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WHY NOT BUY--A GOOD BUGGY

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## RUNNELS CO. REMAINS DRY BY 467 VOTES

There is no longer the least bit of doubt in the minds of the people of this county that a majority of the voters of the county are satisfied with prohibition. The victory won by the pros in last Saturday's election is so decisive that the conservative antis are free to admit that the county is dry for all time to come, and nothing short of a complete revolution in the moral status of the county can cause the calling of another election.

The pros won in Saturday's election by a majority of 467, while for the first time in the history of the county the city of Ballinger rolled up in what was the largest vote ever polled a majority of sixteen for the pros. The west Ballinger box counted out seventeen majority dry, while the east box counted out only one wet. This was the greatest surprise of the election, and is in a great measure responsible for the increased dry majority in the county.

Out of the twenty-four boxes the wets only carried four boxes, while the pros gained in majority in the twenty dry boxes. The total vote polled was the largest in the history of the county or any question, there being a total of 2945 votes polled—1656 dry and 1189 wet.

In studying the table published below the reader will observe that the antis only gained 19 votes over the 1911 campaign when the county went dry for the first time in its history, the total anti vote at that time being 1170, the pros how a gain of 167. The pros show a gain of 486 votes over the last election which was held in June 1913, while the antis only show a gain of 120.

The campaign just closed was one of the quietest ever held. The antis did no campaigning further than through private personal work, while the pros waged an aggressive campaign and worked hard for the majority that they rolled up.

The antis took their defeat good naturedly, and many were heard to say that they were pros now, and received the overwhelming majority as conclusive evidence

that the people of this county wanted prohibition.

Following are the figures for the past three elections, together with the poll tax payments for each box for the respective years in which elections were held. The result of last Saturday's election may be changed either one way or the other, a few votes, by the official count:

## WOMAN LOST IN HAYRICK MOUNTAINS

Parties here from Coke county Monday reported that Mrs. Dave Martin, of the Hayrick community, in Coke county, was lost in

## MRS. CROUGHEN DIED SUNDAY

After suffering for nearly one month from a gun shot wound Mrs. J. C. Croughen died in the local sanitarium at seven o'clock

Box	1911 Pls For	Against	1913 Pls For	Against	1915 Pls For	Against			
Ballinger	780	360	379	659	133	170	466	214	197
Hatchel	107	67	39	90	41	36	97	60	33
Benoit	62	30	27	57	21	24	41	30	28
Crews	162	109	46	140	64	49	160	91	51
Token	73	29	22	57	18	22	55	28	13
Truitt	48	30	13	37	25	9	53	23	23
Winters	393	234	91	354	214	87	431	285	98
Antelope	47	26	7	29	20	8	33	20	9
Pumphrey	75	54	20	66	47	19	72	46	18
Wingate	131	68	32	126	66	38	142	80	36
Baldwin	33	30	6	45	30	5	41	34	5
Wilmeth	77	47	23	86	59	15	108	65	16
Cochran	49	30	22	45	20	22	52	31	30
N. Norton	64	34	18	55	26	24	68	42	24
S. Norton	49	39	7	46	39	9	58	45	7
Marie	28	25	1	33	24	1	27	28	2
Maverick	50	27	20	52	24	27	70	45	23
Pierce S. H.	55	36	15	47	33	12	74	38	13
Brookshire	26	8	15	21	5	8	27	13	8
Miles	310	174	96	229	138	77	252	198	65
Rowena	209	13	169	182	8	149	220	11	189
Olfen	52	1	49	52	0	54	63	1	62
Pony Creek	89	27	53	96	32	54	88	38	48
E. Ballinger					108	181	392	190	191

## SECRETARY OF WAR IS SELECTED

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, age forty-five will be the new secretary of war, was the official announcement made by the White House today. Mr. Baker was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and was twice mayor of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a strong personal friend of President Wilson.

the Hayrick mountain a good part of Saturday night and up till Sunday afternoon when a searching party recovered her.

According to the information brought here, Mrs. Martin wandered from her home in her sleep some time during the night Saturday night. As soon as the family missed her an alarm was given and the neighbors formed a searching party.

The woman wandered out into the brush and into the mountain region and for nearly twenty-four hours was lost. Fortunately the weather was warm and when found Mrs. Martin was not suffering from exposure.

## 17 PRISONERS BURN IN JAIL AT ELPASO

EL PASO, March 7.—The death today of two of those injured in the jail fire at this place late yesterday afternoon, bring the total up to fourteen. It is expected that three others will die before night.

Two prisoners were burned to death before they could be recovered from the building yesterday and later ten more died from results of burns.

The fire originated from an explosion supposed to have been caused from disinfectants used in the bath room of the jail. All of the prisoners burned were Mexicans, except one, an American.

More than a score of prisoners who were thoroughly saturated with the disinfecting solution were enveloped in flames in a few seconds after some one struck a match and caused the liquid to explode. Surrounding the bath quarters are rows of cells, and these were filled with prisoners, and it was in these that most of the fatalities occurred. The screams of the prisoners as they burned to death was heart-rending, and the attendants were helpless in lending aid.

Sunday morning. The remains were prepared for burial and were laid to rest in the city cemetery Sunday afternoon.

This closes the chapter of the tragedy written when J. C. Croughen, a horse trader, shot his wife with a pistol at a camp where the family were living on the Colorado river just in the edge of the city. Croughen had just returned from San Angelo, and it is said that the deed was committed while the man was under the influence of whiskey.

Croughen was arrested immediately following the shooting, and placed in jail and a few days later he ended his own life in the local jail by cutting his throat with a razor. Croughen's remains were held in the local undertaking parlors for more than a week during which time it was thought his wife would die and the remains of both would have been sent to Fort Worth. A slight chance for the good in the condition of the woman and the announcement from the physicians that she probably might live for several weeks, or months, caused the remains of Croughen to be interred in the local cemetery.

Croughen was a well educated man, and at one time was a man of considerable wealth. According to a statement made by those who had known him for a number of years, his life went to ruin through strong drink.

A family of four children survive, and these have been here watching over their mother since the tragedy.

## LOWER RATES FOR LARGE TERRITORY

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Interstate Commerce Commission decided today that on all through freight rates from all points in the United States to Louisiana and Texas are in violation of the long and short haul law, and denied the application of six southern railroads to maintain these rates. The ruling of the commission means the adjustment through rates and rates from intermediate points must be made, which will result in lower freight rates for the large territory affected.

## Villa Leads 400 Bandits in Attack on Columbus, N. M.

## GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON PORTUGAL

By United Press.  
BERLIN, March 9.—Germany declared war on Portugal today, making the fourteenth country involved in the European war. The war ultimatum came as a result of Portugal's refusal to release seized German merchantmen which were confiscated by the Portugal government and interned in the Portuguese ports.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Beavers and her mother, Mrs. Bearce, who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, left for home Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Brown accompanied them to San Angelo to visit a week or two.

W. A. Jolly left Thursday morning for Brownwood and will go out near May, Texas, to look after a piece of improved land he recently bought.

G. W. Tyree, who had been with the Jeanes produce store at Miles the past winter, came home Thursday morning for the summer.

Rev. W. B. Harris and family, of El Campo, came in a few days ago to make Ballinger their future home.

J. D. Smith, J. M. Adams, R. J. and J. L. Queen, of the Wingate country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

W. G. Harrison and daughter, Mrs. Woods and children, of Georgetown, who had been visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. R. E. Duke and family the past few weeks, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

Uncle John Hoffman of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

By United Press.  
COLUMBUS, New Mexico, March 9.—Four hundred Villista bandits swooped down upon this town at four o'clock this morning killing Americans and burning much property. The town was in darkness and the attack of the Mexican bandits came as a surprise.

American soldiers fought for two hours before succeeding in driving the bandits off, and up to noon today the list of dead consisted of four American soldiers, seven American citizens and between fifty and one hundred bandits, and many wounded on both sides, eight American soldiers and five civilians being seriously wounded.

Three hundred United States cavalrymen and many citizens participated in the battle with the bandits. Four of the principal business buildings of the town were destroyed, including the Commercial Hotel. It is reported that several guests were burned to death in the building, but this is discredited and the ruins of the hotel are being searched.

Mrs. James Gean, the wife of a leading merchant of this city is among the killed by the bandits. It is believed that the attack was personally lead by Villa. After the two hours fighting the bandits retreated towards the border.

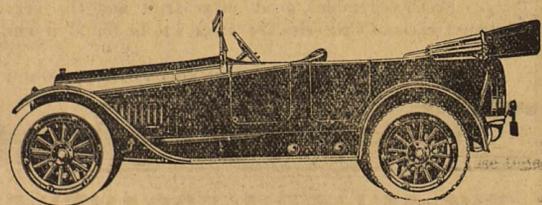
## WASHINGTON STIRRED OVER MEXICAN ATTACK

By United Press.  
Washington, March 9.—The report of the attack made upon the citizens at Columbus, N. M., this morning by four hundred Mexican bandits, was received here early, and stirred congress. Senator Fall began at once to gather information from Columbus to be used in his renewed attack upon the administration's Mexican policy.

Martin Frick and Alex Adams of the Winters country, A. J. Zaak and son-in-law, Ben Schwartzner, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, and R. L. Williams, of the Token country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

A. J. Nelson and Jess Perciful of Bronte, were looking after business in Ballinger Wednesday.

W. A. Nance Henry Jones



## Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!! in SECOND HAND CARS

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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.

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1 4 passenger Metz, cost \$650 good as new, will take \$250 \$150 cash balance \$10 per month.

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An effective laxative remedy that is very dependable, and which does not gripe or otherwise disturb the organs involved, is found in a combination of simple herbs known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin that can be bought at the drug store for fifty cents a bottle.

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Mrs. C. C. Allen.

Dr. Caldwell that she "found Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin just what was needed for constipation and distress of the stomach after eating. It should be in every household."

Get a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and keep it in the house to use when occasion arises. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 454 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

### RABBIT HUNT.

W. L. Duke, of the Fuzzy creek country, was in Ballinger Monday and requested us to announce a rabbit hunt on Fuzzy creek on Friday, March 17th to begin at T. J. Parish's place and a good dinner will be spread on the creek at the noon hour and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come and bring your guns and help exterminate the long eared pests.

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### 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, Mayor.

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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

## TRUSTEE ELECTION APRIL FOOL'S DAY

April first will be general election for school trustees in Runnels county, as well as the other counties in Texas. On this date trustees will be elected for the various school precincts of the county, including the independent districts, and also one county trustee and one trustee at large for the county.

Tickets have been printed and are being distributed to the various precincts of the county for electing the trustee at large, and tickets have been forwarded to the Miles precinct for the election of the county trustee from that precinct. The other county trustees hold over, only one being elected this year. T. E. Davis, of Miles, is the only name authorized to go on the ticket for the county trustee from Miles, but space is left on the ticket and those desiring to vote some one else can do so by writing the name thereon. B. J. Clayton is authorized candidate for the trustee at large, and other names can be substituted by the voters if they desire to do so.

**Ballinger Trustees.**  
An order has been issued for the election for the Ballinger Independent District, and appears in this issue of The Ledger, also a notice from the president of the board requesting that names of men selected to go on the ticket be handed in to the board by a given time.

Four trustees are to be elected, or the old ones re-elected at the coming election, three members of the board holding over for another year. The retiring members are Scott H. Mack, E. D. Futch, H. W. Lynn, J. W. Clampitt. The hold-overs are R. P. Kirk, W. B. Ray and W. A. Francis.

We understand that the retiring members are not campaigning for votes, and are perfectly willing to step down and out if the patrons of the school desire to elect others to serve. If there is any dissatisfaction or criticism, the retiring members will be glad to retire to "private" life. However, none of the old members have declined to serve if re-elected.

As far as The Ledger can learn there is no objection to the present board. The schools have made splendid progress notwithstanding that the board has faced troublesome propositions from time to time, and considerable scheming has been necessary to maintain the full term of school on the resources at hand. The Central Ward building has undergone repairs during the past year that speaks well for the management of the board, and several thousand dollars worth of school bonds have been retired, the improvements of the central building being made from a new bond issue.

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

F. M. Curry and son T. H. Curry of the Tokeen country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and Mr. T. H. Curry was looking after his candidacy for tax assessor while in the city.

If you grow peas, beans, peanuts and other legumes in a garden or field on rich or poor land, by all means use Farmosem for best results. It is cheap and certain. Literature free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 24-4tw

Nathan Crocket of the Rowena country, Phillip Williams of the Winters country, Haywood Miller of Talpa, Chum Cathey of Wigate and E. C. Good of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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.  
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## BLANTON ENDORSED FOR CONGRESS

The Reporter is pleased to announce to the people of the 16th Congressional District its support of the candidacy of Judge Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene for the Democratic Nomination for Congress. In a preferential primary in Taylor county a majority of the Democrats of the county voted to make Judge Blanton their candidate. For almost eight years he has served the 42nd Judicial District and his record is a good one. He promised the people to dispatch business, to run the courts in a business like way and to treat everybody fair and he has made good his promise. He is a young man full of life and energy—the most indomitable worker we ever met—and if successful in the race for congress will represent the district with ability and an earnestness that will be recognized even in the halls of congress. Judge Blanton is a life long Democrat, has always stood for the highest order of morals and has the courage to advocate issues that make for clean politics, clean social life and a clean government. He is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Abilene and teaches a class of young men in the Sunday School of that congregation.

The platform which Judge Blanton will present to the people of the District for their endorsement contains many fundamental principles of sound government. The interests of all classes are included in its demands and Judge Blanton will, if elected, work faithfully to have the measures which he proposes become laws of the nation. He will conduct an active campaign by visiting every county and community in the district and the people will find him to be a friendly man who will recognize them on all occasions.—Abilene Reporter. dw1t

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

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

Get a 10-cent box. Take a Cascaret tonight to cleanse your Liver, Stomach and Bowels, and you will surely feel great by morning. You men and women who have headache, coated tongue, a bad cold, are bilious, nervous, upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have backache and feel all worn out. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets—or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil? Cascarets immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels. Remember, a Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning. A 10-cent box from your druggist means healthy bowel action; a clear head and cheerfulness for months. Don't forget the children.

**OFFERS HOME.**  
On account of the recent fires in the city, Rev. Father Goldbach was reminded that possibly persons might be out of a place to take their families until home could be secured, and he very generously offers his home for temporary use to any one who is out of a home at any time their premises are destroyed by fire. He has a large comfortable home and plenty of room for several without inconvenience to himself.

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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

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Calomel sickens! Don't lose a day's work! Clean your Liver and Bowels with "Dodson's Liver Tone."

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moten and children of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Wednesday in their auto en route to Waco to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Cole, of Bryan, Tom Gustavus, of Houston, and C. E. Gustavus, of Amarillo, are in the city at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. W. A. Gustavus Sr., who is seriously ill.

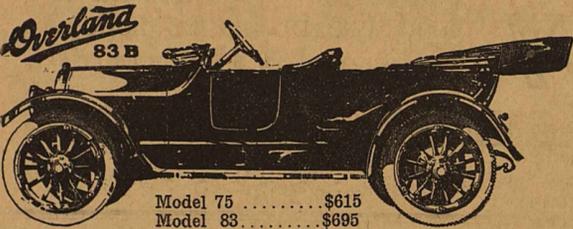
Will Legg of Crews, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. Alexander, the Truitt merchant, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to San Angelo

### Watch the Fords Go By.

Mrs. Max Zechang and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bruno Zechang of the New Home neighborhood, left Monday afternoon to visit relatives and friends at Bracken, Texas.

F. F. Ernst and Gus Glass, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.



Model 75 ..... \$615  
Model 83 ..... \$695  
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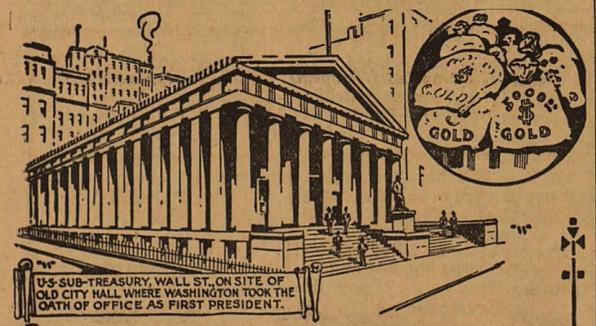
on some cars must have a cause for they probably wish to get rid of a bad bargain. Remember that when one offers you a car for less than list price there must be something wrong—some good reason why they want to sell it.

