parties make bond they will be held in jail to await the action of the grand jury. This makes seven bootleggers arrested here since the last grand jury met.

### For Children's Cough.

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. Don't put off treating. Coughs and Colds often lead to serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle today. All druggists.

J. W. Powell returned from San Angelo Saturday morning, where he had been settling up the C. A. Sewell bankruptcy case, which went to the Federal Court of Appeals at New Orleans. The question involved was should J. M. Radford Gro. Co. receive \$8,640.00, the full amount of fire policy in the goods of Sewell. The goods being a loss by fire and the fire policy having been transferred by Sewell to J. M. Radford Grocery Co. six months before the fire. The court gave the \$8,640 to Radford although there was \$10,000 due other creditors who asked to participate in those proceeds.

**Catarrh Cannot Be Cured.**  
with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHIENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

W. S. Davis of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

Miss Anna Ruth Towns, expression teacher in the Ballinger schools, left Saturday afternoon on a visit to her home at Luling, Texas.

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

Judge Jennings of Miles, had legal business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

D. E. Sims of Paint Rock, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Bradford and sister, Miss Mae Miles, left Saturday afternoon to visit relatives at Santa Anna, and at other points in the state for several weeks.

Miss Rose Schooler returned home Saturday afternoon from Loika, where she was substitute teacher for Mrs. Williams the past week.

## A MILLION DOLLAR FUND FOR EDUCATION

The Baptists of the State of Texas are going in on a great campaign to get for their educational institutions \$1,000,000. All forces are to go afield during the time from January 15 to March 19.

The First Baptist Church of Dallas has given their pastor, Geo. W. Truett, leave of absence during this period in order that he might do all possible for this cause.

During the time above stated it will be the aim to raise \$250,000, or one-fourth of it. A special campaign will be put on each year for four years until the total of million dollars is obtained.

The Baptists of Ballinger and Runnels County will be asked to come in a great way in this campaign. Dr. Truett is expected to speak in Ballinger at some time in the early part of the campaign, to help the forces of this section get organized.

The importance of the schools of the state for the Baptist denomination can hardly be overestimated. So fast have grown the student bodies of the Fourteen Baptist schools that they have been compelled to enlarge faster than the awakened conscience of the people. This campaign will succeed in a great way. It is worthy of a great people. Christian education is no longer an experiment but a success and a necessary part of the work of the denomination.

### WILL ENFORCE VITAL STATISTIC LAW.

Physicians who have been neglectful in reporting births and deaths are in a good way to repent of the neglect. The state has announced that the vital statistic law will be enforced, and that those refusing to comply with the law will cause them to have more respect for the law.

### SEVEN CANDIDATES FOR SHERIFF IN CONCHO

The little county of Concho, our neighbor on the south, is promised some real political scraps during the campaign now waxing warm. The present sheriff has announced that he would retire from politics, and with his announcement to quit came seven candidates asking for his job. The office of sheriff in Concho county must pay a salary, or it carries some honor that makes it a much sought after job.

Mrs. Giddings of Bangs, who had been in the Ballinger sanitarium and is much improved, returned home Saturday afternoon.

## BIG BUILDING LITTLE PATCHING

We can supply the material for your big building job or the little patch work around your home. You do yourself an injustice if you fail to let us figure on your lumber bill.

Ballinger Lumber Co.

I Buy, Sell and Trade For Most Any Old Thing.

Violens and Bicycles Repaired. Also Furniture Storage.

Jewel Cunningham  
Ballinger, Texas  
Next Door to Globe Store

## 85 YEAR-OLD MAN BURIED AT CREWS

Albert Wood, age 85, died at the home of his brother, E. O. Wood, about fifteen miles North of Ballinger Saturday. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Crews, Rev. Chas. Ghiselin, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ballinger, conducting the funeral services.

Deceased had been a citizen of this county for about ten years, and had been making his home with his brother on the Wood & Wright ranch near Crews. Living to a ripe old age and having lived man's allotted time, Mr. Wood grew feeble and quietly passed in to the world beyond.

Quite a number from Ballinger went out to attend the funeral and offer condolence to the bereaved relatives.

## KIDNEY MEDICINE

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root sells well with us because it invariably produces good results in Kidney, Liver and Bladder troubles. We sold a dollar bottle to one of the inmates of our Soldiers' Home near here, and after using it he brought in about one dozen gravel stones some as large as a pea, which he had passed. He states that he obtained wonderful relief from the use of Swamp-Root.

ERNEST A. BROWN, Lafayette, Ind. Personally appeared before me this 28th day of July, 1909, Ernest A. Brown, of the Brown Drug Co., who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

DAVID BRYAN, Notary Public

### Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the Ballinger Weekly Banner-Ledger. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

### RURAL SCHOOL INSPECTOR COMING.

Superintendent Wooten announces that State Rural Inspector T. L. Cunningham, will be here the last of this week and will visit the rural schools in this county which are seeking state aid from the million dollar school appropriation fund. Mr. Cunningham was here a short time ago and inspected a number of the rural schools.

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

### HELPING TO FEED THE WORLD.

L. P. Wood shipped out 100 head of fat steers to the Fort Worth market Monday. Thursday will be shipping day and several car loads of hogs will be shipped from Ballinger to the Fort Worth market.

C. L. Hunt of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and had his Banner-Ledger changed to Miles, and will make his home near that place in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Buck Shields are now comfortably domiciled in their new home in South Ballinger and Buck is now a full fledged truck and fruit farmer. They now have one of the finest little farms in South Ballinger.

**Women of Sedentary Habits:**  
Women who get but little exercise are likely to be troubled with constipation and indigestion and will find Chamberlain's Tablets highly beneficial. Not so good as a three or four mile walk every day, but very much better than to allow the bowels to remain in a constipated condition. They are easy and pleasant to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Ralph McShan of the Pony Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.



