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**WILSON DEDICATES  
\$10,000,000 DAM**

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 12.—When President Wilson touches the golden key which will start the waters of the Rio Grande flowing through the spill ways of the great Elephant Butte dam on October 14, he will "bring in" 200,000 acres of fertile lands in the chain of valleys in New Mexico, Texas and Old Mexico. The first meeting of the 23rd International Irrigation Congress will be held at the dam dedication and followed by sessions in El Paso, Oct. 16, 17 and 18.

The Elephant Butte dam is a mass of concrete and steel thrown across the Rio Grande on the desert of New Mexico at the point where a great rock, formed like the head and body of a mastadonic elephant, seems to drink from the Rio Grande. This impounding dam has formed the largest irrigation reservoir in the world. More than 45 miles in length and 8 miles across, the lake stores the melted snows of the Colorado mountains and these life-giving waters are allowed to flow thru the spillways of the dam when the land needs moisture for the growing season, thus causing the desert acres below the dam to blossom and bear fruitage.

"The dedication of the Elephant Butte dam by President Wilson on Oct. 14 will be an event of world-wide importance in the irrigation field," states James G. McNary, president of the First National Bank of El Paso and chairman of the Board of Control of the Irrigation Congress. "It will mark the Reclamation Service's greatest achievement. It will reward the pioneer men and women of the lower Rio Grande valleys from Albuquerque to Old Mexico, and it will justify the faith of the people of the southwest who have staked their all on the fertility of the soil and the ability of the project to carry the waters to the lands when most needed. Above all, it will be a perpetual monument to the Irrigation Congress, which has been conducting a great empire-building campaign for the past twenty-five years."

"We anticipate that President Wilson will be accompanied by several members of his official family, including Hon. Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, and probably other members of his cabinet. Hon. A. A. Jones, first assistant secretary of the interior; Judge Will R. King, chief counsel, and other members of the Reclamation Service."

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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**BROOKS IN GOVERNOR'S RACE IN 1918.**

Houston, Texas, Aug. 10.—Friends of Dr. S. P. Brooks announce that the defeated candidate for United States senator will be a candidate for governor two years hence. Dr. Brooks did not deny that this is his present attitude when asked for a statement.

Other gubernatorial candidates are Comptroller Henry B. Terrell, Railroad Commissioner Earl B. Mayfield and C. C. McDonald, assistant attorney general.

Friends of W. A. Hanger of Fort Worth are putting him in the same class. He anti floor leader of the convention, however, denies that he has made up his mind.

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

**WANT TICK LAW  
KNOCKED OUT**

Petitions are being circulated and will be presented to the commissioners court next week asking that body to suspend the work of tick eradication in this county by knocking out the law.

This law was adopted in Runnels county by a two to one vote. While the vote polled was small, it shows that a majority of the people were in favor of freeing the county of the cattle tick, and it is no fault of the law if the people did not go to the polls and vote.

We are not familiar with the law governing the livestock sanitary laws of this state, but we can not conceive of a law that would give the commissioners court the authority to set aside a law that had been voted for by a two to one majority.

The stockmen have gone to great expense in building vats and complying with the law, and several thousand head of cattle have been dipped the required number of times to free them from ticks, and now to throw down the bars and allow tick infested cattle to come into the county would work a hardship on the men who have spent money to improve their cattle by freeing them from ticks.

If we understand the law, it does not require a man to dip his cattle if they are free from ticks, and the man who owns ticky cattle should want to dip them as quick as possible. We have not sounded out the court on this question and have no idea how they stand, but we do not believe that the work will be suspended at this time, even if the court has the authority to place the county out of the quarantine district. The money that has been spent in tick eradication will be wasted and no good accomplished if the work is stopped now.

**Why Endure Summer Colds?**

All it isn't necessary to have a stuffed head, running nose. To cough your head off as it were. All you need do is to use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. The soothing and healing balsams open the clogged air passages and in a short time you get relief and start on the road to recovery. Your nose stops running, you cough less and you know you are getting better. Get a bottle, use as directed. Keep what is left as a cough and cold insurance.

**MISS PHILLIPS RE-ELECTED SECRETARY CLERKS MEET**

Miss Mary Phillips, district clerk of Runnels county was honored by the state clerk's association in session at Houston this week, when that organization re-elected her without opposition as secretary of the association. Gifts were also presented to the officers, and in reporting this feature of the convention, the Houston Chronicle says:

Immediately following the installation of the new officers, Judge Page of Laredo, in behalf of the association, presented the outgoing president, E. E. Upshaw, with a handsome pair of diamond-studded cuff buttons, and presented the popular secretary, Miss Phillips, with a beautiful wrist watch. Judge Page praised the work of these officials and told of the appreciation of the association for their efforts.

Miss Phillips also placed Ballinger before the convention for the 1917 place of meeting and the Chronicle says:

The little city of Ballinger, from which comes the association's secretary, Miss Phillips, was unafraid to "buck up" against the large cities in an effort to capture the convention. A letter glowing with the advantages of the busy Western burg was presented by Miss Phillips.

**MAYR'S WONDERFUL REMEDY FOR STOMACH TROUBLE**  
ONE DOSE WILL CONVINCE

Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Auto-Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other fatal ailments result from Stomach Trouble. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. Unlike any other for Stomach Ailments. For sale by Walker Drug Co and druggists everywhere.

J. J. Yerby, the cotton buyer, returned home Sunday from Chicago, where he had been to visit his daughter, Mrs. M. A. Traylor and family. Mr. Yerby spent a few days at Hillsboro on his return home looking after his farm at that place.

**Something New Every Day**

This is an age of many New Remedies for a multitude of ills. But the faith of thousands of sufferers from blood impurities, remains with the old reliable S. S. S. Its reputation was won by merit alone, and is retained by the same continuous service to humanity.

The vegetable purity and superiority of S. S. S. is recognized by all who have taken it and received its benefits and recommended by them to all sufferers from blood diseases. Rheumatism, Catarrh, Malaria, and many forms of Skin Disease, are some of the blood's worst enemies—but will surely give way to the influence of S. S. S.

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**SEEKING MARKET FOR MELON CROP**

The melon growers of South Ballinger and on the river south of Ballinger, will lose considerable money in melons if they don't succeed in locating a market within the next few days, T. F. Rushing stated to a Ledger reporter Saturday afternoon that shipping should begin Monday, and that it would be no trouble to load out a car at once, and several cars could be pushed out within the next few days if a market for the famous Ballinger melon could be found.

A commission house sent a man here last spring and efforts were made to secure a market, and the commission representative entered into a contract to market the melons for so much per car, but he has failed to put in his appearance and it is up to the melon growers to find a market or lose the surplus melons.

The local market is being supplied and at present is over supplied. Notwithstanding the heavy supply on the market at this particular time, the growers are holding up the price and the consumer who gets a good melon must pay for it.

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

W. J. Young and M. A. Patterson of the Crews country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Lee Gentry of San Angelo and J. E. Gentry of the Marie country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. B. C. Mann, of Garden City, came in Saturday to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Walker and family a few weeks.

**DOUBLE WEDDING MEETING FEATURE**

Rev. E. R. Stanford, of the Ballinger Methodist church, in a telephone message to The Ledger Thursday afternoon states that great success is being met with in the meeting in which he is aiding Rev. Gates at Wilmeth. Under a tabernacle beside what is known as the Mazeland church, splendid sermons and good music are being participated in by the residents of that section of the county.

A unique feature of the revival Sunday night was a double marriage performed by Rev. Stanford. Mr. A. J. Oliver and Miss Frances Robinson and Mrs. Mr. Wallace Proctor and Miss Carl Hood were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. One of the largest crowds of the meeting attended the double affairs.

Twenty conversions were reported by the Ballinger preacher up to the morning of Thursday, and the meeting will last until Sunday night, August 13. Rev. Stanford will return to his Ballinger congregation following the close of the revival.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, who had been visiting his parents at Roswell, N. M., returned home Saturday afternoon.

**ATEXAS WONDER**

THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 223 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. 6

**TESTING OUT NEW POWER PLANT**

The light and power consumers of Ballinger did not know yesterday when the current they were using was switched from one power plant to the other, switched back again and switched from one plant to the other several times, but such switching was going on all the while you were either enjoying the breeze from your electric fan or listening to the buzz of your electric motor.

The final transfer of the power plant from the oil mill to the ice plant was not made, but the current was turned on and served out of the new plant for a time to make a thorough test, and to make sure everything was in perfect working order before the power people pull up and leave the oil mill for keeps.

The new plant works nicely and after a little regulation of

certain parts of the machinery the final transfer will be made, and the familiar blast of the oil mill whistle will be no more, until seed crushing time begins.

The wires for the transmission lines have not arrived, and the work of giving Rowena and Winters current from Ballinger is being delayed. It will not require but a few days to string the cables as soon as they arrive and then the work of wiring Rowena and making connections with the consumers of that city who want to use electric lights and currents will be pushed.

**Car of Marble Just Received.**

A good stock to select from. We can furnish you with any kind of marble or granite. Ballinger Marble and Granite Works. 30-wtf.

R. A. Ward, of the Tennyson country, came in Monday to accompany his brother E. K. Ward Jr., who was en route home in Ellis county.

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THE "FEDERAL RESERVE" System of Banks, of which our bank is a member, was thought out by the best brains in the banking and business world.

This system demands that a bank be sound before it can become a member bank.

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# THE SECRET OF THE SUBMARINE

By E. Alexander Powell

Author of "The End of the Trail," "Fighting in Flanders," "The Road to Glory" "Vive la France," etc.

Novelized from the Motion Picture Play of the Same Name by the American Film Manufacturing Company.

### SYNOPSIS.

Lieut. Jarvis Hope is detailed by the United States naval board to investigate and report his findings on the invention of Dr. Ralph Burke, which serves to bring the submarine to a state of perfection. The lieutenant arrives in Valdivia and is welcomed by the inventor's daughter, Cleo. On the trial trip of the inventor's boat, a Japanese helper is surprised in the act of examining the mechanism of the ventilating device. Hope reports favorably on the new device but there are others interested in it. An attempt to burglarize Doctor Burke's laboratory fails, but later Cleo finds him murdered in his bedroom. Cleo sells her father's library to get money; later she finds a note from which she learns that they contain the secret formula. With Hope she races to the auctioneer's store only to find it in flames. Olga Ivanoff and Gerald Morton, two spies in search of the formula, attempt to capture Cleo when she calls at the house of Stephanski, the anarchist. Hope rushes to her aid; Morton shoots at him but the bullet hits a bomb in the cellar, which explodes. Stephanski dies in the wreck of his house; the others escape. Hope and Cleo attend a ball at Mrs. Delmar's, whose nephew has two of the missing books. Mahlin, a spy, attempts to steal the books, but is discovered by Hope; in the excitement that follows the books disappear.