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# SHOULD NOMINATE ON FIRST BALLOT

The Ledger stated in its issue of Tuesday that all members present at the Democratic Executive Committee meeting held Monday afternoon, were in favor of a double primary, and that it was probable that the majority rule would be adopted.

W. C. Penn, in a statement made to the writer Wednesday morning, said that The Ledger was misinformed, but that it was easy for such impression to get out, as he did not express himself at the meeting. Mr. Penn is committeeman from Ballinger precinct No. 24, and was present at the Monday meeting. When the question was being discussed before the meeting he did not express himself and as there was no objection raised at that time it caused the report to go out that all those present were in favor of the proposition.

"I was opposed to a second primary two years ago when the question was brought up in our meeting," said Mr. Penn, "and I am still opposed to it. I see no necessity for holding two primaries in this county. I believe that any of the men offering for office are capable of making good officers if elected, and whether the candidate gets a majority or not in the first primary I think he should be declared the nominee if he is the high man."

"However," said Mr. Penn, "if the voters of my precinct will show me that they want a second primary I will vote for it when the question comes up for final settlement in the committee meeting."

Aside from the extra expense of holding the second primary, Mr. Penn stated that he was opposed to making it necessary for a man to make the second race, or go to the extra expense in prolonging the campaign and making it necessary for the voters to go to the polls again. Mr. Penn stated that it was a well known fact that the vote polled in the second primary wherever held was always light, and the people lost interest after their candidate had been ruled out of the race, and many would not express themselves in the second primary.

Mr. Penn stated that he would appreciate it if the voters of this precinct would express themselves to him in order that he may be in a position to pass on the question according to the wishes of the majority of the voters.

After the committee in its meeting Monday afternoon had appointed committeemen to fill all vacancies the following names constituted the Rannels County Democratic Executive Committee, and the voters in the various precincts should see their committeemen within the next few days, or before the next meeting, and express themselves on this question. The committeemen desire to have an expression from the voters before passing on the question:

- Precinct No. 1, C. R. Crews;
- Precinct No. 2, Geo. Holliday;
- Precinct No. 3, B. J. Clayton;
- Precinct No. 4, A. E. Davis;
- Precinct No. 5, F. M. Curry;
- Precinct No. 6, W. H. Seals;
- Precinct No. 7, T. W. Murray;
- Precinct No. 8, C. B. Bennett;
- Precinct No. 9, J. B. Pace;
- Precinct No. 10, S. L. Eason;
- Precinct No. 11, J. M. Johnson;
- Precinct No. 12, W. E. Puckett;
- Precinct No. 13, Joe Vaneil;
- Precinct No. 14, J. N. Key;
- Precinct No. 15, W. A. Glenn;
- Precinct No. 16, J. V. Borders;
- Precinct No. 17, R. P. Taylor;
- Precinct No. 18, M. D. Oliver;
- Precinct No. 19, J. S. Mills;
- Precinct No. 21, E. S. Kubela;
- Precinct No. 22, F. G. Hoelscher;
- Precinct No. 23, J. H. Webb;
- Precinct No. 24, W. C. Penn.

The first call meeting of the Rannels County Democratic Executive Committee was held Monday afternoon of this week, at the call of the secretary.

The chairman of the committee having moved from the county, the first work of the committee was the election of a new chairman. Judge A. K. Doss was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Judge J. B. Wade. C. R. Crews, the secretary, has the work of planning for the coming primary well in hand.

The committee also filled all vacancies by appointing a new man from each precinct where there was a vacancy. The new committeemen have been notified of their appointment and asked to represent their precinct for the ensuing year.

After perfecting the county organization by appointing com-

# Do Something for your Cold.

Do not let it wear you out and encourage sickness.

Take Dr. King's New Discovery. You will get instant relief.

Most of us neglect coughs and colds. We brush suggestions aside with the remark "I'll be better soon," and oftentimes we do get better. However, when that cough or cold gets a hold, it usually means annoyance, interference with our work and often a spell of sickness follows. Isn't it better immediately to check that cold and ease the cough? Dr. King's New Discovery does it! Search as you will, you will not find a better remedy.

Dr. King's New Discovery is made of Pine Tar mixed with soothing balsams and laxatives. It's antiseptic and kills the germs, allays the cold-fever and soothes the irritated, inflamed throat. The very first dose gives you relief. You cough with less strain. And if you have a hacking or dry night cough, grateful relief follows and you soon drop into a restful and refreshing sleep. Get a bottle to-day and let Dr. King's New Discovery be your cold and cough doctor. At all druggists.

mitteemen, the committee discussed the double primary, and it was the opinion of all those present that a second primary should be held. The question of financing the second election was discussed, and it was the opinion of the committeemen present that a second primary should be held if the burden of expense could be provided for without "digging" the candidates extra for it. A number of citizens from the two Ballinger boxes were present and volunteered to guarantee that the expense of the Ballinger boxes would be provided for without calling on the candidates.

Judge Doss, the new chairman, stated that another meeting of the committee would be called in about two weeks, and the second primary question would be settled at that meeting, and in the mean time it has been requested that the committeemen from each precinct get an expression from some of the voters of their respective precincts and if possible be in a position to act in accord with the sentiment of the voters on the question of holding a second primary.

### Colds Quickly Relieved.

Many people cough and cough—from the beginning of Fall right through to Spring. Others get cold after cold. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you will get almost immediate relief. It checks your cold, stops the racking, rasping, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take. Antiseptic and Healing. Get a 50 cents bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. "It is certainly a great medicine and I keep a bottle of it continually on hand" writes W. C. Jesseman, Franconia, N. H. Money back if not satisfied.

### DRY RIDGE SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 11TH.

- Music—Hatchel Orchestra. Welcome—Jessie Chapman. Address—Supt. Fleming. Music.
- Song—Four Little Girls.
- A Play—"Cabbage Hill School"
- Reading—Miss Ella Jones.
- Music.
- "Education"—Rev. H. Jeff Pritchard.
- "Rural High School"—Supt. W. W. Wooten. Music.
- Address—H. G. Secrest.
- "A County Library"—Jno. J. Buggs.
- "School Clubs"—Mr. Burges. Music.
- A Drama—"Coon Creek Courtship."
- Admission, children 10 cents; Adults 15 cents.

### FRIEND-IN-NEED

The directors and quite a number of the members of the Friend-In-Need No. 1, met Wednesday morning at the office of the secretary E. Shepperd and transacted considerable business and audited the books and found everything in good shape and the order in a flourishing condition.

Walter Schuhmann and Mr. Kreigle, of Rowena, were in Ballinger Wednesday and we are glad to learn that Mrs. Schuhmann is convalescing very nicely at present and will be able to leave the sanitarium next week for her home.

W. A. Ogle, the irrigation farmer up the river five miles was distributing quite a good deal of his crazy wet water in Ballinger Wednesday and all who are drinking the same seem to be getting good results and the water is becoming quite famous in this section.

Watch the Fords Go By.

# SCHOOL TAXES AND THE CENSUS

The most important asset to any community is a well-graded, thoroughly taught public school continuing the full nine months. In so far as its resources will enable the board to provide, Ballinger has such a system. For several years, others, lacking adequate school facilities nearer home, have sent their children here to receive training or they have moved here to be with their children. Many have become permanent residents on this very reason. Gradually our rating in University credits has increased. The worth of such standing is attested by the increasing number of non-residents in our graduating class. They were taking their work elsewhere until they found that ours was an accredited school of the first group.

As is generally the case with young and growing towns, Ballinger has need for more school money than it has been getting. A few years ago the Ballinger Independent District had its own assessor and collector of taxes until the attorney general ruled that Independent Districts could not make the assessment higher than that of the county assessor. New everyone knows that the county rendition is made to provide just barely enough to finance the county affairs. In harmony with this ruling, the local trustee for a few years had the county assessor and collector to handle the assessment and collection of school taxes. Recently, however, the supreme court has rendered a decision adverse to the ruling of a former attorney general, wherein it is decided that board in independent districts do have a right to levy at a rate sufficient to defray the needs of the district. This year Mr. E. D. Futch has been appointed assessor and collector for this independent district, and is busily working on the census enumeration.

Most people sufficiently appreciate a good school to be willing voluntarily to render their property a little higher for school purposes than for other causes. With some, who have many to educate, it is a sense of duty to their children; with others, it is local patriotism, because they have no children, yet are unwilling to live in a community where ignorance reigns. Hitherto our total renditions have proved inadequate to pay the interest on our bonds and to provide the necessary sinking fund to discharge the bonds when due, and at the same time furnish sufficient funds for maintenance purposes—that is money to carry on the schools. Last year the citizens donated money for a half a month's pay roll; the teachers gave the other half.

This crisis led of necessity to a vigorous pruning of the annual budget and still, after closest economy and securing teachers at the lowest rate possible, the board finds our liabilities are more than our total assets. Meanwhile the demands upon them are increasing. In 1914 our census showed 606; in 1915, about 909 and we have reasons to think it will be larger in 1916. Again next fall we shall have to enforce the compulsory education law passed by the legislature. At this time, we have no adequate idea what it will add to our budget. This we do know: that to provide for full nine months, to prepare to meet unforeseen contingencies as they arise, every one should give in a more liberal and complete inventory when Mr. Futch comes to see you. If each one will contribute as God hath blessed him, the increase on any one will not be great.

Concerning the census, by the new law it is taken during March, and Mr. Futch is actively engaged in trying to secure the enrollment of all who legally belong in this district. In this work we would ask every public-spirited citizen to assist the enumerator by informing him of any moving away, or whom he may have overlooked. This means a great deal to Ballinger. Every year we have a large transient population to school who never contribute one cent to our maintenance fund. This is true everywhere, yet the burden is peculiarly heavy on districts where, as best, funds are none too plentiful. As the gross number of children in Texas increases, and the permanent state fund not increasing perceptibly, the per capita must grow smaller. Last year the apportionment was \$8.00; this year it is \$6.00 and we have no assurance that it will remain that

# THANK YOUR GROCER

if he asks you to try a can of

## KC BAKING POWDER

He wants to do you a favor—he knows what brands to recommend from experience.



high for 1916-17. Therefore, it behooves every patriotic citizen to help us to secure an accurate, full enumeration this month.

To see that they get all that is coming to them, the Dallas schools have two independent enumerations made every year, and they find it pays. If it pays them, ought we not to be very wide-awake about ours? IT IS MONEY FROM THE STATE FUNDS, and will supplement our local taxes.

W. S. FLEMING,  
Superintendent.  
SCOTT H. MACK,  
President School Board.

### Take Po-Do-Lax in Spring

In winter our blood gets thick, our pores close, we feel tired and dull when hot days come. What we need is a spring liver tonic, something to rid our system of winter's accumulated waste. Po-Do-Lax will do it. It stimulates the bile, empties the bowels. The organs become more active and in a little while you feel like new. Don't neglect cleaning out your system. Take Do-Do-Lax and you will feel fine. 50c at your druggist.

### Watch the Fords Go By.

Miss Marion Wooden, who is attending Howard Payne College at Brownwood, after a pleasant visit to home folks the past few days, returned Tuesday morning to resume her school work.

# "Well, I Should Say 'Gets-It' DOES Work"

"Look a' There, If You Don't Think It's Just Wonderful for Corns!"  
"Bless my stars, look at it! Land of the living! Why, just look at it! That corn came right off,—just like peeling bananas. Put your finger on my



"Did You Ever See the Like? No Wonder 'Gets-It' is the Biggest Selling Corn Cure in the World!"  
"toe, right there,—don't be afraid,—that's it,—feel how smooth the skin is? Well, that's where the corn was. Well, that beats all!" That's the way "Gets-It" works on all corns, every corn, every time. It's the new, simple way of curing corns. You'll say goodbye to all foolish contraptions like bandaging, sticky tape, plasters, toe-eating salves, and grave-diggers such as knives, razors and scissors. "Gets-It" stops pain. Applied in 2 seconds. Never fails. Nothing to stick to, hurt or press on the corn.

"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.

**THE BANNER-LEDGER**  
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 solidated January 25, 1913.

Making Ballinger a cleaner town is a job every citizen should have a hand in. The non-resident property owner should be called on also.

The Santa Fe crossing on the Ballinger-Winters road is in bad shape. Not only does it make rough traveling for the people traveling that road, but it is an open gap to danger.

Five thousand dollars worth of eggs shipped from Ballinger in one week shows what the poultry industry is doing for this county. It is estimated that fifty thousand dollars worth of eggs will go from here to the foreign market within the next three months.

**PATRIOTISM.**

A nation is made great not by its fruitless acres, but by the men who cultivate them; not by its great forests, but by the men who use them; not by its mines, but by the men who work in them; not by its railways, but by the men who build and run them. America was a great land when Columbus discovered it; Americans have made of it a great Nation.

In 1776 our fathers had a vision of a new Nation 'conceived in liberty and dedicated to the pro-

vanquished enemy, but paid him liberally for his property. Meanwhile they offered land freely to any farmer who would live upon and cultivate it, opened to foreign immigrants on equal terms the door of industrial opportunity, shared with them political equality, and provided by universal taxation for universal education.

The cynic who can see in this history only a theme for his egotistical satire is no true American, whatever his parentage, whatever his birth place. He who looks with pride upon this history which his fathers have written by their heroic deeds, who accepts with gratitude the inheritance which they have bequeathed to him and who highly resolves to preserve this inheritance unimpaired and to pass it on to his descendants enlarged and enriched, is a true American, be his birthplace or his parentage what it may.

Lyman Abbott.

**For Your Child's Cough.**

If your child has a cold, nose runs or coughs much get a small bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Its a pleasant Pine-Tar-Honey syrup, just what children like and just the medicine to soothe the cough and check the cold. After taking, children stop fretting sleep good and are soon entirely well. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c at your druggist.

O. D. Dillingham, one of the prominent business men of Winters, motored over to Ballinger Wednesday to look after business

**A Little Blossom To Delight the Home**

When it is known that in the near future the home is to be blessed with a



new arrival the first thought should be "Mother's Friend." This is an external remedy gently applied over the stomach muscles. It makes them firm and pliant, they expand naturally without undue strain. It removes from the nerves those influences which are responsible for much of the pain incident to the period of expectancy. It is for this reason that much of the distress such as morning sickness is avoided. All prospective fathers should see to it that the expectant mother is provided with a bottle of "Mother's Friend."

The directions are simple. Get it at any drug store. It is applied by the expectant mother herself, it penetrates deeply and affords quick and splendid relief in a most gratifying manner and reflects a physical betterment to the nervous disposition of the baby. Don't fail to get a bottle of "Mother's Friend" today and then write Bradfield Regulator Co., 418 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for a pretty little book brimful of information for expectant mothers. It is a delight to read it.

**A. and M. Bulletin on Peanuts and Hogs Ready to Distribute.**

College Station.—"Peanuts and Pigs" is the title of a bulletin just off the press and which is ready for distribution by the extension service of the Agricultural and Mechanical college. The bulletin will contain observations made by T. O. Walton, district demonstration agent, who was sent to Georgia recently to make a study of the cultivation, harvesting, marketing and feeding of peanuts in that state, famous for its success in this line of work.

**SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL HOLD BIG MEETING**

The Second Annual Meeting of the Mid-Texas Teacher's association to be held at Brownwood, Friday and Saturday, March 24th and 25th will likely be the most important and largely attended educational meeting ever held in this section of Texas.

The railroads have granted rates of one and one-third fares, with tickets on sale Thursday and Friday, 23rd and 24th., good until, and including March 27th.

Many of the most prominent educators and lecturers of the State, including State Supt. Doughty are on the program. The two day's program at Brownwood will be of great benefit to the teachers, especially in view of the fact that a vast majority of them cannot attend the state meeting. The state superintendent recommends dismissing school for this meeting with full pay to the teachers attending.

President R. F. Holloway of Comanche, has issued the following:

To the Teachers of this district: I desire to call your attention to the fact that on March 24-25 the above association will hold its second annual session at Brownwood and that a splendid program of good things has been provided.