**A TEXAS WONDER**  
THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2228 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

Chas. Waldrip of the Crews country, J. D. Moreland of the Milliar neighborhood, and Rev. J. L. Speer of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

H. B. Witt of the Valley Creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

**Samuel C. Harris  
LAWYER**  
Winters, Texas  
Will Practice in All the Courts of Texas.  
Collections and Land business attended to.

**M. C. SMITH.**  
Attorney-at-Law.  
Office up-stairs in C. A. Dooze Building.  
Examining Land Titles a Specialty.

**G. P. Shepherd**  
County Attorney Runnels Co.  
Civil Practice Solicited  
Ballinger, Texas.

**Q. VICTOR MILLER**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Office with Security Title Co.  
Will Practice in all the Courts.

**A. K. Doss J. H. Baugh  
DOSS & BAUGH  
Lawyers.**  
Office over Ballinger Loan Co.  
Ballinger, Texas

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THE BEST COMPANIES**  
Prompt Service  
Your Business Solicited.  
Miss Maggie Sharp upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co's office.  
Phone 215  
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**Are You a Woman?**  
**Take Cardui**  
The Woman's Tonic  
FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS



### SUPER-SIX HUDSON IS WONDER CAR

The motor world is anxiously awaiting the appearance on the market of the new seven-passenger Hudson Super-Six, which its builders claim begins a revolution in automobile construction. The motor of the new car, according to the latest announcement, is no larger than last year's engine, 3 1-2 by 5 inches, but the power has been increased by eighty per cent or to seventy-six horse power.

The Super-Six in an official test on the Sheepshead Bay Speedway under the rules and supervision of the American Automobile Association, recently broke all stock car records up to 100 miles. The distance was negotiated in the almost unbelievable time of 80 minutes, 21.4 seconds, or an average speed of 74.67 miles per hour. Two passengers were carried. On a two-mile lap, its record was 76.75 miles per hour.

The highest power per cubic inch displacement of any automobile ever built is claimed by the Hudson Motor Car Co. The fuel consumption at 40 miles is said to be about the same as like sized motors at 20 miles. Beauty is said to be one of the features of the Super-Six. With a wheel base of 125 1-2 inches, the machine has graceful sweeping lines and a finely upholstered interior.

The output of the Hudson factory in 1916 is to be 30,000 cars and the local agents Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., will receive the first of the new cars within a few days.

### FIRST CARS OF 1916 EGG SHIPPED OUT

The first carload of 1916 eggs to leave Ballinger was shipped out Tuesday when E. A. Jeanes loaded a car here and started it on its journey to New York. The eggs were consigned to egg dealers in New York where they will be distributed out to the retailers and sold to the hungry people of that city.

The ordinary car contains about four hundred cases of eggs, or when counted in eggs amounts to about 144,000 eggs and brings about \$2400. Some money as well as some eggs. It is estimated that about \$100,000 worth of eggs will go from this county during the rush egg season this year. Not so bad for the industrious hens of this county, and when you stop to think about that sum of cash will buy more than one hundred autos.

#### Shoes Wanted.

at Wendorf's Busy Shoe Shop. Work done by the Champion shoe finishing machine, soles sewed on in quick time. Come to see us.

H. L. WENDORF  
Hutchings Ave.

W. C. McCarver, candidate for county clerk, had business at points west between trains Monday.

#### Jeanes Produce Company

famous home-made East Texas have a fresh shipment of their Ribbon can syrup at 65c per gallon. You will have to hurry if you get yours.

R. H. Crockett of Moro, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

### Drs. Forbes & Watson

Veterinary Surgeons, San Angelo, Ballinger and Coleman, Texas. E. R. Forbes, V. S. formerly State Veterinarian of Texas. T. W. Watson, V. S. formerly President State Board Veterinary Medical Examiners of Texas. Specialties—Surgery, Dentistry, Lameness and Ranch Practice, Tuberculin testing of cattle. Calls to ranches in any part of the state promptly answered. Office at The Union Wagon Yard, Ballinger, Texas.

### BUSINESS LEAGUE NAMES DIRECTORS

At a meeting of the subscribers to the Business League held at the League rooms Monday night, ten men were selected to constitute a board of directors for the ensuing year, and the work of the League discussed at length.

The new board is composed of E. D. Walker, R. T. Williams, Jack McGregor, A. W. Sledge, Scott H. Mack, L. B. James, Aug. Vogelsang, Lon Mapes, W. E. Branch, and J. H. Taylor.

As will be seen from the above list, the board is composed of five men from town and five from the country. With one or two exceptions the men elected have agreed to serve, and will be called together at a later date this week and the reorganization of the League perfected by the election of officers.

In the discussion of the work at hand in the meeting Monday night, it was the opinion of the members that the strength of the League to the greatest extent should be devoted to the interest of good roads and to the agricultural interest of the county.

Efforts will be made to get every business firm and many individuals lined up as regular contributors to the League, and the organization made to count for something during the year 1916.

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane syrup 65c per gallon at Jeanes Produce Co. 11-2td-2tw

### D. REEDER TO ENLARGE BUSINESS

The D. Reeder Dry Goods concern is now open for business in their new double building store, facing on Eighth street and Hutchings avenue. The present dry goods and ladies ready-to-wear business will be conducted as formerly in the house fronting on Eighth street. Many new improvements have been made for the convenience of lady shoppers in this department and new complete stocks are being displayed.

An extra department of gents furnishings will be installed in the building fronting on Eighth street, and it is planned by Mr. Reeder to have everything that a gentleman would need in clothing, furnishings, etc., placed there. A much greater stock of mens goods will be used than before, and new up-to-date stocks carried.

The office and bookkeeping department will be moved farther back in the present building, and will be placed so as to have control over all departments. A new delivery and wrapping system will be another convenience for the store, and facilitate business.

The gents furnishings department will occupy the stand where the Elder Confectionary was formerly located, that firm having moved to quarters on Hutchings avenue.

### TEXANS RESCUED BY WONDERFUL REMEDY

Find Swift Relief From Ailments of Years' Standing With First Dose of Treatment.