### SIXTH INSTALLMENT

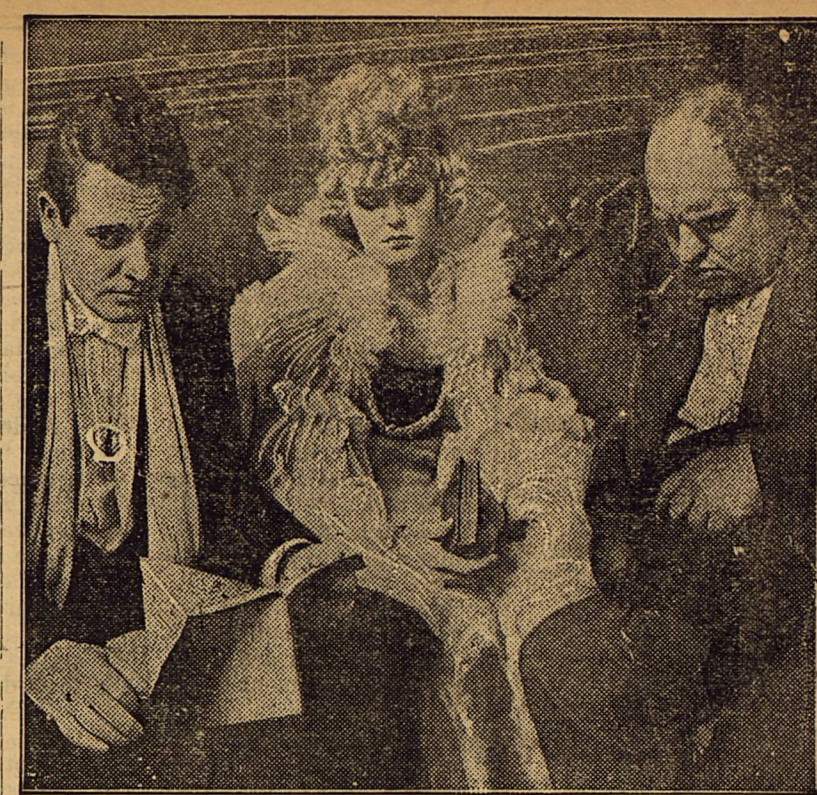
Fear clutching at her heart, Cleo, followed by Mrs. Delmar and a throng of terrified guests, burst into the conservatory through whose roof Hope and his masked assailant had plunged in their mad struggle. The young officer, begrimed and disheveled, was supporting himself against a column. His clothes were in tatters and from an ugly gash in his head trickled a scarlet rivulet. His adversary had disappeared. "He got away," he croaked, "I couldn't hold him. He broke loose and ran through that door into the garden." "Oh, my dear, my dear, I thought that you had been killed!" cried Cleo, almost hysterical with mingled anxiety and relief. "Are you hurt badly, Jarvis?" "It's only a scratch," said Hope weakly, dropping into a chair which someone hastily brought. "I'm going to send you home in my limousine," said Mrs. Delmar. "It will be more comfortable than a taxicab. And I can never thank you enough, Mr. Hope, for your bravery in grappling with that burglar. If it hadn't been for you he would have robbed the house." "There is nothing to thank me for, Mrs. Delmar," said Hope. "Any man with a drop of red blood in him would have done the same. I'm only sorry that the fellow got away." "By the way," he added, turning to Cleo, "we mustn't forget about the books." "I'll run up and get them," said Cleo. "I know just where they are." She was back a moment later. "Why, Jarvis," she exclaimed breathlessly, "the books are gone!" "Good Lord," groaned Hope, "someone has got ahead of us again." It was after midnight when Hope and Cleo reached their hotel, so that it was with some surprise that they

shouted in his excitement, while Cleo, throwing both arms about the old seaman's neck, implanted a kiss on each of his leathery cheeks. "I reckon I am something of a detective, even if I do say so," admitted Hook, with evident pride. "But tell us about it, Hook," pleaded Cleo, bubbling with curiosity. "How did you get the books? Where on earth did you find them?" "Waal, Miss Cleo," said the old seaman, producing a slab of villainous colored tobacco and slicing off a piece with great deliberation, "this here wuz the way it happened. After you and the lieutenant started for the party I thought I'd hunt up some friends o' mine and have a glass or two with 'em. Waal, I'd dropped into that cigar store at the corner o' Third and Market to get a plug o' tobacco, when in comes a feller in a dress suit, with a overcoat over it, and asked the clerk which was the car he should take for Ocean View boulevard. Said he wanted to go to the British consul's. That made me kindo prick up my ears, and when he turned around I got a good look at him. By the living Jingo, ef it warn't that feller called Mahlin—the same that I seen over to Valdivia one day a while back a talkin' to Satsuma. 'Oh ho,' sez I to myself, 'there's some hanky-panky goin' on. What might you be going to the British consul's for?' So when he boarded a street car, I stepped aboard too and stood on the rear platform so's he wouldn't see me. When he got off at the consul's house I got off too and followed him until he went into the back gate. I hung round a while and then, bold's brass, I walked into the kitchen, figurin' that ef anyone asked me what I wuz doin' there I'd tell 'em that I had a message for the lieutenant. But everyone was busy, with waiters hustling in and out, and no one paid no attenshun to me, so I jest slipped up the back stairs, thinkin' I'd have a look round upstairs for friend Mahlin. I hadn't no more than got into the upstairs hall, though, before I heard, somewhere in the front o' the house, the darndest hullabaloo I ever listened to. It sounded like an anchor chain runnin' through a hawse hole. Wimm'n wuz screamin' and men a-shoutin' and thunder seem'd to've broke loose generally. I run forrad just in time to see the lieutenant a-rollin' down the companionway all tangled up with a feller with a black mask on. You wuz a follerin' 'em down, Miss Cleo, screamin' to beat the band. Next thing I knowed, the two o' 'em rolled kersmash through the front winder. 'It's time to get out o' here,' sez I to myself, thinkin' I'd slip out the way I come in and see what's happened to the lieutenant. Jest then I happened to look into a room at the top o' the stairs, and, by the Holy Moses, ef there warn't two o' your father's books, Miss Cleo, a lyin' on the table. I knowed 'em by red bindin's. 'They may be the very books what has the secret o' the submarine hidden in 'em. Who knows?' sez I, and, as everyone had run below to see the fight, I slipped into the room and grabbed 'em and skipped down the after companionway hidin' 'em under my jacket. By that time everyone in the kitchen had run to the front o' the house to see the fight, so no one seen me go out. I hurried round to the front thinkin' the lieutenant might've been hurt in the scrap, and peeked into that glass place where the flowers are. There was a crowd round him and as he wuz astittin' up talkin' I made up my mind he couldn't be hurt very bad, so I lighted out with the books, knowing that you'd be glad to see 'em." During this amazing recital Hope and Cleo had been anxiously poring through the volumes thus miraculously recovered. Now Hope looked up. "You're a wonder as a sleuth, Hook," he said, wearily tossing the books on the table. "Burns and Pinkerton and Sherlock Holmes have nothing on you. But luck is still against us. We've got to look further. There's no sign of the formula in either of these books."

It was late the next morning when Hope, looking a trifle pale and with his head still bandaged, joined Cleo in the breakfast room. "Who is the next person for us to see?" said Cleo. "The next name on the list is Arthur Fitzmaurice and his address is given as the Commercial hotel, here in the city. I have just telephoned the hotel, however, and learn that he left a few days ago for the Farallons. It seems that he is connected with the government coast survey, so I suppose he's out there charting the islands." "What are the Farallons?" asked Cleo, "and where are they? I never heard of them before." "They are islands," answered Hope, "or rocks, rather, for nothing grows upon them, in the Pacific, about 30 miles due west of the Golden Gate. There are several islands in the group, the North Farallon the Middle Farallon and the South-east Farallon. There's a lighthouse on the southern island and a government radio

station on the Middle Farallon. I imagine, therefore, that Fitzmaurice is making his headquarters on the middle island." "How do you reach the islands?" inquired Cleo. "We will have to take a launch," was the answer. "There are no boats running regularly to the islands, and I find that the government tender won't go out again until next week. So I've sent Hook down to the waterfront to see if he can hire a power boat. Here he is now," he added, as the one-armed sailor appeared in the doorway. "Well, Hook?" he inquired, "were you able to get a boat?" "Yes, sir," said Hook, touching his forelock, man-of-war fashion. "I've found a good, stout little power boat—not very big, she ain't, but she's well built and seaworthy and I'd cross to China in her. Morrissey, the feller what owns her, used to be an old shipmate o' mine. He says he'll take us out to the Farallons for twenty dollars." "Couldn't you find anything larger?" asked Hope. "There was a fine big boat sir, a sixty-footer, tied up at the same wharf, but her skipper wanted fifty dollars for the trip." "That's too much," said Hope decisively. "We'll take the launch; it will do quite as well. Tell your man to be ready to start at two o'clock." Little did Hope foresee the perils which awaited them off the rock-bound shores of the Farallons. The launch which Hook had engaged lay at one of the piers which jut out into the harbor from San Francisco's waterfront like the teeth of a gigantic comb. Though Morrissey, the owner-captain, had been told to be ready to start by two o'clock, owing to some engine trouble it was considerably past three before he was ready to cast off. Then came another hitch. Hook had disappeared. "Now, where the devil has he gone to?" demanded Hope, impatiently striding up and down the pier. "I guess he's gone to get a drink, sir," said Morrissey, touching his cap. "I saw him about twenty minutes ago heading for one of those saloons over on East street. I'll send a boy after him if you wish, sir." "No," replied Hope, "we'll go without him." Morrissey was quite right in his surmise; Hook, who was the possessor of a chronic thirst, confident that he would have time for a glass of beer before the repairs to the engine could be effected, had slipped away on a

