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### CONFESSION OF GIRL ENDS MYSTERY

FORT WORTH, Feb. 28.—The "unwritten law" will not save Katherine Harrison, age eighteen the bride of a prominent local banker's son, from prosecution for the murder of W. L. Warren, age sixty, proprietor of a boarding house, whom she confessed she shot because he wronged her a year ago. This was a positive statement made to a United Press correspondent today by County Attorney Spooner.

The murder mystery that for the past two months has puzzled the officers was cleared up yesterday when a pretty girl walked into the county attorney's office and told the county attorney's assistant that she killed W. L. Warren because Warren had wronged her. In a few hours after the confession was made, Mrs. Charles Harrison and her husband, the son of a banker, were placed under arrest and released on bonds of \$5000, charged with the murder.

My name is Katherine Harrison. Some time about Nov. 1, 1914, I was introduced to Mr. Warren by a friend of mine. A few days after that I saw him downtown, and he walked with me for a time and carried my parasol. When I left that evening, I neglected to take my parasol, and he carried it home with him and when I went to his hotel to get the parasol he locked the door and by force and threats, forced me to yield to him. His hotel at that time was the Sothern hotel at Tenth and Main streets. I did not speak to him any more except one time until the night of the murder. On the night of Dec. 22, 1915, Charlie Harrison and I were driving. We stopped between Tenth and Eleventh streets on Main. Charlie was across the street getting a shine and I was sitting in the car when Mr. Warren came along and I thought it would be a good time to take him out and kill him, so I asked him to get in and take a ride, and as soon as Charlie came back I introduced them and we went out the Arlington Heights road past Benbrook, and after we got to the place where he was found I pretended that something was the matter with the tire and we all got out of the car. Before getting out I got the pistol out of the car.

### CONTRACT AWARDED FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

The contract for the building of the Cochran school was awarded last Saturday, Price & Claypool, of Ballinger being the successful bidders, and have started work on the new building.

The contract price for the new building figures about \$1000. The building will be a frame structure, modernly constructed, and planned to take care of the needs for the Cochran community for many years to come.

This school is one among the many in the county that received an appropriation from the state's million dollar fund, and the trustees are beginning the improvements now in order that the school may be in shape for the 1916-17 term.

The gun belonged to Charlie and I knew he kept it in the car. I drove the car and Charlie sat in the front seat with me, and Warren was in the rear seat. After Warren had looked at all the tires came around in front of the car and I turned on him and began to shoot. I think the first shot struck him in the arm. He then threw up his arms and stumbled over toward the tree and fell in a position somewhat like he was on his knees and I followed him up and continued to shoot until the gun was empty. Then Charlie and myself got into the car and came to town, with Charlie driving, and he drove every fast. He came back the same way until we most reached town. Then we went through North Fort Worth.

I had thought many times that I would be justified in killing this man and had told Charlie about it, but he would not take it seriously, as he thought I would not have nerve to do that. Charlie and I were engaged to be married at this time. I had thought about the wrong this man, W. L. Warren, had done so much that I grew to hate him, and wanted to see him die, but I had never formed any plan to kill him until I saw him passing that night, and all at once the idea came to me that I could do it that way and make it all right.

Miss Alice Jones returned from Lampasas Wednesday and will be with the Melton Dry Goods Co., again this season. Miss Jones has held a position with this firm for the past several seasons and was spending a few weeks with relatives at Lampasas.

### Traveling Man Killed When Passenger Train Hits Auto

The remains of J. E. Wild is in the undertaking parlors of the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., and J. W. Chesnutt is in the Halley & Love Sainatarium as the result of an accident which occurred on a crossing of the Santa Fe railroad about three miles west of Ballinger a nine-twenty-five Friday morning. The remains of Wild have been prepared for burial and are held awaiting instructions from his family at Moran, Texas.

The accident occurred when the men in the auto tried to cross the railroad just ahead of the Santa Fe passenger train which is due at Ballinger at nine-thirty, and according to eye witnesses who said the engine of the auto went dead, and the train was so close the parties did not have time to leave car.

The auto, a brand new five-passenger Dodge, bearing an Abilene number was crashed like an egg shell, and carried for a distance of thirty-three yards. Pieces of the car were strewn along the track and no part of the car escaped damage, and it is a complete loss.

Wild's body was carried twenty-nine yards beyond the car, or sixty-two yards from where the train struck the auto. The man's head was crushed beyond recognition, brains being scattered along the track, while the pilot of the engine was spattered with blood and hair. One foot was crushed off and the body otherwise bruised. Wild was driving the car and did not have time to free himself, or make any attempt to get out of the car before the train struck him, and he was picked up by the engine and carried with the wrecked auto to instant death.

Chesnutt was on the front seat of the auto with Wild, and was attempting to leave the car when the train struck it and he escaped death by being knocked free from the wreckage. He suffered a broken limb, one of the lower limbs being badly fractured in two places and bruises made about the body.

The train was in charge of Conductor Billie Akien and Engineer R. B. Green. Mr. Akien telephoned to Ballinger for physicians and the wounded man was given prompt medical attention. The train came on to the city and later returned to the scene of the accident, Undertaker Crews going out on the train to look after the remains of Wild, while County Attorney Shepherd and County Judge Kleberg went out in an auto to hold an inquest.

Claim Agent Sandlin On Train Santa Fe Claim Agent Sandlin was a passenger on the train, and he began immediately compiling data that could be used in deriving a just settlement of the damages caused by the accident. He secured the names of several eye-witnesses to the accident and spent two or three hours on the ground.

Wild and Chesnutt were representing the Producers Oil Co., of Moran, Texas, being field men for the company. They were en route to Ballinger from San Angelo, having left the later town about the same time that the passenger train left. They had visited Ballinger a number of times before and had several acquaintances here. Chesnutt is a single man, of about thirty years of age, and has resided at Abilene for many years and stands high in the social circles of that city, being a prominent member of the Elks Lodge at Abilene. A late report from the sanitarium says that he is resting as well as could be expected, and the physicians are hopeful that it will not be necessary to amputate the wounded limb, and unless some complication sets up he will recover.

As soon as the news was received at Abilene, the home town of Mr. Chesnutt, several telephone calls were received here inquiring

about the man's condition and instructing that everything possible be done for him, and that friends would arrive here this afternoon to look after him.

In a statement to friends this afternoon the wounded man's version of the accident differed in some respects to that told by the train crew and others. Mr. Chesnutt says that the engine of the auto did not go dead on the crossing and that they did not know the train was coming until it was too late to stop the car.

E. P. Scarbrough is an old acquaintance and friend of Mr. Chesnutt, and learning that the wounded man had lost some valuable jewelry in the accident, Mr. Scarbrough and several others returned to the scene of the tragedy and were fortunate in finding the missing diamond ring in the sand near the railroad, and earlier in the day City Marshal Pilcher found a diamond cuff button that belonged to the wounded man.

H. L. Mobley, proprietor of the Central Hotel, formerly lived at Cisco, which is only eighteen miles from Moran, and was well acquainted with Wild. As soon as the body was brought to Ballinger, Mr. Mobley called up friends at Moran and reported the death

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### HORSE KILLED IN RUNAWAY

W. R. McDonald lost a good work horse Monday morning when a team he was driving to a hack became frightened near the oil mill and dashed down Hutchings Ave. Some parts of the harness gave way and caused Mr. McDonald to lose control of the team.

The horses broke loose from the hack near where they started, and while running at what proved to be break neck speed, one of the horses slipped and fell on the street in front of the Cash Market, and died instantly. Just a few feet from where the horse slipped an auto was standing and in the fall the horses head struck the back of the auto. It is presumed that the fall broke the horses neck.

The animal was classed by Mr. McDonald as a good work horse, and was valued at perhaps about \$100. The hack was slightly damaged, and the other horse escaped injury and was caught in a wagon yard south of the post office.

### BULLETIN BOARD AT LEDGER OFFICE

You are invited to The Ledger office Saturday evening at seven o'clock and get the election returns first hand from The Ledger's big bulletin board.

We have perfected arrangements for receiving the returns promptly from all boxes in the county, and unless there is some unusual delay we will be able to announce not later than eight o'clock how the county has voted on the liquor question.

In order that our friends might keep score on the returns and make comparison with past prohibition elections held in this county, we have printed and have ready for distribution cards showing the voting strength of the county for the 1911 and 1913 elections with the vote for and against prohibition at each election, and also the present voting strength of the county.

In making up the list showing the present voting strength we did not allow for receipts that were cancelled by the collector, and while this list is not exact it is within a very few of the exact number of polls tax receipts issued in each voting box, as only a few receipts were spoiled in issuing same.

### NEW AUTO DEPARTMENT HEAD.

H. E. Lindrose, of New Orleans, now has charge of the automobile department for the store of Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. The new manager is an expert mechanic and is thoroughly conversant with every phase of the motor vehicle business. Many different lines of cars are now handled by the above named store, and it requires no little system to push this department.

### LANSING SCORES GERMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Secretary Lansing of the state department, today again directly rebuked German ambassador Bernstorff for what he regards improper publicity work. In a letter published this morning Secretary Lansing formally announced that the report of the contents of the memorandum presented to him by Count von Bernstorff, was not made public by the Secretary of the Department. Lansing also said that he had made no statement of the State Department's views on the matter, and implied that the reports had come from the German ambassador. Morning newspapers published what was purported to be a paraphrase of the memorandum.

PARIS, March 1.—The French Ministry of Marine officially announced today that a German under-water boat torpedoed and sunk the French auxiliary liner Provence, in the Mediterranean Sea, Saturday. It is now estimated that the loss of life from the wreck will run between eight and eleven hundred persons.

### GERMANS TAKE OUTLYING CITY.

BERLIN, March 1.—German attacks on the city of Fresnes, 13 miles to the Southeast of Verdun, have reduced the defenses, and a division of the Crown Prince's command today took over the town. Offensive movements on Verdun continue with unabated violence.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The strong fortress of Douamont, defending Verdun from the northeast and four miles from the city's outskirts, has fallen before the tremendous German attack, according to dispatches received from Berlin.

Evacuation of the fortress is believed here, to be followed by the collapse of the entire French battle line near Verdun, on the front from the Du Poire ridge eastward through Bezon Vaux. Kaiser Wilhelm was present at the storming of Fortress Douamont and witnessed the capture.

No accurate estimate of the losses of both belligerents have been compiled, but it is accepted that the casualties of French and Germans will total a hundred thousand men.

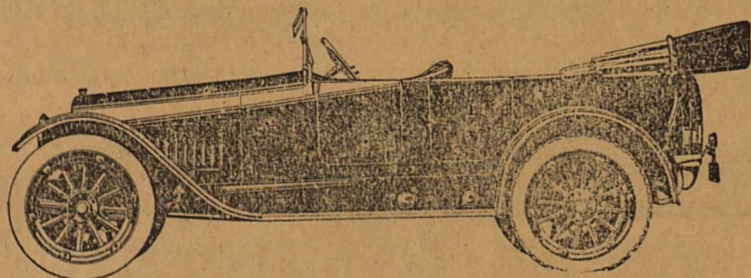
### TURKS EVACUATE TREBIZOND

Petrograd, Feb. 29.—Tiflis reports today that the Turkish troops are evacuating Trebizond today before the Russian advance. Russian forces are pushing on to a junction with the British troops in Mesopotamia it is believed.

R. B. Ingle of the Spring Hill neighborhood, came in Thursday at noon and reports his daughter, Miss Eva, still doing nicely from a recent operation for appendicitis.

W. A. Nance

Henry Jones



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1 Overland, dandy good car, tires all good, cost \$1100 will sell for \$350; \$200 cash balance \$12.50 per month. This car is worth \$500.

1 Auburn, 5 passenger, electric starter and lights, spare rim and tire, cost \$1850; will sell at \$450; \$250 cash balance next fall. A snap for some one on an up-to date car.

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Buy Prince Albert everywhere tobacco is sold: in tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors and in that clever pound crystal-glass humidior with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such fine shape.



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On the reverse side of this tidy red tin you will read: "Process Patented July 30th, 1907," which has made three men smoke pipes where one smoked before!

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### BOB KIRK YIELDS TO SOLICITIOUS FRIENDS

R. P. Kirk has agreed that his name be used for county commissioner, and at the request and upon the authority of friends, his name goes in the announcement column of this paper.

Some time ago a petition was presented to Mr. Kirk asking him to make the race for commissioner. He stated that he was not in politics and declined to hear the call made by his friends. Not willing to be turned down, and feeling that Mr. Kirk was the man for the place and should accept the office, friends continued to bring pressure to bear upon him, and he stated Tuesday morning that if the people saw fit to elect him he would serve and give the best he had in stock.

Mr. Kirk is peculiarly fitted for the office of commissioner of this precinct at this time, and it is for this reason that his friends are urging him to serve in that capacity. He is a wide awake advocate of good roads and a booster for civic improvements. He can devote the necessary time to the duties of the office without conflicting with his other business, and if elected the tax payers of this county can rest assured that the county's business will be in safe hands as far as the commissioner of precinct No. 1 can have a say.

Feb McWilliams declined to serve this precinct further and Mr. Kirk will make a good successor, if elected, and his friends are busy for him.

### IN FIVE MINUTES! NO INDIGESTION, GAS OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

The movent "Pape's Diapepsin" reaches the stomach all distress goes.

"Really does" put bad stomach in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn, and sourness in five minutes—that—just that—makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world. If what you eat ferments into stubborn lumps, you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food and acid; head is dizzy and aches; breath foul; tongue coated; your insides filled with bile and indigestible waste, remember the movent "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. It's truly astonishing—almost marvelous, and the joy is its harmlessness.

A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin will give you a hundred dollars' worth of satisfaction or your druggist hands you your money back. It's worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomachs regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or night. It's the quickest, surest and most harmless stomach regulator in the world.

#### NEW SERIES 17 MODEL

R. P. Kirk, the local representative of the Studebaker auto, was demonstrating Monday the very latest new series 17 model car, with adjustable front seats, which will be very convenient for travel and camping out, as the two front seats can be taken out and make plenty sleeping room in the car.

Mr. Kirk closed the deal Saturday in which he sold Walt Allen of West End one of the model Studebaker cars.

#### How to Prevent Croup.

When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that he eats a light evening meal, as an overloaded stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptom—hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtainable Everywhere.

#### RABBIT DRIVE

J. S. Reese of the Benoit country, requested us to announce a rabbit hunt on Friday, March 10, and all are requested to meet at E. A. Werner's place between Ballinger and Benoit. A splendid dinner will be served and everybody cordially invited to attend and take part in the drive.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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Ballinger, Texas

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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.

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S. B. HOWARD, Ballinger, Tex.

### RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES COMBINE

Wingate, Texas, Feb. 25, 1916. Editor Banner-Ledger, Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir:—After having a great deal of confusion in the Wingate community over the telephone business, and after having two or three meetings of the stockholders of the Rural Telephone Union, which was attended by other citizens, it was decided at last in an open meeting of the Rural Telephone Union, to sell at a public sale, to the highest bidder, all of the property belonging to the Rural Telephone Union, and after having been advertised, the proper length of time, the sale was made according to advertisement. There were seventeen representative citizens of this community got together

and decided that it would be best to buy the Rural Telephone Union property and merge it with the Independent Telephone Co., which they did, and after paying for same in cash, they received a bill of sale covering all the property that was owned by the Rural Telephone Union except one switch board which was purchased by S. L. Eason a private individual. In a letter which was addressed to you, and dated Aug. 20th, 1915 and which was published in your paper, from F. W. Greber who is general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., at Brownwood, Texas, he recommended the elimination of the duplications of the telephone business in the Wingate community. We now want to know if Mr. Greber is willing to abide by his recommendation, or is he going to assist other parties in creating more confusion in our community by assisting them in another duplication of a telephone system at

Wingate. We want to cordially invite all of those who have been using the rural system, to join in with us, and help keep down the telephone strife, which has been existing in our midst. The rate will remain the same as you have been paying—50c per month and you furnish the box. Signed:

C. L. Harter, Dock Harter, J. W. Cathey, L. H. Suggs, E. J. Guin, Jim Blessing, J. B. Riggs, J. D. Smith, J. A. Suggs, L. J. Brain, W. O. Hudson, Kit Hargrave, C. P. Nunn, W. M. Pumphrey, W. A. Pace and W. G. Allen.

#### When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you feel dull and stupid after eating.  
When constipated or bilious.  
When you have a sick headache.  
When you have a sour stomach.  
When you belch after eating.  
When you have indigestion.  
When nervous or despondent.  
When you have no relish for your meals.  
When your liver is torpid.  
Obtainable everywhere.