Many Texans needlessly suffer from stomach ailments and disorders of the digestive tract which appear to be particularly prevalent in the South. Many others have found a way to health by the use of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy.

The first dose of this remedy proves what it will do.

T. B. GOODPASTURE, 802 Sabine St., Houston, Texas, wrote: "I took your treatment last spring. I don't think I will have to take any more—it completely cured me."

R. L. RANDELL, Laredo, Texas, wrote: "I have just finished my fifth bottle of your treatment and passed several gall stones. Your preparation has worked simply wonderfully during my course of treatment."

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

### DRY GOODS MAN RETURNS TO BALLINGER

Returning to Ballinger to become associated with the firm of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack, F. D. George, of Temple, has again become a citizen of this city. Mr. George arrived Sunday and he will be joined by his family later when the question of a place to live is settled. Houses are not as plentiful in Ballinger as they have been in times past.

Mr. George is well remembered in Ballinger, having been engaged in the dry goods business here several years ago. He is perhaps better known, or will be remembered as "By George." Mr. George is an experienced dry goods man, and is coming to Ballinger will make quite an addition to the big department store of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack. Since leaving Ballinger he has been engaged in the dry goods business in Temple, and he returns to Ballinger to make this his permanent home. The loss is on Temple for that city can ill afford to lose such citizens. He has many friends here who will gladly welcome him back to the best town in Texas, and will congratulate the people with whom he has become associated in business.

Mr. George owns his home in Temple, and he may not move his family to Ballinger until he disposes of his home or until school is out.

### USE "CASCARETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS WHEN CONSTIPATE

When bilious, headachy, sick, or sour stomach, bad breath, bad colds.

Get a 10-cent box. Take a Cascaret tonight to cleanse your Liver, Stomach and Bowels, and you will surely feel great by morning. You men and women who have headache, coated tongue, a bad cold, are bilious, nervous, upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have backache and feel all worn out. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets—merely forcing a passage every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil?

Cascarets immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermented food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels.

Remember, a Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning. A 10-cent box from your druggist means healthy bowel action; a clear head and cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children.

### KILLED WHEN LIGHT GLOBE BURSTS

F. W. Barnes, manager of the mechanical department of the electric light plant at El Dorado met death in a manner that will bring a shudder to hundreds who have courted in the same way. He was killed while performing the simple task of placing an electric light globe in a socket, without having first turned off the current. "Perhaps," says the Oklahoma Oklahoman, "there are many who do not know there is any danger attending this simple task. It is done every day by those who have no thought of danger and who may not even know that they are courting death. Barnes held the socket in one hand and was twisting the globe with the other. The globe burst suddenly and before he could remove his hand from the socket the man was electrocuted." This man was experienced in handling electrical devices and doubtless his intimate knowledge of the fluid made him careless. His death should prove a warning to others who have occasion to perform the same task he was performing when death came to him. Safety first should be the motto of every one who uses electricity.—Houston Post.

The many friends of the family will be glad to learn that Mrs. S. P. Hathaway is now convalescing very nicely since a recent operation at the sanitarium.

### AN OLD-TIME NURSE CURED

Of Catarrh of the Stomach by Peruna  
MRS. SELENA TANNER,  
Athens, Ohio.

#### This Cure Dates From October 3, 1899.

- Oct. 3, 1899 —"Catarrh of the stomach. Was nearly starved. After taking Peruna I have a good appetite."
- Sept. 11, 1904 —"I can assure you that I am still a friend of Peruna. My health is still good."
- April 23, 1906 —"Yes, I am still a friend of Peruna. Will be as long as I live. I keep it in the house all the time."
- Dec. 18, 1907 —"I recommend Peruna so often that they call me the Peruna doctor. Peruna recommends itself when once tried."
- Dec. 27, 1908 —"I still tell everybody I can that Peruna is the best medicine in the world."
- Aug. 15, 1909 —"Peruna saved my life years ago. I still take it when I have a cold."
- Jan. 4, 1910 —"I was threatened with pneumonia. Peruna saved me."
- May 17, 1912 —"I am glad to do anything I can for Peruna."
- May 6, 1914 —"I have always been a nurse. Peruna has helped me in my work more than all other medicines."
- Mar. 22, 1915 —"I have divided my bottle of Peruna with people many times. It always helps."

The above quotations give a vague glimpse of the correspondence we have had with Mrs. Tanner since 1899. Our files, which cover twenty-five years, include many similar correspondents.

#### MORTUARY.

#### REV. I. N. LEWIS DEAD.

Louis Milliken informed us Wednesday that they had just received a message telling of the death of his grandfather, Rev. I. N. Lewis at Tahoka, Tuesday night at 1 o'clock.

Rev. Lewis was one of the highly esteemed pioneer citizens of Runnels County, but for the past few years had been making home at Tahoka. He leaves a large family of married children and several single daughters to mourn his demise. Among the number are Madams Geo. Milliken and Albert Davis of this county. The remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Tahoka.

The Ledger joins a host of friends all over the West in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives in this hour of bereavement.

Rev. Lewis was one of the early Primitive Baptist preachers of West Texas, and scarcely a neighborhood or county but has felt the ennobling words and gospel truths uttered by this worthy man of God.

He was an honorable, high-minded Christian gentleman, and his death will cast a gloom all over this section.

M. D. Chastain's Mother Dead. Mrs. Aley Chastain, age about eighty-four years old, died at her home in Menard Tuesday of this week, after a lingering illness from old age.

Deceased was the mother of M. D. Chastain of this city. Mr. Chastain received news late Monday evening that his mother was very low and expected to die, and

accompanied by his daughter, Miss Maxie, he left in an auto about seven o'clock Monday evening for Menard. He reached his mother's bedside at one o'clock Tuesday morning, several hours before she died.

The funeral was held at Menard and the remains of Mrs. Chastain interred in the cemetery at that place. Mr. Chastain has the sympathy of his friends in the loss of his mother.