The following numbers on the program of the general sessions will well be worth your time and money to hear:

"An Efficient System of Schools for the People of Texas"—State

**Here's A 'Tip' On Rheumatism Follow It**

**AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION**  
 When your arm or your leg feels "all knotted" with rheumatism, when you feel as though your muscles were "tied up with a rope," you are really describing your pains accurately. Rheumatism is a condition of the body when acids and other deposits of impurities are actually "tied up" the strands of muscles in your body, or strangling the nerves and thus producing the awful shooting pains of sciatica, lumbago, etc. Medical authorities agree that these acid deposits are carried and deposited by the blood in the various parts of the body. It stands to reason, therefore, that local applications such as rubbing with so-called remedies can't do any permanent good. At best they can relieve the pain a little and only for a little while. The only way to effect a real cure is to attack the real cause—the blood. It is cleansed from the troublesome deposits by S. S. S., the reliable blood purifier that is now easing the pains and healing the ills of the third generation. S. S. S. "goes after" the impurities in the blood as relentlessly, as eagerly and as thoroughly as a ferret goes after rats; pursuing the poison into every vein and artery, into every nook and corner of the body, and chasing the troublesome substances out of the system. The blood thus cleansed, carries off the acid and other injurious deposits and "filters" them out of the body through the kidneys. S. S. S. is not a drug. It is a purely vegetable blood purifier. You can get S. S. S. at every drug store. But if in addition you should like to have the advice of the doctors in charge of our laboratory, do not hesitate to write us. You will receive free, conscientious and confidential advice. This is in line with our policy to make every effort to insure the best results from S. S. S. to every sufferer. Get a bottle at your druggist's today. If you wish special advice, write to Medical Department, Room 45, Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia.



**FREAK CHICKEN**

J. E. Smith says he has a chick recently hatched that has three full developed legs and a toe nail on one foot that is an inch long and is hale and hearty and bids fair to live all right.

E. H. Voelkel, one of the prominent stockmen of Rowena and Wm. Forbus of Norton and J. A. Williams of the Maglonia Petroleum Oil Co., bought's Fords this week from R. L. Harwell, the local agent. Mr. Williams will use his roadster in the interest of his oil business over this section.

**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**

position that all men are created equal." Without an army they fought the greatest of existing world empires that they might realize this vision. A third of a century later, without a navy they fought the greatest navy in the world that they might win for their Nation the freedom of the seas. Half a century later they fought through an unparalleled Civil War that they might establish for all time on this continent the inalienable right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. A third of a century later they fought to emancipate an oppressed neighbor, and, victory won, gave back Cuba to the Cubans, sent an army of schoolmasters to educate for liberty the Filipinos, asked no war indemnity from their

affairs a few hours.

R. W. Smith of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger en route to the Valley creek country, to look after his extensive farming interests a few days.

Herman Giesecke, C. W. Northinton, Paul Tremmier and Ben S. Long left Wednesday morning for points east on a business trip. Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Nicholson left Tuesday afternoon to visit at Brownwood a day or two and will join Mr. R. A. Nicholson en route to Temple Wednesday.

J. W. Rhodes, of Norton, Lon Maps, of Pony creek and R. Gottschalk of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Especial stress has been laid on the successful feeding of peanuts to hogs.

The new bulletin, Director Oasley announces, will be sent only to those who apply for it. The demand for literature on peanuts has been so heavy that it has been almost impossible for the college to meet the requests for bulletins. The policy of sending bulletins out for indiscriminate distribution has been abandoned by the college as ineffective and wasteful.

This publication may be had on application to Director of Extension Service, College Station, Tex.

**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. See

Superintendent W. F. Doughty.

"The Modern Education of Women"—President F. M. Bralley, College of Industrial Arts.

"The Teacher's New Attitude"—Dean E. D. Jennings, Texas Woman's College.

"Education for Citizenship"—Dr. E. D. Shurter, University of Texas.

"Practical Education From a Theoretical Point of View"—Dr. Stockton Axson, Professor English Literature Rice Institute, Author and Lecturer.

Space forbids the publication of the entire bill of fare for this meeting. The Second Meetings Programs, are full of good things. Watch the papers for these. The railroads have granted cheap rates. State Supt. Doughty recommends dismissing school for this meeting with full pay to those teachers attending.

Come for education and inspiration.

Yours for a great meeting,  
 R. F. HOLLOWAY,  
 President.

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**ALL OUT OF SORTS**

Has Any Ballinger Person Never Felt That Way?

Feel all out of sorts? Fired, 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.

Capt. A. D. Tally, of Crews, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIES HOME A SAXON SIX**

Jeff Riggs was in from the northwest part of the county Friday and while here purchased a Saxon Six from the Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Co. He took his first lesson in handling the steering wheel and left for his home in his new car.

Watch the Fords Go By.

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

\* POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
 All Copy for Political Announcements must be accompanied by Cash.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th: Representative 111th District:

For District Judge of the 35th Judicial District:  
 J. O. WOODWARD.  
 WALLACE E. HAWKINS.

For County Clerk:  
 W. C. McCARVER.  
 C. C. COCKRELL.  
 H. G. SECREST.  
 A. L. SPANN.

For Tax Assessor:  
 C. C. SCHUCHARD.  
 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.  
 C. H. WILLINGHAM.

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.  
 R. P. KIRK.

For Commissioner Prec. No. 3:  
 J. D. SMITH.

For Commissioner Prec. No. 4:  
 C. N. CRAFT.  
 J. W. JONES.

Clarence Raburn, of the Norton country, was among the large crowd in Ballinger Monday.

**WHAT CATARRH IS**

It has been said that every third person has catarrh in some form. Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body; and local treatments in the form of snuffs and vapors do little, if any good. To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building- tonic, free from alcohol or any harmful drugs. Try it. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

**LIST OF CROPS FOR THE FIELD**

- Kudzu
- Lupins
- Vetches
- Alfalfa
- Peanuts
- Sanfoin
- Lentils
- Wisteria
- Mencilto
- Cow Peas
- Soy Beans
- Seradilla
- Fenugreek
- Canada Peas
- Tangier Pea
- Pigeon Pea
- Beggar Weed
- Red Clover
- Burr Clover
- Japan Clover
- Sweet Clover
- Sweet Clover
- White Clover
- Horse Beans
- Velvet Beans
- Alsike Clover
- Crimson Clover
- Mammoth Clover
- Berseem Clover

**Fortunes for Farmers**  
 MANY GETTING RICH GROWING LEGUMES WITH FARMOGERM  
 Earning Over 200 Per Cent

The way is easy and the result sure. USE FARMOGERM TO INCREASE YOUR CROPS AND IMPROVE YOUR SOIL. All of the progressive Farmers Experiment Stations, County Demonstrators, Farm Journals, and the Department of Agriculture strongly endorse the use of high grade nitrogen bacteria on legume seeds when planting. FARMOGERM is recognized as the standard after severe tests in all parts of the country, and will pay the best on all of the crops named on the left hand margin hereof. Do not be deceived by the cheap preparations for the best is the cheapest in the end. FARMOGERM has made good and means better crops, better soil, less fertilizer, less labor, more money and happier homes.

**TO GROW GREATER CROPS OF CERTAIN KINDS THIS YEAR**  
**TO GROW GREATER CROPS OF ANY KIND NEXT YEAR**  
**TO GROW CROPS OF GREATER FOOD VALUE**  
**TO ENRICH THE LAND AND INCREASE THE VALUE OF THE FARM**  
**TO PRODUCE GREATER RESULTS WITH LEAST EXPENSE.**

FARMOGERM is easy to use, requiring no special knowledge, no previous experience, no special implements, but always ready to apply. The cost is less than commercial fertilizer and far greater and more lasting. Try it and see for yourself.

**PRICES OF FARMOGERM**  
 Garden size (1-4 acre) \$0.50. Trial size (1 acre) \$2.00. Small farm size (5 acres) \$6.00. Farm size (case units), 50 acres, \$55.00. Extra farm size (case units) 100 acres, \$100.00. Sent anywhere upon receipt of price, prepaid. Name the kind of crop you wish to plant with order, as there is a special preparation for each kind of legume. Better order what you want today and have it on hand when needed for planting, thus avoiding any delay. Full instructions with order. You are sure to lose if you fail to use Farmogerm. Money back if not as represented. Literature full of testimonials free. Referen. cas. thousands of satisfied clients. Address

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 If you cannot get what seeds you wish, write us and we may be able to supply you at reasonable rates.

**Feed Your Plants Properly and You Will Farm Profitably**

## 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
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Some Congressmen actually believe that their constituents will have their feelings ruffled unless the "free" distribution of garden seeds and of political speeches is religiously attended to. As a matter of fact, we believe that every thinking voter receives such stuff merely as reminders that the Congressmen whom he has elected are helping to waste the Government's money, and that not one in a hundred really appreciates the seeds or the literature.

Such a practice is wasteful, and waste should be eliminated.—Brownwood Bulletin.

It is an extravagant waste of money that the intelligent tax payers of the United States should protest against. The United States government should go out of the seed purchasing business, as far as supplying public officials with seed for campaign purposes count. The agricultural department is no doubt doing a good work in co-operating with the farmer by supplying pure seed and introducing new crops from time to time, but the campaign thunder sent out in the form of garden and flower seed by our congressman makes a big leak in the treasury. The cost of the seed, the package and the expense of transporting them to the millions of voters, could serve a better purpose if appropriated for building good roads.

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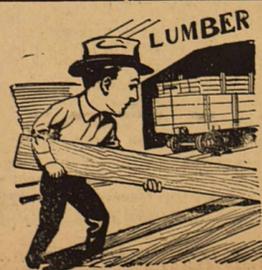
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# "GRAFT"

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Serialization by HUGH WEIR and JOE BRANDT  
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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 dictaphone 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. Tom, Ben Travers and Stevens go after the railroad monopoly. An attempt is made to wreck the special train on which Tom and Ben travel. Dorothy escapes from the conspirators and, with Kitty Rockefeller, gets on the special. When Kitty is saved by Tom and Ben the railroad president declares he'll help expose the grafters.

#### SEVENTH EPISODE

### America Saved From War

By Mrs. WILSON WOODROW  
Author of "The Black Pearl," "Sally Salt" and "The Silver Butterfly"

**B**RUCE LARNIGAN, slowly recovering from the effects of the adventure on the wheat schooner that had so nearly cost him his life, began to take a more active interest in the war of extermination against "The Fifteen," the Graft Syndicate that had murdered his father. During his illness his brother Tom, who had been his rescuer, had pursued the work Bruce had sworn to finish, but Tom, willing as he was, was limited in his power.

"As district attorney here, Tom," he said as he lay in bed, "I was hampered by the limits of my authority. My jurisdiction didn't go beyond my own county, you see. At the same time I hated to give up my official position, and I would never have done it if I hadn't had something in mind that would take its place."

"What was that?" asked Tom.

"An authority that has no limits—that gives me equally great powers in New York and Seattle, Florida and Dakota! The authority of a state, even, is limited—the authority of the Federal government is not."

"Oh!" said Tom, startled. "You'd been fussing with Washington?"

"Decidedly so! It was all arranged and would have gone through long ago if I hadn't been hurt. I was to be made a special investigator or examiner, with the secret service fund and the secret service itself at my disposal. You see, I had gone into the whole business very fully with the President, and he agreed with me that the criminal operations of these great trusts constituted a terrible menace to the country. So I have arranged for you to receive the appointment that would have gone to me. You will have the official paper to-morrow—and your first task is to see what is being done by J. Brooks Carney."

"The head of the munitions trust?"

"Exactly. At Washington they are convinced that he is determined to drag this country into the European war. You can imagine what that would mean to his trust—orders of a tremendous importance."

"I'll do my best to scuttle him, Bruce! Now that I've got you within reach, I want to hold conversation with you when it's necessary to get your advice. I'm much less afraid of the rotten crew than I was!"

Bruce and Tom had hoped to keep Tom's appointment to the Federal service a secret, but they had known, too, that the Graft Syndicate was so well served by spies that there was little chance of success in this. And so it proved, for Carney himself, the man immediately affected, knew of the facts almost as soon as Tom himself. He went at once to Stanford Stone, the real head of the Fifteen—although neither Bruce nor Tom was aware of Stone's connection with the enemy.

"Here's bad news," said Carney, when he had told Stone. "It seems to me it's more imperative than ever that we should get rid of this man Larnigan. He was bad enough before—you can guess how dangerous he will be with the whole power of the Federal government behind him!"

"Yes," said Stone, frowning. "And he should be kept out of the way especially just now—since it would be a frightful thing if our present plan were revealed! That would be a blow from which we'd find it almost impossible to recover."

"You mean our plan to blow up the interned warship?"

"Exactly! You know, Carney, how important it is that we should get into this war."

"And war means orders that would bring us a prosperity such as the world has never seen," said Carney. "There's only one thing—I don't trust this man Bean."

"We'll have Dunn watch him. Dunn has fallen down pretty badly against the Larnigan brothers, but I have found him useful enough in the past."

The conspiracy was widespread. Roger Maxwell, the head of the insurance trust and the father of Dorothy Maxwell, the girl whom both Bruce Larnigan and Stanford Stone loved, was concerned in it—not so much because he was likely to be of use as because Stone in order to increase his hold on Dorothy saw to it that Maxwell should be involved in every disgraceful undertaking of the syndicate. And it chanced that Dorothy overheard part of the talk of the plan for the destruction of the warship. With Dorothy at the time as her guest was Kitty Rockefeller, the daughter of the railway magnate, whom Tom and his friend, Ben Travers, had won from his allegiance to Stone.

"Kitty," said Dorothy, "we've got to interfere here. Your friend, Tom Larnigan, is in danger!"

"Oh!" said Kitty. "Do you really think there's any danger?"

"I do. And I've an idea as to how we can make sure too. I told you about my experience with Dunn? He has an office, you know. I think I can contrive a note that will get you work there as a stenographer. If you find anything out write a note and drop it from the window. I will be watching below and will get it. Are you game?"

"Yes. I'm a good enough stenographer to pass muster. I took a course once just for fun."

There had proved to be no difficulty about getting Kitty into Dunn's office. And at last Kitty heard something that sounded important. By listening in she discovered that a certain telephone call for Dunn was from Stanford Stone, and she managed to overhear Dunn's end of the conversation, though it proved impossible to hear what Stone said.

"The best chance is 63 Pell street—hop joint," was what Dunn said. Kitty could not guess the meaning of this. But she wrote down what she



"The best place is 63 Pell street—hop joint," Dunn said.

had heard and dropped the note to Dorothy. Dorothy was also mystified, but she decided to take a chance and sent an unsigned note to Tom advising him to see what there was to be discovered at the hop joint at the address given by Dunn.

What Dunn had actually told Stone was the address of the place where Bill Bean, the eccentric and half mad inventor, was usually to be found. It was a hang out of his, it was explained.

Stone and Carney meanwhile had seen Bean and concluded certain arrangements with him. He had invented a wireless transmitter of extraordinary power, so dimmutive that it was capable of being carried in a waistcoat pocket.

"It looks good to me," said Stone when Bean at Carney's request had explained the principle of his invention. "I think it's safe to try it out to-night, Carney."

"You understand?" asked Carney. "We want you to give us a convincing demonstration. If it is satisfactory we stand prepared to pay you \$200,000 in yearly installments of \$50,000 for the rights to your invention."

"I'd do anything for that," said the Bean.

"Then give me two of your prepared magnets," said Carney, "and tonight at 8 o'clock go to a certain dock—I have written down the location for you—and set your current to work."

"Why at the dock?" asked Bean.

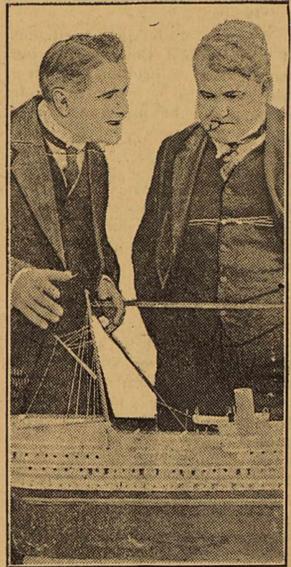
"I could do it from here."

"Because you are to wait for a signal; something might go wrong with our plans. From the dock you will see a small boat. Three flashes of an electric torch will tell you to go ahead."

"All right," said Bean.

Carney believed in doing things himself; he took no chances with helpers who might fall him. Therefore he prepared two packages of explosives with a good deal of care, attaching to their fulminating caps by means of a fine wire the magnets Bean had given him. One of these packages he left with Mrs. Larnigan, Bruce's mother. He understood that Tom was to return home a little before 8 o'clock and asked her to give him the package as soon as he returned. This, entirely unsuspecting, she promised to do. The other package Carney meant to fasten to the stern of the interned warship as she lay at her anchorage.

Bean had obtained some money in advance upon his promise neither to drink nor to visit a hop joint until he had completed his work. But he could not resist the temptation, and by the



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merest chance he went to his favorite resort, the one to which Tom had been advised to go.