for Coleman came hurrying up the pier. "Just run over to Jerry's place, will you, Bill," he called to the watchman, "and see if you can find my two firemen, Hennessy and Dillon?" "So Mister Morton and his friends is goin' to the islands too, eh?" said Hook to himself. "I think I'll jest slip aboard, unbeknowns to 'em, and go along." Morton and his companions had strolled to the far end of the pier, where they stood deep in conversation; Captain Coleman was busy getting supplies from the storehouse; the watchman had gone across the street to get the crew; so that no one saw the one-armed sailor when he climbed aboard the Sea Hawk and disappeared down the companionway. No one had been more astonished than Morton and Olga at the mysterious disappearance of the books from the Delmar study, and their astonishment was increased when they saw the mystification of Hope and Cleo. But Olga did not believe in taking anything for granted. No sooner did she reach her apartment in the Portola Arms than, despite the lateness of the hour, she sent for Sextus and related to him the exciting events of the evening. "I'm pretty well convinced," she concluded, "that neither Hope nor the Burke girl have any more knowledge of what has become of those books than I have, but I don't wish to take any chances. I want you to watch them closely for the next few days, Sextus, and to keep me informed of anything which seems suspicious. It will be quite safe for you to lounge about the lobby of their hotel, or even for you to take a room there, for neither of them know you. If they go out, follow them. It's possible that they know more about those books that disappeared tonight than we think they do, and I don't dare leave the city to search for the other books because it would mean letting them out of my sight." The following morning, from his table in the breakfast room of the hotel where Hope and Cleo were staying, Sextus witnessed, without, however, being able to overhear, their conversation with Hook; when, after lunch, they departed in a taxicab for the waterfront, he followed them; and from the pier he saw them depart in the launch for the Farallons. Five minutes later, breathless from running, he was talking to Olga over the telephone. "They've given us the slip," he panted. "They've hired a launch and



"There's No Sign of the Formula in Either of These Books!"

"Lieutenant Hope will not be back until tonight," the telephone girl informed him. "He has gone to the Farallons." There were now three craft racing toward the same goal. Well in the lead was the small launch containing Hope and Cleo. Bearing down on a more northerly course was the power boat hired by Mahlin and Satsuma, while somewhere astern pounded the larger craft bearing Morton, Olga and Sextus. Doubtless all three of the skippers would have exercised more caution than they did could they have seen the notices which were being displayed that afternoon on the bulletin boards of the various shipping offices and other places where seafaring folk congregate.

**WARNING!** Shipmasters and others navigating the waters between the entrance to San Francisco Bay and the Farallon Group are warned to be on the lookout for a floating mine which broke loose from its moorings during experiments at Fort Point Torpedo Station and is believed to have drifted into the channel. The mine, which resembles a large buoy, is painted gray-blue and is marked "U. S. 1127B." Anyone sighting it is warned against attempting to take it in tow but should immediately notify the chief ordnance officer, Fort Point, Cal.

(Signed) H. J. MACKENZIE, Adjutant-General, By Order the General Commanding the Western Department.

The mill-pond calmness which prevailed in the inner harbor proved to be no criterion of the weather without, for in the bay a brisk breeze was blowing and outside the Gate the breeze turned into a gale. In fact, so heavy a sea was running that darkness was descending when Morrissey ran his launch under the lee of the lighthouse on Southeast Island and Hope and Cleo clambered ashore. In response to their whistle a gray-bearded man, tall and angular, appeared in the doorway of the small, whitewashed building which adjoined the lighthouse. "That's the keeper, Captain Fairweather," said Morrissey. "I am Lieutenant Hope of the navy," Hope introduced himself. "I am looking for a man named Fitzmaurice of the coast survey. I understand that he is over here charting the islands."

"Mr. Fitzmaurice left this morning for Middle Island," was the answer. "The government has a radio station there and he went over to send a message to 'Frisco. I reckon he likes their food better than he does mine, anyway." "How far is it across to Middle Island?" "About six miles." "Well," said Hope, turning to Cleo, "the only thing for us to do, it seems, is to keep on to the other island." "It's none of my business," interrupted the keeper, "but you'll be taking a big chance if you try to cross to Middle Island tonight. It's a dangerous channel, even in the day time, and it'll be dark in another ten minutes. There's a big sea running already and the wind's rising."

"What do you think about it, Morrissey?" Hope asked the boatman. "I'm game for it, sir." "And how about you, Cleo?" "Oh, I would much rather go on, Jarvis," she answered. "I couldn't sleep tonight if I felt that those books were only six miles away. I'm not in the least afraid—you are with me." The last four words were spoken so softly that only Hope could hear. "Remember," the keeper called after them as they turned back to the boat, "there's some bad reefs between here and the other island. Keep this light astern of you all the time. If you get a quarter of a mile off the course you'll be in a heap of trouble."

As the keeper prophesied, the wind, even during the few minutes that they had spent ashore, had greatly risen, and as they rounded the point it struck them with a force and suddenness which nearly capsized the little launch. But it was too late to turn back. To attempt to go about in the sea that was now running was but to invite disaster. Their only hope of safety lay in keeping the boat bow-on to the mountain-high waves which were roaring down upon them. Small wonder then that Hope and Morrissey, their every nerve strained to the task of keeping the boat from being

swamped, failed to notice the other launch which ran under the lee of the lighthouse barely ten minutes after their departure. Out of it scrambled Mahlin and Satsuma. Clambering up the rocky footpath, they reached the keeper's modest dwelling. Night had fallen and from the summit of the white tower which rose above them a great beam of light stabbed the darkness at recurrent intervals. The keeper answered Mahlin's knock and invited them inside, for the howling of the wind made conversation outside almost impossible. "Can you tell me where I can find a Mr. Fitzmaurice?" inquired Mahlin. "They told me at the offices of the coast survey that he was at work over here making some maps or something."

"Fitzmaurice seems to've become might popular all of a sudden," remarked the keeper. "You're the second party in half an hour that's been after him. He ain't here, though. He left this morning for Middle Island." "Has Lieutenant Hope been here looking for him?" hazarded Mahlin. "That's the name he gave," said the keeper. "And he's gone over to Middle Island."

"He has, though I did my best to discourage him. It's lucky for them they've got this light to guide them. Without it, on such a night as this, they wouldn't have a chance in a million." "Well, I'm not going to risk it," said Mahlin. "That's certain. But I'm afraid you'll have to put us up for the night. I'll be glad to pay you for your trouble."

"I'm afraid I can't make you very comfortable," said the keeper, "but I'll give you the best I've got. I have to be up all night tending the light, so you can take my bed, and your friend there can sleep in my assistant's room, and I'll fix up a bunk for your boatman in the storeroom." "You're not alone here, are you?" inquired Mahlin. "I am tonight," was the answer. "I've got an assistant, but he's been feeling poorly of late so he went over to the city on the tender this morning to see a doctor. . . . Now, just make yourselves at home, please. I've got to go up to the light for a few minutes. With such a gale as this blowing we can't take any chances of anything going wrong with the light—there are too many lives dependent on it."

But not on that night, nor for many nights thereafter, did Keeper James Fairweather ascend the winding stairs leading to the great light which, far above them, sent its guiding rays out over the angry waters, for, as he turned to leave the room, a terrific blow descended on his skull and he knew nothing more. "Now, Satsuma," called Mahlin, dragging the keeper's limp body away from the door which led to the tower, "out with the light! That young pup of a naval officer won't feel so blamed uppish when he finds himself and his lady friend drifting on the rocks and no light to steer by."

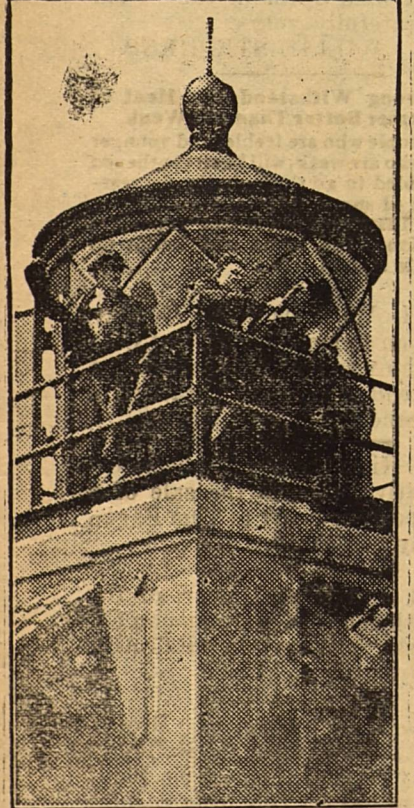
Before he had left the lighthouse half a mile behind, Hope was bitterly reproaching himself for his foolhardiness in attempting to make the crossing to Middle Island, for the wind had risen until it was sister to a cyclone and they had all that they could do to keep the little launch, already partly filled with water, from being capsized by the mighty combers which broke over it. But they struggled doggedly on, knowing that they need have no fear of rocks so long as they kept squarely astern the light which winked so encouragingly at them from Southeast Island. Suddenly Morrissey gave a cry of alarm. "The light, sir!" he gasped. "It's gone out!" He was right: the life-saving beacon had been suddenly extinguished. In vain they searched the darkness for it. It did not reappear. And, with neither light nor compass to guide them, Hope knew that they were helpless and at the mercy of the storm. At that moment, from somewhere to the eastward of them, a sudden fiery glow, incredibly dazzling, illuminated, for a brief moment, angry sea and inky sky, and to their ears came, an instant later, a crash like an exploding powder mill. The Sea Hawk had found the floating mine!