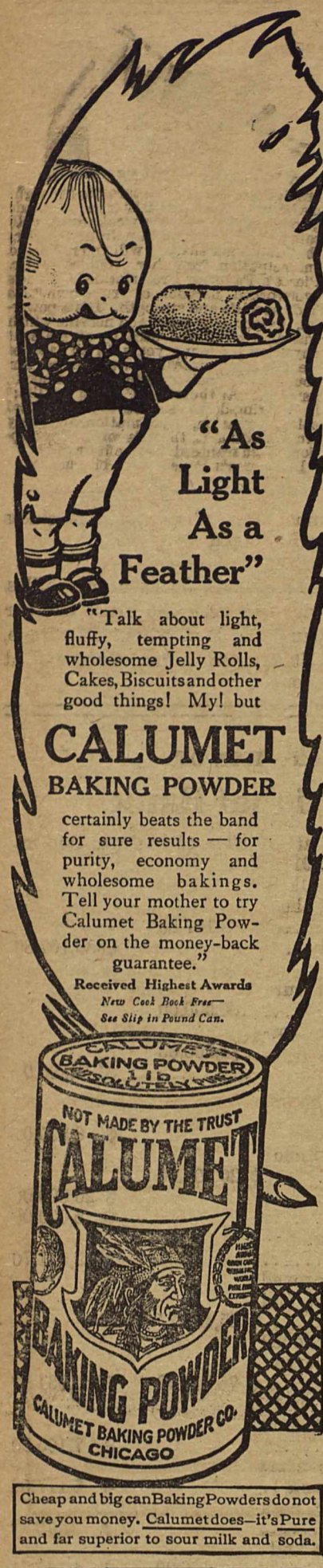
#### Ralph Parnell Is Dead.

Ralph, the twelve year old son of Jim Parnell, died at his home on Sixth Street at one o'clock Thursday, after an illness of about one week. The child was stricken with diphtheria and was in a serious condition before the father and friends could realize it. Physicians were called and all that medical skill could do was defeated by death and the bright little boy passed into another world.

Up to a late hour this (Thursday) afternoon arrangements had not been perfected for the funeral but it is probable that the remains will be carried to Stephenville, where the mother is buried. The many little friends of Ralph will grieve and the friends of the father will sympathize with him in his sorrow.

#### SENDS PAPER TO PREACHER

The ladies of the Christian church subscribed for The Banner-Ledger another year to go to Rev. Fred Carter in Arizona. Rev. Carter was formerly pastor of the local church and the ladies have been sending him the paper since he left here and his interest in many friends here is responsible for a renewal subscription.



"As Light As a Feather"

Talk about light, fluffy, tempting and wholesome Jelly Rolls, Cakes, Biscuits and other good things! My! but

### CALUMET BAKING POWDER

certainly beats the band for sure results—for purity, economy and wholesome bakings. Tell your mother to try Calumet Baking Powder on the money-back guarantee.

Received Highest Awards  
New Cook Book Free—  
See Slip in Pound Can.

### GETS PROMINENT MENTION IN TRADE PAPER

In the January issue of Popular Photography, a journal devoted to the world of the camera, our home photographer, W. E. Bartlett received a very complimentary mention for two of his recent pictures.

This is a doubly unusual thing in a magazine of this importance, and shows the quality of the work Mr. Bartlett is doing for his patrons. Trade papers as a rule, do not hesitate to "romp" on the unfortunate careless artisan, and a write-up as these two pictures received is worthy of consideration.

The first photo was entitled "Innocence Abroad," and Mr. Bartlett says the title was suggested to him by W. B. Dunlap, but that Mark Twain's book of nearly same wording was not on his mind when this was appended. The second subject is a baby picture, of Mrs. E. O. Austin and child, with proper emphasis on the baby. This take goes by the name of "Sunshine," and appears a very logical title for the subject. Both pictures are splendid.

### Don't Cheat Yourself!

We are not only a convenience but a MONEY SAVER for you.

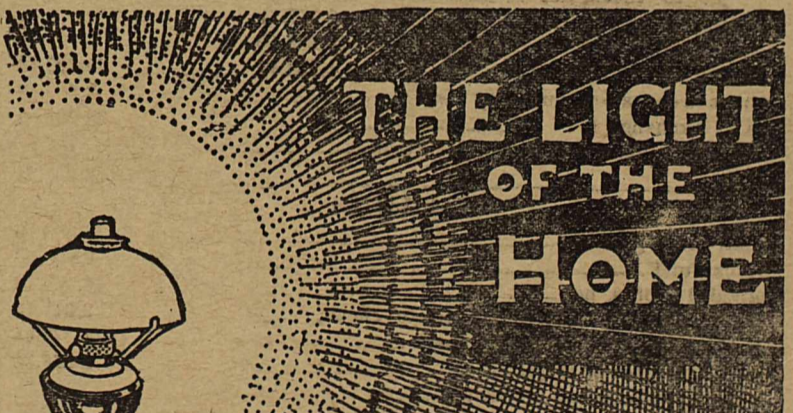
### PIANOS MUSIC

We must satisfy you because nothing else will satisfy us.

Music House Reliable

GEO. ALLEN  
of Western Texas,  
SAN ANGELO

Established in 1890



### THE LIGHT OF THE HOME

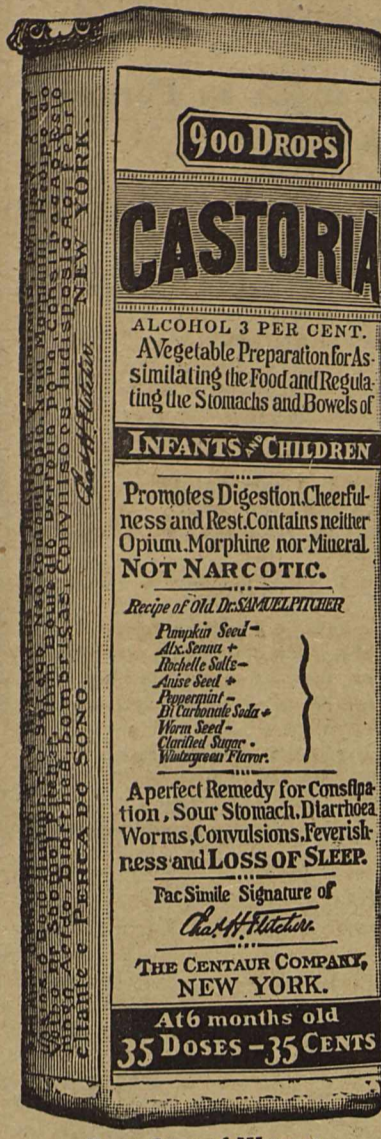
IN countless homes in the United States, in the Philippines, in Africa, Australia, China—the world over, folks of all kinds are reading and working by the clear, pleasing light of TEXACO Familylite.