Once in the joint, Bean grew boastful and displayed his money. This was too much for the other habitués of the place, and in a moment they fell upon him, meaning to rob him and if necessary kill him. It was in the midst of this struggle that Tom appeared. On general principles he went to Bean's aid, and it proved easy for him to beat off the drug weakened wretches who were attacking Bean.

Filled with gratitude, Bean left the place with Tom. And to show his gratitude Bean took Tom home with him and showed him his invention.

"I'll make you my assistant," he declared grandiloquently, and Tom, laughing, accepted the offer.

"We've got a big job on tonight," said Bean importantly. "You stick by me. Come on. It's time we were starting."

On the way, despite Tom's protests and quite forgetting his promises, Bean insisted on making numerous stops at saloons. He grew more and more exhilarated, and at last he sent by messenger a note to Stanford Stone. Tom did not know of this. He would have given much, had he done so, to read the note, which ran:

"I'm on my way to the dock. No chance of my getting drunk. I've hired a new assistant to look after me, a bully fellow called Tom Larnigan."

Stone was almost frantic when he read this note. Carney was already on his way to do his part of the work. There was no way of getting in touch with him. And so he got Dunn on the telephone, urging him excitedly to send men to kill Tom Larnigan at the dock where he was to be with Bean.

"Get Tom Larnigan!" he cried. "Have him killed. Do whatever is necessary. Take any risk—but get him."

Meanwhile Tom and Bean had reached the dock, and now Tom plied Bean with questions, judging that Bean would be willing in his drunken state to tell the truth. This proved to be the case, and Tom, filled with horror, learned of the dreadful plot.

Tom thought fast. And he made a sudden lunge for Bean. In the struggle, with Bean resisting, the crazy inventor's hands were forced together. And at once out in the river there was a blinding flash—a terrific explosion. Carney in his boat, carrying the explosives, had been blown to pieces. The death he had planned for others had come to him.

And just then, too, the men from Dunn's office appeared, attacked Tom and flung him into the water. But Dorothy Maxwell had arrived, too, having been warned by Kitty Rockefeller, and she sprang over to his rescue, while Ben Travers held off the miscreants who would have tried to stop her.

So the situation was saved, and the country was spared from the war into which Stone and Carney would have plunged it.

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### EGG RECEIPTS FOR WEEK FIGURE \$5000

Ballinger's egg output for last week amounted to two car loads with a half car left on hand to begin with for the present week. E. A. Jeanes & Co., shipped the second car for the week last Saturday. Both car loads were consigned to New York.

This shipment of eggs represented more than \$5000 cash, this amount being distributed among the poultry growers of this territory. The eggs do not represent an accumulation of more than one week, as weekly shipments are being made in car lots. This was the heaviest week for the present season, but it is expected that a big increase will be shown within the next two or three weeks, and two cars each week will be common for the months of March, and April.

The local dealers will ship at least two cars this week, as they have on hand one-half car to begin with.



W. J. Gardner, one of the prominent citizens of the Winters country, came in Tuesday to bring the election returns from the Baldwin voting precinct, and to look after business affairs in Ballinger between trains.

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## \$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

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**DEAD MAN'S FRIENDS  
ISSUE A STATEMENT**

The fact that the auto struck by a passenger train west of Ballinger about one week ago contained a number of bottles of beer and whiskey, caused the report to be circulated that the men were drunk or drinking. The Ledger did not say the men were drunk, or either drinking. In fact we made no mention of the fact that a quantity of beer and whiskey was in the car when the train struck it, and had nothing to do with circulating the report, but at the request of the friends and family of J. E. Wild, who was killed in the accident, we publish the following, which was received by County Attorney Shepherd this morning:

To The Citizens of Runnels County:

We, the undersigned citizens of Shackelford County, having learned that a prohibition election is soon to be held in your county, and having known and been closely associated with Mr. J. E. Wild, who was killed in the horrible accident in your county a few days ago, and having also learned that statements are being made by some of your citizens to the effect that the awful accident would not have happened had it not been for intoxicating liquor, herewith make the following statement.

That we resent with all possible force any such statement or any other statement that tends to reflect on the good character or reputation of Mr. Wild, and we unqualifiedly state that we absolutely know that Mr. Wilde is not a drinking man, we have known him for many years, and have had every occasion to observe his many worth and sterling qualities, and such statement, above referred to, whether made intentionally or otherwise are false in every particular, all of which we are ready to verify.

Mr. Wild was one of our most substantial citizens, always SOBER under all circumstances. He was one of our best grand jurors, one of our best petit jurors, absolutely law abiding and law enforcing, took an active interest in the welfare of everything pertaining to good and was always found on the right side of justice and right.

This statement is not made for the purpose of influencing the election to be held in your county, and we ask you not to consider the same for any political purpose, but is made to disabuse your mind of a wrongful impression that has been made either designedly or in the heat of argument and we denounce the same as untrue.

No living man who knew Mr. Wild will state otherwise than the above and this citizenship resents with all possible force any such statements.

- Respectfully submitted,
- J. A. King, county judge, Shackelford county, Texas.
  - W. M. Bigg, sheriff of Shackelford county, Texas.
  - R. S. Long, country and district clerk of Shackelford county, Tex.
  - Richard Dyess, tax assessor, Shackelford county, Texas.
  - W. L. Manning, Justice of the peace of Shackelford county Tex.
  - M. D. Bray, president Moran State Bank.
  - Jim Cottle, active vice-president, Moran State Bank.
  - T. E. Waters, lease department Producers Oil Co.
  - Joseph Merkt, supt. The Texas Co., Natl. gas department.
  - C. L. Pardee, foreman Gulf Prod. Co.
  - W. F. Jones, Mgr. Dean-Jones Drug Co.
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  - A. G. Gray, Merchant.
  - E. R. Mohon, Prop water works
  - T. L. Terry, Groceryman.
  - J. W. Freeman, Merchant.
  - M. P. Martin, Druggist.
  - J. L. Pullman, Hotel man.
  - J. J. Pettus, Merchant.
  - John L. Arp, News dealer.
  - F. R. Hubbard, Moran Lumber Company.
  - R. W. Harris, county commissioner.
  - R. H. Townsend, General merchandise.
  - J. T. Keen, Merchant.
  - R. N. Adair, Modern Barber Shop.
  - J. C. Rento, Merchant.
  - Walter L. Morris, former district attorney.
  - Alex Spears, farmer.

- Joe B. Matthews, Stockman.
- W. L. Hill, Stockman.
- J. M. Wood, Abstractor.
- Geo. R. Conrad, Auto agent.
- W. J. Dodson
- J. H. Reynolds, cowman.
- Paul Baker, Editor Albany News.
- W. G. Webb, Cashier Albany National Bank.
- E. C. Ratto, Driller.
- F. B. Cloud, Lumberman.
- Jno. F. Sedwick, Merchant.
- Proctor K. Clarke, County surveyor, Shackelford county.
- W. J. Hatcher, Salesman.

**MUD CREEK RABBIT HUNT.**

The rabbit hunt Wednesday, which began at the Elkins farm and worked through the Wood & Wright pasture, was well attended and a splendid dinner was served at the noon hour by the citizens of that neighborhood.

Lute Mangum was reported the champion of the day with 41 scalps to his credit and Malcomb McGregor a close second with 40 killed. Quite a number of the hunters got 25 to their credit and all told it was estimated about 800 rabbits were killed. The rabbits were more plentiful in that section than any section visited this season and it was agreed to have another hunt near the same territory very soon.

F. W. Greber, of Brownwood, was looking after the business interests of the West Texas Telephone Co., in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holliday and baby, came in from Artesia, New Mexico, Wednesday and will make Runnels county their home again.

**DOUBLE PRIMARY  
JUST AND RIGHT**

Mr. Editor:

In yesterday's paper you published an interview with Mr. W. C. Penn, in which Mr. Penn says he said nothing while the subject of a double primary was being discussed, but that he was opposed to it two years ago, and is still opposed to it.

Mr. Penn and I have been partners in business for five (5) years and in our business relations we are the happiest little family in town, but when it comes to religion, politics, and prohibition, we are not together at all. I have favored a double primary ever since I came to this county, and advocated it openly two years ago, and when the Executive Committee met a few days ago I went before them and discussed it because I know it is Democratic, just and right.

Why is it right?  
1. Because it gives the majority of the voters of Runnels County the right to say who should hold our offices.

2. It assures every man in the county, though he may live on the East, West, North, or South line a fair and square deal if he is fortunate enough to be one of the two high men in the race.

Why raise and educate our boys, and tell them all along that they have the same rights as a citizen and an equal chance with any other boy to hold the best offices we have, when we know under the present system of electing officers, we are not telling the truth? I had a man to tell me yesterday that if we would just shut up on this subject certain men that are friends of mine had a better chance to be elected. I am for no man except by a majority vote, and according to my way of thinking that is "fine politics," and a kind of politics that I shall never approve of.  
Mr. Penn says that he believes

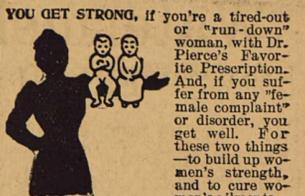
that any of the men offering for office are qualified, and will make good officers if elected. I heartily agree with him, and I will say that Mr. Penn occupies the same position politically as that of every other good citizen of the county. He is not seeking office for himself, or any set of men, and his objections to a double primary are just as he states them. He says he is opposed to putting an extra expense of holding the election on the candidates, but he forgot to tell you that the two Ballinger boxes had been arranged for free of charge; some of the Committeemen told me they were sure it could be arranged nearly all over the county. When he says that the people wont turn out and vote in the second primary, that is just another one of Mr. Penn's mistaken ideas. If we have the second primary you will see the largest vote polled this county has ever had. I hope we people over the county will just forget for a moment that we have any candidates, and think this matter over from a stand point of what is just and right.

Yours truly,  
W. B. RAY.

J. L. Schooler, of San Saba, who had been here at the bedside of his father H. R. Schooler, left for his home Thursday morning and we are glad to learn that Mr. Schooler was improving when he left here.

**Tomato Plants.**  
We have a good variety of healthy tomato plants ready for transplanting. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 9-1tw4td

**Italian Band.**  
The music at the Ballinger Club rooms Tuesday night was a grand success and the following composed the Troubadours Concert Co., Laska Elroy, singer and leader; James Eagle, flutist; Robert Matsie, harpist; Frank Cavello, and Rocco Eagle, Jr., violinist. The music was classic and was greatly enjoyed by all present.



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**WILL PLANT GRAIN  
LAND IN COTTON**

C. A. Doose received a half car load of pure Mebane cotton seed direct from the Mebane farm at Lockhart, this week and will use the seed for planting a big cotton crop at the proper time.

Mr. Doose has about fifteen hundred acres of land in cultivation. He planted about one-third of this in grain, and he reports that most of the grain is dead and he expects to plant cotton where the grain was planted, and this will be grain was planted and this will be for cotton acreage.

On account of the drouth and the failure of the grain crop which is now admitted, it is expected that an unusually heavy cotton acreage will result. In most cases farmers have the land in good shape, and with good season about planting time, the crop will be started under the most favorable circumstances. The failure of the grain crop will also call for a larger acreage in other feed crops.

**WILL OPEN WEST  
TEXAS SULPHUR BEDS**

Big sulphur mines will be opened in the Toyah district within the next sixty days by F. M. Fuller of Shreveport, according to information at the office of P. B. Rodgers, immigration agent of the Texas & Pacific. Fuller, who for years has been interested in the Caddo oil fields, has bought 800 acres of sulphur land located forty miles north of Toyah, and is now in the market for automobile trucks and trailers to be used in the transportation of the mined sulphur to the railroad.

The European war has created a big demand for sulphur, which is used in the making of explosives. The land which Fuller has bought is covered with sulphur at an average depth of sixteen feet, and will permit surface mining. Fuller will operate on his own capital.

Fuller believes he can mine the sulphur and deliver it at the railroad at less than half the cost of the famous Lake Charles, Louisiana mines, the biggest in the world, where under ground operations are necessary.

A Dallas firm has recently bought eighty acres of sulphur land north of Toyah and is preparing to begin operations.

The sulphur mines of West Texas have never been worked. One of the strongest sulphur wells in Western Texas is located on the Concho river at Bakirk, about twenty miles south of Ballinger. There is every indication of a sulphur deposit here and with an increased demand for sulphur it is probable that some day in the not far distant future the fields in this section will be developed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Cathey, of Wingate, came in Wednesday to be at the bedside of his father at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford, and we are sorry to report the old gentleman very low and not expected to live much longer.

Dr. E. C. Baskin says with reference to the second primary spoken about, thinks the candidates should be the ones to decide as to the second primary as they will be the ones to stand the heavy expense, and thinks the precinct chairmen should consult them with reference to the matter and be governed by their wishes.

Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, was looking after legal business and greeting friends in Ballinger Wednesday.

**THE RIVAL LOVERS CLASH IN  
The Strange Case of  
MARY PAGE**

Philip Langdon, who loves Mary and defends her, and James Pollock, who loves Mary and pursues her. They are both involved in



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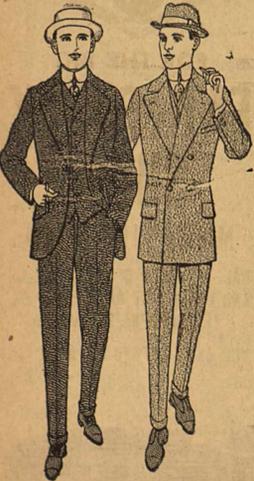
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**THE MEN'S FURNISHINGS**—This department has received its share of the attention, and is full of choice furnishings, which have quality, with style, such as the young man wants, also styles for which the older man cares.

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Below we list a few of the styles in this department. There's others also of the cheaper kinds, which are real values.

**EXTRA SMOOTH** weaves in stripes, plaids, checks, and solid colors, fast colors and desirable patterns for children's school dresses, priced at 10c

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**IMPORTED FRENCH ZEPHYRS**—Beautiful stripes and small plaids, extra widths, fast colors, smooth weaves for high-grade wash dresses, priced at 25c

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This department is full of the new weaves for dresses, waists and separate skirts, both in white and colored fabrics:

**WHITE PIQUE**—A narrow welt of medium weight, bleached pure white, for ladies' suits, skirts and children's dresses, extra good this season, price 10c

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## Ladies' Low Shoes

Perfect fitting styles, made on the proper lasts, which are true and dressy, and have the wear. We fit shoes properly.

**Sport Oxfords**—for the growing misses, sizes 3 to 6, a medium toe, low flat heel, 6 eyelet, white rubber sole and heel made of white canvas with piping of black, priced at \$1.75

**Patent Baby Doll**—Sizes 2 1-2 to 7, a big misses style, one inch flat heel flexible soles, ankle strap patent colt vamp with bound edges a specially good shoe for \$2.50

**Two Strap Patent**—A neat dressy style with medium toe, two inch concave heel, very flexible soles, one inch Grosgrain silk bow, a shoe with style and service priced at \$2.50

**Ten Strap Slipper**—Choice selected patent colt with flexible hand turned soles 2 1-2 Louis leather heels, 4 button style, white kid lined, priced at \$4.00

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**Getting Ready**—to embark in this new department as soon as completed. The merchandise is beginning to arrive and is being put in shape, which will be ready for your approval in a short time.

**Our First Season**—every item will be absolutely new, there will be no left overs, no has beens, to be shown you when you enter this new department, every item brand new.

**Our Prices**—They will be reasonable, consistent, with the quality of the merchandise offered.

**The Styles**—they're new, every one of them coming from the place where style and quality count for something—watch for later announcements.

## Men's Low Shoes

Dress shoes or work shoes, you can find just the shoe in this complete stock, which will fit, and give service. We fit shoes properly.

**Glaze Kid Oxford**—A neat shoe that has a quantity of style, medium full toe, swing last, flat heel, medium heavy sole, full kid lined back, priced at \$2.50

**High Toe Gun Metal**—A 4 button style of full swing last, medium heel, English welt soles of medium weight, shoe of service, coupled with style, priced at \$3.00

**Nu Brown Oxfords**—a dark tan, made of selected willow calf stock, 4 button style, medium high toe with slight swing, Good-year welted soles, nothing better for service, priced at \$3.50

**Cushion Soles**—extra quality selected vici kid, Blucher style, 5 hole lace, extra weight, single Goodyear cushion soles, full rubber non-slip heels, they've comfort from the start, priced at \$5.00

## Shirts

Full cut roomy shirts, which fit right, feel right and wear right, are the kinds that are offered.