#### PREDICT CORN CROP FAILURE.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 28.—This is seed corn week in Iowa. Following a wet, cold summer the corn crop was a partial failure and examination of seed corn has shown that a surprising amount of it will not germinate. So alarmed are the experts, bankers and agricultural editors that they convinced Gov. Geo. W. Clarke that Iowa faced another bad corn year, this time from a light crop because of poor seed corn, and he has designated this week as "Seed Corn Week" during which every farmer is urged to test his seed corn. In northern Iowa counties it is estimated that at least half of the seed corn is poor and thousands of bushels will be imported from the southwest.

#### To Cure Children's Colds.

Keep child dry, clothe comfortably, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle today. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, 25c. at Druggists.

H. Otken, of the Old Runnels country was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his wife, who is visiting at Sherman, to keep posted on home news.

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**SEE ME**

## PLEADS FOR MERCY WITH TEARS FLOWING

Breaking down and crying like a baby, E. M. Brown, a young man about twenty-one years old, plead with the court for mercy Saturday morning and repented most pitifully for the disgrace he admitted that he had brought upon himself and widowed mother and sisters.

Brown, if that be his name, was arrested Friday night and lodged in jail charged with swindling under the amount of fifty dollars. The trouble grew out of a swindle framed up by Brown, according to his own confession, in which he obtained money on bank checks which were worthless, drawn on an account that did not exist.

According to a statement made by the young man, he came to Winters a day or two ago and placed with the First National bank at Winters a draft of \$150 for collection on an Abilene bank, representing to the Winters bank that he had that amount of cash in the bank at Abilene. The Winters bank accepted the draft for collection, and Brown came to Ballinger on a jitney. He gave the jitney driver a check for \$1, on the Winters bank, the fare being 75 cents the driver paid the difference in cash.

After arriving at Ballinger Brown went to the store of W. B. Wood & Son and bought a bill of groceries amounting to \$19.20 and wrote a check for \$24.20, stating that he was going to spend the night in the city and needed a little change, the groceryman gave him the difference of \$5 in cash. Brown left the groceries in the store.

Later becoming suspicious, W. B. Wood & Son called up the

## The Boy is Father to the Man

Old sayings like this are fraught with a most important meaning. And what

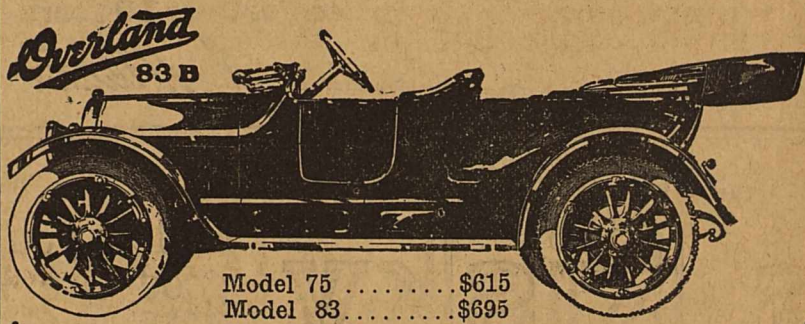


will aid the expectant mother in conserving her health, her strength, her mental repose and the absence of vexatious pains is a subject of vast moment. Among the recognized helps is a splendid remedy known as "Mother's Friend." Applied to the muscles it sinks in deeply to make them firm and pliant, it thus lifts the strain on ligaments that produce pain, it lightens the burden on the nervous system, induces calm, restful nights of health-giving sleep and makes the days sunny and happy. Get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" of any druggist and you will then realize why it has been considered true to its name in our best homes through three generations. It is perfectly harmless but so effective that once used it is recommended to all expectant mothers by those who went through the ordeal with surprising ease. By writing to Bradfield Regulator Co., 412 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., you can have a free copy of a wonderful stork book that unfolds those things which all expectant mothers delight to read. Write today.

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**O'KELLY & WALTON, LOCAL DEALERS**  
Phone 33

Winters bank to get an o. k. on the check. The bank promptly "outlawed" the check and the matter was turned over to the officers with the result that Brown was soon behind the bars.

He requested that he be allowed to talk to the officers Saturday morning, and he "unbossomed" himself in a most pitiful way. He stated that his widowed mother lived at Jonesboro with her daughter, and that he needed money to get home on, and he expected to return the \$5 when he got home. He said that he had never been in trouble before, and he plead with the court to let him go and he would never sin again.

Brown is an intelligent looking young man, neatly dressed, and the officers are holding him for further investigation. They are not inclined to take the young man's statement as made, and he will probably be compelled to answer for his wayward walk.

Watch the Fords Go By.

## OLDER BUT STRONGER

To be healthy at seventy, prepare at forty, is sound advice, because in the strength of middle life we too often forget that neglected colds, or careless treatment of slight aches and pains, simply undermine strength and bring chronic weakness for later years.

To be stronger when older, keep your blood pure and rich and active with the strength-building and blood-nourishing properties of Scott's Emulsion which is a food, a tonic and a medicine to keep your blood rich, alleviate rheumatism and avoid sickness. No alcohol in Scott's.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

### TRESSPASS NOTICE

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

**GODFREY MASSEY,**  
wfi Concho county, Tex

## BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE EARLY

We, the undersigned firms, agree to close our places of business not later than 6:30 p. m. during the months of March, April, May, June, July and August, except on first Mondays and Saturdays:

Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co.

A. J. Zappe

H. C. Wilke

U. E. Hartman,

Scroggins & Son,

Schawe Grocery Co.

St. Louis Store,

Jas. E. Brewer,

Higdon-McElroy Co.

Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co.

W. B. Wood & Son.

H. L. Wendorf,

W. A. Gustavus & Son.

O'Kelly & Walton.

Hardin & Bateman.

Ballinger Lumber Co.,

Walker-Smith Co.

Cash Grocery Co.,

The Globe Store,

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack,

Ballinger Dry Goods Co.,

D. Reeder

T. S. Lankford,

The Hub,

J. M. Faddford Grocery Co.

H. G. Roten, Groceries.

L. S. Stubbs,

Asa Cordill,

The public is requested to take notice of this agreement and every one is urged to do their trading early. After remaining indoors throughout the long hot days of the summer the merchants desire to give their employees an opportunity to enjoy just such out door recreation as they see fit, and in order to comply with the agreement hereby made it is necessary that the public place their orders early that goods may be delivered and the day's business closed on schedule time.

## YOU CAN'T FIND ANY DANDRUFF, AND HAIR STOPS COMING OUT

Save your hair! Make it thick, wavy glossy and beautiful at once.

Try as you will, after an application of Danderine, you can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most, will be after a few week's use, when you see new hair fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is immediate and amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance, the beauty and shimmer of true hair health.

Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment. A 25-cent bottle will double the beauty of your hair.

### Election Notice.

By authority invested in me, as mayor of the City of Ballinger, I hereby order an election to be held on April 4th, 1916 in the City Hall, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, for the election of three aldermen and a city attorney, who will serve the city the next ensuing term and J. F. Lusk is hereby appointed as presiding officer of said election.

J. W. POWELL,  
3-5tw Mayor.

## Treat Coughs and Colds At Once

Dangerous Bronchial and Lung Ailments Often Follow Neglected Colds.

Dr. King's New Discovery Instantly Relieves and Breaks Up the most Stubborn and Hard Colds.

We catch cold because our system has become weakened and finds itself unable to throw off the Cold germs. Nature in some cases will effect a cure; but generally, without aid we get worse. How much wiser to help nature fight and expel these cold germs! For

this purpose there is no better remedy than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is composed of Pine Tar mixed with laxatives and healing balsams. It is antiseptic. The instant Dr. King's New Discovery comes in contact with the germs, they die or leave. Your cough lessens, the irritation is soothed, and you begin to get better at once. Don't take the risk of serious sickness. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. In use over 45 years and guaranteed all the time. All druggists.

### VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT IN JUSTICE COURT.

The case of F. Wesley Gray vs. H. Giesecke, was tried for the second time in justice court, the case being called Monday morning. After about five minutes deliberation the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant, H. Giesecke.

This was a case in which Mr. Gray of Winters was suing Mr. Giesecke for an amount growing out of an auto deal, Mr. Giesecke

having sold Mr. Gray a car, and the later claiming that the car had to have certain repairs before he could use it, while he claimed that Mr. Giesecke represented that the car was in first-class condition. In the first trial of the case last month the jury failed to agree.

**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

## Watermelon Seeds FRESH STOCK

Let us furnish you with a good fresh stock of melon seed. This will insure you getting the best results. Seed is guaranteed.

Variety	Pound	10 Pounds
Tom Watson	80c	\$7.00
Alabama Sweet	75c	5.50
Florida Favorite	70c	6.00
Excel (new)	75c	6.50
Gilbert Success	75c	6.50

A Trial Order Will Be Appreciated  
**The Nussbaumer Floral Co.**  
San Angelo, Texas

Fresh Cut Flowers for Weddings and Funerals.

*The Careful Man and his wife*

put their money in the bank where it is safe from fire, burglars and their own temptation to spend it.

Husband and wife should both save money. What's the good for one to save and the other to spend? Just ask yourself today: "Who gets the money I earn?" Do I get it or does somebody else get it? You earned your money: it belongs to you. Keep it. Be a careful man and bank your money.

Bank With Us

...THE...

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER**

"The Old Reliable"

## YOUR CANCELLED CHECK

is indisputable proof that you have paid a bill. All courts accept it as such. Other ways of remitting money are attended with more or less risk. Checks on this bank are as safe as government bonds. Pay your bills with them.

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



**THE BANNER-LEDGER**

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**Letters from the People**

**Preparing for War Invites War.**

I believe in peace. My father was a peaceable man, although he was wounded in the Southern army, for which I honor him.

I do not believe in war under any circumstances. My father told me that war was an awful thing and awful trying on men's morals and men lives and characters. Not many men come out of war better. Few come out as good. War is degrading.

Not many churches and schools are built while war is in progress.

Progress along educational and civic lines is mighty slow during a bloody war. I have no murder in my heart in war or out. I do not believe in preparing for war unless we mean to have war. You may have noticed that when a bully is prepared to fight he is much keener to fight.

You load a man up with a pair of shooters and a quart bottle and then watch out for trouble.

If an individual is not prepared you may arbitrate his troubles with him and his neighbor, but if he is loaded and prepared and carries a chip on his shoulders and a wabby notion in his top-knot that he can lick the other fellow, he'll shoot and cut and murder. The same principle applies to a nation of individuals. When a man is continually preparing for war he is continually thinking of war. He gets it on his nerves and in his system.

The poor unfortunate man who shot his wife and then cut his own head off, was prepared with a pistol and razor. If he had not been prepared he might not have gone out into eternity under such

**DRINK SIX GLASSES OF WATER DAILY**

An Interesting Statement by One of the Big Men in the Drug Business



A. E. KIESLING

of Houston, Texas, says: "If you have a muddy complexion and dull eyes, you are constipated. Six glasses of water daily and one or two Rexall Orderlies at night will correct this condition and make you 'fit as a fiddle.' Rexall Orderlies, in my opinion, are the best laxative to be had, and can be taken by men, women or children."

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

and dwell on peaceful thoughts. Some blood thirsty politicians would incite, but the other fellow will have to do the fighting.

The very fellow who shouts "loyalty, patriotism and self defense," is the same who will bring up the rear when the fighting begins.

The man of influence who advocates war should be placed in the front and thickest of battle. If we can keep the nightmare of war off our thoughts we will have peace, patriotism and prosperity. "UNCLE JOHNNY."

**The Diversification Situation in a Nut-Shell.**

With characteristic forcefulness and terseness, Hon. Bradford Knapp, head of the U. S. Farm Demonstration Work, in an address to the bankers, business, covers the diversification

will be able to live; if it is fifteen cents there will be more profit in his cotton crop in the long run, than there would be if he neglected the living.

"Mr. Business Man and Mr. Farmer, do you want the South to prosper permanently? If so, lend your influence to this great problem of safe farming. A campaign will be carried on in the various states during the winter and spring centering around the various lines of this program. Lend your aid and assistance to us in this campaign as you did last year. Not 'Safety First,' but 'Safe Farming Always'."

Added to the advantages enumerated by Mr. Knapp in favor of less cotton and more of other things, it has been observed that a small cotton crop usually brings more money to the grower than a large crop; in other words, the more cotton he grows the less money he receives for it.

R. R. CLARIDGE, Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Railway Co.

**For Rheumatism.**

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915. At all druggists.

A. G. Fuller, of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Coverington to attend the funeral of his mother.



You may be famous for your cooking, or just a "beginner"

In Either Case

**KC BAKING POWDER**

will help you. Its goodness recommends it.



**SCOTT H. MACK BUYS STUDEBAKER SIX**

R. P. Kirk delivered to Scott H. Mack a Studebaker Six Wednesday morning. This is Mr. Mack's first car, and we understand that he has relinquished all claim on it in presenting it to Mrs. Mack.

**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. dtf

Watch the Fords Go By.

**REGULAR MEETING MELON GROWERS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Rannels County Produce association will be held at the Business League office at 2 p. m. Saturday, March 4th. A full attendance is requested because matters of importance in regard to seed will be brought up.

A. E. BURGESS, Sec.

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

**MORTUARY.**

W. B. Brewer, one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of this county died at Mineral Wells, Saturday, February 26th. He had been in feeble health for some time past, but died very suddenly last Saturday as above stated.

L. P. Woods, W. E. Allen, Green Nixon and Jake Stubblefield of this county were among the number who accompanied the remains to Bradshaw for burial. All of the old settlers of this entire section will remember Bert Brewer and join The Ledger in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn his death.

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

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**

Germany furnishes an ocular demonstration of preparedness. It was said to be a bluff—a magnificent bluff—but the consequences are in plain evidence. When I see a man buying good teams and tools and feed and seed, I take it that he is going to farm. These things cost money and it is no bluff. It is not to keep other farmers from farming but it is to compete with other farmers, sharply. The way to promote peace is to be peaceable

**"Corns All Gone! Let's ALL Kick!"**

Every Corn Vanishes by Using Wonderful, Simple "Gets-It." Never Fails. Applied in 2 Seconds.

Isn't it wonderful what a difference just a little "Gets-It" makes,—on corns and calluses? It's always right somewhere in the world, with many



"Whee! I Don't Care! I Got Rid of My Corns With 'Gets-It!'"

Folks humped up, with cork-screwed faces, gouging, picking, drilling out their corns, making packages of their toes with plasters, bandages, tape and contraptions,—and the "holier" in their corns goes on forever! Don't you do it. Use "Gets-It." It's marvelous, simple, never fails. Apply it in 2 seconds. Nothing to stick to the stockings, hurt or irritate the toe. Pain stops. Corn comes "clean off," quick. It's one of the gems of the world. Try it—you'll kick—from joy. For corns, calluses, warts, bunions. "Gets-It" is sold everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by Walker Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce and City Drug Store.

situation as follows: "With the price of cotton going up, are you, Mr. Banker, Mr. Business Man and Mr. Farmer, going back to the old way? The history of the agriculture of the South has been a history of lean years and fat years. The farmer has lived in distress because short crops and high prices are almost invariably followed by big crops and low prices. If we would produce our own living it would steady the whole system and keep the boat from rocking. It has not produced a rich and prosperous farming people because of its uncertainty, although cotton is one of the greatest cash crops. With the rise in the price of cotton, are you going to play safe or are you going to take a chance? Now is the time to decide. If you gamble on the price of cotton you take a chance; if you follow the program outlined by all the agricultural forces last fall, you will take no chance. Here is the program in a nutshell the title of which is Safe Farming: "First. Produce a home garden for every family on the farm—produce Irish or sweet potatoes and wherever possible, have a patch of sorghum or cane to produce syrup for the family. "Second. Produce the corn necessary to support all the people on the farm and the livestock. "Third. Produce the necessary oats and small grain to supplement the corn as feed. Pay attention to winter grazing of animals. "Fourth. Produce hay and forage. Use legumes. "Fifth. Produce the meat necessary to supply the people, thru increased attention to hogs and poultry especially. "Sixth. After all these things have been amply provided for in the crop system, produce cotton for the market. "If this course is pursued the farmer will prosper whether cotton is fifteen cents or six cents. If cotton is six cents the farmer

**FORT WORTH WOMAN TELLS ABOUT HEALTH**

Mrs. Reed, Long a Sufferer From Stomach Ills, Can Eat and Now Sleeps Like a Baby.

Mrs. William Reed of 1617 Enderly place, Fort Worth, Texas, suffered from stomach derangements for years. She could not eat with satisfaction. Her sleep was broken and life was misery.