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For Infants and Children.

**Mothers Know That**  
Genuine Castoria  
Always  
Bears the  
Signature  
of  
*Chas. H. Hutchins*  
In Use  
For Over  
Thirty Years  
**CASTORIA**

Exact Copy of Wrapper. THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

C. R. Flurry and O. H. Clary, of San Angelo, were the guests of their father-in-law, Judge R. B. Truly this week and Mr. Clary left for home Tuesday.

Shelby Craft left Tuesday morning for Stephenville on a short business trip.

**WANTED IN 9 DAYS**  
3999 dozen eggs. Highest spot cash prices paid. **THE GLOBE**, Phone 320. R. P. Conn. 12-32dlw

J. H. Yarnell, J. Lee Smith and A. G. Harris, the wagon yard men, left Monday afternoon for Burnet as witnesses in the bank robbing case now on trial in that city.

E. J. Guin of Wingate, and I. C. Little of Maverick, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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.

**F. & M. BANK  
ELECTS OFFICERS**

Ballinger's youngest financial institution meets growth of its business in promotion of old officers and additions to executive officers.

The stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank met in annual session on Tuesday, January 11th, at 2:00 p. m. and elected the following named gentlemen to serve as directors for the coming year: H. Giesecke, R. R. Russell, J. F. Currie, E. D. Walker, G. G. Odum, J. L. Chastain.

The business of the year was reported the most satisfactory the institution has enjoyed since its organization.

Immediately after the election of directors (the following named gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, H. Giesecke; Vice-Presidents, R. R. Russell, J. F. Currie, and E. D. Walker; Cashier, A. C. Homann; Assistant Cashier, J. L. Chastain; Assistant Cashier, Audy Gustavus.

It will be noted from the above that E. D. Walker, cashier of the bank for two years, has been promoted to active vice president and that A. C. Homann, who up to a year ago, had been in the banking business in this county for nine years and during the past year connected with the State Banking department in the capacity of State Bank Examiner, is again identifying himself with one of Rannels' county financial institutions in becoming cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

Wiley Cathey of Wingate, G. W. Ray, of Maverick and T. Jones Webb, the stockman, of the Maverick country and Audy J. Nichols of the Pony creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. L. Sides, the Hatchel merchant, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**Bank No. 14.  
OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF  
THE FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
Of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st of Dec., 1915 published in the Ballinger Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas on the 10, day of January, 1916.

**Resources.**

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$105,140.13
Loans, real estate	17,761.00
Bills of Exchange "cotton"	57,829.33
Revenue stamps	63.00
Real Estate (banking house)	20,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,523.50
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	\$19,345.47
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	24,048.62
Cash Items	2,340.99
Currency	7,221.00
Specie	3,414.75
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	2,955.05
Other Resources as follows: Assessment Guaranty Fund	239.36
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$245,536.73</b>

**Liabilities**

Capital Stock paid in	60,000.00
Surplus Fund	9,500.00
Undivided profits, net	5,355.35
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	28,550.94
Individual Deposits, subject to check	130,982.93
Time Certificates on Deposit	11,147.51
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$245,536.73</b>

**STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Rannels,**  
We, Chas. S. Miller, as president, and C. A. Orbeck as ass't. cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Chas. S. Miller, President.  
C. A. ORBECK,  
Secy and Ast. Cashier.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of January, 1916.  
**SAM BAKER,**  
Notary Public Rannels County, Texas.  
(Seal)  
Correct—Attest:

C. A. Orbeck,  
C. O. Harris,  
C. S. Miller,  
Directors.

**SEVERE RHEUMATIC  
PAINS DISAPPEAR**

Rheumatism depends on an acid which flows in the blood, affecting the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive processes, and remains there because the liver, kidneys and skin are too torpid to carry it off.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and through the blood on the liver, kidneys and skin, which it stimulates, and at the same time it improves the digestion.

Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today. Sold by all druggists.

**BALLINGER STATE  
NAMES OFFICERS**

At ten o'clock Tuesday morning in the director's room of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., a stockholders meeting of the bank was held and the bank's business for the past year, and the outlook for the coming year summed up in a most satisfactory and optimistic way.

The stockholders elected a board of directors for the ensuing year, and the directors immediately organized by electing officers. C. A. Doose succeeds C. O. Harris as first vice-president, Judge Harris having moved to San Angelo some time ago. However, Judge Harris is retained on the board. Following is the directors and officers named for the year 1916:

Directors: N. J. Allen, C. O. Harris, C. S. Miller, C. A. Doose and E. A. Werner. Officers: Chas. S. Miller, president and cashier; C. A. Doose, first vice-president; N. J. Allen, second vice-president; C. A. Orbeck, secretary and assistant cashier; Sam Baker, assistant cashier.

**GIRLS! HAVE WAVY,  
THICK GLOSSY HAIR  
FREE FROM DANDRUFF**

Save your hair! Double its beauty in a few moments—try this!

If you care for heavy hair, that glistens with beauty and is radiant with life; has an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Danderine.

Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides it immediately dissolves every article of dandruff; you cannot have nice, heavy, healthy hair if you have dandruff. This destructive scurf robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp; the hair roots fallish, loosen and die; then the hair falls out fast.