**GABERDINE SHIRTS**—The new weaves, in fancy stripe effects, detachable collars, soft cuffs, coat style, all at a popular price \$1.00

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## Underwear

The items listed below are only a small portion of the many good things in stock. The stock is complete at the right prices.

**BLEACHED VESTS**—made on the kant-slip style, full cut, taped neck and arms, bleached pure white, flat weave, an extra ordinary grade to sell for 10c

**WHITE LISLE VESTS**—extra well finished, silk taped neck and arms, cut very full and extra elastic, all sizes, a good quality, priced at 25c

**BLEACHED UNIONS**—a flat weave which is very elastic, taped arms and neck, lace trimmed bottoms, a good grade at a splendidly low price of 25c

**BLEACHED UNIONS**—standard cut, made of white lisle, taped neck and arms, a good quality torchon lace used on bottoms, the price is 50c

## Children's Low Shoes

Shoes made for growing feet, on the proper foot form lasts, and the quality will give you satisfaction. We fit shoes properly.

Size 5 to 8—children's ankle strap, real foot form last with wide toe for growing feet, very flexible soles, 2 lift leather heels, all patent vamp and back, a dressy shoe priced at \$1.25

Size 8 1-2 to 12—children's Mary Jane last, a patent colt from heel to toe, ankle strap, low 1-2 inch heel, flexible soles, kid back lining, a shoe that will wear, priced at \$1.65

Size 12 to 2—a dressy cross-strap style for the misses, medium full toes, very flexible soles, 3-4 inch flat leather heels, patent colt vamps, a dress style of merit, priced at \$1.75

Size 2 1-2 to 6—the growing big misses style, made on a close fitting last, that is very trim, light flexible soles, 1 inch leather heels, ankle strap, kid back lining, black jet ornament, the price \$2.50

## Furnishings

This department is full of real good merchandise such as you want, and the prices are right.

**MEN'S BELTS**—black and tan tubular belts with real oxidized non tarnish buckles, a neat belt of good style, priced at 50c

**MEN'S GARTERS**—Boston lisle, the one with the rubber grip. The double grip Paris. All colors in webbing, priced at 25c

**MEN'S TIES**—a wide selection of the good styles made of real pin proof silks, new colorings, full 48 inch length, priced at 50c

## Hosiery

From the cheapest cotton hose to the high grade silks, a wide range of qualities to suit every purse

**MISSIS' HOSE**—all sizes 5 to 10, a brilliant black in two thread ribbed, finished tops, spliced heel and toe, long uppers, standard sizes, the price 10c

**BRILLIANT LISLE**—a misses' fine gauze hose in black and red, long staple cotton heel and toes, spliced without seams, a good weave priced at 25c

**LADIES' HOSE**—a fast black with a brilliant finish, very elastic garter top, full fashioned uppers, without seams, priced at 25c

**RESPLENDANT LISLE**—a permanent lustre finish which is jet black, 5 inch garter tops, full fashioned tops, priced at 50c

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## COUNTING SCHOOL CHILDREN BIG TASK

The annual scholastic census of Texas is now being made, and under the change in the law the work starts a month earlier this year than heretofore, and must be completed not later than June first.

In the Ballinger district E. D. Futch is taking the census—counting the school children, getting the name of each one in the district, their age, sex, color, etc., and also the name of their parents. Its no small job, and especially when the enumerator runs up against a snag and is compelled to call on the county attorney, the president, or some other man with authority to help him out.

Mr. Futch had only been at work one day when he ran into a number of families who claimed that they were only here temporarily, and did not care to give in their children. There were about twenty children in the bunch, and at so much per head would have added considerably to the Ballinger school fund when the state board passed on the count and made its apportionment, all of which this district is entitled to, as there will be some other children come in after the count is made, and for whom the local board will receive no credit. It makes no difference where you will be when the next term of school begins you should be kind enough to this district to give in

your children, if you are here now.

There are about 800 independent school districts in Texas and when the common districts are added to this number it requires about 10,000 enumerators to take the school census of the state. The increased age amendment is now in force and the scholastic age will make a big increase in the scholastic population of the state. It has been estimated that at least a million increase will be shown, the last scholastic report showing 1,130,000.

For the Ballinger district there will be a considerable increase. The last count figured something over 900, and it is expected that the 1916 count will go above the 1000 mark.

## 3-YEAR-OLD BABY SWALLOWS BUTTON

(Brownwood Bulletin)  
Little James Henley, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Henley, early last night swallowed a large pearl coat button and was taken to Fort Worth for surgical treatment. A message from Mrs. Henley today states that the attending physicians believe no serious results will occur. The button was about the size of a five-cent piece, and was rather sharp at the edge. An X-Ray examination last night before the baby was taken to Fort Worth showed that the button had lodged in what is called "the peninsula," that portion of the throat just above the junction of the collar bones. In

the X-Ray picture the button showed as clear as if it were lying in one's hand. Fearing that death might result unless the obstruction in the throat were removed, Mr. and Mrs. Henley left at 11:30 for Fort Worth, and early this morning placed little James under the care of surgeons.

Efforts to remove the button failed, and it was finally, forced down into the stomach. It is possible that it may be passed without difficulty, but if not it will probably be necessary to operate and remove it in that way.

Little James Henley is three years old, and is an exceptionally intelligent little fellow, of a very bright and cheerful disposition. Last night he complained of no pain, and appeared to enjoy the novelty of being in a dangerous condition.

James Henley, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Henley, who swallowed a large pearl button a few days ago, is not now in any danger as a result of the accident, since the partially dissolved button has been passed out of the intestines.—Brownwood Bulletin.

## STEEL HEADS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRING

(By United Press)  
YOUNGSTOWN, Pa., March 8.—Judge Gary, president of the United States Steel Corporation and the heads of six large steel companies have been indicted by the county grand jury charged with violating the Ohio antitrust law and conspiring to keep down wages for common laborers.

## CONGRESS BACKS WILSON BY VOTE OF 256 TO 160

WASHINGTON, March 7.—After a four hours debate on the McLeMores resolution in the House this morning and following one of the most tumultuous sessions in years Congress went on record in the armed merchantmen issue by standing squarely behind President Wilson and voted down the resolution.

The first test resulted in a victory for the views of the Wilson administration by a vote of 256 to 160. By this the House refused to permit the amendment to McLeMores resolution. The rule to bring up the resolution carried by a vote of 271 to 138.

Texas Democrats who voted for the amendment were Buchanan, Callaway, Davis, McLeMores and Slayden.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The New York Morning World published this morning a copyrighted story and copies of letters received from various sources alleging that the Gore and McLeMores resolutions are being backed by the National German-American Alliance.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 8.—Niagara Falls suffered a severe shock and shaking up, and a large part of the huge plant of the Niagara Falls Electro-Chemical Co., was destroyed in a second series of explosions this morning. The first explosion occurred at midnight which started a fire that is still burning and destroying millions of

dollars worth of property. The plants destroyed were operating on full time filling large war contracts, and it is the opinion of the owners of the plants and the officers that the explosion were caused by incendiaries.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Germany in a memorandum to the State Department received today says that the armed merchantmen decree was necessitated by numerous violations of the International law by the allies. The note makes special charge against England for violating the International law and being responsible for Germany issuing more stringent submarine orders.

LONDON, March 7.—Amsterdam sends message to the British government today reporting that twenty-five German warships are steaming northward in the North Sea. The report says that Prince Henry, brother of the Kaiser, has been given command of the German fleet for a dash on the North Sea and it is believed that a big naval battle will be fought.

**BUYS CITY PROPERTY.**  
The deal was closed Wednesday in which Judge J. W. Powell bought from E. M. Haglestein, of San Angelo lots eight and nine, in block 23, for a cash consideration of \$500.

Mrs. Joe Mitchell and baby and her brother Mr. Dunn of Wingate, were visiting friends and shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

## OPPOSES DOUBLE PRIMARY

When Judge M. C. Smith was interviewed with reference to a second Democratic primary he said, "I am emphatically opposed to it, and I am a prohibitionist, I did my humble part in keeping saloons out of Ballinger, but am now in favor of letting the subject drop, as I feel that the large vote cast last Saturday for prohibition settles the question for all time to come as far as Runnels county is concerned, and further I will say I have never allowed my prohibition sentiments enter into my vote for county officers, and I vote for anti or pro without distinction when qualifications and other things being equal. There is no need in our county for the second primary as there is no strong political foe to fight, and all the candidates I see are democrats and so accepted by the democratic party of the county, and as to qualifications I dare say any one of them is qualified to fill the office to which they aspire.

"The election has been accepted in good spirit by all, there is no bitterness among our people, then why fan the flames of dissension, create and foster spirit of bitterness and hatred. "We should now turn attention to the study of questions for the uplift of all the people and for good of our county and state. "President Wilson is not a majority president, yet I am sure he is acceptable to all Democrats and is making us a splendid president. "We must not take any action tending to divide our citizens, but all work in harmony together."

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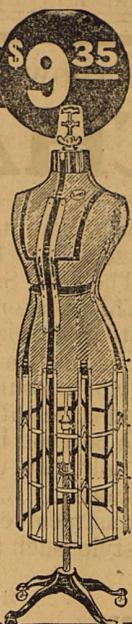
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**When will the Tax Payers of Ballinger Wake Up?**

With all due respect to the mayor of Ballinger and the board of aldermen and without criticising any of their official acts, we must say that the tax payers of Ballinger are not awake to their own interest and to the best interests of the city.

The city government is a corporation with a capital stock of at least \$60,000. The tax payers of the city are the stockholders. What is your dividend, Mr. Stockholder? What would your stock be worth today if all the indebtedness against it was paid? Don't you think that any business with an investment of \$60,000 should be managed in a business way, and by a man, or men who can devote their entire time to the business and be held strictly responsible for its failure or success? To be frank, would you invest your money in any enterprise knowing that it would be handled along the same lines that our city government is handled?

As stated above, we have no criticism to offer the men in charge of our city government, but we believe that a majority of the citizens of this city will agree with us that there are better ways for carrying on the city's business. Perhaps the men now in charge would accomplish as much as any one else, if modern business methods were adopted, and business principles made to apply in every department of our city government.

We believe that the city of Ballinger should own the sewer system and the light and power plant. The city should own such public utilities because the city must have light, and the light and power plant could be operated in connection with the water plant in such a way as to save thousands of dollars annually. At present the city is paying out cash for street lights when the power for such lights could be generated by the city at a much less cost.

The sewer system does not extend to every part of the city, and is not patronized as it should be all because it is owned by a private company, and the city will not force connections, thus hampering our city from a sanitary point. If the city's water system is a success, and every one will admit that it is, even under our present method of management, why would not the light and power plant, and the sewer system be a greater success, if owned by the city and operated under the direction of men paid to deliver the goods, and held accountable for same?

The commission form of city government is the solution of the problem, and the people should wake up and co-operate in bringing about a change that will put the city on a cash basis, and in a short time give to the consumers a cheaper rate. What has been accomplished at other places, we know can be accomplished at Ballinger, and more, because no people are more progressive than Ballinger people when they determine to carry out plans for the upbuilding of the city.

Wherever commission form of government has been given a thorough and fair trial, free from political entanglement, it has proven a great success, and we need to go no further from home than to our neighbor Coleman. In a recent issue of the Coleman Democrat we learn the following facts:

"It is known, of course, that our city now operates under the Commission form of government, managed by a city commission, composed of a mayor and two city commissioners. Prior to the 9th day of March 1914, our city operated under the general law whereby a mayor was elected and an alderman for each ward; also a city marshal and a city secretary. The change in the form of government took place on the 9th day of March 1914, and there were elected at that election, the present mayor, Mr. R. E. L. Zimmerman, and two commissioners, to-wit: H. R. Starkweather, and H. J. O'Hair, three good substantial citizens. They took charge of the city affairs on the 15th day of April, 1914, and at that time the following conditions existed:

"1.—The city owned its own water and light system.  
"2.—The city owned the lake of water southeast of town.  
"3.—The streets were not in good condition, needing grading and repair.

"In less than two years the present commission has graded and graveled more streets than had ever been done before in any five years. It has built splendid roads to the city limits, at the north, east, west and south of the city, and it has made a splendid road at the city's lake and has so raised the dam at the lake as to make it secure.

"It has put up a brick fire proof pump house in place of the old wooden one, which stood for so long east of the city and which was not substantial, and it has cleared our streets of rocks, tin cans and trash. At the brick pump station it has made it look like a park instead of a dumping ground, and it has reduced the operating expenses of the city more than \$30 a month and without reducing the efficiency.

"The present city commission has reduced the insurance key rate from 63c upon the one hundred dollars insurance to 44 cents and will, so I understand, secure a further reduction about May 1st, at which time the city expects to have the new auto fire engine, which was recently purchased, and in this connection it might be well to say that recently the city has purchased a lot east of the O. B. Maines' property and will there erect an engine house, and will have a man to take charge of same and be on hand at all times to operate the fire engine and thus give us one of the best equipped fire departments of any town in all West Texas.

"The commission has paid out of the water and light fund, above operating expenses, for new water mains, meters, and extensions, for pump house, raising the dam, building the lake road and transferred \$2,000.00 (approximately) to the street fund, over six thousand dollars, besides paying all operating expenses. It has reduced the electric light rate and the taxes have not been raised; and have taken the water and light plant out of debt and now, after having paid for the above improvements and the transfer of the \$2,000 to the street fund, they have now on hand about \$9,000 in cash, all of which, it is apparent, in the result of the splendid management of the city commission of the water and light plants."

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C. W. Graves of Norton, W. F. Farmer and G. F. Crim of the Valley creek country, Brooks Dozier of Miles, H. C. Moten, of the Wingate country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

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**BOYS' AGRICULTURAL CLUB ENCAMPMENT**

The Boy's Agricultural Club Encampment School will be conducted by the Extension Department of the A. and M. College in co-operation with the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth on March 15-18, inclusive. The camp will be installed by the exposition on or near the exposition grounds and will consist of comfortable quarters. All members of the Boys' Agricultural Clubs organization organized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the A. and M. College of Texas are eligible to attend as delegates. All delegates will sleep and take their meals in camp. No charges will be made for delegates for meals and lodging. The camp will be guarded by day and by night by competent and trustworthy guards.

The encampment will be under the supervision of H. H. Williamson, who will be assisted by Messrs. C. C. French, G. W. Eudaly, H. E. Winters, and a committee from the Fort Worth Boy Scout organization. C. M. Evans of the Extension Department will have charge of the instruction.

Each delegate will be expected to bring for his personal use a sufficient number of quilts or blankets for cover, and at least two towels and a bar of soap.

The only necessary expense for a delegate will be his railroad fare and his meals while on the way. There will be no expense for meals and lodging while at the encampment. The round trip railroad fare will not likely be more than one and one-third straight fare. All club members in Runnels county who want to attend and all who want to join one of these agricultural clubs and attend should

notify A. E. Burges, secretary of the Business League at Ballinger that they may be designated as visiting the rural schools for the delegates. The secretary is now purpose of organizing such clubs, but if he has not yet visited your school and you want to join and attend, with him at Ballinger for instruction. All delegates should plan their trip so that they will arrive at the encampment grounds not later than 9 a. m. March 15.

The secretary of the Business League at Ballinger will furnish Runnels county delegates who apply to him with identification badges to wear while en route that they may be readily recognized by the reception committee upon arrival at Fort Worth. All trains will be met. The Fort Worth Boy Scouts will aid in meeting the trains. Delegates, in getting off trains, should watch for boys dressed in boy scout uniforms and wearing badges the same as theirs. They should not leave the waiting room at the station until they are located by this reception committee.

It is only a few days until the encampment and those desiring to attend, especially if it is necessary for them to join a club before hand, should write the secretary of the Ballinger League at once.

**Sign of Good Digestion.**

When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

A. E. Brunson, of the Dry Ridge neighborhood, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and renewed with the Banner-Ledger and the splendid clubbing offer.

**BALLINGER TEACHERS TO DO SUMMER WORK**

The summer schools to be held at the colleges in this state as well as the summer normals are drawing heavily on Ballinger for teachers, and to date four of the teachers in the Ballinger schools, including both the superintendent and principal of the schools, have been selected to do summer work.

Prof. W. S. Fleming will go to San Marcos as soon as the Ballinger schools close, where he will be for a two month's summer position in the normal at that place.

As mentioned in this paper several days ago, Prof. J. M. Skinner, principal of the Ballinger high school, will go to Abilene, where he has accepted a position as teacher of mathematics in the Simmons summer normal.