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



"You'll Be Taking a Big Chance If You Try to Cross to Middle Island Tonight!"

brief visit to the nearest saloon. But leaning over the polished bar were some seafaring acquaintances, and, in their congenial company, the single drink that he had promised himself became two, and the two grew into half a dozen, so that nearly an hour had elapsed before, breaking away from his noisily protesting companions, he made his way, a trifle unsteadily, back to the pier. But the launch, instead of being tied up alongside, where he had left her, was now a small black speck on the waters of San Francisco bay. The unceremonious fashion in which he had been left behind sobered Hook completely, and it was a dejected and very sheepish old seaman who turned his steps in the direction of the city. But it was destined that he should go to the Farallons after all, though in a fashion which he had not anticipated, for, just as he was leaving the pier a taxicab drew up and deposited three passengers. One of them Hook instantly recognized as Gerald Morton, but the man and woman who accompanied him he did not recall having seen before. At sight of them the old sailor stepped behind a pile of lumber. They approached the dockman. "We wish to take a run out to the Farallons," said Morton. "I understand that launches for the trip can be hired here." "The only small launch we have has just started for the islands," was the answer. "A feller and a girl hired it for the trip only about half an hour ago. But Cap'n Coleman might take you over in his big boat if you're willing to pay his price. That's him with the blue cap down to the end of the wharf." Morton and the woman approached the man designated as Captain Coleman, while Hook, from the shelter of his lumber pile, watched from afar their conversation. It evidently resulted satisfactorily to all concerned,



A Terrific Blow Descended on His Skull and He Knew No More.

found Hook awaiting them. Under his arm was a package wrapped in a newspaper. "Come over here," he whispered mysteriously. "I've got a surprise for you." Leading the way into one of the reception rooms, which was deserted at that hour of the night, he closed the door behind them and bolted it. Then, while Hope and Cleo watched him curiously, he laid on the table the parcel which he carried, broke the string and unwrapped the paper. Before them lay the missing books! "Great Heavens, man, where did you get them? We thought that they were gone for good," Hope almost



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 The Banner-Leader and the  
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We are too far from the scene of action for the war to hurt us, but our distance from the scene of action will hurt when the strike comes.

From present prospects there is ample labor here to handle the crop harvest work and the importing of a few hundred worthless negroes will not be necessary. We don't need 'em.

It seems that the enthusiasm for public highways will not take hold of Runnels county people. We have no delegate at the good roads convention, nor are we making any move to get any of the federal road money. Are we dead, or just sleeping.

While nearly a half million men are threatening to throw up their jobs and quit work if they are not given better pay and shorter hours, as many more men are seeking and would be glad to get what the other fellow is refusing. So many men don't recognize a good thing when they see it.

**COMPULSORY EDUCATION**  
 The compulsory school attendance law is to be enforced commencing this September, if we remember correctly. The state per capita apportionment has been fixed by the board of education at \$7.00, which amount is based upon estimated receipts of \$8,800,000 and a scholastic enumeration includes those seventeen years of age. All under twenty-one can attend school free.—Cross Plains Review.

We wonder just what expedient the school board of Abilene is going to fall back upon to provide

ed fifty stamps and forty-eight were loaded with bacteria. It matters not that in only two cases, were any of the germs isolated capable of causing disease. A stamp can accumulate harmful germs just as easily as the harmless kind.

However, the postage stamp has been under suspicion for some time. The woman who buys one from the corner druggist and asks him to lick it for her, may or may not know what she is about, but the obliging druggist gets the germs. Other investigators have discovered that the mucilage on stamps has a certain food value, but a hungry person might lick a million and still not feel as if he had had a square meal.

"Incidentally, if the manufacturers of stamp moisteners and mailing machines are wise they will use the statement of the Philadelphia servants to convince ultimate consumers why they should never under any circumstances risk their lives by licking a stamp."

**WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH RUNNELS COUNTY DEMOCRATS?**

The Democratic County Convention of Runnels county last week adopted resolutions asking the Legislature to repeal the poll tax requirement for voting and to abolish the Terrell Election Law. The resolutions suggested that if the Legislature did not have the courage to repeal these laws that they be submitted on the primary ballot to a vote of the people.

It is difficult to imagine what motive has stirred the Democrats of Runnels to hanker for a repeal of both the Terrell election law and the poll tax law. Surely the good citizens of that county do not desire to have the state return to the old convention system, the source of the most execrable politics that ever existed in Texas. These Runnels county Democrats appear to be forgetful also of conditions in South Texas,

platform, or the summary of the laws passed up for action to the legislature, are as follows:

Ringed endorsement of the Wilson administration, including specific approval of the Mexican policy.

Hearty approval of the administration of Governor James E. Ferguson.

Silent on the Robertson insurance law and the submission of a prohibition amendment to a vote of the people.

A demand that all appropriations for the support and maintenance of all departments of the state government be specifically itemized.

The enactment of laws extending the powers of the warehouse commission.

Pledges the democracy of the state to a just and liberal policy toward organized labor.

Eight-hour day wherever practicable is recommended.

Protection of foreign capital invested in Texas.

Legislature is urged to enact laws to more adequately care for the insane of the state.

A two million dollar appropriation for the extension of the educational system of the state is recommended.

The establishment of a state highway commission to be supported by a tax on automobiles is favored.

Improvement in the penitentiary law is urged.

Attention is called to the pressing necessity for judicial reform legislation without making specific recommendation.

Platform favors exempting cotton factories from taxation for a period of ten years.

Urging a law defining the purpose for which candidate for public office may spend money and requiring greatest possible publicity of all campaign expenses.

More liberal appropriation for the support of the quarantine service is urged.

Present fee system is condemn-

**THE PASSING OF THE CATTLE TICK.**

So long ago that ne'er a man, Hath memory that runs that far, There's been a pest in this good State, Her greatest industry to mar.

He is a loathsome wee thing, When first he comes to light, But when he gets a tail-hold, He sticks on mighty tight.

He is a gruesome little pest, With an appetite for gore, And every time he gets a chance, He covers his victim o'er.

There is an effort being made, To rid the State of him, And from all the circumstances, His chance is mighty slim.

The time once was when he could boast, That he was license free, But now he sees his doom is sealed Sure as one and two make three.

With arsenic in every vat, And vats on every farm, He must begin to view the fact, With agony and alarm.

The time is surely coming, In fact is almost here, When ticks will be eradicated, From every cow and steer.

Come all ye farmers from all around, And join this laudable fight, And swat the tick on every hand, On the left and on the right.

Until this State can say with pride, No ticks are left to say, "The cow is my own property, To eat, destroy and slay."

Down with the children's enemy, That endangers their very life, By contaminating their food and drink, Like the poison of a vipers bite.

If the winds of fate continue to

Back in Old Runnels at the Odd Fellows Hall,

When the cowboys spurred and legged Leaned against the wall, While by their side in simple pride Their Sweethearts blushing stood Just waiting to trip to the music Of Miller and Underwood.

How those old walls did ring With music and dancing feet, And the fiddler's bows they fairly flew Ringing out the old tunes so sweet. Down the line came Paraymore's boys Such dancing you never saw! With Milligan and Gilliam a following To the "Turkey in the Straw."

But the best was yet to come And I'm sure you'll agree with me We all sat round the fire To eat the barbecue And that good dish with pepper's red And frijoles crisp and brown, And black coffee just to the taste was plentifully passed around 'Twas a feast all fit for the Gods Prepared by the finest cook in the West Mentioned in Ancient myth, The cowboy's chef—Ben Smith.

But while we're together today, boys With hearts so young and gay, Lets not forget to honor the boys Who have passed away. Lets bow our heads reverently, sadly, For Miller and Johnson too, For braver hearts and truer souls Ne'er lived 'neath heaven's blue. They were friends of their fellowman Always giving to others their best Their going is felt at each hearthstone Throughout the land of the West.

So we've met today in Wood's pasture Of the famous old mesquite The Cow Punchers' Association To hold its yearly meet. Its President and Treasurer are here Extending a friendly hand To the bravest men and women That ere gathered in the land. Then three cheers for the Association Sing its praises high Let the echo ring from hill to hill, Beneath old Texas Sky.

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When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be despondent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer. The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system. Get it today.

**ECHOS FROM RUNNELS COUNTY'S FIRST SECOND PRIMARY**

Only one high mar lost. The vote fell short about 400. Stephens and Schuehard came near splitting Rowena.

The election cost about \$275 and the candidates foots the bill. After many efforts Miles furnishes one county officer. He will no doubt make a good one.

Chastain, Stephens, Harris, Hagan and Kirk will be the new men on the job. Hagan and Kirk, however, know the game. The others will soon learn.

With the exception of county surveyor, treasurer and district clerk all Runnels county officers will have new men in charge after the November election. In some cases it will just be a promotion.

Sixteen to six is the way the boys at Baldwin and Antelope voted in the tax collector and tax assessor's race.

Mr. Schuehard says he takes his hat off to the voters at Baldwin, where he did not receive a vote in the first election and got them all but one in the second primary.

The largest vote was polled in the assessor's race, the two candidates receiving 2268, with the collector's close second with 2267 and the superintendent's race losing 17 votes, totaling only 2251. Somebody had no choice.

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accommodations for the scores of new pupils that will be forced into the schools in September by the compulsory attendance law. Last year many of the children were obliged to sit on chairs of their own providing, even after new buildings had been erected. It is up to our school board to run the 1916 schools on 1910 equipment, and blessed if we see how they will do it.—Abilene Reporter.

There were about five hundred thousand children in Texas who did not attend school last year, so we have been informed. If the law is enforced there is going to be some crowded school houses. Another problem the school boards are going to have to contend with will be the Mexican children. Many little western towns have from a half dozen to a hundred Mexican children. That's a problem for you to think about.

**ANOTHER DEATH DEALING AGENCY DISCOVERED**

Man is continually confronted with the danger of life. Yesterday we were advised not to patronize the eastern mail order houses, if we did our babies would be exposed to infantile paralysis, the claim being made by a noted health authority that this deadly germ was being scattered thru-out the Southland in mail order packages. That warning is heeded for all its full weight. In fact it was necessary, for we have long since outlived mail order packages and have convinced our wife that its bad business.

Now comes the announcement that bacteria lurks in the musilage on postage stamps, and we are flirting with death when we lick the stamp. The Beaumont Enterprise sends out the warning to its readers, and says:

"Beware of the postage stamp," exclaims the Enterprise. Two Philadelphia scientists, in an article recently published in the Medical Record, have classed it among instruments of destruction. It carries around millions of germs. He who in his haste licks a stamp and sticks it on an envelope may be himself irreparable injury. "The learned gentlemen test-

where the Terrell law and the poll tax requirement have tended to take the negro and his degenerate white ally entirely out of state politics. Surely they would not favor bringing back these conditions.

A few republicans in this immediate section of the state have recently protested against the Terrell law as denying them participation in referendum legislation, and so far as observed this is the entire source of the opposition to the Terrell election law.