If your hair has been neglected and is thin, faded, dry, scraggy or too oily, get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine at any drug store or toilet counter; apply a little as directed and ten minutes after you will say this was the best investment you ever made.

We sincerely believe, regardless of everything else advertised, that if you desire soft, lustrous, beautiful hair and lots of it—no dandruff—no itching scalp and no more falling hair—you must use Knowlton's Danderine. If eventually—why not now?

E. A. Werner of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

J. H. Crowson, of the Rowena country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

M. A. Patterson of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

John Schooler returned home Monday afternoon from a short business trip to Maretta and San Angelo.

A. F. Scott of South Ballinger and Thos. Eagan, who lives a mile or two east of the city were transacting business in Ballinger Monday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

W. H. Boozer of the Marie country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

**FIRST NATIONAL  
RE-ELECTS OFFICERS**

The First National Bank rounded out a most successful year and held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday. The satisfactory service of the directors and officers to the stockholders of this bank is shown in the fact that no changes were made in the board or the officers, all the old board being reelected, and is as follows:

Directors: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, Gus Noyes, R. A. Hall, E. L. Rasbury, T. J. Webb, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor, R. G. Erwin.

Officers: J. Y. Pearce, president; D. M. Baker, vice-president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; A. J. Thorp, J. W. Patterson, W. R. Bogle, assistant cashiers.

This bank starts the new year with a statement that makes a most creditable showing, and with an outlook that is perhaps the best in the history of its twenty-



**A WOMAN'S BURDENS**  
are lightened when she turns to the right medicine. If her existence is made gloomy by the chronic weaknesses, delicate derangements, and painful disorders that afflict her sex, she will find relief and emancipation from her troubles in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. If she's overworked, nervous, or "run-down," she finds new life and strength. It's a powerful, invigorating tonic and nerve which was discovered and used by an eminent physician for many years, in all cases of "female complaints" and weaknesses. For young girls just entering womanhood; for women at the critical "change of life;" in bearing-down sensations, periodical pains, ulceration, inflammation, and every kindred ailment, the "Favorite Prescription" is guaranteed to benefit or cure. Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure biliousness.

nine years of successful business in Ballinger.

Mrs. L. C. Jackson of Miles, who had been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Thos. A. Rape, left for her home Tuesday afternoon.

**No. 3533  
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
The First National Bank**

At Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business December 31, 1915.  
**RESOURCES.**

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b) .....	\$383,107.86	
Total loans .....		\$383,107.86
3. U. S. Bonds:		
b U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) .....	\$100,000.00	
c U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal saving deposits (par value) ..	\$1,500.00	
Total U. S. bonds .....		\$101,500.00
6. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank .....	\$13,600.00	
a Less amount unpaid ..	6,800	\$ 6,800.00
7. a Value of banking house (if uncumbered) .....	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
b Equity in banking house .....		\$ 5,000.00
8. Furniture and fixtures .....		\$ 13,611.70
10. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank .....		\$ 25,485.77
11. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis .....	\$ 75,045.40	\$100,531.17
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities .....		\$ 7,160.50
12. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11) .....		\$ 2,117.02
14. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank ..		\$ 3,779.69
15. a Outside checks and other cash items .....		\$ 4,165.75
b Fractional currency, nickles and cents .....	386.00	\$ 11,175.00
16. Notes of other national banks ..		\$ 1,000.00
17. Federal Reserve notes .....		\$ 24,003.55
18. Coin and certificates .....		\$ 250.00
19. Legal-tender notes .....		\$ 5,000.00
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer ..		\$157,020.17
22. Customers' liability account of "Acceptances" .....		\$842,442.72

**LIABILITIES.**

24. Capital stock paid in .....	\$100,000.00
25. Surplus fund .....	\$ 26,500.00
26. Undivided profits .....	\$9,674.69
Reserved for taxes .....	\$2,715.39
Reserved for .....	\$ 12,390.08
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid .....	\$ 12,390.08
27. Circulating notes outstanding .....	\$100,000.00
29. a Net amount due to approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis .....	\$ 30,537.27
b Net amount due to approved reserve agents in other reserve cities .....	\$ 30,537.27
30. Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 28 or 29) .....	\$ 5,622.08
31. Dividends unpaid .....	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Demand deposits:</b>	
32. Individual deposits subject to check .....	\$339,392.02
33. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days .....	\$ 27,590.17
35. Cashiers' checks outstanding .....	\$ 390.18
37. Postal savings deposits .....	\$ 350.64
<b>Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):</b>	
40. Certificates of deposit .....	\$ 11,670.28
47. Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed .....	\$100,000.00
51. Liabilities other than those above stated shareholders account .....	\$ 78,060.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$842,442.72</b>

**State of Texas, County of Rannels, ss:**  
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January 1916.  
J. WHIT PATTERSON, Notary Public  
(Seal)

Correct—Attest:  
J. Y. PEARCE,  
W. W. FOWLER,  
D. M. BAKER,  
Directors.

**RECAPITULATION.**

<b>Resources</b>		<b>Liabilities.</b>	
Loans and discounts ..	\$383,107.86	Capital Stock .....	\$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds .....	101,500.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits .....	38,890.00
Banking house, F. & F ..	25,000.00	Stockholders Fund ..	78,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank ..	6,800.00	Dividend Unpaid ..	10,000.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton) .....	\$157,020.17	Circulation .....	100,000.00
Cash and Exchange ..	169,014.69	Bills Payable .....	75,000.00
	\$842,442.72	Deposits .....	440,552.64
			\$842,442.72

# WINTER CLEARANCE SALE

That nearly every thing in dry goods line from brass pins to suits of clothes has advanced from 10 to 35 per cent. We dare to put on sale our entire stock of fall and winter goods and also a number of staples at most radical prices before the winter is half gone to make room for our large spring and summer purchases. . . . .

## Opens Monday, January 15 and Closes Saturday, January 22

### Best Day Special

Saturday only, the yard - - - **6c**  
Come early.