Prof. G. S. Craig, one of the teachers in the local high school, has accepted a position for a two months summer term in the Baylor University at Waco.

Prof. Phil C. Peters, principal of the Central ward school, has accepted a position to teach in the summer normal at San Angelo. The choosing of the Ballinger teachers to do summer work in the normals of the state speaks well for our local faculty.

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. 1885.  
(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.

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W. A. and B. F. Guin, J. P. Madox, R. L. Sides, Ernest Graves and M. E. Harrell, of the Hatchell country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday and the latter two gentlemen renewed with the Banner-Ledger.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McAdams and little son left Monday morning in their auto for Brownwood where they will make their future home. They have many friends in Ballinger, who regret to see them leave our city, but wish them success in their new home.

**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.



Economy—in low first cost and small cost to operate and maintain. Strength—ability to stand up under the hardest sort of use. Simplicity—a plain sturdy motor in a wonderfully strong and light car, easy for anyone to run and care for. The Ford car—your necessity. Touring Car \$440; Runabout \$390; Coupelet \$590; Town Car \$640; Sedan \$740 f. o. b. Detroit. On display and sale at

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**Bruises—Rheumatism—Neuralgia**

Mothers: "Keep a bottle in your home"

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

**NOTICE TO MELON GROWERS**

It will not be many weeks before planting time is here and the second joint order which will be sent off by the Produce Association lacks a number of pounds so far of being large enough to command the reduced rate of fifty cents per pound. Let all who intend to order do so now that there may be no further delay. It is said that a number of seed houses have already given out of melon seed and if we delay further

we may find that to be true with the house we are going to order from.

A. E. BURGESS,  
Secretary.

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. 25-4tw

Watch the Fords Go By.

**LOANS**

After a residence of some time in Oklahoma where thousands of dollars are placed on farms at 5% and 6 per cent, I have completed arrangements for placing loans in this locality and solicit your business. Rates the lowest, cost the least and service the quickest.

**L. K. SMITH,** Temporary Address  
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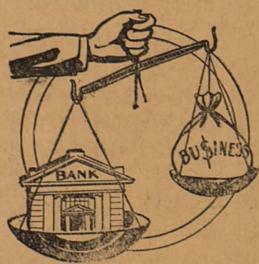
*put their money in the bank where it is safe from fire, burglars and their own temptation to spend it.*

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.

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"The Old Reliable"



**The Weight of Your Business**

will be lightened if you will let us assume the care of your money while you do the making. The bank can lighten your cares in many other ways, too. Look after your collections, pay your notes when due, etc. We consider we are help a business man in every way possible.

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

Ballinger, Texas

**WHOLESALE CHECK FORGER CAUGHT**

Mount Pleasant, March 4. Sheriff Perkins, Ballinger, Texas. Sam Turner in jail. Come get him.

The above telegram brought good news to Sheriff Perkins about ten o'clock Saturday morning. Mr. Perkins has spent considerable money telephoning and wiring in an effort to catch this man, and a deputy sheriff in Comanche county had the man under arrest and let him escape. A few days ago he located that man and wired the sheriff to make the arrest and hold Turner and was disappointed when a telegram came the next day stating that Turner had been in that town, but left the night before.

Turner is wanted in Ballinger for forgery, charges having been filed against him in justice court, and he will now be held until the grand jury meets Monday week when the matter will be taken up by that body and no doubt indictments returned. The man is charged with forging checks to the amount of more than \$500, and we are reliably informed that he got away with more than \$500 in cash secured on the forged checks.

**TEXAN RESCUED BY WONDERFUL REMEDY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LET US START YOU**

in business. Will furnish you \$2,000 worth of religious books and bibles on credit till fall and teach you how to sell from \$150 to \$200 worth per week and take notes from purchasers payable next fall. Will allow you \$15 per week for expenses and show you how to make from \$150 to \$300 per month. No one but white men between the ages of 21 and 50 with good character, who can furnish horse and buggy need answer. Don't come unless you mean business. We are busy and haven't time to lose with those who are not in earnest.

**BOYD PUBLISHING COMPANY**  
W. A. Smith, Gen. Agent.  
Stockes Hotel

Phone 150 after 5 p. m.  
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**Shoes Wanted.**

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  
117 Hutchings Ave

**SEEKING FEDERAL AID FOR IRRIGATION WORK**

C. A. Doose recently addressed a letter to Congressman Smith seeking aid in reserving Colorado River water for irrigation purposes. The great irrigation project that has been in the eyes of the people of this section for some time, it seems will not be developed as soon as we hope for unless aid can be secured from the United States government, and much money is appropriated each year for irrigation work, the people of this section feel that the government should consider the propositions that are presented from the Colorado river, and in an effort to bring the matter to the attention of the House, Mr. Doose addressed a letter to Mr. Smith, and is in receipt of the following reply:

"February 29, 1916.

"Mr. C. A. Doose,  
"Ballinger Texas.

"My Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of the 24th instant. In reply I beg to say that I have the Colorado River in mind and as soon as conditions become favorable I shall make the effort to have a survey of that stream made in Mitchell, Coke, and Rannels counties with the view of constructing reservoirs thereon for the impounding and utilization of the flood waters for irrigation purposes. It is impossible for me, in the short space of a letter within the time at my command just now, to give you a detailed statement of present conditions regard-

ing federal irrigation, but will state that unless I can get my \$50,000,000 proposition through the Reclamation fund will not be adequate for some time to complete projects now under construction and undertake new ones. Appropriations at this season of congress for the strengthening of the national defense will be so heavy that it will be more difficult to get appropriations for irrigation than usual. However, as already stated, I have the Colorado River in mind and am exceedingly anxious that the government shall at the earliest time possible undertake work thereon. Therefore, I am pushing my bill vigorously and you can rest assured that I shall leave nothing undone to get it through.

"With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am,  
"Sincerely yours,  
"W. R. SMITH."

**Dangers of Draft.**

Drafts feel best when we are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous and the result is Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles or sometimes an attack of Rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leaves. Those suffering from Neuralgia or Neuralgic Headache will find one or two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for Neuritis too. Price 25c. at your druggist.

**ATTENTION MELON GROWERS**

Our melon seed are grown for us under contract by W. H. Robinson of Cairo, Georgia, one of the most reliable melon seed growers in Georgia and we do not hesitate to say that our seed are as high grade seed as can be had from any seed house in the entire country.

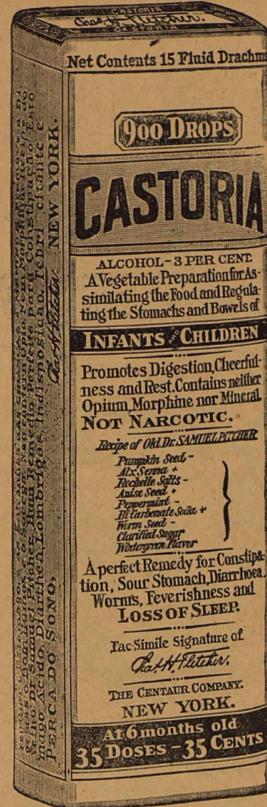
We are offering these high-grade seed in small lots at 50c per pound and in 25 to 100 pound lots at 40c. It will pay you to see us before you buy your seed.  
**JEANES PRODUCE CO.**  
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**How to Prevent Croup.**

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.

Miss Ruth Roach of Paint Rock who had been visiting friends in Ballinger, returned home Wednesday at noon.

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



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Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria

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**HOG ASSOCIATION MAKES GOOD SHOWING**

At the annual meeting of the Hog Growers and Shippers association held in the Business League room Monday afternoon F. T. Rushing was elected president and J. H. Taylor, re-elected secretary. A committee was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws.

Mr. Taylor stated in his report for the year that twelve or thirteen cars of hogs had been shipped under the auspices of the association. These cars netted the shippers \$1200.

From six and one-half cents to eight cents six mills per pound was the price obtained for these hogs on the hoof, as against five or six cents which could have been obtained locally. Though, of course, such large numbers of hogs could not have been sold locally at any price. There are about two hundred members of this association, and from nine to 25 are interested in each car that is shipped.

The following rules were adopted by those present: 1. Hogs must not be fed the morning before being shipped. 2. The secretary is to have one percent of the net amount received on each car to pay him for his time and trouble in getting up the shipment and also to repay him for incidental expenses. 3. When the members having hogs in a car so desire, the secretary will go with it to Fort Worth to see that it brings the best possible price, but, in such cases, the expenses of his trip will be pro rated among

those having hogs in the car. 4. Before being shipped from Ballinger all hogs will be weighed separately and grouped into market classes. They will again be weighed by classes in Fort Worth and the loss will be prorated among those shipping. The hogs will be sold by classes, regardless of whom they belong to, and the money received will be properly distributed among the shippers. 5. Any person who willfully violates the rules of the association and is detected will forever be debarred from the privilege of shipping with the association.

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

J. W. Black, one of the prominent fruit and truck growers of South Ballinger, while in the city Monday availed himself of the Banner-Ledger and the splendid clubbing list for the year.

**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

G. W. Brister, of the Benoit country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and places an ad for some one to keep his Suffolk stallion on shares, and he also sends the Banner-Ledger to his friend B. W. Glover of Llano.

**Saved Girl's Life**

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

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

**THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT**

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

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

A Sunny Disposition  
in the morning  
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The laxative tablet  
with the pleasant taste

In neat tins  
10¢ 25¢ 50¢



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

**BALLINGER PEOPLE ENTERTAINING IN FLORIDA**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce and Mrs. Joe B. Johnson of Ballinger, Texas, who are spending the season at the Royal Poinciana Hotel in Palm Beach entertained as their guest on Monday and Monday night Miss Eunice Brown and Miss Arvilla Withers of Miami. Ballinger is the home city of Miss Brown and the visit in Palm Beach was doubly delightful on this account.

The Misses Brown and Withers returned to Miami yesterday and are recounting to their friends here the delights of the trip. Their host and hostess entertained at dinner for them on Monday night. Other guests at the dinner were Jack Kelly of Philadelphia and Charles Clarkson of Chicago.

After dinner the party attended the big Charity Ball, a costume affair, which rounded out the evening most successfully.—Miami, (Florida) Metropolis.

**MOTHER! YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, FROM CONSTIPATION**

If tongue is coated, breath bad, stomach sour, clean liver and bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once—a teaspoonful today often saves a sick child tomorrow.

If your little one is out-of-sorts, half-sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look, Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown ups printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then see that it is made by the California Fig Syrup Company."

E. V. Bateman and W. E. Chambers visited Santa Anna Monday on business and pleasure combined and made the trip in Mr. Bateman's auto.

**THE BREAD AND BUTTER QUESTION**

The teaching profession is a noble, charitable one, but are you content to work in the charity department of your state when they allow you no pension or protection in old age? Are you willing to go into the great broad fields of business where you can lay up something for a rainy day, and provide your own protection for old age? Six thousand teachers quit the profession in Texas annually. Can you blame them when you compare their annual earning capacity with that of any other class of educated men or women. The bookkeeper, stenographer, private secretary, or operator, as a beginner, gets from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per month, twelve months in the year, and soon receives an advance in salary and it is not long if they are made of the right kind of stuff before they are promoted to assistant manager, or manager of a large business concern, or engage in business for themselves and are thereby enabled to lay up a comfortable living for old age. Make a comparison of the teacher who after graduating from the high school spends from one to two years in the State Normal and hundreds of dollars preparing himself, and has been teaching five years in the public schools, with the bookkeeper, stenographer, or who has only spent from three to six months in obtaining his education after graduating from the high school, and from one hundred to two hundred dollars and has had five years experience in the business world, and you will find that the one who has spent only a few months in obtaining his education and a small amount of money is drawing twice the salary of the teacher regardless of the fact that the teacher spent more time and money in the preparation for their life work. More evidence on this subject can be had by writing the Tyler Commercial College at Tyler, Texas, for their large illustrated catalogue giving full particulars of America's largest commercial training school, with more than two thousand enrollments annually and reading what teachers say who have attended this institution, of the advantages it offers to those entering the business world where they can greatly increase their earning capacity, enabling them to own homes of their own and enjoy the comforts that should rightly be theirs.

**TWO FIRES IN ONE HOUR BIG LOSS**

Two homes were burned in Ballinger between two-thirty and three-thirty Monday afternoon, and on account of the high wind the fire alarms caused much excitement among the down town citizens.

The first fire destroyed a rent house owned by C. P. Shepherd and occupied by C. P. Burgess, near the Catholic church. The high wind swept the flames across a vacant lot towards the home of J. T. Morgan and if it had not been for the fire company that home would have been destroyed.

Mr. Shepherd had the house insured for \$900, while Mr. Burgess was carrying \$400 on his furniture. The house was insured in the agency of Miss Maggie Sharp and Elmer Shepperd & Co., were carrying the household goods insurance.

In thirty minutes after the Burgess home was destroyed an alarm was turned in from the western part of the city, and the home of W. G. Bair, on the opposite side of the town and a mile from where the first fire started, was soon reduced to ashes.

Mr. Bair was carrying \$400 insurance on his house in the Elmer Shepperd & Co., agency and \$600 on his household goods in the Ballinger Insurance Agency.

It is not known how the fire started as there was no one at the home at the time, and at the time of going to press we have not been able to learn how the second fire started.

**HOME BURNED.**

A. H. Schneider, of the river country, northwest of Ballinger was in the city Monday and was suffering from some severe burns about the neck and hands caused while his home was burning Saturday night.

The home was entirely destroyed and a little baby son narrowly escaped burning as the flames were all about him when the father rushed to him in the corner of the room and took him out. Nothing was saved and no insurance and it is a heavy loss for this estimable family and no doubt friends will come to their assistance in this terrible disaster.

In the write up of the fire which destroyed the home of A. H. Schneider, up the river, Saturday night, the local reporter stated there was no insurance on the dwelling when in fact a policy was carried by a company represented by E. Shepperd & Co. of Ballinger, on the house, which was owned by Mr. Bloeker. No insurance, however, was carried by Mr. Schneider on the household goods, which was an entire

**MEET IN THANKS-GIVING SERVICE**

The pros received the election returns Saturday night without making any demonstration over the great victory that they won, and by nine o'clock all had left the bulletin board at The Ledger office and were either enjoying the picture shows or had gone to their homes to dream over the success of the campaign.

Sunday morning the announcement was made at the various churches that a union thanksgiving service would be held at the Methodist church at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, and at the appointed hour many people gathered at the church to spend an hour in what was announced as a thanksgiving and praise service.

T. S. Lankford was called on to preside over the meeting, and after a number of songs and prayers, short talks were made by a number of those who took an active part in the recent campaign and who were instrumental in keeping Runnels county free from saloons.

There was a spirit of rejoicing among the pros, and the speakers were free in expressing the opinion that a victory for morality had been won that would make for better churches, and that the majority in favor of prohibition was sufficient to put an end to such campaigns in this county.

**FIRE AT HIGH SCHOOL NARROWLY AVERTED**

The boys in the low eighth grade of the local high school had an experience Tuesday that should teach them a lesson and also be a lesson to others boys, and forever warn them against the careless use of matches. What might have been a very destructive fire was nipped in the bud and that too because some one happened to be in the room at the time the fire originated.

An accumulation of paper and other trash under the floor of the school room caused by a hole left by the plumbers caught fire and the flames were leaping up thru the floor when discovered, and due only to the cool head work of the teacher and pupils in the room was the fire stopped before it did any serious damage.

It seems that a hole had been left by the plumbers in the floor, and from time to time paper and trash had found its way through this hole. A boy thoughtlessly struck a match and flipped it on the floor, the lighted match falling in the hole set fire to the paper and trash. The boy striking the match later admitted to the deed, but said that it was a thoughtless and careless act, and was not done with any malicious intent, and when he discovered that the building was on fire he rushed for a bucket of water.

A hole was cut in the floor, and the damage only amounts to a few dollars and considerable excitement.

Superintendent Fleming has been lecturing the boys on the careless use of matches, and just a few minutes before the fire started Tuesday, he had just picked up a few match heads on the floor of another room in the high school building and had called the attention of the boys to the danger of scattering matches. Many small boys go to school with their pockets full of matches, and Mr. Fleming solicits the aid of the parents in putting a stop to this.

E. W. Petty of Maverick was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**This Newspaper Announces a Wonderful New Photo Play Serial Entitled**

**The Strange Case of**

**MARY PAGE**

**A Real Detective Story**

By **FREDERICK LEWIS**

In Collaboration With **JOHN T. M'INTYRE**, Author of the **Ashton Kirk Detective Stories**

**Did Mary Page Kill James Pollock?**

Mary herself remembers nothing but the vision—the haunting vision of the giant hand on her white shoulder! She may have done it. She does not know. Do you?