She took Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. The wonderful results started her and her friends. She wrote:

"I have lots of people come to me to find out where to get your remedy, as I was in such a terrible condition, and it helped me so much. I can eat most anything my appetite craves and I sleep like a baby."

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

**S. LOUIS STORE QUILTS TOWN**

The stock of goods owned by the St. Louis Store are being shipped to Bartlett, Texas, and J. Dan who has had charge of the store will follow in a few days and be with the store at Bartlett. This store opened for business here more than a year ago and have been occupying the Miller building on the Ballinger State Bank block.

We are glad to note that Uncle Johnny Saunders is able to be down town again after a two week's round with the la grippe.

**ELECT OFFICERS**

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Ballinger Electric Light and Power Co., at their office in Ballinger, Wednesday morning 10:00 o'clock, the following Board of Directors was elected: R. J. Irvine, M. F. Treadwell, and Miss Nelle Alexander. The board then went into session and elected M. F. Treadwell, President; R. J. Irvine, Vice-President; and Miss Nelle Alexander, Secretary; A. E. Fitkin, Treasurer; and M. B. Webster, Assistant Treasurer.

**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.

**WILL ORGANIZE NEW FRATERNAL ORDER**

J. H. Faulker, district manager for the Fraternal Aid Union, is in Ballinger soliciting members for a new lodge at this place. Mr. Faulker is writing a very good contract, carrying both a protection and accumulating benefit. He says his company has several members here, but not enough for a local charter and he is making an effort to get the required number of members to secure a charter for a local lodge.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**



Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Koch, of San Angelo, were the guests of Wm. Doose Sr., and Mr. Koch left for home Tuesday at noon and Mrs. Koch will spend the balance of the week here before returning home.

**LOOK AT A CHILD'S TONGUE WHEN CROSS, FEVERISH AND SICK**

Take no chances! Move poisons from liver and bowels at once.

Mothers can rest easy after giving "California Syrup of Figs", because in a few hours all the clogged-up waste, sour bile and fermenting food gently moves out of the bowels, and you have a well playful child again. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, and they become tightly packed, liver gets sluggish and stomach disordered.

When cross, feverish, restless, see if tongue is coated, then give this delicious "fruit laxative." Children love it, and it can not cause injury. No difference what ails your little one—if full of cold or a sore throat, diarrhoea, stomach-ache, bad breath, remember a gentle "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." We make no smaller size. Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

O. D. Dillingham, Bert Lowe, Tad Richards and J. L. Miller of Winters were among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Miller met his wife who was en route home from Brownwood, accompanied by her mother Mrs. Dave Son, who will visit in our county a few weeks.

F. F. Ernst, of the Rowena county, a prominent breeder of thoroughbred Jersey dairy cattle, was among the business visitors in Ballinger between trains Monday.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

- Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th:
- For District Judge of the 35th Judicial District: J. O. WOODWARD.
  - Representative 11th District: WALACE E. HAWKINS.
  - For County Clerk: W. C. McCARVER, C. C. COCKRELL, H. G. SECREST, A. L. SPANN.
  - For Tax Assessor: C. C. SCHUGHARD, T. H. CURRY, JOE TURNER, WILLIE STEPHENS, L. R. LITTLE
  - For County Attorney: C. P. SHEPHERD
  - For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN
  - For Tax Collector: W. T. PADGETT, M. D. CHASTAIN
  - For Sheriff: J. D. PERKINS, EARL EDWARDS
  - For County Judge: O. L. PARISH
  - For District Clerk: (Miss) MARY PHILLIPS.
  - For County Superintendent of Schools: W. W. WOOTEN.
  - For Commissioner Prec. No. 1: E. C. MOOR, R. P. KIRK.
  - For Commissioner Prec. No. 3: J. D. SMITH.
  - For Commissioner Prec. No. 4: C. N. CRAFT, J. W. JONES

## CALOMEL IS MERCURY, IT SICKENS! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS GENTLY

Don't lose a day's work! If your liver is sluggish or bowels constipated take "Dodson's Liver Tone."

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, 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. If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guar-

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

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

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

A. P. Serratt, of the Norton country, J. W. Tippett, of the Crews country and Max Winkler of Millersview, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. W. A. Schuhmann, of Rowena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel of our city, had two operations performed at the Halley & Love Sanitarium and we

are glad to report that she is resting very nicely Tuesday.

E. H. Voelkel of Rowena, Martin Frick of the Winters country, Wm. Forbus, Jake Stubblefield, J. L. Lee and I. C. Little of the Norton country, Capt. A. D. Tally of Crews and W. W. and C. Y. Witherspoon of the Tennyson country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

## A New Telephone Directory For Ballinger Goes to Press March 10

If you desire any changes in listing or corrections in addresses, please advise the manager at once. Telephone 19.

Why not arrange for telephone service for your home or place of business NOW, and get your name in the new Telephone Directory.

Why stay longer just outside of your circle of friends and business associates when a telephone costs so little and means so much.

## WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE CO. "The System Reliable"

## MONEY TO LOAN ON FARMS AND RANCHES.

8 Per Cent Interest, No Commission Charged.

Vendors lien notes bought and extended. For quick service on first class securities, address,

**GEO. G. MURRAY & Co.** Coleman, Texas

## Strictly Cash

I am here to stay and to build up a clean, up-to-date grocery trade. I pay strictly cash for my groceries and sell the same way, dealing on the smallest margin of profit possible. Everything in my store is a leader, nothing at cost to make up for it on some thing else, everything must bear its own profit.

Will sell you good Pea Berry Coffee the pound . . . **20c** 25 pounds Sugar . . . **\$1.65**

All my stock is strictly fresh. Flour that cannot be beat the sack . . . **\$1.75** My motto: Small Profits and Quick Sales.

Prompt and Courteous Treatment to One and All.

**H. G. ROTEN** PHONE 101  
Hutchins Avenue, Next to Hall Hardware Co.



### HE'S TAKING HIS TIME

or that of somebody else, but now is the acceptable time to make money by saving it in the purchase of fine lumber. Our stock includes hard and soft woods for indoor and outdoor work. Builders will do well to get our catalogue and price-list before ordering elsewhere.

Wm. Cameron Lumber Co

## PROMINENT BROWN CO. ATTORNEY DEAD

(Brownwood Bulletin)

Hon. Arch Grinnan, one of the most prominent members of the Brownwood bar, died at about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon at his home, 700 Fisk avenue. His death resulted from acute uremia, accompanied by dilatation of the heart, growing out of an illness extending over the past several years.

Yesterday Mr. Grinnan went to his office as usual, and spent the entire morning attending to his business affairs. At the noon hour he became slightly ill, ate but little lunch, and then lay down. His condition became rapidly worse and it was quickly seen that death was imminent. Surrounded by his loved ones and a few friends who had been notified of his illness, he soon closed his eyes and his soul took flight. For several years Mr. Grinnan's health had been wretched. Last summer while in Colorado Springs he became critically ill and was feared that he could not recover. After a long period of suffering, however, he recovered sufficiently to return to his home here, and recently his health appeared to be improving. The suddenness of his death was a severe shock to his family and the hosts of friends who have known him during the past twenty-five years of his residence here.

The funeral service will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the family residence. Dr. Mims of the First Baptist church will conduct the service. The pall bearers will be F. S. Abney, W. R. Roberts, T. S. Euper, W. B. Cross, R. B. Rogers and J. S. Martin. The honorary pall bearers will include the entire membership of the Brownwood bar.

Rank Foolishness

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. Misericordie that colds flourish in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

### TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

Mr. Hopewell, who lives with his son Joe Hopewell, is today (Tuesday) celebrating his twentieth birthday and has his children and quite a number of grand children and great grand children with him on the joyful occasion. He is 84 years of age today and having been born on February 29th has only had 20 birthdays, having gone four years at one time without the pleasure of this happy occasion. We are glad to report the old gentleman hale and hearty and bids fair to see a few more of these events.

### Attention Mr. Farmer—

Good seed is the most essential thing for successful farming. We are putting forth a special effort to secure the best field and garden seeds for our trade. We have now in stock a full line of fresh bulk garden and field seed. We call special attention to our Early Mebane improved Triumph cotton seed, grown at Lockhart, Texas, which is closely culled and guaranteed by the Guarantee Seed Co. of Lockhart, Texas. It will pay you to plant these high grade seed. We have a limited supply of pure Nancy Hall seed yam potatoes, which is recognized to be the best yam potato for this country.

### JEANES PRODUCE CO.

We pay cash for all country produce. 25-w2t.

W. H. Boozer, of the Marie country, W. H. Rainwater, of Crews, T. J. McCaughn of Norton, and C. E. Witt, M. C. and R. P. Taylor and W. A. Esmond of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Many of our regular customers started using Farmogerm in a small way and now use it on hundreds and thousands of acres for the reason that it pays better than anything else. You are sure to lose if you fail to use Farmogerm. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 25-4tw

## EIGHTH STREET HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

The home of W. C. Smith, known as the Reeder place, located on Eighth street, was destroyed by fire about six o'clock Monday afternoon, and where for many years a handsome and costly residence stood there remains nothing but the charred ruins.

Mrs. Smith was in the kitchen preparing supper and had all four of the burners to the oil stove burning, when, she said "Seemingly without any cause the flames flared up and the whole room was filled with flames before I could hardly get out." Mrs. Smith's clothing were badly burned showing that she had a close call. She did not have time to attempt to do anything but save her own life, and the strong wind from the north soon swept the flames through the big two story house. The fire spread rapidly and by the time the fire fighters were on the scene the flames were leaping from the second story windows, and the building was soon burned to the ground.

The destruction of this house records to wiping out of an old land mark and one of the oldest homes in Ballinger. For many years a two story building offered homes for different families. A few years ago D. Reeder purchased the place and moving the old building back further from the street added a new addition to the house at a cost of about \$4000. The old part of the house was also remodeled and the building afforded private rooms for many people from time to time.

W. C. Smith moved here several months ago, having traded for the place, and was making it his home at the time of the fire. When the fire broke out Mr. Smith and his boys were down town. The house was pretty well furnished and nothing was saved from the building. The furniture was insured in the agency of Miss Maggie Sharp for \$300, while a policy for \$3000 was carried in the Elmer Shepherd & Co. agency.

At the time of the fire there were four roomers occupying rooms in the house, besides the family. Doyle Parnell, D. Yeager, Fred Melvin and Boyd H. Bailey. All the roomers lost everything they had in the way of clothing, except what they were wearing.

W. T. Paget was on a deal to buy this place, and if the deal had gone through he would have removed the old part of the house and improved the place for his home.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### SIX FOOT 200 POUNDER ON HIS SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

T. J. Gardner, the insurance man, is celebrating his seventh birthday today, and is claiming the extra day given the world by Father Time as all his own. It has been four years since Mr. Gardner had a birthday and one time during his life there was a period of eight year in which he was deprived of a birthday dinner, all because the calendar maker failed to put 29 days in February. Mr. Gardner stands about six feet and tips the beam in the neighborhood of the 200 pound mark. Some seven year old kid, eh? We might suggest that in computing the exact age of Mr. Gardner that you not forget to add an extra four year in multiplying his birthdays by four to make up for the eight year lapse of time in which the old maids were deprived of a leap year.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days  
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to relieve you of itching and bleeding in 6 to 14 days.  
First use 6 to 14 days. Real.

## Valuable Health Hints For Our Readers

### CATARRH

Just because you hawk and spit and your nose is wet, cold, red, sore and a nuisance, don't merely plug it up. You can't cure catarrh by greasing your nose. Take S. S. S. regularly and you will drive catarrhal poisons out of your blood. The membranes will soon recover and no longer continue to accumulate the mucous that gathers and thickens into catarrh. S. S. S. stimulates the cells of the tissues to select from the blood their own essential nutriment. Rapid recovery from catarrhal inflammation in the stomach, kidney, bladder and all membranes is the result.

### MALARIA

Throughout the country, wherever malaria abounds, are happy, joyful people to whom S. S. S. has given wonderful help in the treatment of malaria after the most sickening torture imaginable. The gaunt complexion of malaria's victims, the chills and fever, the malarial dysentery that seems to defy all other treatment, the malarial leg, the enlarged liver, the persistent anemia where the blood turns to water and the system wastes away. These are the conditions that S. S. S. so effectually assists in overcoming, by helping to restore the blood to its natural vigor.

Sometimes a sore spot becomes indolent. The tissues surrounding it lose tone and are unable to provide sufficient nutriment to stop the drain. It is then chronic. Just saturate your blood with S. S. S. This is quickly accomplished, as S. S. S. is naturally assimilated the same as milk or any other healthful liquid.

Nature acts with marvelous rapidity when given the proper assistance, and S. S. S. so stimulates cellular activity that the parts surrounding an ulcer select from the blood the materials that make new tissue. Thus the sore spot rapidly heals in a natural way. Local applications for any skin disease will afford protection from with-

out, but have no medical value. Eczema, tetter, acne and all such eruptive diseases should be treated with S. S. S.

**POISONED BLOOD.**  
So many different things contribute to poison the blood and the effect is so startling that the sufferer becomes panic-stricken and is led to use harmful drugs. If you have any blood trouble, get a bottle of S. S. S. and take according to directions.

Don't take anything else. Poisoned blood is bad enough without ruining your bones, joints, teeth and vitals with minerals. S. S. S. so stimulates cellular activity that they reject all poisonous influences and select only those materials in the blood that make healthy tissue. This is why its assistance toward recovery is so noticeable and at times remarkable.

S. S. S. is welcome to the weakest stomach and is assimilated just as readily as the most nutritious food. It has helped to cure a host of sufferers.

**RHEUMATISM.**  
In any form of rheumatism give the blood a good effectual cleansing with S. S. S.

Use this remedy for three days and take a hot salt water bath to open the pores. This relieves the lungs and kidneys and assists S. S. S. to utilize the skin as the principal avenue of elimination.

Avoid salts, calomel and other drastic purgatives, as they absorb the moisture from the walls and membranes of the intestines, weaken the muscular action, produce chronic constipation and thus stagnate the system with rheumatic poisons. Get a bottle of S. S. S. at any drug store. Don't take a substitute.

S. S. S. is purely vegetable and is prepared only by the Swift Specific Co., 271 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Write for special booklet on any of the diseases mentioned and if medical advice is wanted, write for that also to address given above. Both booklet and medical advice are free.

### GRANDPA CATHEY VERY LOW

We regret to note that W. G. Cathey, one of the pioneer citizens of this county, is seriously ill at the home of his daughter Mrs. T. S. Lankford, and that the physicians hold out no hope for his recovery. Grandpa Cathey has been in feeble health for some time, and having reached a ripe old age, he is ready to pass out of this world and receive a reward for the faithful life he has lived.

### MRS. GUSTAVUS IMPROVING.

Mrs. W. A. Gustavus Jr., who underwent an operation in the local sanitarium last Saturday, is improving, we are glad to note, and will soon be able to return to her home.

It does not matter whether you plant a garden or field on rich or poor land, it pays to use Farmogerm with or without fertilizer. Try it and see for yourself. Particulars free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 25-4tw

### HOG GROWERS TO ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Hog Growers association will be held at the Business League rooms in Ballinger Monday, March 6th. We desire all members to be present as this is the time to elect officers for the ensuing year.

W. E. BLAIR, Pres.

J. H. TAYLOR, Sec.

### Watch the Fords Go By.



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's two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. e

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR

More than a million Fords are now in everyday use, everywhere. Here are some reasons for this remarkable record—quality—service—reliability—low price—economy of operation and maintenance and the character and responsibility of the Company—the Ford is certainly the only Universal car. Touring Car \$440; Runabout \$390; Coupelet \$590; Town Car \$640; Sedan \$740 f. o. b. Detroit. On display and sale at

**Harwell Motor Co.**  
Ballinger, Texas

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**

**RATES FOR Classified Ads**

IN THE BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER  
 One cent per word first insertion. Half cent per word each subsequent insertion.  
 Black face type double regular rate.  
 Cash must accompany copy except where party has regular open account with us.  
 Call Telephone No. 27.

**WANTED**

WANTED—Work on farm by married man with good working force. 505 11th Street, Ballinger. 3-1tw

WANTED—German girl, for house work, small family. N. PASSUR, "Watch Me Grow." tfd

WHEN IN BALLINGER stop at the Truly House, 1101 Hutchins Ave. Comfortable rooms and good meals. 25wtf

Money to loan on Real Estate. Farm loans preferred. Ft. Worth Life Insurance Co., Fort Worth, Texas. 14-8tw

**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Few hundred bales of hay and several good milch cows. J. K. Hutton. 2-2tdltw

SEED POTATOES—Yancy's Golden Bunch Yam \$1.50 per bushel. Select seed June corn \$1.25 per bushel. Cantaloup seed \$1 per pound. W. E. Blair, South Ballinger. 11-4tw

PARTRIDGE ROCK EGGS FOR SETTING—If you are going to raise chickens get good ones. Partridge Rocks have all the best qualities. Eggs per setting of 15 \$1.50. A. W. Sledge, Ballinger.