Is the democracy of Runnels dominated by this class of citizens? If that is so, then it is the Democratic party in Runnels county, and not the election law, that needs reconstruction.—Brownwood News.

Don't worry. Out of about 2750 Democrats in Runnels county less than a dozen "prayed" for the repeal of the poll tax and election law. These laws are as safe in the hands of Runnels county Democrats as the Robertson Insurance Law is in the hand of Col. McNealus, and you know that's some safe. It was the execrable convention system that put this resolution by.

**THE HOUSTON PLATFORM**

While we think that the Houston convention erred seriously in not inserting the submission and Robertson insurance law planks, because the people voted for those things, we are free to admit that the platform as a whole is a good one and one which true Democrats can stand by. The convention was an anti convention by a large majority, and was a Ferguson convention, in that Mr. Ferguson controlled the building of the platform to a great measure, but the same vote that nominated Mr. Ferguson for governor voted for the Robertson insurance law and for submission, and he should not have accepted the one vote and brazenly ignored the other two, and we believe that the reaction will be as a death blow to that faction of the Democratic party who declined to carry out the wishes of the voters of Texas. The principal planks in the

ed. Liberal and adequate support of the live stock sanitary commission is favored. Home owning and home building is encouraged.

The enlargement of the state ranger force is favored. Demand is made that petitions to the state executive committee to have constitutional amendments placed on primary ballots be filed with the committee at least thirty days before the meeting of the executive committee.

**A Hacking Cough Weakens the System.**

Don't suffer with a hacking cough that has weakened your system—get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, in use over 40 years, and benefiting all who use it, the soothing pine balsam with tar heal the irritated air passages—soothes the raw spots, loosens the mucous and prevents racking the body with coughing. Dr. King's New Discovery induces natural sleep and aids nature to cure you.

**VALUED SOUVENIR.**

Mrs. Walter Parker left Tuesday for Coleman and Brownwood, where she will visit a few weeks before joining Mr. Parker in their new home back East.

Mrs. Parker has been secretary of the Eastern Star Order for sometime past and upon retiring was presented with a beautiful Eastern Star pin by the local lodge which she appreciates very greatly and will always remind her of the very pleasant relations with the membership of this beloved order in Ballinger.

**Liver Trouble.**

"I am bothered with liver trouble about twice a year," writes Joe Dingman, Webster City, Iowa. "I have pains in my side and back and an awful soreness in my stomach. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and tried them. By the time I had used half a bottle of them I was feeling fine and had no signs of pain." Obtainable everywhere.

blow. As they have for the last few years There'll be no ticks in this land of ours, To blight it with anguish and fear. Oh, won't there be rejoicing, When people gather thick, To celebrate the passing, Of the hated cattle tick. E. E. Gass.

**ODE TO PUNCHERS**

Dedicated by Bessie Carder Hunt, of Ballinger, Texas, to the members of the Ex-Open Range Cow Punchers' association of Runnels and adjoining counties and recited by her for their benefit at their annual reunion held in the pasture of L. P. Woods, near Old Runnels, on Wednesday, August 9th, 1916:

Beneath the vast blue of the Western sky They've met today, brave knights of old With many a hearty handclasp, And many a tale of deeds so bold. They've come from the sides of Mt. Margaret Way down on the line of old Coke, From the prairies and hills of Runnels To the banks of the famous Coyote.

And the hearts of those "Knights of Runnels" Are bound by a tie that will last. They have borne together their sorrows and joys In the pioneer days of the past. Those old days of hospitality When each gave to his brother the best And there were no strangers here In this sun-kist land of the West.

But from dug-out and tent and wagon, On the saddle behind herds of steers On the long old trail way up to Cheyenne Came a song to gladden the ears 'Tis sung today from the old mess wagon And wherever the cowboys roam 'Tis echoed from over the praries, The song of "Home Sweet Home."

"Do you remember boys," asked an old timer of '70, How Guest and McAuley with courage bold Drove the redmen back over the line? There were other brave battles to be fought

In those early days of the West, When Cameron, Jones and Allen And Wilmeth each did their best With rattlesnakes, stampeding mavericks, Coyotes, Mustangs, and wildcats too, And the blazing sand of the praries grand Saw deeds that were staunch and true. And who can forget the days

**RECEIVES NEWS OF BROTHER'S DEATH**

Mrs. C. C. Schuehard received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of her brother, which occurred very suddenly at his home near Fredericksburg. Mrs. Schuehard had received no notice that her brother was sick and the news came as a shock to her.

**Cure for Cholera Morbus.**

"When our little boy, now seven years old, was a baby he was cured of cholera morbus by Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Mrs. Sidney Simmons, Fair Haven, N. Y. "Since then other members of my family have used this valuable medicine for colic and bowel trouble with good satisfaction and I gladly endorse it as a remedy of exceptional merit." Obtainable everywhere.

**COUNTY ATTENDANCE OFFICER**

Upon petition of W. W. Mitchell and others requesting the County Board of Trustees to appoint a county attendance officer for Runnels county as required by section 76 of the Public Schools Laws of Texas, it is hereby ordered that a public mass meeting shall be held in the County Court House, Monday, August 28, at two o'clock p. m. for the purpose of a public hearing relative to the appointment of said attendance officer. J. T. BILLUPS, President. L. S. BIRD, Secretary

**LEFT FOR GROESBECK.**

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson, of the Pony creek country, came in Monday afternoon and left for Groesbeck and were accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Cockrell and T. J. Wilson, of our city, in response to a message stating that C. J. Wilson of that city was seriously ill. He is a brother of G. W. Wilson and Mrs. Cockrell and the father of T. J. Wilson.

**To The Voters of Runnels County.**

I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to those who by their vote and influence have made it possible for me to be the nominee for tax assessor. I shall endeavor to show my appreciation by trying to be the very best assessor possible.

I shall always do my very best to serve you fairly and honestly. Again I wish to thank you. I am very gratefully yours. Itdw WILLIE STEPHENS.

**The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak**

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H. H. Williams left Monday afternoon to meet his wife at Cole man who was en route home from an extended summer vacation in San Francisco.

R. P. Kirk, the Studebaker representative, reports the sale of a seven-passenger car to Tom Eagan Monday afternoon.

C. L. and Dock Harter, of the Wilmeth country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Rev. C. L. Ewing, of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger Monday en route home from Paint Rock, where he filled his regular appointment Sunday.

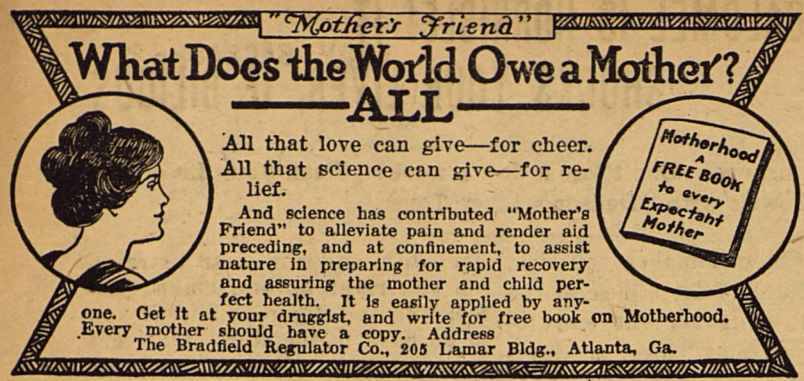
W. L. Weldon left Tuesday at noon for Rowena on a short business trip.

**OLDER BUT STRONGER**

To be healthy at seventy, prepare at forty, is sound advice, because in the strength of middle life we too often forget that neglected colds, or careless treatment of slight aches and pains, simply undermine strength and bring chronic weakness for later years. To be stronger when older, keep your blood pure and rich and active with the strength-building and blood-nourishing properties of Scott's Emulsion which is a food, a tonic and a medicine to keep your blood rich, alleviate rheumatism and avoid sickness. No alcohol in Scott's. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.



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**SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Holland of El-dorado, who had been visiting her sister Mrs. N. J. Wardlow and family have returned home.  
 Mrs. Wooten and children of San Angelo, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Eubank and family.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch and two children, accompanied by Miss Ida Warren, returned home Tuesday night from Christoval, where they had been to attend the encampment a few days.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eubank spent Sunday in San Angelo.  
 Mrs. L. P. Hinde and children left Wednesday for Valley creek to join a crowd from that place on a fishing trip.  
 Miss Maydell Rushing left Wednesday for Miles to visit for a few days.  
 O. M. Hood returned home Tuesday from Menardville.

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**OPPONENTS TICK ERADICATION BALK**

After securing about 1800 names to a petition, asking the commissioners' court to set aside the law and discontinue tick eradication in this county, the opponents filed the petition away and failed to present same to the court when that body convened for business this week. We understand that those seeking the repeal of the law were advised that it would be useless to present the petition as the commissioners' court had no authority to undo a law that the people had voted upon themselves.

Those opposing the law and who are attempting to have the tick eradication work stopped in this county, have been advised to take other steps to defeat the will of the law, and it is probable that a test case will be made. The law provides certain punishment for the failure of the owner to comply with same, and the first man to violate the law will have complaint filed and the case tried out and the validity and constitutionality of the law tested in the court. If the court holds the law a good one the violator will have to suffer the consequences.

Judge Grade Calloway, general attorney for the State Sanitary Livestock Commission, was here from Fort Worth Monday, expecting that the petition would be presented, or some steps taken to block the law. He was in consultation with Dr. Warner, but as the question did not come up there was nothing for him to do.

Those who have dipped their cattle contend that all ticky cattle should be dipped, and the law does not require cattle free from ticks to undergo the dipping, and the work will be carried on as heretofore.

**Just the Thing for Diarrhoea.**  
 "About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Many druggists recommend this remedy because they know that it is reliable. Obtainable everywhere.

**Card of Thanks.**  
 I take this method of thanking many kind friends and neighbors who rendered service and kind attention during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. May the good Lord bless and protect you and your loved ones is our prayer.  
 John G. Gressett and family.  
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Mrs. H. A. Bradley and little daughter, of the Crews country and Mrs. E. Pape, of near Ballinger, left Tuesday afternoon for Marlin Wells to spend a few weeks recuperating. Walter Pape accompanied them as far as Ballinger to see them safely on their journey.