See the **Essanay Moving Pictures**

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At The **Princess Theatre** Beginning **Sat. March 18**

**Cold Settled in my Stomach.**

Lost My Appetite. Could Not Sleep. All Remedies Failed.



Took Peruna. Am Cured. Peruna A Great Family Medicine.

Mr. Chas. Sauerbier, 815 Main street, St. Joseph, Mich., a constant Friend of Peruna, Uses it in his Family.

**FIRE FIGHTERS IN MONTHLY MEET**

The members of the Volunteer Fire Co., held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, with more than twenty members present, and also a number of visitors. Considerable business came before the meeting and was disposed of. The firemen discussed matters pertaining to improving the fire fighting equipment, among which is the proposed installation of an electric cut off at the standpipe. The city council is entertaining a proposition to put a device that will be operated by electricity and when the fire alarm is turned in the engineer at the pump station by touching a button can cut the water out of the stand pipe and throw the pressure from the pump direct in to the mains. This will be installed as soon as the city can finance the proposition.

The question of organizing and practicing preparatory to competing for the prizes at the state meet which will be held in New Braunfels in May was discussed, and it was the desire of the boys that a team from the local company be sent to the state meet, and if the expense money can be provided it is probable a team will go from here.

The Ledger trust that the city, or the citizens will provide the means of sending the team to the state convention. The boys are drawing no pay for their services should show their appreciation of their faithful service by putting up necessary expense money for trip. At the state meet last year Ballinger won sixth place out of about thirty contestants and it was the first time the local team had ever competed for the prizes.

At the Tuesday night's meeting two new members were received, and applications for three members received and will be balloted on at the next meeting.

A number of the visitors present at the meeting made short talks and complimented the boys for the splendid work they have been doing, and offered encouragement.

After the business session a lunch was spread and more than an hour spent in a social way.

**Change Face of Old Battlefield.** Houston, Tex., March 8.—Bids were to be opened today for construction of a pavilion and water tank at the scene of the San Jacinto battlefield. The bids also will include provision for the purchase of a gasoline engine to pump water for the tank.

**RECEIVES NEWS OF BROTHER'S DEATH**

Abb Carey, formerly, a citizen of Ballinger, died at his home in Colorado City, Texas, Monday morning. This news was received by Mrs. L. F. Gressett, a sister of Mr. Carey, Monday afternoon. An earlier message brought the news that Mr. Carey was dangerously ill and Mr. Gressett left early Monday morning to be with the sick man, but he died before Mr. Gressett arrived at Colorado City.

Mr. Carey will be kindly remembered by many of the pioneer citizens in Ballinger, who will regret to hear of his death, and will sympathize with Mrs. Gressett in the loss of her brother.

H. F. McNutt, of Miles, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from the north part of the county, where he had been in the interest of the organization of the Socialist party in Runnels county.

**UNLOADING CAR SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

A carload of new school supplies for the Runnels county schools arrived at Winters Monday and part of the car is being unloaded at that place for the school in that part of the county, and the remainder of the car will be brought to Ballinger and unloaded here tomorrow.

The supplies consist of desks, blackboards, etc., and will be distributed to about twenty different schools in the county, that number of schools sharing in the shipment of supplies.

This makes the fifth carload of supplies received during the past term, and about completes the work of equipping the rural schools of the county with modern furniture. The new supplies come with out a cent of expense to the patrons of the school, as far as direct cost is concerned, as they are paid for out of the appropriation received from the million dollar fund.

**NORTON MERCHANT BUYS STUDEBAKER**

T. J. McCaughn, of Norton, received through the local dealer, R. P. Kirk, a new model Studebaker this week. Mr. Kirk delivered the car Monday and on Tuesday he went to Abilene to arrange for more cars, and drove a new Studebaker back to Ballinger.

W. R. Cotter, of South Ballinger was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address.



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By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

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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 Seagruue, promoter, from a threatened collision. Safebreakers employed by Seagruue 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 rescues the survey plans from Seagruue, and though they are taken from her, finds an accidentally made proof of the survey blueprint. Storm is employed by Rhinelander. Spike, befriended by Helen, in his turn saves her and the right-of-way contracts when Seagruue kidnaps her. Helen and Storm win for Rhinelander a race against Seagruue for right of way.

NINTH INSTALLMENT  
A CLOSE CALL

Despite Seagruue's persistent opposition, Rhinelander secured the right of way to enable him to complete the Superstition cut-off, and unable to stop the Tidewater construction work, Seagruue resolved to try other methods to defeat his rival.

Helen Holmes was enjoying the taste of camp life that her trip to the front had brought. And after the excitement had died down attending the destruction of Cassidy's house, she found herself amused and interested in Cassidy himself, who was busy next morning trying to restore a much-battered stove to service near the wreck of his shack. Helen watched his dazed efforts until sympathy overcame her, and excusing herself, she walked over to where Cassidy was struggling to get a fire going.

Seagruue, who had been watching the scene from a distance, saw Helen join the old fellow, and deemed it his opportunity to make tentative advances toward the collective enemy. Sauntering over, accordingly, he joined Helen at a moment in which she sent Cassidy for water and was herself watching the fire starting in the stove.

Helen looked up in astonishment when she heard Seagruue's greeting. Indeed, she resented his intrusion so strongly that she refused all communication with him and for a time he spoke into deaf ears.

"You ought not to be too hard on me, Helen," he urged at length. "Any man will fight for his life against ruin. That's all I've done. Everything I have in the world is tied up in this Superstition cut-off. But more than once I said to myself, I would willingly sacrifice it all to regain your friendship."

He spoke slowly and looked so beaten and worried as he lingered in the penumbra of Helen's gaze that she be-



"I Hate to Bring These Back, but I Can't Double-Cross Seagruue!"

gan to denounce him indignantly for his villainous conduct.

He took her stinging reproaches without resentment. "I admit," he said, "my temper carries me too far, sometimes."

"Sometimes!" echoed Helen. "A hundred and fifty!"

"When I do get angry," confessed Seagruue, "I lose my head. I stop at nothing. When it's all over, nobody is sorer for it than I am. I have acted shamefully. I know that. And what hurts the most is that it should have cost me your friendship and my uncle's."

While the talk thus begun the two was going on in this fashion, Storm, who had been experimenting with some new jacks, noticed what Helen was doing; and that the man standing near her was none other than Seagruue. Scarcely able to believe his eyes, the young constructionist called to Rhinelander to look. The latter disengaged himself from his new ma-

chines long enough to see what Storm had seen and putting another man in charge of the work, he hurried off, followed by Storm, over to Cassidy's zone.

They arrived together just in time to find Seagruue putting wood on Helen's fire. He turned from his peaceful role to greet Rhinelander, quite casually, with a good morning; Helen in good spirits, was stepping rapidly around preparing a meal. Rhinelander looked from one to the other in amazement, and striding forward, confronted Seagruue. "What does all this thing mean?" he demanded angrily. "What are you up to now, Seagruue?"

Seagruue met the wrathful greeting comely. His answer was amiable and unruffled. "We have been talking over old times, Uncle Amos." He indicated Helen by the slightest nod. "I've told Helen, what you well know, that everything I have in the world has been tied up in this fight. But I've also told her I would sacrifice every bit of it to regain your good will and hers. I'm sorry for the lengths I've gone to. It's been a mistake. It doesn't reflect any credit on me, I know that. But can't we forget it? Forget everything, here and now, and work together, you and I, for the future instead of trying to cut each other's throats? Why not combine our interests, uncle, and take a fresh start?"

But Rhinelander, gentle though he was in disposition and forbearing to a degree that surprised his friends, was yet too old in the ways of the world to put his trust in assurances without deeds to back them. He regarded Seagruue firmly: "This fight," he said briefly, "was not one of our choosing, Seagruue. You forced us into it," he reminded his nephew. "We cannot compromise now when sure of success."

Seagruue, whether hopeless, or dogged in his attitude, took the rebuke hard. He did not resent it but he looked down and out. So much so that Helen felt sorry. She even made occasion, as he stood gloomily watching her, to go over to him and express her regret that Rhinelander did not feel, as she did, that it might be better for everybody to try to be friends once more.

Storm, who had stood apart and was churning inside at the situation, now intervened: "Come over to camp, Helen. That man doesn't mean a word of what he says. You're wasting time listening to him. Come along."

She resented the positive way in which the words were spoken. Her manner when she answered revealed some of her impatience: "I'll come," she said, with a suggestion of curtness, "just as soon as I get through here."

Rhinelander detected her resentment. He knew better than anyone in the world that the spirited girl could not be driven and could not even be coaxed too far. He beckoned to Storm. "Let's go," he suggested in an undertone.

Storm seemed against the proposal. Rhinelander quietly urged it. "You can't do any good," he explained in a low tone. "I know what's best. Come with me."

Storm, angry as a schoolboy, at what he deemed the folly of giving the slightest countenance to Seagruue, followed his friend reluctantly. But having averred she would not go, Helen, conscious herself now of the strain of the situation, turned to Seagruue and told him she must be leaving. He extended his hand. "I'm sorry the trouble has gone so far," she said hurriedly, as she shook hands with him to show she bore no irremovable ill will. "But I guess there's no help for the situation at present."

Seagruue watched her follow Rhinelander and Storm, who waited for her on the edge of the camp. The three went on together towards Rhinelander's outfit car still discussing the troublesome subject. Seagruue, however, realized he must do something, if not in one way in another, and he left Cassidy's to send for a local attorney who had already acted for him in right-of-way matters.

To him, when he arrived, Seagruue explained his present predicament for an outlet. "What I must know is," he said, "whether the city of Las Vegas will grant our people a right of way along here through city property?"

The attorney shook his head. "I don't think that can ever be put over."

Seagruue was cold. "You've got to do it. There's no other way for us to get through. If you hold us up on it, we shall be compelled to abandon our line here."

With this cannon cracker exploding under him, the attorney promised he would see what could be done. "But I want you along with me," he declared, "to lay the case before the city authorities yourself."

The two started for town together.

In Seagruue's camp, Spike, an hour later, was seated in front of a tent cleaning a lamp when Seagruue returned still in company with the attorney. Their sounding out of the city fathers had been unsuccessful and Seagruue handed his foreman a notice to post on the bulletin board:

Work will be suspended on the Coast and Colorado cut-off until Las Vegas grants a right of way to allow this company to reach the Superstition mines.

Spike, sauntering over, read the notice. Seagruue's eye fell on him at that moment and a recollection of what he termed Spike's treachery came to his mind. He spoke to the convict roughly. "I suppose you know that in helping Rhinelander get those contracts, you caused this trouble, Spike."

Spike glanced at him with an angry shake of the head. "Rhinelander didn't need me to get the contracts. Helen Holmes is the one that beat you, Seagruue."

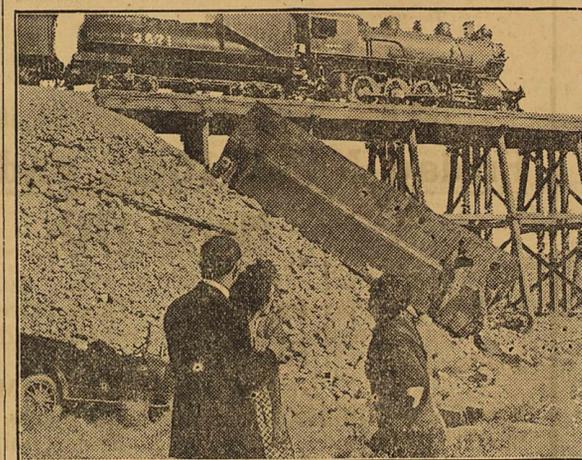
The remark did not help to soothe Seagruue's irritation. He kept after Spike all the harder. "If you cross me again," he said, threateningly, "I'll hand you over to some high voltage, my friend."

The wrangle was going from bad to worse when Bill came in with Seagruue's coat. The latter, putting it on, took his hat, directed Lug to post the bulletin, beckoned to the attorney and accompanied by him and Bill, started for the station to catch the main line local then due. When the train pulled in Seagruue and the attorney boarded it. Bill started back for camp.

Spike, left alone, went into his tent. He sat some moments thinking. Then he rose and from a corner got out the suit of clothes, carefully put away, that Helen had bought for him in Las Vegas. The least he could do, he felt, was to take this over to Rhinelander's camp and return it to her with such lame explanation as he could invent to cover the occasion.

He found Helen alone. She regarded him strangely as he approached. Spike would rather have faced a sheriff than to face her on such an errand. He shuffled toward her ill at ease and her silence did not help to allay his embarrassment.

"I know you bought the clothes for me," he muttered, "because I helped you get the contracts. I hated to turn back the way I did to Seagruue's camp."



Plunged Over the Bridge to the Bottom of the Arroyo.

I hate to bring these back to you. But the way I'm fixed I can't double-cross Seagruue."

Helen saw he was greatly humiliated. And she was mystified a little by his words. "Spike," she said, kindly, "the clothes are nothing. But what have I done to you that you should treat me in the way you did?"

Spike shuffled on his feet and swung his head uneasily. "Not a thing in the world," was all he could say.

"Why have you acted in this way?" she demanded. "I bought you a ticket to the city—you promised to go—why didn't you?"

He labored in continued confusion to explain. He tried to tell her Seagruue had done many things for him; he told her he owed Seagruue a lot of money and he had no hope of ever paying him back except by work, and that he didn't feel he ought to break away now.

Storm and Rhinelander came up at that moment. They greeted Spike. He avoided their eyes as much as possible and returned their greeting in a shame-faced way. Helen answered the surprise that overspread the faces of Storm and Rhinelander. "It's no wonder he's ashamed to speak to you," she said severely. "You would hardly believe it, I know; but the fact is he has turned over to Seagruue again."

The two men looked at Spike with undisguised contempt. Their attitude made him desperate. "Oh, I know what you think of me," he said with a reckless swing of his head. "I can't help it. I can't explain. It would take me from now till the middle of next week, if I tried—and then you'd think less of me than you do now. I'd be kind to me again. It's hopeless for me—but I can't help it."

The three watched him shuffle away. Rhinelander shook his head. "There's a mystery somewhere in it. I can't make it out. Some day we'll know."

"Well, in any case, I certainly don't want these clothes," declared Helen, looking at the bundle Spike had left in her hands. "They're no use in the world to me." A laborer was passing. "Here, you—" she said to the man. "Take this suit. If it fits you," she added, before the man could recover from his surprise, "it's yours."

At Seagruue's camp, Bill and the paymaster were handing checks out to the men. The latter stood about the car

and Rhinelander dragging their burden in front of the protesting line—which threatened every moment to give way under the fierce assaults—got Spike to the cut-off track. Helen had reached the engine cab and was ready to pull out the cars. Together the two men threw Spike bodily into the open door of the last car. Climbing aboard after Rhinelander, Storm signaled to Helen in the cab. She opened the throttle, and just as Seagruue's angry men reached the car, Storm slammed the door shut and Helen moved the string hastily down the track.

The incident would have been closed, with the hind outfit car making rapidly towards safety, had not the wholly unexpected happened to upset Storm's plan. That very day Rhinelander's linemen had set in half a dozen telegraph poles and the anchor wire of one of these placed near the track, caught, as the second last car sped past, on the step. The pole swayed violently. For a moment Rhinelander's men, watching, hoped it might clear. But crashing suddenly forward, it fell between the last two cars, struck the coupling heavily and sprung the knuckle.

Helen, watching from the cab, saw what happened. She hastily applied the air and feeling they were now far enough away to be safe from the angry men, did not worry about the accident until she perceived as she brought the train to a stop that the outfit car, last in the string, had become detached from the train and was running away.

Inside this Rhinelander and Storm were working on Spike. He opened his eyes after a time and they told him he was safe, not suspecting themselves that their car was now running wild and down a long grade, to the main line. Indeed, they felt so relieved at Spike's return to consciousness that several moments passed before signs of the accident recorded themselves to Storm's experienced ear. The car was running too far and too fast and springing to the door he pulled it open to see what Helen was doing in the cab. A glance told him the story. "We're running away," he cried to Rhinelander, who joined him. Storm sprang for the side ladder.

Helen was alive to the new danger to her friends. But how to help them taxed, for an instant, her ingenuity. To chase them with the engine, as they were headed for the main line, might end in a more serious disaster than now seemed imminent. The main line passenger train was almost due at Baird and the thought of this fact was first in Helen's mind. Near where she stood was Seagruue's motor car. The one her abductors had used only a few days before. She ran to it and springing into the seat, turned over the engine, accelerated as fast as she dare, and was off in pursuit of the runaway.