**FOUND**

TAKEN UP—A mare branded "H" on left shoulder and colt, and two-year-old sorrell stallion. Owner can get same by paying for this notice and pasture fees. Call on Aug. Halfman, near Olfen. 25-2twpd.

**HATCHEL DOTS**

Amidst the thunder and whirl of a political campaign the news items I might be able to submit will be of minor importance to most readers of The Banner-Ledger.

The dry weather is driving a good many of our very best citizens into politics. We hope them much success.

The Young People's Social and Literary Society met and rendered a nice program Friday night. A large crowd was present and all seemed to enjoy the exercises. The officers are: Garland Nunn, President; Louise Tucker, Sec. This society meets each alternate Friday night. Everybody is invited to attend.

The Hatchel school will give a public entertainment March 10th. Everybody requested to be present.

School is making rapid strides in progress. Some forty-four volumes have been added to the library and a new case has been purchased. The school has recently entered the inter-scholastic league.

**Syrups**  
 A well selected stock of all kinds of syrups, we only list a few brands. There are other grades in all kinds from the sorghum substitute to pure maple.  
 Lassies—a product of corn and sorghum, which is good for table use and cooking, a big gallon can for 40c  
 Velva—Red, an ideal table syrup made of pure ribbon cane with a small amount of corn syrup, pure and sweet, priced at gallon .....60c  
 Country Made—Real pure ribbon cane syrup made in open kettle, nothing extracted and nothing added, its the real old fashioned kind priced at gallon .....75c

**SANITARY—FRESH—CLEAN**  
**GROCERIES**  
 SANITARY—We are making this the sanitary store, where your "eats" are protected from dust, insects and promiscuous handling. In a few days (as soon as it can arrive from the factory) we will install the most sanitary grocery counters known to the retail trade, where there will be no exposures. All our meats are kept in a sanitary bin, away from the dust, mice and rats.  
 FRESH AND CLEAN—There is no shelf-worn merchandise in this busy department, where the stock is ever on the move—better try this department for satisfaction.  
 SERVICE—Plenty of experienced help to serve you, who know the business—coupled with courtesy—make it an ideal place to trade.  
 Sometime Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack—Why Not Today?

**Candies**  
 If you have a sweet tooth this is the place where you can get high grade candies at a reasonable price, better order some today.  
 Pure Sugar Stick—assorted flavors, mint, pineapple, lemon, a candy that is pure and sweet without any adulteration, priced at per pound .....15c  
 Mixed Candies—mixed coconut, candied nuts, of choice kinds, which are high grade, fresh and sweet, priced at per pound .....20c  
 Chocolates—Pure are a m chocolates of high grade, in assorted flavors; selected kinds, an extra grade priced at the pound .....40c

**COFFEES**  
 Our coffee department allows a wide range, from which to select. A few of the kinds are listed below—  
 PARCHED COFFEE—A good whole grain Rio coffee, which is uniformly parched, a special good grade priced at per pound .....15c  
 REAL PEABERRY—The best quality of small grain, which is thoroughly screened and cleaned, a grade that will please you priced at the pound .....25c  
 MAXWELL HOUSE—3 pounds net of pure coffee, ground in a canister, a special blend of unusual high grade, per can .....\$1.00  
 ROYAL—A special grade of roasted coffee, ground and placed in 3 pound canister sealed air tight, extra grade, priced at, 3 pounds for .....\$1.15

**Fresh Vegetables**  
 Every other day we receive a shipment of crisp fresh vegetables by express, that are shipped direct from the raiser to us.  
**MONDAY'S WEDNESDAYS FRIDAYS**  
 String Beans Radish  
 Turnips Peppers  
 Spinach Tomatoes  
 Lettuce Celery  
 Mustard Beets  
 Onions Squash

**CEREALS**  
 In the list below there's one of "Texas" product, of unusual merit, which is making it's maiden voyage, and is worthy of consideration—  
 COCO WHEATEAT—made at Waco, Texas, a new Texas product, a breakfast food superior to many on the market—1 1/2 pound package for .....15c  
 POST TOSTIES—The "new" kind, a specially firm grade that is crisp after the cream is poured on it—try this new kind, 2 packages for .....25c  
 PUFFED RICE—Quaker brand, that is made in the most sanitary factory possible, large box, priced at per box .....15c  
 QUAKER OATS—Large 4lb package of choice oats which are extra quality, nothing better for breakfast, the package .....25c

**FLOUR---"That is the Best"**  
 Hundreds of satisfied customers are buying "Peace Maker Flour"—for after being once used always used. If you have flour troubles they will all end, if you buy one sack.

**FEED---of all Kinds**  
 This department is filled with all kinds of grain feed for the horse, cows, and chickens—oats, bran, chops, cotton seed meal, and mixed chicken feed.

**VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK**  
 "Tell the Truth Advertisers"

Geo. Holliday, who was injured last week in a runaway is improving. Quite a number of his friends from Hatchel visited him Sunday afternoon at the Sanitarium in Ballinger. Among those who went were: Mr. and Mrs. David Holliday and baby, Mrs. Earl Holliday, Misses Annie Sie-

**SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS**  
 Mrs. Bell Millwee has returned to her home in Paint Rock after a pleasant visit with Mrs. J. W. Black.  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hearndon and children, of Abilene, who had been visiting W. E. Branch and family, returned home Wednesday.  
 Mrs. D. M. Campbell of Merton, is visiting her brother L. P. Hinde and family.  
 Miss Sadie Moore of Eagle Branch, is visiting Miss Lola Wats in this week.  
 Mrs. Wesley Grey of Winters, has returned home after a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Secrest.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Kelly of Abeline, are visiting Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Spencer Parish.

**APPOINTMENTS FOR JUDGE THOMAS L. BLANTON, CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS 16th District)**  
 Sterling City, March 6, 1 p. m.  
 Water Valley, March 6, night.  
 Carlsbad, March 7, 10:30 a. m.  
 San Angelo, March 7, night.  
 Christoval, March 8, night.  
 Eldorado, March 9, 11 a. m.  
 Sonora, March 9, night.  
 Rock Springs, 10, night.  
 Leakey, March 11, night.  
 Telegraph, March 13, 11 a. m.  
 Junction, March 13, night.  
 London, March 14, 11 a. m.  
 Menard, March 14, night.  
 Eden, March 15, 11 a. m.  
 Paint Rock, March 15, night.  
 Ballinger, March 16, night.  
 Hatchel, March 17, 11 a. m.  
 Winters, March 17, night.  
 Wingate, March 18, 10:30 a. m.

**WILSON'S WATCHFUL WAITING**  
 WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Wilson decided today to apply "watchful waiting" in dealing with the international situation, leaving congress and the country to fight it out. Mr. Wilson believes that the country will swing congress to his way of thinking and that in a short time he will gain the endorsement of practically all the members of the house.  
 LONDON, March 2.—Exchange Telegraph dispatches says that Czar Ferdinand is suffering with acute bronchitis at Coburg, Germany. A report from Rome says that the Bulgarian ruler is really suffering from wounds sustained when he attempted to assassinate himself while returning from a recent trip to Berlin.  
 LIBSON, March 2.—It is reported here that the foreign office sent an answer last night to the demands made by Germany that interned German merchantment seized by official decree be

**MORE RABBIT HUNT**  
 J. I. Booth of the Mud Creek country, was in Ballinger Thursday and requested us to announce a rabbit drive for Wednesday and Thursday, March 8th and 9th, to begin at J. L. Elkins' place on Mud Creek and dinner at the Thomson & Casey ranch house. Come and bring your guns and enjoy the day with us.

**WANTED**  
**Horses AND Mules**  
 We will be in Ballinger, Monday March 6th. to buy horses and mules. Will pay top prices for horses from 15 to 16 h. h. 5 to 9 years old; mules 15 to 16 h. h., 5 to 8 years old.  
 See us at Union Wagon Yard  
**McAlester & Merrel**  
 Brownwood, Texas

**WILLINGHAM FOR COUNTY JUDGE**  
 Judge C. H. Willingham authorized this paper to place his name in the announcement column and say to the people that he was a candidate for county judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. "I would write out my announcement and give it to you now," said Judge Willingham, "but I haven't time to get it up for this week's paper and I want my an-

ouncement to appear before the prohibition election so no one can say that I wanted to dodge the issue."  
 Judge Willingham stated that he had phoned all the papers in the county to get his announcement in before the pro election and that he might say something through the papers later.  
 Judge Willingham is not a new man at the game. He has held public office before, having served this county both as county judge and representative to the Texas legislature. He made the county a good judge and a good representative, and since retiring from politics he has made good as a farmer.

released, and it is understood that the answer is a refusal to release the vessels held by Portugal.  
 Reports received from Berlin say that Germany is prepared to declare war on Portugal immediately.  
**MEXICAN GENERAL EXECUTED**  
 EAGLE PASS, Marc h2.—Benjamin Argumede, a former general with Orozco, Huerta, Zapata and Villa, was executed in prison at Durango yesterday, according to semi-official advices received here by the United Press correspondent.

**\$10 Reward**  
**LARGE SCOTCH COLLIE DOG (MALE)**  
 Strayed or stolen from Brownwood, Texas, about January 26. Has small scar on top of nose just below eyes; also small scar on inside of one front leg. Weighs about 60 pounds when in good condition. Rather tall and is slender and well built. 2 front feet white; left one has about twice as much white as right foot. Suspect a band of horse traders that were in party of five wagons. Will pay \$10.00 for information leading to recovery. Notify  
**Ticket Agent Frisco Railway**  
 Brownwood, Texas

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HIGDON-MELTON-JACKSON CO.  
THE STORE AHEAD

New Hats, New Suits, New  
Dresses, New Skirts



## Women's Early Spring Outter Attire Ready!

An unusual large assortment of smart models is assembled in our ready-to-wear and millinery department in an exceedingly comprehensive range of styles, from the simple plain tailored conservative designs to the most up-to-date dress or tailored suit or hat for right now wear will be found here. An early season offering provides unusual values in tailored suits, dresses, skirts and hats.

EVERY EXPRESS BRINGS THIS STORE SOMETHING NEW

### WOMEN'S TAILORED SUITS

Many pretty styles will be shown here. Excellent tailoring and finish in every garment. The materials are serge, gaberdine, poplins, and taffetas. They come in checks, navy, Hague, Rookie, blacks, greens and silk. The prices range \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.50, \$20.00 and \$25.00.

### News for Our Skirt Section

#### New Arrivals.

Our shipments of ladies' silk and wool skirts for spring just arrived includes many of the prettiest models we have seen or had the pleasure to show. These consist of worsted, checks, silk, wool poplins, French serge, gaberdines, etc., prices \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, and up.

### 1916 Spring Slippers Here For Men, Women and Children.

Shoes for style and fit. Our assortment this season is exceptionally large in patents and kid leathers, for both men, women, and children. All the new things are here—Howard & Foster for men, \$5.00; Val Duttenhofer & Sons and Wickert for women, \$2.50 to \$5.00; Mrs. King for children \$1.00 to \$3.50.

### Pretty Silk Dresses

Silk Is The Vogue  
you will see silk dresses everywhere as soon as Spring days come. Here you will find a variety of shades and many styles will greet you when you come. Colorings, navy, Hague, rose, green and Georgette crepe and blacks in combinations and all silks. Prices range \$4.98, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 and up.

The largest open stock Dry Goods, and Ready-to-Wear in this portion of Texas.

### Charming Street Hats

An advance showing Early Spring Hats, that far surpasses any display of previous seasons, not only in brilliancy of color, but in variety and attractiveness of styles. A display of milady's head gear not soon to be forgotten.

We want you to make every effort to come and see for yourself the many charming features of this season's millinery, a wonderful assortment at \$2.50 to \$7.50.

### Blouses for Early Spring

Yesterday's express brought us quite a large shipment of pretty blouses in all the new shades and materials, such as silk crepe de chine, pussy willow taffeta, Georgette crepe, in rose, canary, flesh, and white. These pretty blouses will be priced at \$1.98 to \$6.50.

THE STORE WITH THE ONE PRICE SYSTEM IT'S FAIR. IT'S HONEST. That's why we have it. We confine to selling to Dry Goods, and everything to wear only.



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Chicago

### NEW ARRIVALS

Silk hosiery, all shades and color combinations; Pearl beads; Hand bags; Ruching; Neck wear; Silk Gloves; Middy Blouses; Trimmings; Silk Under wear; new Corsets Veils; Auto Caps; Laces; Embroidery Handkerchiefs

### Traveling Man Killed When Passenger Train Hits Auto

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of the man. Later a telephone message was received instructing that the body be prepared for burial and that friends and relatives would arrive here in autos as soon as the trip could be made and would accompany the remains to Moran where the funeral will be held.

Wild is survived by a wife and five children, who live at Moran, and who have been notified of his death. Those here who knew the man say that he stood high as a citizen in his home town and that he was successful in business. The car in which the men were traveling was the property of Wild, and this was the first trip he had made in the car, having just purchased it a few days ago in Abilene. The man had about sixty dollars in his pocket when he was killed and this has been deposited in a local bank and will be turned over to those who come after his remains, together with jewelry and other personal property.

The news of the accident soon spread to other towns in this section and several telephone calls were received at the Ledger office inquiring about the particulars. Temple Hoffer, formerly of this city, now of Wichita Falls, called up The Ledger, and stated that he knew both men well and wanted to know if there was anything he could do, and directed where their people could be located.

The accident happened at nine-thirty and shortly after noon The Ledger received telephone calls from Fort Worth. Others were received from San Angelo, Abilene and Albany, indicating that the unfortunate men had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Col. G. E. Waters, of Moran, arrived in Ballinger late Friday night and left on the A. & S. train Saturday morning with the remains of J. E. Wild, accompanying the remains to the home of the dead man at Moran, Texas. The remains will arrive at Moran Saturday afternoon and the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon. Col. Waters was associated with Mr. Wild in business.

Wild left home early in the week, bidding his wife and chil-

dren good-bye, and was making his regular trip over this territory when he met his death. The accident reminds us of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and our sympathy goes out to the heart broken wife and little children.

J. W. Chestnutt, who was seriously injured when Mr. Wild was killed, is resting well in the Halley & Love sanitarium and will recover. Frank Cullinan, of Wichita Falls, general superintendent of the Producers Oil Co., and a Brother-in-law of the wounded man, and Wm. Little, also of Wichita Falls, and assistant superintendent of the same oil company, arrived here late Friday night to look after the wounded man and make an investigation. They remained over Saturday and will do everything possible for the relief of Chestnutt and as soon as he is able to make the trip will carry him to his home at Abilene.

### WOUNDED MAN TAKEN FT. WORTH MONDAY

J. W. Chestnutt who was wounded when a Santa Fe passenger train smashed into an auto on a crossing west of Ballinger last Friday morning, was carried to Fort Worth Monday afternoon, where he will be placed in St. John's Infirmary.

Chestnutt had been in the local sanitarium since the accident and while the broken limb had been set and he was seemingly getting along as well as possible, he desired that an X-ray examination be made to make sure that the broken limb was properly knitting back together and that there would be no further trouble.

Dr. Jones, of Corsicana, Frank Cullinan, of Wichita Falls, who were here with Mr. Chestnutt accompanied the man to Fort Worth and Dr. A. S. Love accompanied the party as far as Temple. The wounded man was carried to the train on stretchers and placed on the sleeper through the window.

Claim Agent Sandlin Here.  
Santa Fe Claim Agent Sandlin was here Monday in the interest of the settlement of the loss sustained in the accident that occurred on the crossing west of Ballinger last Friday, in which our

man was killed and another wounded.

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\* Letters from the People \*  
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Miss Gladys Taylor Writes From Denton.

Denton, Texas, January  
Mr. A. W. Sledge,  
Editor of The Daily Ledger,  
Ballinger, Texas.

Dear Sir—Perhaps you might be interested in something of our school and I'm taking this time to give you some idea of the College of Industrial Arts located at Denton, Texas. The college is twelve years old and is situated on the out skirts of Denton in a campus of seventy-five acres. In all there are thirteen buildings, and arrangements are being made to build a new dormitory and complete the academic three building. Although we have three large dormitories, namely, Stoddard Hall, Oakland Annex, and Methodist Dormitory, they will not accommodate seven hundred and sixty students that the college has enrolled, and for this reason the legislature has given us money to build another hall for the girls, which will be completed by the opening of school next September. All will be proud of the new dormitory, which will be called Brack enridge Hall, for this year the majority of students board out in town. There are other new buildings to be erected in the future, such as a new light plant and a library.