**THE BUSY SHOP**  
 is still busy repairing shoes in the hot summer weather. Come and bring your shoes and get prompt repairing. H. L. WENDORF, The Saddle and Harness Man. tf

J. D. Good, of the Norton country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Hillsboro on a short business trip.

R. J. Turner, of the Norton country, W. C. Bauman, of Miles, J. W. Brice, of Truitt and I. C. Little of Maverick, and W. A. Glenn of Marie, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

**CITY HAS MONEY TO BUY FIRE TRUCK**

The refunding warrant issued by the City of Ballinger in negotiating loan for the purchase price of a new fire truck, has been cashed, and Mayor Powell says the city is ready to receive the new truck and pay for it when it arrives here and comes up to the specifications called for in the purchase contract.

The new engine was due to reach here on July 17th—one month ago, but for some cause has been delayed. The mayor says the city has received no word from the company stating why the engine has not been shipped.

However, perhaps it is fortunate that the delivery of the new fire fighting apparatus has been delayed as the city did not get the cash in hand until this week. Those who opposed the proposition and who predicted that the engine would not be purchased, can rest assured that the deal will go through, and if the engine purchased is not delivered, there are others and the city now has the cash and will buy the engine, creating a new debt of some six or seven thousand dollars at so much interest per.

J. L. McElroy of Schleicher county, came in Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few days.

**VERY ENCOURAGING, AND TEN REASONS.**

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

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R. L. Sides, the Hatchel merchant and E. M. Setser, the Norton gin man, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday and both renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

**FIRST BALE TWO DAYS EARLY**

The first bale of cotton last year was marketed in Ballinger on August 12th. The first bale for the 1916 crop came in two days earlier, being received on Aug. 10. Some were inclined to feel a little frightened and through the early arrival indicated a short crop, but from what we have been able to learn the crop will at least measure up to last year's crop in quantity and the price promises to be longer.

The following firms and individuals contributed the amount opposite their names for the first and second bale of cotton for the year 1916-17:

- Higginbotham, Currie Williams Co., \$2.50; Hall Hardware Company \$2.50; First National Bank \$2.50; Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack \$1.25; Ballinger Dry Goods Co., \$1.00; G. W. Dunlap \$1.00; Harwell Motor Co. \$1.00; The Ballinger Printing Co. \$1.00; Wm. Cameron Co., \$1.00; L. B. Stubbs \$1.00; E. A. Jeanes & Co., \$1.00; Ballinger Auto Co., \$1.00; Ballinger State Bank \$1.50; Jas. E. Brewer \$1.00; T. S. Lankford \$1.00; H. Giesecke 50; Star Wagon Yard, fess and bale of oats: The Hub \$1.00; O'Kelly & Walton \$1.00; Walker-Smith Co., \$1.00; Cash Grocery \$1.00; Walker Drug Co., \$1.00; Melton Dry Goods Co., \$1.00; H. L. Wendori saddle blanket; Stroble Cafe 2 dinners F. & M. Bank \$2.50; City Drug Store 50c; W. H. Roark 50c; Cash 50c Stroble Market 50c; W. B. Wood & Son 50c; N. Passur 50c; cash 25c; Bank Barber Shop 2 hair cuts and 2 shaves.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy, keep the bowels active and regular. Herbine will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

**SPRING HILL NEWS**

Health in our community is very good. We have hoped for a good rain before now, but there is no use to boast of a good crop for it is not good, only in spots. There will be the shortest cotton crop in years.

Cotton has deteriorated very bad in the last three weeks, but we hope for a high price for what is made.

Mrs. Arthur Willingham and children have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Compton.

Mrs. Gus Carnes and baby visited her mother, Mrs. Duncan this week.

Mrs. Charlie Pan, of Dallas, is visiting her brother-in-law, Lee Pan, and family.

The meeting that was held by Bro. Golden closed last Sunday night. It was a most interesting meeting and Bro. Golden is a powerful man of God, and delivered some of the most eloquent and impressive sermons any one ever listened to. He is certainly a most faithful worker in God's service.

We have Sunday school every Sunday evening at 3 o'clock, and we urge all to attend and enlist in the service of the King.

**KNOW.**

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

**NOTICE**

To the Voters of Runnels County:  
 I am the Public Weigher until about the 15th of November, and will appreciate all cotton that you will bring me. My yard is located at the old ball park on Eighth Street.

T. D. STUART,  
 18-2tw  
 Public Weigher.

**CARD OF THANKS**

To my Friends and Supporters:  
 In both the July and August Primaries, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks. I certainly could and would not have appreciated your vote any more, had I been successful, because I realize that every one of you did all he could. I assure you I shall never forget my friends wherever I may be.  
 Again thanking you one and all, I beg to remain, yours sincerely,  
 d&w C. C. SCHUCHARD.

Mrs. S. A. B. Hamilton with her three daughters and son motored from Ballinger yesterday and are guests of Mrs. Hamilton's sister, Mrs. B. H. Calhoun, on North Second. The Hamilton family once resided in Temple.—Temple Telegram.

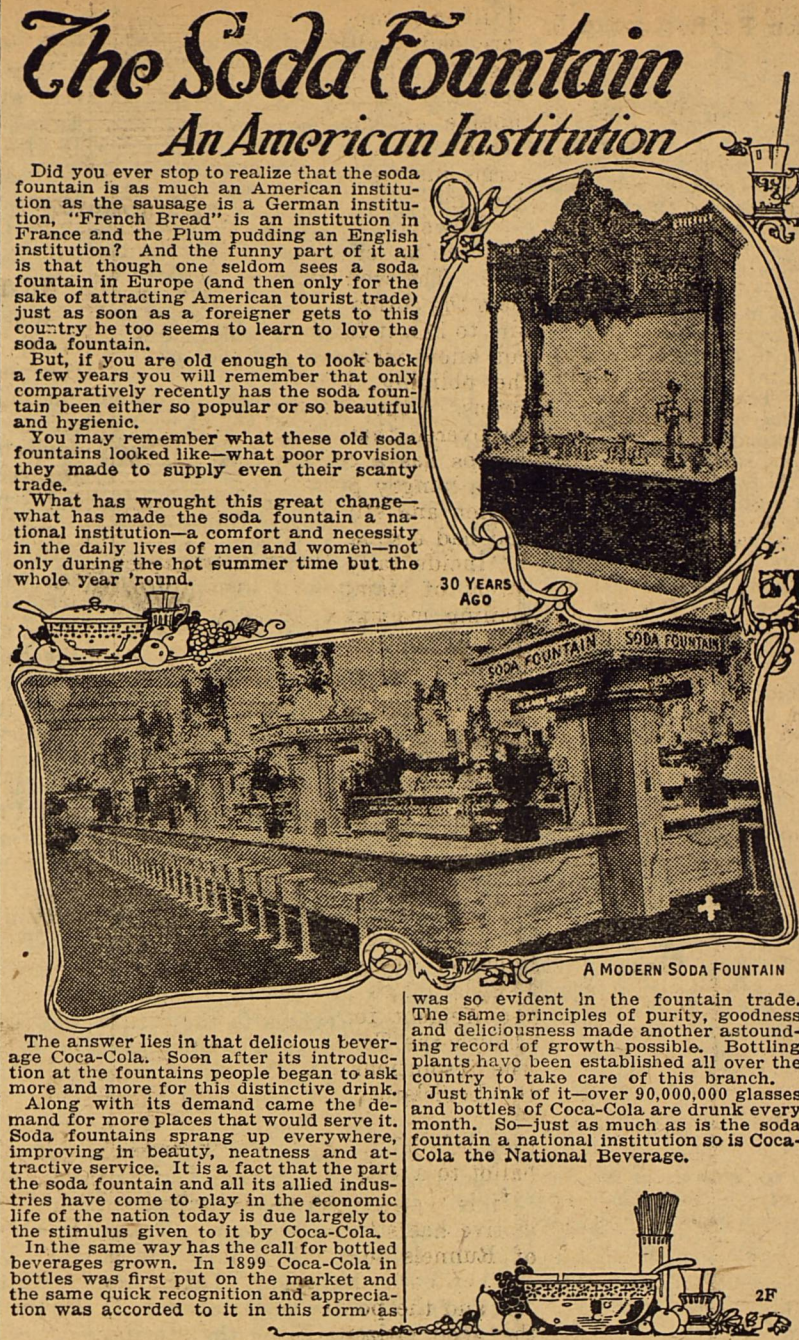
**COTTON PICKERS, ATTENTION!**  
 See the new spring steel knee pads, at Hall Hardware Co. 18-2tw

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clements, son and daughter of Austin, came in Monday in their auto and Mr. Clements will look after business interests and the family to enjoy the outing a few weeks.

Just received carload of Texas hand-made wagons and old time cotton bed frames on hand, also all kinds of second hand wagons for sale. Call on John Peachek. 2-1td3tw.

Otis Smith, of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from an excursion trip to Galveston.

**The Soda Fountain**  
**An American Institution**



Did you ever stop to realize that the soda fountain is as much an American institution as the sausage is a German institution, "French Bread" is an institution in France and the Plum pudding an English institution? And the funny part of it all is that though one seldom sees a soda fountain in Europe (and then only for the sake of attracting American tourist trade) just as soon as a foreigner gets to this country he too seems to learn to love the soda fountain.  
 But, if you are old enough to look back a few years you will remember that only comparatively recently has the soda fountain been either so popular or so beautiful and hygienic.  
 You may remember what these old soda fountains looked like—what poor provision they made to supply even their scanty trade.  
 What has wrought this great change—what has made the soda fountain a national institution—a comfort and necessity in the daily lives of men and women—not only during the hot summer time but the whole year 'round.  
 The answer lies in that delicious beverage Coca-Cola. Soon after its introduction at the fountains people began to ask more and more for this distinctive drink. Along with its demand came the demand for more places that would serve it. Soda fountains sprang up everywhere, improving in beauty, neatness and attractive service. It is a fact that the part of the stimulus given to it by Coca-Cola. In the same way has the call for bottled beverages grown. In 1899 Coca-Cola in bottles was first put on the market and the same quick recognition and appreciation was accorded to it in this form as was so evident in the fountain trade. The same principles of purity, goodness and deliciousness made another astounding record of growth possible. Bottling plants have been established all over the country to take care of this branch. Just think of it—over 90,000,000 glasses and bottles of Coca-Cola are drunk every month. So—just as much as is the soda fountain a national institution so is Coca-Cola the National Beverage.