- Whip Cord. . . . . \$4.95
- lace sale \$4.15
- lace sale \$3.75
- lace sale \$3.35
- lace sale \$2.85
- lace sale \$2.35
- lace sale \$1.98
- lace sale \$1.45
- lace sale \$1.23
- lace sale 98c
- Suits 10.00 values at price of \$6.65
- Suits \$5.95
- Suits \$4.85
- Suits \$4.15
- Suits \$2.98
- Men's Under- . . . . . \$1.55
- Men's Under- . . . . . \$1.20
- Men's Under- . . . . . 98c
- Men's Under- . . . . . 85c
- Men's Under- . . . . . 60c
- Men's Under- . . . . . 43c
- Men's Under- . . . . . 19c
- VESTS clearance 25c

- #### Laces and Embroideries on Sale
- 5c values, clearance sale 3 1-2c
  - 6 1-4 and 7 1-2c values, clearance sale 5c
  - 8 1-2c values, clearance sale 7c
  - 10c values, clearance sale 7c
  - 12 1-2c values, clearance sale 10c
  - 15c values, clearance sale 11c
  - 25c values, clearance sale 19c
  - 50c values, clearance sale 39c
  - 75c values, clearance sale 55c
  - \$1.00 values, clearance sale 79c
  - \$1.50 values, clearance sale \$1.20
  - \$2.00 values, clearance sale \$1.55

- #### Notions
- 25c Shinola sets, clearance sale 20c
  - 25c Williams talcum powder, clearance sale 19c
  - \$1.00 window shades, clearance sale 75c
  - 60c window shades, clearance sale 48c
  - 35c window shades, clearance sale 27c
  - 35c rubber heels, clearance sale 25c
  - 10c braids, clearance sale 8c
  - \$1.00 knit caps, clearance sale 35c
  - \$2.00 ladies' vests, clearance sale 48c
  - 25c Shaving mirrors, clearance sale 19c

- #### Children's Dresses
- \$1.25 children's dresses, clearance sale 95c
  - 65c children's dresses, clearance sale 48c

- #### Middy Blouses
- \$1.00 middies, clearance sale 85c
  - 50c middies, clearance sale 35c

- #### Overgaiters
- 75c values, clearance sale 48c
  - 35c values, clearance sale 27c

- #### Extra Dress Goods Special
- Consisting of linens, poplins, Scotch plaids, printed crepes, etc., values 25c, 35c and 50c, about 30 pieces on one table, choice the yard **15c**

Sale Prices are CASH

We are not afraid to offer real bargains. Our customers want for some time to come. Goods will

Thursday, January 20th.

6 1-2c

# W. G. Goods Co.

"Quality First"

### Men's Suits and Overcoats



The high prices on woolens and dyes makes them worth 25 per cent more than what we bought them at, but we don't want to carry them over to next season.

- \$25.00 and \$22.50 values - - - \$16.95
- \$20.00 values - - - \$14.85
- \$17.50 and \$18.00 values - - - \$12.95
- \$15.00 values, clearance price - - - \$11.65
- \$12.50 values, clearance price - - - \$9.65
- \$10.00 values, clearance price - - - \$7.75

### Men's Shirts

Including Wool and Soft Shirts

- \$3.00 values, clearance sale - - - \$2.25
- \$2.50 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.98
- \$2.00 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.59
- \$1.75 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.45
- \$1.50 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.23
- \$1.25 values, clearance sale - - - 98c
- \$1.00 values, clearance sale - - - 79c
- 75c values, clearance sale - - - 48c
- 50c values, clearance sale - - - 44c

For men who wear from 32 to 36 size. 50 suits, values \$18.00 to \$30.00, Kirschbaum make, all-wool. At the extremely low price

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### Boy's Pants

- \$3.00 values, clearance sale - - - \$2.20
- \$2.50 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.98
- \$2.00 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.49
- \$1.75 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.38
- \$1.50 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.25
- \$1.25 values, clearance sale - - - 98c
- \$1.00 values, clearance sale - - - 73c
- 75c values, clearance sale - - - 60c

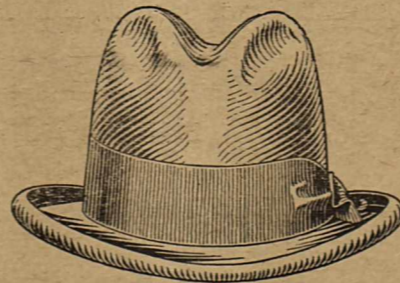
### Men's and Boy's Sweaters

- \$4.00 values, clearance sale - - - \$3.15
- \$3.50 values, clearance sale - - - \$2.90
- \$2.50 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.98
- \$1.50 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.23
- \$1.25 values, clearance sale - - - 98c

One table men's hats, values up to \$3.50, to close at only **\$1.00**

### Men's Hats Greatly Reduced

- \$7.50 Stetson Hats, clearance sale - - - \$6.25
- \$5.00 Stetson Hats, clearance sale - - - \$4.15
- \$4.00 Stetson Hats, clearance sale - - - \$3.45
- \$3.00 values, clearance sale - - - \$2.45
- \$1.50 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.15
- \$1.25 values, clearance sale - - - \$1.05



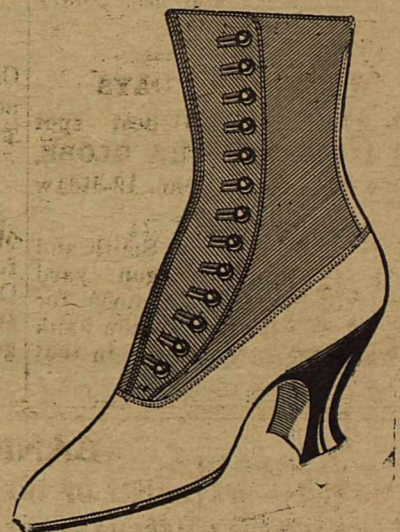
### Shoes at Clearance Sale Prices

Shoes are going up all the time and will be higher, anticipate your wants at these low prices.