The college has a well equipped gymnasium. Courses in athletic, all kinds of athletics, and playground work are given.

The purpose of the college is to fit young women of Texas in the best possible way for the duties of life, and I believe the college is accomplishing this purpose. A girl, who has finished the college of Industrial Arts is independent and a well fitted woman to face the world alone. She has been taught to do by the applications of doing "We learn to do by doing ourselves."

College of Industrial Arts is ranked as a first-class college just as the State University or Texas A. and M. College. The college requires fourteen units of high school work for the admission to the freshman class. The courses offered by the college are: household arts, fine and applied arts, manual arts, literary, home mak-

ers, music course, expression, vocational and preparatory school. I am taking the first course mentioned, which requires four years to get a B. S. degree. I can however, teach on a first-grade certificate at the end of my junior year, as this is my first year in College of

Industrial Arts, I can not give you a clear idea in every detail of the college, but I'm very well satisfied with my work here.

Very truly yours,  
GLADYS TAYLOR.

J. G. Goetz, of the Winters

country, came in Friday to accompany his brother-in-law John Wesser and wife, who were en route to Tampico, Ill., to be at the bedside of their daughter who is seriously ill.

Watch the Fords Go By.

## Rubber Goods Week

March 4 - March 11

### Special Offers—Bigger and Better Values

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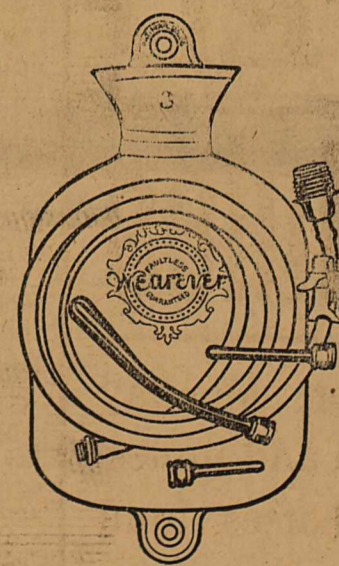
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JAMES OPPENHEIM

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**SYNOPSIS.**

Dudley Larnigan, district attorney, because of his fight on the vice and liquor trusts, is killed by an agent of a secret society, the committee of fifteen. The fight is continued by his son, Bruce, who is elected district attorney. Several efforts to frame up the intrepid young district attorney fail. When Larnigan saves the children of one of the conspirators this man agrees to expose the trust and is murdered. Dorothy Maxwell, whose father is head of the insurance trust, over the telephone hears of a plot to kill Larnigan, with whom she is in love. She warns him, he escapes, and two more of the conspirators are killed. When Bruce Larnigan goes to Chicago to fight the grain trust he is assaulted and thrown overboard. He is rescued by his brother Tom, who takes up the fight. Dodson, head of the grain trust, fearing exposure, kills himself. Tom Larnigan opens a fight on the textile trust. Ayres, the head of the trust, in an effort to kill Tom, kills his own son. Dorothy, gagged and bound, is taken by the conspirators to a roadhouse.

**SIXTH EPISODE**

**The Railroad Monopoly**

By JAMES OPPENHEIM,  
 Author of "The Beloved" and  
 "Songs For the New Age"

**T**OM LARNIGAN'S victory over the textile trust and the tragic defeat of the plans Ayres had made for his destruction encouraged him vastly, but not more than did the discovery that he was not, after all, friendless and alone in his fight.

Ben Travers, his old friend of the Alaskan mining camps, had come back into his life, and Ben had millions and the will, as well as the power, to help Tom. Harry Stevens, too, the young newspaper man who had enlisted in Bruce's war against the grafters, had sought Tom out and promised his aid.

Tom gripped the hands of his friends in turn after he and Ben Travers discussed the latest warning to drop investigating the railroad monopoly.

"Well, I can't make you quit," he said, "and I don't mind saying that I am mighty glad because I can't. There are no two men I would rather have with me in a fight, and it looks as though we have a real fight ahead of us now. Bruce seems to think that we ought to look into the railroad monopoly that Charles Rockford has created."

Stevens nodded. "I'll drop down to Wall street and see what I can find on the financial end. I know that any reporter on the street would do anything I asked him. Then you and Ben can follow up Rockford personally. Have you looked into his movements at all?"

"Yes," said Tom. "He's going to Boston from New Hartford this afternoon, just his private car and an engine. If I could only get on that special!"

"Good!" echoed Ben. "I'll go with you!" Tom scouted around now, afraid to ask questions too openly, until he found out which engineer was to be in charge of President Rockford's special that afternoon on the run to Boston. He left Ben to watch him and went to call on Rockford. As he expected, he was unable to see the head of the railroad. But he managed to drop a note addressed to Rockford and containing a warning that he had better mend his ways. He told Ben of this. "That will prepare him," he said. "He'll know who I am when he sees me."

"I've been talking a little with our man," said Ben. "I think we can land him all right. He says he'd rather work in a glue factory than here. He seems to be sore on the whole works from Rockford down."

And Tom, when he in turn talked to the engineer, found that Ben had not exaggerated. He listened to the man's complaints for a time and then decided to make a proposition to him.

"Look here," he said. "I can show you I know how to run an engine, and my friend here knows all about firing. It's worth \$500 to me to be in your cab this afternoon when that special goes out. How about it?"

The engineer agreed. Somehow it did not occur to either of them to distrust the engineer or to suspect him. And yet, no sooner were they out of sight than he made his way as fast as he could to President Rockford's office, told of the bribe and of what he had done. Stanford Stone was with Rockford when the engineer made his report.

He leaned over and spoke confidentially to Rockford, who grew a little white as he listened, but nodded finally.

"All right," he said, "I'll do it. I'll stay back here, but they'll think I'm aboard—well, it will serve them right! You can trust Dunn?"

"I think so," said Stone grimly. "He knows he must make good this time or get into trouble. He's fallen down hard twice lately. Why, even yesterday he was to send two men to Lyndham, with a woman, to get something on this Tom Larnigan. His two men have disappeared, and they never took the woman at all. They didn't wait for her, but went off with some other woman—on a joy ride, I suppose!"

Neither Stone nor Rockford, of course, knew the truth as to this, which was that Dorothy Maxwell, learning of the plot, had taken the place of the woman who was to betray Tom, nor that the two thugs with whom she had gone had become suspicious and tied her, hand and foot, in the bottom of the car while they went into a roadhouse to acquire courage for the task before them. Yet, even at that moment, Dorothy was in flight from the two thugs.

They had not meant to stay long in the roadhouse, but one drink had suggested another, and their resistance hadn't been strong. As a result, Dorothy had been able to loosen her bonds and get out of the car. She rode off in the car just as the two thugs emerged, and as soon as they recovered from their astonishment they gave chase, stealing a motorcycle that had been standing by the car.

Dorothy had a good start; but, unfortunately, the gasoline tank of the car was almost empty, and she soon saw that she was sure to be overhauled and again made a prisoner. Her experience with them made her dread this and led her to be willing to take any risk to avoid the fate she felt was in store for her at their hands.

And so at a turn in the road she abandoned the car and fled down toward the water, which was near by, as the road at this point wound in and out near the sound. At a small dock a motorboat was lying. It seemed to be empty, and Dorothy sprang aboard and got the boat going just as her pursuers tore down to the water's edge. She felt that in the boat she was safe and that she would be able to explain her desperate need to its owner. But, to her consternation, she heard sounds within the tiny cabin, and the next moment the owner emerged.

"Kitty," cried Dorothy. "Kitty Rockford!"

It was not a man, but a girl of Dorothy's own age, who owned the boat. And Kitty Rockford was her best friend. Chance had leaned heavily in Dorothy's direction at last! There were exclamations of amazement from both of them, and explanations followed.

"I'd never have dared!" cried Kitty. "Dorothy, you're the bravest girl I ever knew! But you're safe now. We'll go right home, and I'll have them send you to New York in a special train."



Tom and Ben Travers Discussed the Latest Warning to Drop the Railroad Probe.

"I don't want to go to New York," said Dorothy. "It's Lyndham I must get to as soon as I can."

"All right," said Kitty. "That's on the way to Boston. We can get you there. I'll hurry to New Hartford as quickly as I can."

"But what on earth brought you just here?"

"I was out for an early spin, and something went wrong with the engine. I fixed it up, and then I went into the cabin to clean up. That's why I was hidden when you came aboard."

But neither Rockford nor Tom Larnigan knew anything at this time of the movements of Dorothy Maxwell Rockford, at Stone's dictation practically, since he himself had had an entirely different plan, had contrived a trap for Tom Larnigan and Ben Travers that exceeded in diabolical ingenuity anything the graft syndicate had yet attempted. Tom and Ben were to take the special out, but the private car was to be empty, and at a drawbridge

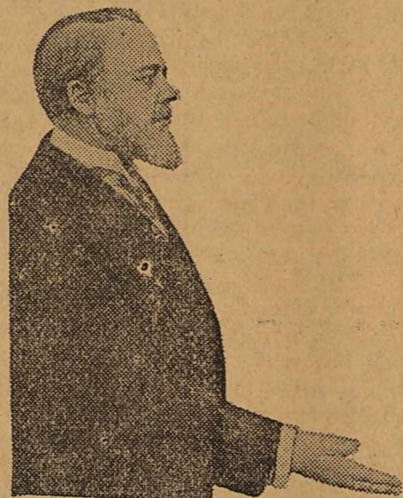
not far from New Hartford Dunn was to be stationed, with instructions to open the draw and dash the special to destruction in the rocky stream below. Tom and Ben suspected nothing. They were delighted when they found that the engineer and his fireman were ready to let them take their places in return for the \$500 Tom had offered.

The engineer led the way to an obscure spot and changed clothes with Tom, while his fireman gave up his own working togs to Ben. Just five minutes before the special was scheduled to pull out Tom and Ben took their places in the cab of the engine, waiting for the signal to pull out. And just before that signal was given Kitty Rockford and Dorothy dashed up.

"That's dad's car," she said. "Where is that special going?" she asked the nearest official, who smiled at her.

"Boston, Miss Kitty," he said. "Good!" cried Kitty. "Come on, Dorothy. It's just what we want." There was no reason for stopping her. None of the station officials knew anything of Rockford's devilish plan. And so Kitty and Dorothy climbed aboard, and a moment later the signal to start was given. Rockford and Stone, sitting in Rockford's office, chuckled as they saw it pull out.

But five minutes later Rockford's chuckling was stopped abruptly, for a note that Kitty had hastily scribbled was brought to him. It informed him that his daughter was on the train that was doomed by his own act. As



"I can help you, and I will!" said Rockford earnestly.

he read it has face turned a ghastly color, and he slumped forward in his chair for a moment. Then he turned furiously on Stone.

"This is your doing, you murderer!" he cried.

He flung the note at Stone.

"I'll try to save them!" he cried. "But whatever happens I'm done with you or any of the grafters who are in with you! I'll be an honest man again!"

He flew to send orders stopping the special and ordered out another special to follow. But he had no hope. There was no way, he was sure, of stopping the doomed train. The only chance was for Dunn to fail, and that chance, as Rockford knew only too well, was of the slightest. Dunn was not the sort to fall when success depended upon his own efforts and when he knew, as he did now, the price of failure.

What Rockford, however, had not allowed for was that Tom Larnigan had a plan of his own. And very soon after the special had pulled out and while it was still a mile from the bridge where Dunn waited Tom stopped the train.

"Come on," he said to Ben. "This is as good a time as any for our little talk with President Rockford." But in the private car when they went back they found not Rockford, but the two girls—two astonished girls, moreover.

"Are we all alone on this train? I've been ringing and ringing, and there seems to be no porter," said Kitty indignantly.

But Dorothy at that moment recognized Tom Larnigan. "So you're safe!" she cried. "I was so afraid they had hurt you, as they did Bruce."

And then there were explanations. Tom seized upon the main fact. "I believe this was a trap!" he cried. "Get off the train while Travers and I look to see if anything is wrong."

Kitty resented what seemed to be a reflection on her father, but there was something compelling about Tom, and she obeyed. And then while Tom and Ben looked for evidences of a plot Dorothy explained many things to Kitty until she was interrupted by a hoarse cry of triumph.

"Got you this time, missy!" cried one of the thugs from whom her timely meeting with Kitty had enabled her to escape.

The two thugs had been obliged to walk the ties and had come just at this moment. But they reckoned without Tom and Ben. They heard Dorothy's scream, and the next instant they appeared and attacked the two thugs. The surprise helped Dorothy's rescuers, and the fight that followed was brief. Soon all the thugs wanted was to escape, and one of them wriggled free and sprang to the engine. He called to the other, and they went off in the engine. But they did not go far, for Dunn was waiting. He did his work well. The special crashed through the open draw, and the thugs met the fate they deserved.

Even as the crash of the wreck sounded in their ears another engine appeared. From it sprang Rockford, whose relief when he saw Kitty knew no bounds. He turned in a moment to Tom Larnigan.

"I can help you, and I will!" he said earnestly. "I have sworn to reform myself, and I will work with you to compel others to do so."

[Episode No. 7 Next Week.]

## KILLS 57 SNAKES IN ONE DEN

J. H. and J. E. Witherspoon, Claude Pettigrew and Lawrance Bright, who live in the northwest part of Runnels county, hold the championship as snake killer for this or any other county in this part of Texas. While trapping and fishing on the Colorado river in the west side of the old R. K. Wylie ranch pasture last Friday the above named gentlemen discovered a rattle snake den, and after slaughtering fifty-seven rattle snakes became nauseated at the sight of snakes and quit the job, leaving what they believed to be many more snakes in the den.

J. Y. Witherspoon, father of the two Witherspoon boys who took part in the slaughter of the snakes, was in town Tuesday and vouched for the truthfulness of the snake story, and says that it is not a story that is some times caused by a fellow getting snakes in his boots, but is a true story.

The four gentlemen found what they at first thought was a skunk den in the bank of the Colorado river. They proceeded to investigate with the result that they were soon fighting snakes. After killing fifty-seven rattle snakes the boys suspended operations for the day, and expect to go back and finish the job when it will afford more pleasure and not so much horror.

The smallest snake killed measured two and one-half feet and the largest measured six feet, and the rattles numbered from five to

## Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

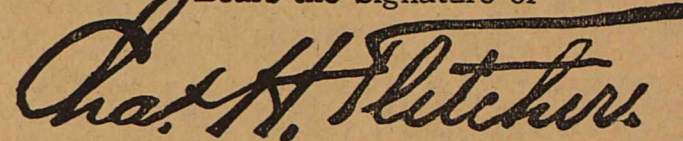
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C. E. Trammell and Baily Foster of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and Mr. Trammell ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.

#### Liven Up Your Torpid Liver.

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W. S. Maddox of the Valley Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday and while here ordered The Banner-Ledger to his address.

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O. B. Corbet came in from Dallas Tuesday at noon to visit his family and Ballinger friends.

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W. A. Ogle, who discovered the crazy well on his irrigated farm up the river five miles was in the city Thursday delivering about 30 gallons of the water to Ballinger citizens and says a Mr. Johnson, Colorado, Texas, was down this week to take back a hack load to his town as the renown of the water had been learned about in his section.

### MODERN PRINT SHOP RECEIVES NEW TYPE

A large shipment of new type was received for the job department of the Ballinger Printing Co. today, and a shipment for the advertising department was received last week. The new type is being placed in the cases and made ready for use in taking care of orders placed with us for printing. New type and material to the amount of about \$400 has been added to our already well equipped shop during the last month, and every department of our printing plant added to and improved. While the new type and material comes at a considerable advance in price due to the advance in brass and all kinds of metal, we are maintaining our old rates for all classes of printing handled by us, and assure our customers that it will be our pleasure to please you.

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### ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER LIQUOR TRUST

Assistant Attorney General W. A. Keeling returned to Austin Tuesday, after spending several days here, carrying home with him what is believed to be important evidence gained here in an investigation made in poll tax irregularities.

Mr. Keeling has been at work practically all of the present year making an investigation that takes in a number of counties, and an increase of more than three hundred per cent in payment of negro poll taxes in this county, over last year, created a suspicion that led to an investigation.

Mr. Keeling declined to give out any information pertaining to what he found here, but it is known that he examined a number of witnesses and secured a number of affidavits. We understand that investigations will be made in other counties and that crooked work in poll tax payments will be developed on a large scale. The attorney general's department has just completed an investigation at Calvert, where valuable evidence was obtained.