She was sure she must pass Arden station before she possibly could catch the wild car and pulling the cushion from the seat beside her, scribbled hastily across it with a piece of chalk:

Runaway car from cut-off on main line. Stop passenger at Baird.

With this in her hands as she tore past Arden station, she rose to her feet, balanced herself with an effort and fung the cushion with all the force she could summon through the operator's window.

On the deck of the runaway car Storm had seized the brake. With a violent twist he brought the chain up taut and mindful of the energy needed to check the disastrous momentum they were attaining, threw his whole strength against the wheel.

He might have saved his companions and himself even then, had not the chain, weakened by rust, snapped under the tremendous strain put on it. The deck became impossible and to avoid being shot off it, Storm climbed down the swaying ladder again into the car. Alone, Storm would not have given his peril a thought. He could drop off a car step or from a cab gangway with either moving twice as fast, with entire safety to himself. But Spike, though conscious, was desperately groggy; in fact, helpless. He had proved his reckless skill more than once and might have followed Storm in any leap the railroad man dare venture. He lay now as little able to help himself as a baby. Casting all this up in his mind, the young railroadman decided there was but one man's thing for him to do and that was to stay with his companions whether all lost their lives or not.

At Arden station the astonished operator had just time to dodge Helen's flying motor car cushion as it smashed through the window. It landed on the floor. The chalk scrawl on the top caught his eye.

In the dispatchers' office the chief was sitting at his desk and a dispatcher was on his trick at the instrument. He answered Arden instantly, took the startling message, walked hurriedly over to the chief and handed it to him:

H. C. W. Runaway car from cut-off on main line. Stop passenger at Baird—L.

The dispatcher sprang to his train sheets and back with them to the chief who dictated the only possible answer:

Passenger left Baird four minutes ago.

It was too late to avoid a collision. They could only await the issue.

With Arden station left far behind, Helen, making the utmost possible speed in Seagruue's machine, scanned the track ahead for a glimpse of the wild car. Resolved at any cost to overtake it, she was running the ma-

chine on the right of way and on the track itself in her determined effort. When she caught sight of the runaway, no one was to be seen upon it, but she knew Rhinelander and Storm were inside and as she began to overhaul the chase, she sounded her horn insistently. The two men, leaving Spike, who in the face of the common danger had pulled himself partly together, looked out of the side door. To their amazement they saw at their heels Helen bumping violently along in Seagruue's machine. She signaled them excitedly. She tried to shout to them but could not make a word heard above the deafening noise. Rhinelander and Storm did make out, however, that she wanted them to go to the top of the car and the two men climbed the side ladder again.

Helen, still close behind, scribbled a note, folded it hurriedly, took off a shoe, stuck the note inside and with



Threw His Whole Weight on the Brake.

careful aim, threw it up on top of the car. The men secured the shoe and read the note:

Passenger due—Must ditch car—Jump.

Rhinelander and Storm looked at each other and looked down the line. The smoke of the passenger train rose on the horizon. There was nothing to do but what Helen directed. They thought of Spike below, but Helen was calling to them and without further delay the two men jumped one after the other down into the machine. They told Helen of Spike's plight. She nodded as if the difficulty were no more than a detail, stued the machine from between the rails, drove around the outfit car, slowed along side it and all three shouted. Spike, hearing his name, listened and sat up. He saw the machine outside the door and crawled forward but he was unequal to a leap. Rhinelander and Storm urged him to make every effort. He got to his feet and did the best he could toward a jump. The men together half caught and half pulled him into the machine. With the three aboard, Helen sped on ahead of the runaway.

Storm had decided what to do. "I'll drop off the hind end, Helen," he exclaimed, "and derail the car."

She caught his idea. "Quick!" she cried. "No time to lose."

Storm rolled over the back of the machine and dropped to the ground. A bridge spanned an arroyo just ahead. Running forward, Storm caught up such loose rocks as he could reach and placed them along the track. Helen, choosing a negotiable point, turned her machine courageously off the right of way and steered it safely down the embankment. The outfit car struck the rocks Storm had thrown on the track. It reeled, plunged wildly into the air and shot headlong over the bridge into the bottom of the arroyo.

In the distance the oncoming passenger train was whistling for a crossing close ahead. Storm running back to the track, cleared it hurriedly of the obstructions. The engineer of the train, scenting trouble, tried to check his train, but it was too late and Storm, to save himself, dropped down between the ties and hung there till the heavy train hurtled past. No engine driver was ever more relieved than the man in the passenger cab, when he saw himself safely across. He stopped his train. From the foot of the bridge, Helen, Spike and Rhinelander were making their way to the top and were with Storm when the crew and passengers came back. The engineman angrily told the conductor the trouble. But after Storm's brief story, he was as grateful as he had been indignant.

The conductor, knowing the anxiety among the dispatchers, urged his passengers on board and the train hastened on. The moment it pulled into Arden the conductor gave the details to the operator and the latter wired headquarters.

In the dispatchers' office it was the chief himself who jumped to the instrument when he heard the Arden call. It was the chief who took the message telling how Helen and Storm had saved the train. But the chief, as he wiped his face with his handkerchief, reflected that it was only another incident in the day's work on the rail, happily, instead of tragically, closed.

At the bridge Spike was trying to express his gratefulness to the three who had rescued him. They left the scene together in the commandeered machine; and with perhaps a little better understanding of one another than any of them had yet reached.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## YOU NEED A TONIC

Hood's Sarsaparilla, as a Spring Medicine, is the Best.

Spring sickness comes in some degree to every man, woman and child in our climate. It is that run-down condition of the system that results from impure, impoverished, devitalized blood. It is marked by loss of appetite and that tired feeling, and in many cases by some form of eruption.

The best way to treat spring sickness is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Ask your druggist for this old reliable family medicine. It purifies, enriches and revitalizes the blood. It is an all-the-year-round alternative and tonic, and is absolutely the best Spring medicine.

Get your blood in good condition at once—now. Delay may be dangerous. Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla, nothing else can take its place.

## HOW DO YOU STAND ON THAT SPECIAL ROAD TAX

(A. E. Burge's Sec. Y. M. B. L.)

Next month there will be held an election which will decide for a time, at least, whether Runnels county is to have good roads. How are you going to vote?

It is to be assumed that every man in Runnels county is in favor of better roads of some sort. There is not any difference of opinion there. The difference of opinion arises when the subject of what kind of roads shall be built and how much money shall be spent on them is proposed.

Let us consider the question of a 15 cent special road tax which we will soon be required to pass on. Is it preferable to a bond issue? A bond issue would raise more money, it is true, but not much money, relatively speaking, is necessary to put in to good condition the roads we already have. A special tax has two good advantages over a bond issue: the tax can be stopped at any time, either by a vote of the people or by the refusal of the commissioners' court to again levy the tax, and the people do not have to pay any interest on money raised by special tax. A third advantage is that a special tax does not require any raise in the property valuation, which, in turn, would mean a greater amount of state taxes.

The county is now receiving about \$15,000 per year on the present road tax. Three thousand of this is set aside as a sinking fund to cover outstanding bonds on roads and bridges. The remaining \$12,000 is scarcely sufficient to make any noticeable improvement on the county roads. But if the 15 cent special tax carries, something more than \$15,000 in addition will be added to that available for road improvements, making more than \$27,000 annually. With that amount all the principal roads in the county could be graded and kept in shape. After a time the number of men trained to properly drag roads would increase and then, either by individual and voluntary effort or by some sort of community arrangement, the roads of the county could be kept in the proper condition almost without money cost.

**BALLINGER COTTON BUYER DEAD**

News was received in Ballinger from Houston Thursday morning stating that Earl Deckard died at seven o'clock Wednesday night. Mr. Deckard spent the last season here buying cotton, and returned to Houston only a few days ago. He was taken sick before leaving Ballinger, and we understand that he was sick several days at his room at the hotel here, and became worse after returning to Houston.

Deceased was a young man and he made many friends here during his stay in Ballinger, especially among the cotton men, and the business men with whom he came in contact daily, who will regret to learn of his death.

## BALLINGER VS TIGERS OF VOSS, TEXAS.

There will be a basket ball game Thursday, March 10th, between two of the strongest teams in the West. Ballinger holds the championship.

The Tigers have played nine games and lost two. Ballinger has played six, and won all. The game is called at 2:30 o'clock on the High School campus. Come! and watch the local boys defeat the Tigers.

Johnnie Ward, a prominent cotton buyer of Abilene, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

D. Reeder visited his brother George Reeder at Miles between trains Thursday.

Archie Crews, of the Walker Drug Co., returned home Thursday at noon from a trip to San Antonio.

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Dee Underwood left Wednesday afternoon for South Dakota, where he will spend several months on business, and will possibly make that section his home.

Mrs. G. A. Beaumont and two children, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Tom Ward and family, left Wednesday afternoon for Coleman.

## DETECTIVES WATCH OUT—COME OF BIG MYSTERY.

"The Strange Case of Mary Page," is occupying the evenings of the city detectives in Dallas, Texas, and the whole secret service force is keeping tab on every installment of the great Essanay mystery serial. Probably the most baffling murder mystery ever seen, is contained in "Mary Page" and difficult clues are presented for the spectator's speculation.

Did beautiful Mary Page commit the crime with which she is charged? Did Phillip Langdon, portrayed by that master genius of the silent drama, Henry B. Walthall, shoot Dave Pollock? Could Pollock have committed suicide? Another clue has been given credence by a prominent Chicago lawyer.

Edna Mayo, formerly leading woman with Francis X. Bushman, and said to be the most versatile and at the same time beautiful, actress for the curtain, takes the part of "Mary Page." Henry B. Walthall, of "The Birth of a Nation" fame is "Phillip Langdon," Mary's lover, who will attempt to solve the perplexing mystery.

Watch "Mary Page" on the screen at the Princess Theatre, Saturday, March 18th, and read the story novelized, in The Daily and Banner-Ledger every week. It's the serial story different, and will please you.

## BIBLE INSTITUTE TO BEGIN HERE SUNDAY.

The program have been printed and everything is in readiness for the convening of the Bible Institute at the First Baptist Church Sunday. It will be remembered that a very successful institute was held just one year ago, and this one promises to be even better. A splendid program has been arranged for each day's session, and will be published in The Ledger later, and from day to day throughout the institute week. Rev. Jester, the local pastor, extends to one and all an invitation to attend the meetings each day.

## SERIES OF SERVICES AT NAZARENE CHURCH.

Rev. W. E. Ellis, of Hamlin, arrived in the city Wednesday and preached at the Nazarene church Wednesday night and will preach each night throughout the week remaining over to preach Sunday. Every one is most cordially invited to attend the services and hear the visiting minister.

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Judge Jno. I. Guion presented the fire boys a check for \$10.00 for their good work at the fire on Eighth Street near his residence several days ago.

W. P. King, of the Crews country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.



## The Smartest of Spring Styles

for the Purse-Prudent Woman

It's not an easy matter to assemble season after season, an individual line of smart coats and suits, but being fortunate enough to carry the Bischof line, we again cordially invite you to view our lovely offerings—and have no hesitation in saying that every style is one that will make instant appeal to the woman who values style-distinction.

Every coat and suit for Spring is refreshing in its originality—and the line is so varied, it permits of a wide selection.

The same style genius which has ever characterized Bischof Coats and Suits stands out effectively in the Spring models.

Every model is attractive. The fashionable Style Marts of the Country and the best Looms of the Land have been searched to produce smart styles for limited incomes.

The fabrics are entirely novel and embody that rare exclusiveness desired by smart women.

The styles are extremely "chic" and clever—

The colors simply radiate Spring

and

The prices are within reason.



## TWO MORE DAYS OF HOUSE FURNISHING SALE

### Friday, March 10th., and Saturday, March 11th.

The greatest bargains of this really wonderful sale will be on display Friday and Saturday. These prices come as a climax to a very successful sale of new, reliable and dependable spring goods.

### NEW SPRING GINGHAM.

New Spring Gingham, 10¢ quality, in plaids, checks, stripes and in all the new and wanted shades, Friday only, 16 yards.....\$1.00

### SILK FRONT SHIRTS

Beautiful shirts in the clever silk front style. Just the thing for early Spring wear. Silk fronts and cuffs with perfectly matched backs of soisette. Regular \$2.00 values, special Friday only ..... \$1.25

### BLOUSES UNDERPRICED

A special selection of odds and ends in new spring blouses, tub-silk and beautiful crepe de chine, values up to \$3.50, special Friday only ..... \$1.25

### A BUCKET BARGAIN

A lucky purchase enables us to offer for Friday's selling a 12 quart enameled water bucket. These are in the best quality granite enamel, special Friday only .....39¢

### SAVE ON SILK HOSE

Here is really an exceptional opportunity to make your spring hose allowance go a third farther. This lot contains broken lines from our regular \$1 grade all colors. Special Saturday only, 3 for ..... \$1.00

### GOOD SHIRTS 49¢

Last call on men's laundered shirts, a large assortment, many beautiful patterns, values up to \$1 all genuine bargains. Special Saturday only ..... 49¢

### BUY A KIMONO NOW

Cotton crepe kimonos in beautiful floral designs and plain colors, this includes our entire line up to \$1.25. Special Saturday only ..... 75¢

### ICE TEA GOBLETS 10¢

This affords an opportunity to secure your ice tea glasses at a real saving. 14 ounce Hoffman House goblets first-grade. Special Saturday only ..... 10¢ each

These prices are good only for Friday and Saturday. Many attractive prices will be made in other departments. A carload of beautiful furniture has just been unloaded. We can now supply your every furniture want.

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**BORROW NOW**—Funds will be scarcer in midsummer. Describe security and state how much you want and what for. Address the W. C. Belcher Land and Mortgage Co., Fort Worth, or J. B. Goodnight, Abilene, Texas. 9-19td 4tw

**HOGS WANTED**—Will pay highest market price for stock and shipping hogs. Phone 3302. J. H. Taylor. 9-4td1tw

**WANTED** to hear from owner of good farm for sale. Send cash price and description. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. 10-2wpd

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

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

**WANTED**—by a good able bodied man, work of any kind, at reasonable wages. Prefer land on shares. Can work and gather 100 acres crop, will take less. Good reference, W. W. Davidson, Route B, Ballinger. d&wdh.

## FOR SALE

**TOMATO PLANTS**—Good variety, ready for transplanting. E. A. Jeanes & Co. 9-1tw4td

**FOR SALE**—Buff Rock eggs, \$1 per setting of 15. Apply to A. H. Hill, Ballinger. 9-3td1tw

**FRUIT TREES FOR SALE**—I still have some choice peach, plums, apricots, pecans. Also have Jersey bulls from 8 to 20 months old for sale. Call soon or you will be too late. Phone or see me. W. R. White, Ballinger. 10-1tw-pd.

**FARM**—100 acre tract in Runnels County, 35 acres in farm 15 more tillable, balance good grass; small house, well and windmill, tank and good orchard. On main road 6 miles from good town. Must be sold in 60 days, will put a price on it to move it, small cash payment, balance long time, title good. If you want to buy a genuine bargain write at once, address Lock Box 114, Brownwood, Texas. 10-3tw

**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.

**BARRED ROCK EGGS**—from pullet mated pen, \$1.00 per 15. This pen contains my choice winter layers and is headed by a cockrel from C. A. Gifford, Rusk, Texas, who won first prize at the State Fair 1915. Eggs from yard 50c. R. P. CROUCH, Ballinger. 18-10-24-7-w pd.

**EGGS FOR SETTING**—Rhode Island Red from select pen. \$1 per setting. Phone 3302. Mrs. J. H. Taylor. 6-6td2tw

**PIANO**—We have a new piano in exchange for Edison Diamond Disc phonograph which we will sell in the vicinity of Ballinger at a bargain if taken at once. For particulars write E. M. Roberts Jewelry Co., San Angelo, Texas. 10-2tw.

**WHO WANTS** a fine blooded stallion, Suffolk stock, to keep on shares. Write or call on G. W. Brister, Benoit, Texas. 10-3twpd

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

**FOR SALE**—A second hand cook stove in good condition, has water pipes in box ready for connection, may be seen at E. Allison & Son's store. A bargain. Phone 27 or 161. dtf

Mrs. Flurry, who had been visiting her father Judge R. B. Truly and family, left Thursday to join her husband at San Angelo and they will go on to Arizona to make their home.