- \$6.50 and \$7.00 Strong and Garfield shoes, clearance sale - - - \$5.65
- \$5.00 Regal shoes, - - - \$4.25
- \$4.50 Regal shoes - - - \$3.85
- \$4.00 Regal shoes - - - \$3.35
- \$3.50 Regal shoes - - - \$3.15
- \$3.00 shoes - - - \$2.55

### Ladies' Shoes

- \$4.50 and \$5.00 Red Cross shoes at - - - \$3.75
- \$4.00 Red Cross shoes - - - \$3.35
- \$3.50 Red Cross shoes - - - \$2.85
- \$3.00 shoes at - - - \$2.40
- \$2.50 shoes clearance sale - - - \$2.15
- \$2.00 shoes, clearance sale \$1.67
- \$1.75 shoes, clearance sale \$1.45
- \$1.50 shoes, clearance sale \$1.23



### Children's Shoes

- \$3.00 shoes, clearance sale \$2.45
- \$2.75 shoes, clearance sale \$2.30
- \$2.50 shoes, clearance sale \$2.15
- \$2.25 shoes, clearance sale \$1.85
- \$2.00 shoes, clearance sale \$1.67
- \$1.75 shoes, clearance sale \$1.45
- \$1.50 shoes, clearance sale \$1.23
- \$1.25 shoes, clearance sale \$1.05
- \$1.00 shoes, clearance sale 85c
- 75c shoes, clearance sale 63c
- 50c shoes, clearance sale 43c

Broken lots and odd pairs at a fraction of real worth.

One table ladies shoes, values up to \$5.00 choice - - - \$1.98

### Men's and Boy's Caps

- \$1.50 caps, clearance sale \$1.15
- \$1.00 caps, clearance sale 75c
- 75c caps, clearance sale 48c
- 50c caps, clearance sale - 43c
- 35c caps, clearance sale - 27c
- 25c caps, clearance sale - 18c

### Boy's Hats and Caps

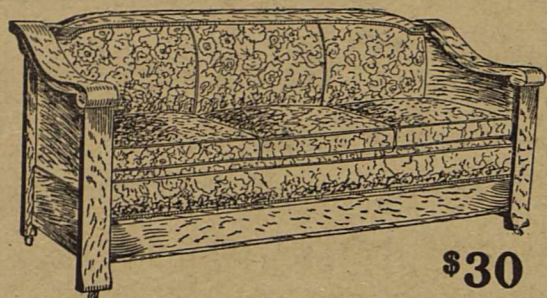
One lot caps and boy's hats, values up to \$1.50, to close at **25c**

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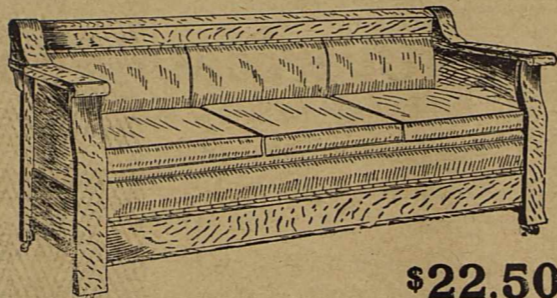


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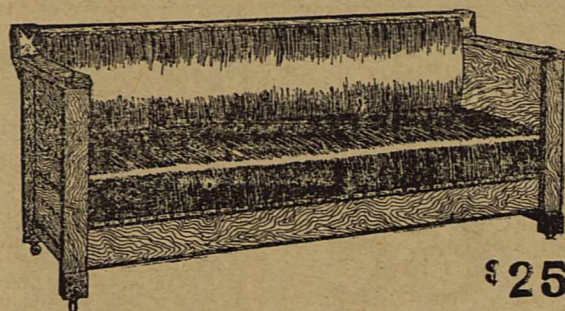


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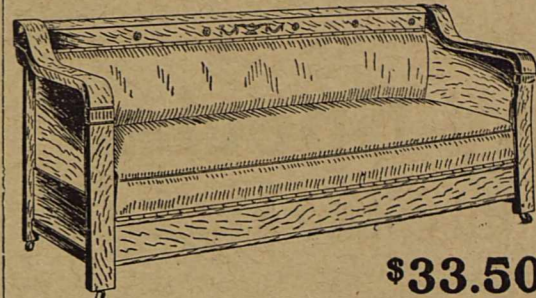


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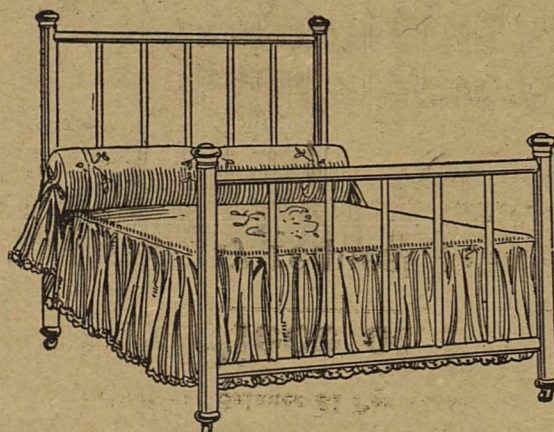
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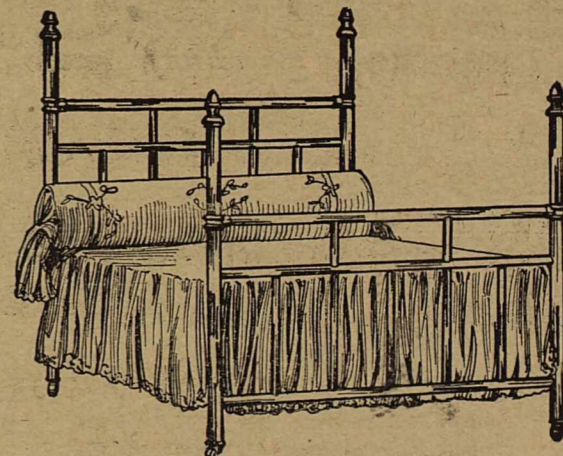
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