The assistant attorney general stated before leaving Ballinger Tuesday that his department was waging war on corrupt ballots and was doing everything possible to purify the ballot box. When asked for an expression regarding the candidacy of Attorney General Looney for re-election, Mr. Keeling said:

"Mr. Looney has given to the people of Texas a fearless, conscientious and intelligent administration, uninfluenced by power, or personal ambition. His candidacy is submitted to the law-abiding, law-loving and law-enforcing citizenship. To this class Mr. Looney feels that he has a right to appeal for support. Mr. Looney can not, and does not expect the support of the wilful violators of the law—the organized liquor traffic as well as the criminal. 'Big business' will oppose him, for in the discharge of duty it has fallen to his lot to oppose them."

"Upon the issue of duty well performed he expects the verdict of the people to be in his favor."

Judge W. A. Keeling, assistant attorney general, arrived in Ballinger Monday morning and began at once an investigation into reported irregularities in the payment of poll taxes in this county. Judge Keeling held a conference with County Attorney Shepherd throughout the day, whom it is understood has already made some considerable headway in gathering data before the arrival of the assistant attorney general.

When seen by a Ledger reporter both Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Keeling declined to make public any of the evidence heretofore obtained or to outline their plan of action for the future. It is understood however, that the county attorney and the attorney general will co-operate fully in case the evidence discloses any infraction of the law.

The attorney general's department is waging an extensive campaign for the purification of the ballot box, and Mr. Keeling stated that the investigation, involves many counties in the state.

Mr. Keeling handled the prosecution of the noted brewery trust case recently at Sulphur Springs, which prosecution proved most successful for the state, and cost the breweries of Texas about \$300,000 and other considerations that places their business under a strict ban. Mr. Keeling in discussing the Sulphur Springs case stated that the total fines paid into the state treasury amounted to \$281,000, and in addition to this the breweries paid the court cost and the expenses of the attorney general's department in prosecuting the case, which run the total cost to the breweries up to about \$300,000. Mr. Keeling stated that volumes of important testimony was secured relating to serious assaults on the purity of the ballot. In the final settlement of the cases the breweries submitted to injunctions in the compromise that restrains them from ever hereafter contributing to politics, and if the injunctions are violated the penalties will be in jail sentences in addition to the fines imposed.

Mr. Keeling declined to say how long he would remain in this county further than to say he came to make a thorough investigation and is making good headway on the job.

### WHEN RUN DOWN

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### FORTUNE FOR SONS \$1 FOR DAUGHTERS

Woodward & Critz, attorneys of Coleman, were in Ballinger Friday en route to their home from Paint Rock, where they had been representing clients in a will contest case that attracted considerable attention.

In a will executed by Mrs. Jno. Steopler a fortune of about \$100,000 was left to four sons while four daughters were only bequeathed \$1 each. The daughters brought suit to contest the will employing the Coleman attorneys to represent them.

The case was tried in probate court at Paint Rock this week and the jury after hearing the evidence set the will aside, holding that deceased was not mentally capable of making a will and also that she had been influenced in the matter. Lockett & Row, of Ft. Worth represented the four sons in the case.

### First Tuesday in March

All members of The Friend-in-Need Society No. 1 take notice, that our annual meeting will be held at the offices of the secretary, E. Shepperd, on March 7th to elect officers and transact such business that may come before the order. Every member

E. SHEPPERD, Secretary.

### Husband and Wife Both Saved from Suffering

I wish to tell you the good results myself and husband received from Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. About eleven years ago I had a severe attack of La Grippe and was confined to my bed about eight weeks under the doctor's care. He pronounced my case kidney trouble and rheumatism and not relieving the results from the doctor's treatment I should have received, I decided to try Swamp-Root. After taking several bottles of Swamp-Root I was able to get up and attend to my work. About a year later my husband was affected with a severe attack of kidney trouble and doctored for some time with the doctors and received no benefit. Knowing of the good I had received, he decided to try Swamp-Root. His condition was such that he was confined to his bed and words cannot tell how he suffered, but after taking Swamp-Root he was relieved so he could go on with his work without pain. I wish to heartily recommend Swamp-Root to all persons afflicted with kidney and bladder troubles and you may publish this letter if you wish.

Yours truly, MRS. A. E. BRIGGS, Eldred, Pa. (Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 25th day of May, 1912. Ira McCarthy, Notary Public.)

Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

### 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.

### INCREASED PAUPERS BURDEN TO COUNTY

It is costing Runnels County more than \$2,000 per year to take care of its paupers, and they are on the increase. The commissioners' court was called on this week to add another pauper to the list and make an appropriation sufficient to supply the necessities of life, and if the facts in the case justify the appropriation of course it will have to be made.

The county is paying a losing game in feeding, clothing, and supplying the other things necessary to keep up the paupers when there is not one cent of revenue being derived from the pauper population. Some of the paupers are able to do a certain amount of work, but they draw on the county monthly for an allowance and give nothing in return.

The commissioners court realize the importance of establishing a poor farm and we are glad to announce that they are considering a proposition to buy a 200 acre tract of land near the city and provide homes for the paupers, and give them something to do. Convict labor could also be utilized to a good advantage in making crops and instead of being a burden to the county would at least find punishment that would be severer than occupying a comfortable cell in the jail.

We understand that the commissioners have an option in what is known as the Cameron 200 acre farm just west of the city, which is owned by one of the local banks. The bank has made a very liberal offer to sell the land and properly handled there is no question but what it would be a profitable investment for the county. To say the least of it the county would not lose more than \$2000 per year in maintaining the farm, which amount they are digging up now to take care of the paupers.

### PE-RU-NA

For Catarrh Wherever Located.

A sure, safe, time-tried remedy for Catarrhal Affections of every description. Sold by all Druggists. Write the Peruna Co., of Columbus, Ohio. They will advise you free.

### "MARY PAGE" SERIAL THROBS WITH ACTION

In the newest serial to be printed in The Ledger, and which will also be shown at the Princess Theatre, there is perhaps a greater element of surprise and novelty than in any previously photographed novel. "The Strange Case of Mary Page," is the name of the great Essanay continued photodrama which is making such a continuous hit in moving picture theatres all over America. Broadway, New York City, is "12 glittering miles of 'Mary Page' signs" and every theatre between the Battery and 42nd Street on the "Great White Way" is alive with electric announcements for "Mary Page." More theatres in the United States have made reservations for this Essanay serial than were recorded in previous continued photoplays.

Henry B. Walthal, known as the "Mansfield of the Screen," and Edna Mayo, called "the most ingenious beauty in pictures," take the leading roles, and the story is directed by J. Charles Haydon, who is responsible for many Essanay V. L. S. E. successes. Frederick Lewis, pen name for the editor of McClure's Magazine, who wrote the serial, was also the author of another smashing hit in the films, that of "What Happened to Mary" series for Edison, and is well qualified to give readers and moving picture patrons the treat of their lives in "Mary Page."

The Princess Theatre will begin showing this fifteen installment story on Saturday afternoon, March 18th, and the story will run in The Ledger.

### Watch the Fords Go By.

**NEW OIL STORAGE TANK.** The Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co., have just installed a large storage tank on the A. & S. right-of-way on Eighth street and will handle oil in wholesale lots, buying in car lots.

Nick Stallworth, of the Bethel neighborhood, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

### NEGRO INSULTS FRIGHTEN LADY

Mrs. J. R. Seroggins was badly frightened at her home on Ninth Street Wednesday morning, when a negro offered insults and acted in such a way that caused his arrest and he is now in the local jail awaiting an investigation.

According to the story told by Mrs. Seroggins and verified to some extent by other neighbors in the vicinity, the negro was passing up the alley as Mrs. Seroggins entered the toilet. He went to the toilet door and demanded that she open the door when the lady came out and called for help. The baby of Mrs. Seroggins was nearby in the yard and the negro attempted to get the child, when the calls for help from the woman frightened him away.

Mrs. Seroggins phoned to the store of her father-in-law and reported the trouble and an officer later located the negro and brought him to town. The negro was later placed in jail.

It is reported that the negro frightened other ladies on Ninth Street near where the attempted attack was made on Mrs. Seroggins. Young Seroggins, a brother of J. R. Seroggins, stated to a Ledger reporter this afternoon that Mrs. Seroggins was in a state of nervous breakdown as a result of the fright, having recently undergone an operation for appendicitis.

We understand that the officers will get the full facts in the case before determining what charges to file against the negro.

### DECLINES TO SEND WOMAN TO ASSYLUM

Mrs. W. R. Wright was brought in from her home in the Poe neighborhood Tuesday and given a trial before an insanity commission. After hearing the evidence in the case and making a thorough investigation the commission declined to pronounce the woman insane, and she was returned to her home in the custody of her husband.

Mrs. Wright was placed in the hands of the authorities upon the request, or application of her husband who said his wife was in such condition that he thought she should be placed in an asylum for treatment. In this opinion the jury declined to agree. Mrs. Wright is in bad health, but the physicians say that she is in sound mind and that she can not be placed in the asylum.

Joe Sommers, of Rowena, C. N. Craft of Miles, W. L. Compton, of the Spring Hill neighborhood and H. C. Moten, of the Wingate country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Moten was here to sell a carload of oats and reports the oat crop in his section about all dead from the protracted dry freezes.

R. L. Huddelston and little son, of the New Home neighborhood, T. Jones Webb of the Maverick country and Clarence Hinds, of



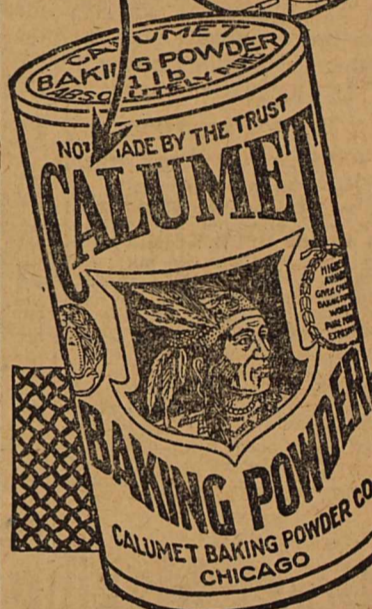
Experiments with Baking Powder are Costly

Millions of housewives know this is the truth—they realize the cost of a single bake-day failure. That's why they stick to Calumet.

Be on the safe side—avoid disappointments—use Calumet next bake-day—be sure of uniform results—learn why Calumet is the most economical to buy and to use. It's pure in the can—pure in the baking. Order now!

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

Be Safe—Use



Cheap and big can Baking Powders don't save you money. Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

the Pony creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Roberts, Clarence Harter and W. B. Davis of the Wilmett country, came over in their auto Monday and Mrs. Roberts left on the morning train for Brownwood to be at the bedside of her uncle, W. O. Windham, who is seriously ill and not expected to live.

J. D. Smith of the Wingate country and W. D. Meadows, of the Winters country, were at their post of duty Monday in the commissioners' court. The court is here to wind up the work of the regular February term, having adjourned last week on account of county court.

Watch the Fords Go By.

Statement of Condition	
...The... Winters State Bank	
Winters, Texas	
At the Close of Business December 31st, 1915	
<b>Resources</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>
Loans and Discounts \$169,059.80	Capital - - - - - \$50,000.00
Bills of Exchange cotton 53,297.27	Surplus and Profit net 19,486.97
Overdrafts - - - - - NONE	Borrowed Money - - - - - NONE
Banking House F & F 20,000.00	Christmas Saving Club 3 55
Other Real Estate - 6,896.84	DEPOSITS - - - - - \$70,207.48
Interest and Assment in Guaranty Fund - 2,696.95	
<b>CASH - - - - - 187,775.14</b>	<b>\$439,726.00</b>
	<b>\$439,726.00</b>
The above statement is correct.	
JOHN Q. McADAMS, Cashier	
<b>Comparative Statement of Deposits</b>	
December 31, 1910	\$78,060.50
December 31, 1911	114,760.54
December 31, 1912	131,061.46
December 31, 1913	153,170.47
December 31, 1914	162,526.34
December 31, 1915	370,207.48

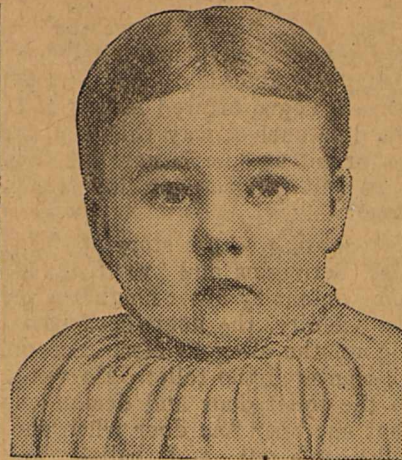
## An Ideal Remedy for Nursing Mothers

Compound of Simple Laxative  
Herbs Safe for Baby  
and Mother.

Constipation is a condition that affects the old, young and middle aged, and most people at one time or another need help in regulating the action of the bowels. Harsh cathartics and purgatives should not be employed to relieve constipation, as their effects is only temporary while they shock the system unnecessarily.

A remedy that can be used with perfect safety for the tiniest babe and that is equally effective for the strongest constitution is found in the combination of simple laxative herbs known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and sold in drug stores everywhere for fifty cents a bottle. This is an ideal household remedy and should be in every family medicine chest.

Mrs. F. I. Barsolow, 18 Leslie St., Holyoke, Mass., wrote to Dr. Caldwell, "Syrup Pepsin certainly is fine. I gave it to my baby, Evelyn, and also took it myself.



Evelyn Barsolow.

It is the only medicine I have been able to take without affecting my baby in the nursing. I have used it for all four children and it is fine; they like it and ask for it."

A trial bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin can be obtained, free of charge, by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

### SERVICES FREE TO CITIZENS.

A. E. Burges, secretary of the Business League, request us to say that he is equipped for making proper surveys for leveling and terracing yards, and any one desiring his services can get same by calling on him. The Business League recently purchased a level for Mr. Burges.

### RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

**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.

### SHIPPED CAR HOGS.

J. H. Taylor left Tuesday for Fort Worth, where he had shipped out a car load of hogs on the cooperative plan. He requests us to announce that he will ship out another car of hogs on Wednesday March 15th and all who care to ship please notify him as early as

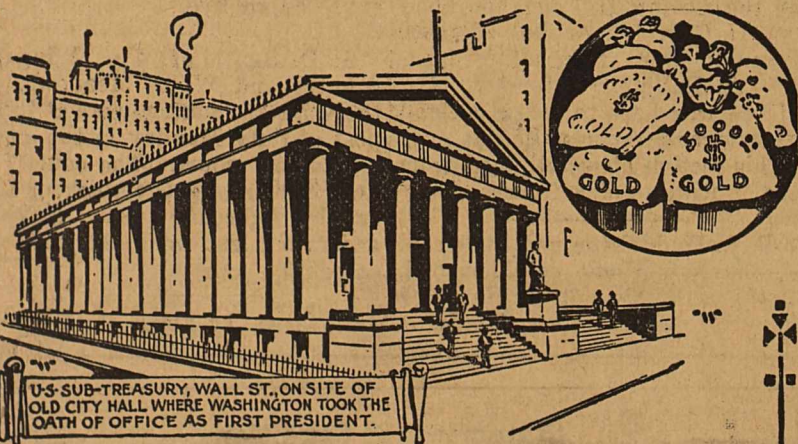
**The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head** because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

## OUR Dress Making and Millinery

Department Will Open Saturday, March 4th,

and our former dress maker and milliner, Mrs. Sam Weams, will have charge of this department. Do not miss this opportunity when you want a hat or something to wear in the ready-to-wear line. We are receiving Spring goods daily which we will sell at former low prices.

## A. J. ZAPPE



1 The financial resources of the Federal government are exemplified in New York by the activities within this magnificent building at the head of Wall Street.

2 In much the same way the financial resources of this community are exemplified by the work and activities of this bank.

3 Our deposits represent the thrift and prosperity of the people of the community, and they also represent the confidence of the public in the safety and responsibility of this institution.

4 Our wish is that all of the people of the community may be numbered among those whose savings are growing with us. The saving habit is your best insurance policy for the years to come.

5 Start a bank account with us today.

## Farmers and Merchants State Bank

Ballinger, Texas

The Bank that Helps You Do Things

## JUDGE RIDDLE ENDORSED FOR THE U. S. SENATE

Several hundred citizens of Dallas and the surrounding territory met at the Chamber of Commerce Hall on Feb. 4th, and passed the following resolutions, endorsing the candidacy of Judge George W. Riddle for the United States Senate:

WHEREAS, Judge George W. Riddle, of Dallas, Texas, is a candidate for the United States Senate; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Riddle has been a citizen of Dallas for many years, and has always been at the forefront in every local enterprise, as well as in all great enterprises throughout the State, and in the development of its resources, and we know him to be a man well qualified to fill said position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this meeting that the candidacy of Judge George W. Riddle for the United States be in every reasonable way encouraged and supported.