**IMPRESSION MADE BY THE BALLINGER BAND**


The Brady Standard, in commenting on the recent visit of the Ballinger band to that city, where the band played a three days engagement for the old soldiers of the Mountain Remnant Brigade, says:  
 "No happier choice could have been made by the Y. M. B. L. than their selection of the Ballinger band for the reunion. Not only did the boys furnish most excellent music, but they proved themselves an ideal organization, playing willingly whenever called upon, being orderly in their conduct, and showing a disposition to make themselves truly appreciated which more than succeeded.  
 Upon their part the Ballinger boys express themselves as having been royally treated during their stay here, and state their visit here was one of the most enjoyable of any they have ever made anywhere. They were loud in their praise of the cordiality of the citizens and of the courtesy met with upon every hand.  
 The Standard was favored with an appreciated call from Troy Simpson, a member of the band, and foreman of the job department of the Ballinger Printing Co., who dropped in to exchange fraternal greetings. Through Mr. Simpson we received some information regarding the band that may be of interest to the citizens of Brady. Mr. Simpson stated that Ballinger

shows rare appreciation of her band. Not only does the town pay the expenses of the band, including \$100 per month for the director, but they furnish the band with two sets of uniforms, built a \$500 band stand, and otherwise showed an interest in their welfare that naturally brought forth the best efforts of every member, and insured the stability of the organization. The band, in return, delights the citizen with weekly band concerts, and in addition is available for service upon any occasion of local importance. The splendid music furnished by the band, and the excellent conduct of each and every member during their stay in Brady, speaks volumes for the success of the plan as carried out by the city of Ballinger.

Mrs. J. W. Powell left on the early morning Abilene & Southern for Baird, to visit Judge Powell's mother and brothers for ten days. Mrs. Powell will return with her daughter, Miss Lucile, who is now at Baird.

Mrs. C. B. McKinney, who attended the W. O. W. log rolling at Brownwood and spent a few days with friends after the meeting, returned home Tuesday at noon.

Mrs. Jack Guy and little daughter, of Talpa, who had been been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Baker and Ballinger friends, returned home Monday afternoon.



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**Citation By Publication**

The State of Texas,  
To the Sheriff or any constable of  
Runnels County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of John King, deceased, and the heirs of Julie Van, deceased, whose names are unknown by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th judicial district; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the second Monday in October A. D. 1916, the same being the 9th day of October, A. D., 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the fourth day of August A. D. 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1800, wherein Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., and R. E. King are plaintiffs and Henry King, W. P. King, J. A. King, Elmer King, Mrs. Ethel Bell (nee King) and husband, W. W. Bell, Rodie Murphy (nee King) and husband, Frank Murphy, unknown heirs of John King, deceased and unknown heirs of Julie Van, deceased, both by her first husband, Jim Gannaway and her second husband, John Van, are defendants, the nature of plaintiffs' demands being as follows:

I. That plaintiffs and defendants are the joint owners in fee simple of the following described land and premises situated in the County of Runnels in the State of Texas, to wit:  
Being 724 acres of land more or less situated in Runnels County, Texas, same being a part of the League and Labor in the name of John Early, abstract No. 130, survey No. 449, certificate No. 331, and patented to John Early on November 21st, 1855 by patent No. 280, volume 12, which said 724 acres are described by metes and bounds as follows to-wit:  
Beginning at a stone mound—130 varas South 60 West from the Southeast corner of said John Early survey No. 449, on east bank of Fish creek. Thence south 60 west with the south boundary line of said Early survey 2104 vrs to stone mound for southwest corner of this tract. Thence north 30 west 1000 vrs stone mound for northwest corner of this tract. Thence north 60 east 1075 vrs, crossing Fish creek to stake in west boundary line of tract sold by J. H. Robertson to J. S. Roaten. Thence down the channel of Fish creek with its meanderings to the southwest corner of tract sold to F. M. Durham in channel of Fish creek. Thence south to west 20 vrs, a stone mound for corner. Thence south 57 east 348 vrs, crossing Fish creek to stone mound for corner. Thence south 4 west 370 vrs, to the place of beginning, containing 724 acres more or less.

That the plaintiff R. E. King is the owner of an equal undivided one-eighth part of said land and premises; that the plaintiff The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., is the owner of one equal undivided three-thirty-sixth part or 61 4-9 acres of said land and premises.

That the defendant, Henry King is the owner of one equal undivided fifteen-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that the defendant W. P. King is the owner of one equal undivided six-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that J. A. King is the owner of one equal undivided three-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that the defendant, Elmer King, is the owner of one equal undivided one-eighth part of said land and premises; that the defendant, Mrs. Ethel Bell (nee King) is the owner of one equal undivided one-eighth part of said land and premises; that the defendant Rodie Murphy (nee King) is the owner of one equal undivided one-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that the unknown heirs of John King, deceased, are the owners of one equal undivided one-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises; that the unknown heirs of Julie Van, deceased, are the owners of one equal undivided one-thirty-sixth part of said land and premises.

That the plaintiff R. E. King further represents that the defendants, Henry King, and J. A. King and W. P. King have been using and occupying said premises and collecting and receiving rents therefrom, that said named defendants have failed and refused to do account to said plaintiff for rents and still refuse and fail so to do, therefore said plaintiff prays this court to compel said defendants, to make an accounting of said rents and use of said premises and profits derived there-

from.  
Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that they have judgment for partition and division of said land and premises that commissioners be appointed and a writ of partition issue and for possession of that portion that by judgment of the court may be ascertained and declared to be the property of plaintiffs in severally, and the plaintiff R. E. King, prays for and asks that the defendants H. King, J. A. King and W. P. King make accounting prayed for herein, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and in equity, that they may be justly entitled to, etc.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 9th day of August A. D. 1916.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas.  
By W. H. WEEKS, Deputy.  
11-18-25-1-7-14-21-28

**Citation by Publication**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Unknown Heirs of Geo. E. Sanders, deceased, J. H. Quinn, and unknown heirs of J. H. Quinn deceased, E. E. McClain and unknown heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased, J. H. Babington, by making publication of this Citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th judicial district; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in October A. D. 1916, the same being the 9th day of October A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 2nd day of August A. D. 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1797, wherein J. H. Ingram is plaintiff and unknown heirs of Geo. E. Sanders, deceased, J. H. Quinn and the unknown heirs of J. H. Quinn, deceased, E. E. McClain and unknown heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased, J. H. Babington and First National Bank of Coleman, Texas, are defendants; the nature of plaintiffs' demands being as follows: That on or about the 22nd day of April A. D. 1910, and since that date, he was and is lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: being lots Nos. 1 and 2 in block No. 1, Sunny Side Addition to Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as same appears on map of plan of said addition as on file in county clerk's office of Runnels County, Texas.

II. That on or about the 5th day of May A. D., 1916, defendants unlawfully claimed said above described property, premises and improvements, and still claim same and refuse to release their claim over same.

III. Wherefore plaintiff prays judgment of the court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff have judgment for title and possession of above described land and premises, and that he be quieted in his title and possession of said land, and for such further relief special and general, in law and equity, that he may be justly entitled to, etc.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ

with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Ballinger, Texas, this 2nd day of August, A. D., 1916.

MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 4-11-17-25-1-8-15-22-29

**To The Democrats of Texas:**

Whereas, at the State Democratic Primary Election held for the nomination of all offices, including United States Senators, on the 22nd day of July, 1916, no candidate for United States Senator received a majority of the votes for that office.  
And Whereas, Hon. O. B. Colquitt and Hon. Chas. A. Culberson were the two candidates who received the largest number of votes at the Democratic Primary Election held on July 22nd, 1916. Now Therefore, by virtue of the duty imposed upon me, I Paul Waples, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Texas, do hereby call a Second Primary for the purpose of determining the choice of the Democratic Party as between Hon. O. B. Colquitt and Hon. Chas. A. Culberson, the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes at the First Primary Election; same to be held on the fourth Saturday in August, same being the 26th day of August, A. D. 1916.

At such Primary only the two candidates, viz: Hon. O. B. Colquitt and Hon. Chas. A. Culberson, who received the highest number of votes in the Primary Election held on July 22, 1916, shall be voted upon.  
(Signed) PAUL WAPLES, Chairman, State Democratic Executive Committee.  
Attest:  
(Signed) CHAS. J. KIRK, Secretary, State Democratic Executive Committee.

**To The Citizens of Runnels County**  
I desire to express my thanks and gratitude to the people of Runnels County for the confidence they have shown in me by placing the schools of the county in my care. I shall endeavor to conduct the schools in such a manner that the people will have no cause to regret that they placed them in my charge.  
Very truly,  
E. L. HAGAN.  
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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.

**COLEMAN TO HAVE FALL FAIR**  
The business men of Coleman held a "get together" meeting this week and fixed the dates for a fall fair and subscribed \$1000 to finance the proposition. The committee says \$2000 will be necessary to handle the fair successfully and the committee is at work raising the remainder of the cash, and are meeting with success. It is possible that Ballinger will pull off a chicken show next winter.

Apply a cotton cloth wet with Ballard's Snow Liniment to all wounds, cuts, burns, sores or blisters, and note its wonderful healing power. It is prompt and very effective. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

**ANGELO GETS FIRST BALE**  
San Angelo received the first bale of 1916 cotton Friday. The cotton was raised near Bronte in Coke county by J. E. Buford, and sold for fourteen and one-eighth cents per pound. The first bale was received at San Angelo on Aug. 15th last year.

**GO TO—Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co., successors to T. S. Lankford for Saddles, Harness, etc**  
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**PROGRAM DISTRICT FARMERS' MEETING**

First session of the Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute, District court room, Aug. 30-31, 1916. In the city of Abilene, Taylor county, Texas.

Session . . . . .  
Convene at 9 a. m.—Called to order by President C. A. Doose.  
Invocation . . . . .  
Address of Welcome—Mayor E. M. Kirby, of Abilene.  
Response—Fred Cockrell, President Taylor County Institute.  
Preparation of the Soil—A. K. Short, Agricultural Demonstrator for Fort Worth and Denver.  
Cultural Methods—J. W. Neill, State Department Agriculture.  
Appointment of Committees.  
August 30th, Afternoon Session.  
Convene 1:30—Called to order by the President.  
The Jr. Farmers' Institute and What it means to the Farmers—H. L. Bentley.  
Diversification of Crops—John Balew.  
Rotation of Crops—John O. Allen, Department Agriculture.  
The Plant Food and the Soil and What it Means—Thos. A. McGilliard, Department Agriculture.