For the next few years our State will need a man in the Senate who is not only patriotic, but, who also has intimate knowledge of the economic, financial, and business affairs of our country. We need a man of initiative, and of constructive ability, a thinker, and withal a practical man of affairs, rather than the professional politician.

At this time it is costing the people over a Billion Dollars a year to finance the affairs of the Federal Government, and, unless this waste and extravagance is checked, our country will be ridden with the burden of excessive taxation.

We turn toward a man of the type of Judge Riddle; a practical farmer, lawyer, banker and business man with well advanced ideas of economy, with ability to suggest and initiate commonsense, practical measures for our guidance and protection, and with high ideals of constructive statesmanship.

His solution of the land problem by creating a system of Land Banks to lend money to home builders at a rate of four per cent will be of immense benefit

## "CASCARETS" BEST IF HEADACHY, BILIOUS, SICK CONSTIPATED

Best for liver and bowels, bad breath, bad colds, sour stomach.

Get a 10-cent box.

Sick headache, biliousness, coated tongue, head and nose clogged up with a cold—always trace this to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach.

Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet, breath right, complexion rosy and your liver and bowels regular for months.

R. H. Crockett, of the Moro mountain country, was transacting business in Ballinger Friday afternoon and says that he does not get his Banner-Ledger until the middle of the next week after it is published and he says he now appreciates the home news more than ever since he moved away from near the county seat.

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

Miss Ludie Reese, of Benoit, who had been visiting her brother, Audie Reese and family, returned home Monday afternoon.

to our agricultural interests.

He favors the Federal Government building a system of National Highways, thereby more closely uniting the different sections of our country and furnishing overland transportation facilities, in this way bringing the markets of the land to the very cotton fields of the farmers and as a result increasing the profits on all agricultural products.

His plans to develop trade relations between the United States and the South American Republics will pour wealth into the lap of this country by the millions.

His stand for a Merchant Marine, which this country greatly needs, is meritorious and worthy of consideration. At this time warring nations have laid their military hands upon the merchant ships, and, as a result thereof, American Commerce is starving and almost paralyzed, and the freight on cotton alone has been raised from \$1.75 a bale to \$15.00 per bale. Rates have increased from 100 per cent to 1,000 per cent.

If any country on earth ever needed a Merchant Marine, it is this country of ours, and Congress ought not to hesitate one moment in preparing a way for it to be brought about. Judge Riddle's stand for such a system is logical and business-like, and shows his ability to grapple with the practical problems of life, and in that way make his life useful to the people that he represents.

Judge Riddle is with President Wilson for Preparedness, and so announced himself in all the leading papers on the 14th of last November, and at that time most of our public men were either silent or had declared against it.

He is always frank and honest with the people, and lets them know how he stands on every issue.

DR. JOHN S. TURNER,  
Chairman.  
HON. WILL L. CURTIS  
Secretary.  
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## ANNUAL BIBLE INSTITUTE MARCH 12

The Annual Bible Institute for this district will be held at the First Baptist church in Ballinger for one week, beginning March 12th. The local pastor, Rev. T. C. Jester, is busy arranging for the event, and will announce the program within a few days.

It will be remembered that the institute held here last year was one of the most successful meetings of the kind ever held in this part of the state and a number of prominent speakers were here to take part in the program, and the speakers on the program included both preachers and laymen.

Among those who will occupy places on the program for the coming meet will be W. H. Wolf, of Dallas, C. B. Williams of Ft. Worth, Dr. Baten, of Brownwood, Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Frye, of Abilene. Other prominent speakers will be here, and the program to be announced will give their names.

Rev. Jester stated that all religious people are cordially invited to attend the various sessions and make themselves at home.

**How To Cure Colds**  
Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams, and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough- and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

J. A. Fowler, of the New Home community, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and had the Banner-Ledger sent to his address.

If you can not get what seeds you wish, write us and we may be able to supply you at reasonable rates. Tell us your seed wants, as well as Farmogerm, Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas.

**RHEUMATISM  
STIFF JOINTS  
SPRAINS**

**KILLS PAIN**

Does Pain Interfere?  
There is a remedy

## Sloan's Liniment

Read this unsolicited grateful testimony—

Not long ago my left knee became lame and sore. It pained me many restless nights. So serious did it become that I was forced to consider giving up my work when I chanced to think of Sloan's Liniment. Let me say—less than one bottle fixed me up.  
Chas. C. Campbell, Florence, Tex.

### FOR COUNTY CLERK.

To the Voters of Runnels County: Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, next July, I beg to announce myself a candidate for County Clerk. I promise, if elected, to put forth my best effort to make you an efficient and courteous clerk.

Of course the office of County Clerk does not carry with it any law making power, I believe, however, that one who seeks favors from the public, should state their position on questions that might come before the public for adjustment, therefore, I am going to state, briefly, my position on some of the questions that might from time to time come before this county.

I am now, and have always been, opposed to the liquor traffic. I do not believe that there is now, or ever was a saloon, that helped anything or anybody. I am in favor of good roads, good bridges, good schools, and etc. To this end I would vote for any reasonable tax levy, the proceeds of which would be used in building good roads and bridges in our county where ever needed. I am in favor of any progressive move that would tend to build up our county and advance the interest of our citizenship.

I do not believe that being pro or anti on any of these questions is a good reason why you should be for or against me for County Clerk, to the contrary, I believe you will look into this matter from a business standpoint, and select a man whom you believe will make you a competent and courteous clerk. If I should be your choice, I will be very grateful, indeed. If it should be one of my opponents, I will not have a word of complaint to offer, nor will I have the slightest ill feeling towards any one.

I do not know whether or not it will be possible for me to make a personal canvass of the county, however, I am going to try to see you, and talk the matter over personally, some time prior to the election. In the meantime I assure those who might feel an interest in my candidacy, that I

will appreciate, very much, anything you may care to do or say in my behalf.

Very sincerely,  
dw  
A. L. SPANN.

### ALL OUT OF SORTS

Has Any Ballinger Person Never Felt That Way?

Feel all out of sorts?  
Tired, Blue, Irritable, Nervous.  
Back feel lame and achy?  
Perhaps it's the story of disordered kidneys—  
Bad blood circulating about;  
Uric acid poisoning the body.  
There's a way to feel right again.

Stimulate the sluggish kidneys; Do it with Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's are recommended by many Ballinger people.

Here's one case.  
Mrs. E. E. Street, 704 11th St., Ballinger, says: "I suffered a lot from back and dull pains thru my loins. I had severe headaches and dizzy spells and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and scanty. I used Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and they soon strengthened my back and put my kidneys in good working order."

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

A. J. Nichols of the Pony creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to Fed Houston at Oak Forrest, Texas, with his compliments.

**Cures Old Sores, Ulcers, Remedies Won't Cure.**  
The worst cases, no matter how long standing are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Carter's Antiseptic Ointment. It relieves Pain and Heals.

The European war is causing a fertilizer famine in America on account of the shortage of potash. The fertilizer manufacturers are up in the air; the farmer is in the hole." Better use Farmogerm and save money and make more. Circulars free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 25-4tw

## HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

**After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.**

Caton, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After reading your advertisement, I bought Cardui, and nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on Your Case. 64-page book. "Home Treatment for Women" sent in plain wrapper. 1-4c

# 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. COPYRIGHT, 1915, BY FRANK H. SPEARMAN.

SYNOPSIS.

Little Helen Holmes, daughter of General Holmes, railroad man, is rescued from imminent danger on a scenic railroad by George Storm, a newsboy. Grown to young womanhood, Helen saves Storm, now a fireman, her father, and his friends Amos Rhinelander, financier, and Robert Seagru, promoter, from a threatened collision. Safebreakers employed by Seagru steal General Holmes' survey plans of the cut-off line for the Tidewater, fatally wounding the general and escape. Her father's estate badly involved by his death, Helen goes to work on the Tidewater. Helen recovers the survey plans from Seagru, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blueprint. Storm is employed by Rhinelander. Spike and his confederate safebreakers steal Rhinelander's pay roll money. Helen pursues and, with a policeman's aid, captures two of them and recovers the money. Spike, befriended by Helen, in his turn saves her and the right-of-way contracts when Seagru kidnaps her.

EIGHTH INSTALLMENT

THE RACE FOR RIGHT OF WAY

What to do with Spike after he had turned over his first leaf in the book of gratitude proved a difficulty for Helen. But it seemed to her the first thing to be attempted was to get him well away from Seagru's influence. Seagru, with the ample backing at his disposal, had established an elaborate construction camp well out on the desert, where he coupled with his railroad building enterprise as much of fraudulent deceit and force as he dare display toward Rhinelander and the men in the Copper Range & Tidewater construction work. The prize for which both roads were playing in the tremendous effort of each to get ahead of the other was a substantial one, and Seagru was never called to account at his headquarters for his strategy in the construction trenches.

On the morning that Helen took Spike down street to a Las Vegas clothing store, had him fitted out with new clothes and provided him with some pocket money, Seagru was on his way over to his camp, accompanied by the two strong-arms, known by no more respectable names than Bill and Lug. He saw Helen on the street with Spike and watched the two for a moment. Dispatching Bill then to the garage for his motor car and bidding Lug, on his life, not to lose sight of Spike, Seagru, himself, hastened to the office of the local sheriff.

Explaining to this official, already made complacent by generous offerings, that he had on his hands a contract laborer who was trying to jump his job, he engaged his promise of vigorous co-operation to bring Spike to time.

Seagru led the way with him to the machine, which Bill had brought up, and, getting in with the sheriff, Bill drove toward the station. Helen had returned with Spike to the office, she had paid for a railroad ticket which was to carry him to the city, where, she believed, freed from Seagru's contaminating influence, Spike would have a chance to get back on his feet.

Spike, in a comfortable frame of mind, was looking down at the ticket in his hand and reflecting what an extraordinary friend Helen had been, and how considerably she had treated him, when a quiet voice at his elbow spoke just two words into his ear:

"Hello, Spike!"

Spike, who lived, as it were, at all times over a powder magazine of the unexpected, started a little as he turned to look into the composed gray eyes of Seagru. He stood a moment bound by their spell.

Seagru's face was lighted only by a pleasant smile. "Where you going, Spike?" he asked in friendly fashion. He looked about him with indecision, and as his eyes wandered he saw Seagru beckoning to the sheriff to come over from the machine.

Seagru, meantime, put his hand in his pocket. From it he drew a worn little pamphlet, and affecting careful deliberation, held it in his hand before Spike's wavering eyes. In the black-faced type on the cover a name and description were printed, but what Spike saw staring at him were the figures and the words:

"\$500.00 REWARD!"

But to Spike that one line of type meant infinitely more than it could mean to any other man.

Seagru watched closely the changing expressions on the hunted criminal's face; he was even quiet and pleasant in his demeanor as he muttered: "You shouldn't try to leave me, Spike. At least, not until I say you may go."

"Seagru," Spike almost hissed, "I can send you to the chair; man—do you know that?"

Seagru lost none of his composure. He returned Spike's angry look undisturbed: "Do you know what will happen when you do?" he asked in even tones. "After they lift me out of it

they'll lift you in for the next shock, Spike. When you're ready to commit suicide, I'm ready to go to the straps ahead of you or after you—that's as the sheriff may prefer. But until that moment comes, Spike—a threatening intonation made itself felt within the studied utterance—"until that moment, Spike, you will take your orders from me—understand?"

Spike looked gloomily down at the ticket he held in his hand. He realized he was utterly helpless. "All right," he said gruffly.

Seagru shook hands with the sheriff as he followed Spike across the platform. "I don't think I'll have any more trouble with him," he said in an undertone. "Thank you just the same, sheriff."

With the rival construction crews, matters were reaching a somewhat critical stage in their race. Both the Colorado & Coast and the Copper Range & Tidewater companies had reached the limits of the city of Las Vegas, where, owing to the topography of the country as well as to the difficulties of getting through the town, possible rights of way were exceedingly scarce. A section almost immediately in front now of both construction gangs was occupied by a



Helen Understood the Necessity for Prompt Action.

weather-beaten pioneer who bore the name of Cassidy, and his comfortable cottage obstructed both surveys.

The advent of two railroads building neck and neck across the desert through the little town had naturally stirred every inhabitant of it to a high pitch of excitement. Small wonder that Cassidy's head had become in some degree confused as to values, and by the time Rhinelander got around to see the bronzed pioneer with a check for two thousand dollars—the price first put upon the property by its veteran owner—valuations had risen and Cassidy declared that he would sell for ten thousand dollars and not a cent less.

Rhinelander, considerably taken aback, impatiently assented to the exorbitant sum named, and going inside the cottage, wrote out his check for it. In exchange he received Cassidy's rather uncertain signature, on the customary legal form, granting to the Copper Range & Tidewater Railway company privileges over the Cassidy land as a freehold owner.

Seagru, arriving from town, learned from his foreman of the status of the insignificant plot of ground, adverse possession of which might frustrate their persistent plans for obstructing Rhinelander. With his surveyors Seagru hurried to the end of the work, and reached the ground just in time to encounter Rhinelander coming out of Cassidy's house and the agreement duly signed and delivered in his hand. And behind Rhinelander came George Storm ready to bring the men up to take possession of the Cassidy demesne.

Seagru and his followers halted them and Rhinelander, feeling the victory all his own, explained the situation to Seagru, while Storm, amiably, but firmly, ordered Seagru's men to get off the Copper Range property.

Seagru, without saying anything to controvert what he had heard, walked straight into Cassidy's house. "I'm sorry to be a little late, Cassidy," he began, bluntly. "You know we want your property. And we're prepared to pay you a reasonable price for it—not an extravagant price," declared Seagru, impressively, "nothing of that kind, but—" he asked, buttonholing the old man with friendly emphasis, "just what is right and fair. I don't know what you consider your property worth," he continued, talking so fast the old man could not get a word in edgewise, "but I have written out a check here for fifteen thousand dol-

lars. And if you will give me your signature to this right of way contract the check, old boy, is yours."

"But—" spluttered Cassidy, with difficulty, "I've sold this place this minute, Mr. Seagru, to this man Rhinelander here for ten thousand dollars."

"Do you mean to say," demanded Seagru, impressively, "that you don't consider your property worth fifteen thousand dollars?"

"Sure, I do," agreed Mike, his eyes blinking with astonishment.

"Then," exclaimed Seagru, solemnly, "this man has fraudulently imposed on you."

Cassidy, bewildered, looked to his friendly adviser for a suggestion. "Pshaw the divil 'm I to do?"

"Do!" thundered Seagru, seeing now that he had his victim coming. "Tear up your fraudulent contract here and now and sign an honest one."

The sturdy pioneer, with a show of indignation, tore up his copy of Rhinelander's contract, signed a more equitable one for the obliging Seagru and put another and untainted check for fifteen thousand dollars into his pocket.

Seagru beckoned to his posse of men, headed by Cassidy, they told Rhinelander and his companions to get off the premises before they were put off.

Rhinelander, familiar with the bullying tactics of his enemies, saw the situation he faced. But he stood his ground before Seagru and Cassidy, listening patiently to what the victimized old man had to say, but absolutely firm in his resolve to stand on his rights.

"My right of way is legal," he said to both men. "And I'll bring the law here right now to enforce it."

Hastening to the telegraph office inside one of his outfit cars, he telegraphed to Helen:

Seagru is using force to protest my right of way. Have attorney meet me at the depot at 11 o'clock. Arrange for a special to bring deputies up here.

RHINELANDER.

The move was not lost on Seagru. When he saw Rhinelander board the car containing the telegraph outfit, he summoned his own operator and dispatched him to a spot between Rhinelander's car and the main line with instructions to "tap in" and take whatever messages passed. Rhinelander thus sat in his own car watching the operator tick off his message to Helen, and her reply came promptly:

Attorney will meet you on arrival. Special will be ready to leave any time after eleven.

HELEN.

But Seagru's operator industriously copied both message and answer and turned them in to his employer.

Storm, in the meantime, was making the most of his opportunity, and with his men on Cassidy's place was preparing to push possession as far as possible.

"Run the steel cables around the house, George, and we will swing it in later."

After giving this order, Rhinelander had hastened to the station to meet the local train when it came in. So swift, however, had been Seagru's dispositions that his redoubtable scouts, Bill and Lug, were already at the station with instructions from Seagru to delay the special until nighttime; by which time he reckoned he could make his possession secure on the Cassidy place.

These worthies had already reached the special and boarded it. On the platform, Rhinelander met Helen and the attorney she had summoned, and with him, Rhinelander hastened up town to get armed deputies—Bill and Lug now trailing behind to keep track of every move.

At Cassidy's, Storm was urging his men to speed on with their track laying. Seagru's gang was almost abreast of them and setting a pace, too, that it was difficult to cope with—Seagru, himself, directing the operations. The house, so long the peaceful abode of old man Cassidy, now became the very storm center of an extraordinary disturbance. Seagru racked his brain for an idea that would hamper the advance of Storm and his energetic crew. And when the inspiration struck him, he put it instantly into effect.

"They're beating us," he said to his foreman; "that's flat. But I can stop them. Bring up the wrecker."

The word was passed and the ponderous wrecking car, its huge crane thrust threateningly forward, was pushed alongside Cassidy's house and surrounded by a swarming gang of men. Seagru's order to throw out the whips was instantly executed and almost within a minute, it seemed, after the huge machine had been brought into play the house was enveloped in a network of steel. There was a sharp word of command; a rattle of pistons; the old house quivered for an instant in the grip of the mysterious monster—then it rose like a mad aeroplane from its foundations; hung and swung a moment doubtfully in the air, pitched headlong toward the other end of the lot and settled with a heavy bang down to earth exactly in the path of Storm and his perspiring men.

Rhinelander, the moment he secured the deputies, hastened back to the station and boarded the special train. A large engine coupled to one coach, stood in waiting, and as they pulled out, Helen wished him good luck. Unfortunately, Seagru's two worthies, Bill and Lug, unobserved by anybody, hid on the head end of the coach, and as soon as the town was left behind, the two climbed over the tender and held up the fireman and engineer. The engine crew, taken thus unawares, could offer no resistance whatever and the two were forced over the tender to the head end of the coach.

Cutting off the engine as soon as they had accomplished this, Seagru's men pulled away with the stolen locomotive and left the coach just where it abruptly stopped when the air went on, with the intention of putting as many miles as possible between the coachload of deputies and Rhinelander's chances for defending the right of way.

The conductor of the marooned coach did not lose a moment in getting into action. An emergency telephone was snatched from its bracket, connected up with the main line wires and the conductor called up Helen in the office at Las Vegas. In a few words he told her what had happened, and while Rhinelander and the deputies listened around him, he asked what she could do to help them out of their predicament.

Helen understood the necessity for prompt action. But how, she asked herself as she looked anxiously from the office window up and down the yards, to help them quickly? Her eye lighted on the little roundhouse away down at the lower end of the yard.

Resting within the friendly shade of its north wall she espied the crazy old yard switch engine, known irreverently among the switchmen as "Soda Water Sal." Soda Water Sal took her disreputable nickname from the fact of her misfortune in being crusted white a good part of the time with alkali.

The excited girl dashed at the top of her speed down the platform and across the yard to rouse the crew and get them to carry her to Rhinelander. But though Soda Water Sal stood as peaceful as an old Dobbin munching her noonday repast, the switching crew was nowhere to be found. Beyond a doubt, Helen felt, they were all down town, eating their dinners, and to find them quickly was out of the question. She called out a few times, hardly hoping for a response, and none met her ears. There was steam up, and without loss of time Helen climbed into the cab, and, opening the throttle, gave Sal steam. A venerable mare, struck, in the midst of her lunch, with a whip, could not have been more startled than the old engine at Helen's summons. Soda Water Sal started and trembled. Helen touched her heels again.

No such sight as she made was ever before seen on the main line of the Copper Range & Tidewater. If Soda Water Sal had been dancing a two-step on the rails, she could not have plunged and cavorted more wildly than she did as Helen, pushing her to a pace undreamed of in her long and peaceful yard career, achieved a miracle of speed with her.

Up the line, Rhinelander, the deputies, the train crew and the engineer and fireman of the stolen engine surrounding the marooned coach, searched the horizon vainly for a sign of assistance. The conductor, the moment after he had raised Helen on the wire and told of their plight out between stations on the main line, had not been able to get another word from Las Vegas office. In his impatience and excitement, Rhinelander had taken over the telephone and used his best endeavors to make himself heard by Helen. The suspicion came to him that Seagru, with some unsuspected devilry, had succeeded in cutting off even wire communication from the helpless rescue party. But as he dropped the receiver in despair, a shout arose among the deputies, and, looking down the far perspective of the long tangent that separated them from Las Vegas, Rhinelander's men saw a faint line of smoke on the horizon. It grew rapidly more distinct and spread blacker and heavier. An engine was bearing down on them. The railroad men were non-plused. None of them could recognize in the distance the shambling gait of

utes aboard, the conductor from the rear platform gave Helen her signal. Helen opened the throttle again and away went Soda Water Sal, pushing the loaded coach up the line ahead. To Soda Water Sal a coach was a mere toy—a plaything; indeed, she felt as if she were only now coming into her own when she had something in her hands to push. And without showing the slightest appearance of strain, Soda Water Sal ate up the miles ahead of her like city blocks and got within sight of Seagru's two stalwart tools, who were trying to run away with the engine of the special. Indeed, the pair in the stolen cab felt quite secure in their quick getaway until Bill, acting as driver, looking back, saw a train behind and an ominous cloud of smoke pouring from the stack of Soda Water Sal—the conductor was firing for Helen and he understood his job.

In spite of everything the two outlaws could do, Helen closed up the gap that separated the coach from them, and on the front end of the latter the fleeing rascals could make out the armed deputies. Had there been any doubt in their minds as to the temper of the men pursuing them, little puffs of white smoke rising from the coach front, and the whine of rifle bullets about their ears would have convinced Lug and Bill of the danger threatening them. Safety first was a household word with the two. Nothing of the disposition of martyrs had place in their make-up, and, abandoning the engine, Lug, with a word to Bill to ease the pace, descended the steps of the tender and tumbled down a soft bank to the right of way; his companion followed; a few minutes later Soda Water Sal, rounding the curve behind, shot past them with her reeling coach.

Overtaking the abandoned engine on a grade, a few miles ahead, the coach was again coupled to it by the Rhinelander party, and when the queer-looking combination reached the first passing track, the engine of the special, almost dead, was vigorously kicked by Soda Water Sal, together with the car, out into the clear. And Helen, with the more venturesous of her legal lights clinging to the footboard and running boards of Soda Water Sal and others swarming in her tender and crowding the cab, again rushed the posse on to the scene of the trouble.

At the camp Rhinelander's forces were in trouble. Seagru's strategy had completely blocked them—everybody was stumped by Seagru's audacity. And while the leaders were trying to pull themselves together, Seagru's men were rapidly extending their possession of the disputed ground.

Storm, realizing that at any cost the situation must somehow be recouped, ran over to where Wood was watching the enemy and whispered to him. Whatever the proposal, the old man was startled when George Storm made it.

Wood looked toward the camp dubiously. "I don't know," he said finally. "That's pretty radical medicine. But Rhinelander isn't here and I suppose we've got to do something. It's a cinch they've got us beat out of three months' time in another hour, for if they once get hold of this section, we've got to drag them into court. If you think the old man will stand for it, George, slam away. You know as well as I do. But I can't take the responsibility."

"I will," cried Storm emphatically. He turned to the foreman of their switching crew, who stood near, and pointed to the engine puffing at some little distance. "Couple on to that outfit car, Carty, as quick as the Lord will let you, and get ready for a run."

Carty hurried down the track. Storm, giving orders right and left, asked Wood to send a crew of men

into the blazing sunshine convinced Seagru that something was up. Rhinelander's laborers and track layers under Storm's directions parted and stood expectant at each side of the run of track on which Cassidy's house had been so unceremoniously dropped. Seagru saw, too late, what Storm's radical move in the fight meant.

Storm, scent of battle in his nostrils, stood on the footboard as the sturdy switch engine started. On it came, accelerating fast from one, two, ten, twenty miles an hour up to thirty. With the safety valve popping and smoke streaming in a cloud from the



Climbed into the Cab and Opened the Throttle.

stack, the engine with Rhinelander's movable hotel in front of it, bore down on Cassidy's house. Cassidy, himself, sunning on a pile of Seagru's ties, with his pipe in his mouth and his two checks in his pocket, little suspected what was coming. But Rhinelander's men saw and understood it all. A mighty yell rose from the delighted gang as the engine and car sped on. Storm, bareheaded, his black hair streaming in the sun—clinging with one hand for safety as he swung from the end of the foot-board and stretched his left arm far out as a semaphore—signaled the cab.

The engineer checked heavily. A stream of fire ground from the driving wheels; the engine jumped in the grip of the brakes and the outfit car, released, headed like a catapult straight at Cassidy's house. Men jumped back as it hurtled past. The next instant, crashing and smashing ahead, it tore completely through Cassidy's house. A great cloud of dust and timbers rose as from an explosion and the next moment what had been a house lay torn into a thousand pieces along the right of way.

Like a spent cannon ball the outfit car drove on; men, amazed, watching its wild flight. It struck the end of the rails, hung for a moment poised, trembled and toppled headlong from the embankment into a borrow pit.

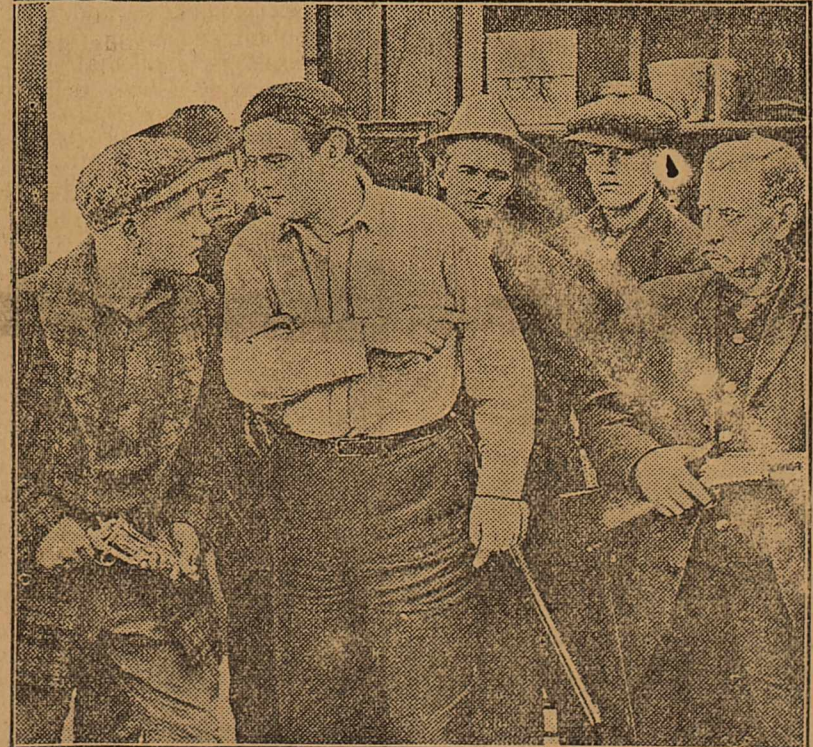
Storm sprang from the foot-board of the engine, and before the dust of the crash had settled, called his men forward. Rhinelander's gang responded with fresh hope and energy. Seagru saw with wrath how completely he had been outplayed. He called his men together to rush the Copper Range forces for possession of the Cassidy yard. They ran forward with picks and shovels, and it looked to Storm as if blood might be shed in spite of everything, when the long, shrill whistle of Soda Water Sal was heard down the line, and within a few moments Helen brought the old engine to a stop at the end of the steel.

The deputies, followed by Rhinelander and his attorney, poured out of the gangway. Storm met his boss. Just what view Amos would take of the summary measures he had adopted to clear their right of way the young man felt new a little uncertain about. Rhinelander looked ahead for the familiar landmark which he had just acquired at the rather extravagant price of ten thousand dollars and asked where the Cassidy house was. "Ahl gahn t' hell," interposed Cassidy (who stood listening), pathetically.

Storm pointed to the wreckage littering the right of way and told the story of what had been done by Seagru and how his play had been defeated. Rhinelander's face lighted with enthusiasm and Helen's eyes danced with sheer joy. Seagru, disgruntled and beaten, had seated himself on his own right of way on the pile of ties vacated in excitement by Cassidy. In another hour Rhinelander's men had made their title to the disputed property good.

Cassidy, bewildered by the extraordinary turn things had taken, started to walk back to where Seagru was, but on reflection, he changed his mind and, lighting his pipe, sat quietly down on a part of the roof that had for many years given him a peaceful shelter, to view the vengeance so swiftly taken on his former abode. He had less than Seagru had to worry about. With both checks in his pocket, he felt sure he must realize on at least one, and he sat on the scene long after the men had quit work, thoughtfully smoking his pipe and reflecting on the queer things that may happen in a real railroad war.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



"They're Beating Us, but I Can Stop Them!"

to throw everything movable in the outfit car out on the sand. Seagru, watching from a distance the sudden activity among Rhinelander's forces, watched the new developments with much curiosity and some little anxiety. He saw the switch engine speed down the line, couple to the outfit car and back away with it for a dash. In the cab all was excitement. Under Storm's orders, preparations were being made for a record dash, and as the engine stopped with the outfit car in front of it down below the second switch, huge volumes of smoke pouring from the stack

With her hair in the wind and her eyes burning with excitement, the white-faced girl brought the astonished old machine to a stop close to the coach. Rhinelander and the conductor ran to greet her. Few words were needed in explanation, few were lost. Coupling the coach ahead of the switch engine and hustling the dep-

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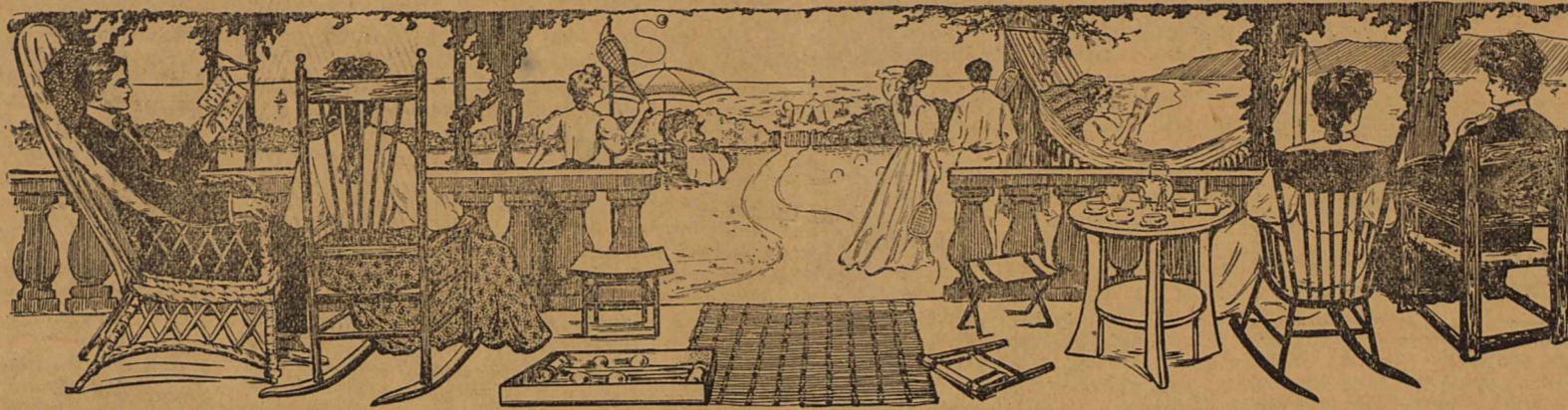
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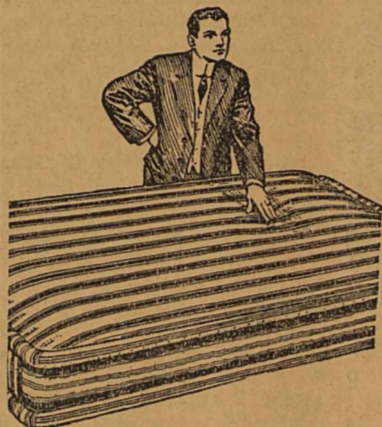
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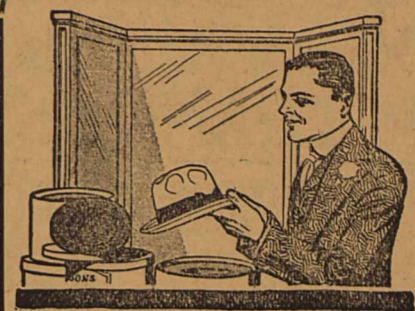
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