How to Bring the Home and the School into Closer Relationship—J. S. Smith, County Superintendent, Taylor County.  
Night Session, Depot Park.  
Call to order 8:00—By President Music—Abilene Band.  
The Farmer's Boy—Dr. J. D. Sandifer, President Simmons College, Abilene.  
The Value of the Farmers' Institute to the People—D. C. Dove, Department Agriculture.  
August 31st, District Court Room  
Convene 9:00 a. m.—Called to order by the President.  
Co-operative Gathering and Marketing Crops—F. Blumentritt Miles.  
By the Value of a Local Entomologist, and What we Shall Do About the Pest—W. J. Neill, Department Agriculture.  
The Municipal Abattoir—Ed. H. McCuiston, Paris.

Afternoon Session.  
Convene 1:30—Called to order by President.  
Home Economics—Mrs. J. L. Landrum, Department Agriculture.  
Making Money Raising Hogs—R. L. Poe, Cisco, Texas.  
Shall Central and West Texas Co-operate to Destroy the Pest—C. R. Buehannon, Snyder; J. A. King, Albany.

**Business Session**  
All speakers respectfully requested to discuss the subjects as brief as possible without sacrificing valuable time. The speakers are all well posted on their respective subjects; therefore, we invite everybody to come and bring your wives and children.  
An extra meeting may be arranged for Mrs. Landrum for the Home Economics and Domestic Science Department.  
I want to urge upon the various counties to send large delegations to this meeting. While no passes will be issued the State Department will request special rates, and will advise later.  
Again I want to urge upon you to use your influence to secure a large attendance at this important meeting.  
Respectfully,  
C. A. DOOSE, President.  
W. R. HUNTON, Sec.

**Should Sloan's Liniment Go Along?**  
Of course it should! For after a strenuous day when your muscles have been exercised to the limit an application of Sloan's Liniment will take the soreness and stiffness away and get you in fine shape for the morrow. You should also use it for a sudden attack of toothache, stiff neck, backache, stings, bites and the many accidents that are incidental to a vacation. "We would as soon leave our baggage as go on a vacation or camp out without Sloan's Liniment." Writes one vacationist: "We use it for every thing from cramps to toothache." Put a bottle in your bag, be prepared and have no regrets.

**UGH! CALOMEL IS HORRIBLE! IT SHOCKS YOUR LIVER, IF BILIOUS**

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

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight.

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.

**BABY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT.**

The two-months old baby of Mrs. D. E. Sanders of Garden City was seriously injured Tuesday afternoon when it was thrown from an automobile at the edge of town and landed on the ground about six or seven feet away.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bogard and their daughter, Mrs. Sanders, and her children, all of Garden City, were coming into Abilene to visit in the home of Mrs. W. C. Hooser. When they reached the creek at the western edge of town Mr. Bogard turned his car aside to make room for another automobile to pass across the bridge. In pulling his car back on to the road to ap-

proach the bridge, the front wheel slid over the embankment. The jolt threw the baby from its mother's lap on to the ground, inflicting serious injuries. The car was only slightly damaged.—Abilene Reporter.

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Ed Kornegay of Miles, was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.



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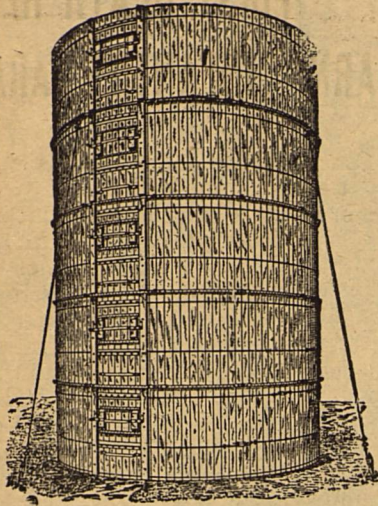
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**RETURNS FROM CHICAGO**  
Miss Tennie Ladwig, who had been taking a course in the Chicago University, returned home Wednesday night. She visited while away from home at Buffalo, Detroit, Milwaukee, Niagara Falls, Toronto Canada, and other points of note. She was accompanied by Miss Maryatt Smith who will visit awhile at points in Texas before returning home.





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**RURAL CREDIT LAW FOR LAND BANKS**

The act provides that the obligations of each federal land bank are guaranteed by all the other federal land banks throughout the United States.

The act provides for a federal farm loan bureau at Washington under the supervision of a federal farm loan board. The board consists of five members, four chosen by the president with the advice and consent of the Senate, the fifth is the secretary of the treasury. The United States is to be divided into twelve federal land bank districts. In each district a federal land bank is to be established, having a minimum capital of \$750,000. Each federal land bank is to be governed by nine directors.

Ten or more farmers in local parts of each district may then form national farm loan associations. These local associations are to furnish the federal land loans and ultimately become the only stockholders of the federal land bank. Under strict rules of purchase the federal land bank becomes the owner of the mortgages thus originated. The mortgages are deposited with the district registrar appointed by the federal farm loan bureau. The federal land bank is then permitted to issue federal land bonds, which are a direct obligation of the federal land bank and collaterally secured by the mortgages so hypothecated. The bonds bear a lower rate of interest than the mortgages. The profit of the system lies in the difference of interest rates borne by the mortgages and the bond issue. In no case can the difference in rate exceed one per cent per annum.

Loans can be made only for the following purposes: To provide for the purchase of land for agricultural purposes or for the purchase of equipment, fertilizer and necessary live stock; to erect buildings and improve the land mortgaged; to liquidate existing incumbrances. No loan can exceed fifty percent of the value of the land mortgaged and twenty percent of the value of permanent insured improvements thereon.

No loan is to be made to any person who is not at the time or shortly to become engaged in the cultivation of the farm mortgaged. No loan is to be made less than \$100 nor more than \$10,000 to one borrower. Every applicant must become a stockholder in the national farm loan association of his district. For every one hundred borrowed he must subscribe and pay for one share or \$5 worth of stock. The maximum interest rate on the loan that can be charged is six per cent. Loans may run from five to forty years, but must contain an amortization plan of annual or semi-annual payments, so that the entire debt is extinguished at the final maturity of the loan. The loan must run for five years in strict conformity with its terms, after which time it can be fully paid or installments accelerated if desired.

**The Best Laxative**

To keep the bowels regular the best laxative is outdoor exercise. Drink a full glass of water half an hour before breakfast and eat an abundance of fruit and vegetables, also establish a regular habit and be sure that your bowels move once each day. When a medicine is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

**THE LARGEST EGG IN THE WORLD.**

Artie Perkins, son of Sheriff Perkins, brought the largest hen egg in the world, to town this week. The egg measured six and one-half inches in circumference and eight and eight and one-quarter inches around the long way, and weighed five ounces, while the average hen egg only weighs two ounces.

H. C. Moten, of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Brownwood on a short business trip.

G. L. Whitfield, of Concho county, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Lubbock to visit and look after business affairs a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skaggs of Winters, passed through Ballinger Sunday afternoon for St. Louis, where they go to buy goods for their firm.

**BALLINGER MAN RAN OVER ANGELO BOY**

(San Angelo Standard)  
Near the East Side school building at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening James Gill was run down by a Ballinger man driving an Overland car and the boy's left leg was broken between the knee and ankle.

James Gill is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gill, 808 Koberlin street. He is a helper at the Orient round house and had just returned on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle when the accident happened.

The motorcycle Gill was riding was practically smashed to pieces and Gill himself would probably have been killed had he not jumped when he saw the big car coming down on his machine at a rapid speed. The young man is 18 years old and has been employed at the Orient roundhouse three years. He is held in high esteem.

Soon after the accident, which also temporarily disabled the Overland car, W. F. Rowe, 733 Spaulding street, called Police Chief Nich Snow, who went to the scene and made an investigation.

The Ballinger man, whose name is said to be Tom Saunders, visited the injured boy at the family home after the accident and expressed regret. He was very much excited.

The boy was reported resting well at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning and it is believed he was not internally injured.

All responsibility for Wednesday afternoon's accident in which Jim Gill, Orient employee, was injured was assumed Friday morning by Tom Vandeventer of Ballinger. Vandeventer and not Tom Sanders was the driver of the Overland automobile which collided with Gill near the East Ward school building.

"It was one of those unavoidable accidents, and happened on a turn," said H. C. Fletcher of Ballinger Friday afternoon. Mr. Fletcher accompanied Mr. Vandeventer on a call to the Standard office to rectify the mistake made in the columns of Thursday afternoon's paper. Fletcher further stated that the automobile figuring in the smash-up was placed in running order ten minutes after the accident occurred by the putting on of another tire. The motorcycle, he said, he believed, can be repaired.

Gill suffered a great deal from the injury Thursday night, but at noon Friday he was said to be resting much easier. The attending physician examined Gill this morning for internal injuries and found none had been inflicted, the only injury outside of a few bruises being a broken leg.

**GOOD POSITION**  
Secured or Your Money Back  
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**LOG ROLLERS RETURN HOME**

The delegates from the local W. O. W. and Circle Lodges returned from Brownwood Sunday where they went to attend the log rollers association. B. F. Corum, one of the delegates, says the Brownwood people entertained in great style and did everything to make them have a pleasant stay in that city, and he says it was a pleasant stay and the log rollers appreciate the hospitality. J. F. Lusk, of this city, was honored with one of the important offices of the association by being elected manager.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on Ballard's Snow Liniment and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

W. M. McMillan left Monday morning for Coleman on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson, who had been visiting relatives at Roswell, N. M., the past several weeks, returned home Saturday.

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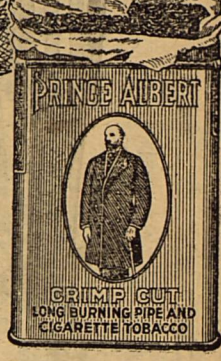
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Men who think they can't smoke a pipe or roll a cigarette can smoke and will smoke if they use Prince Albert. And smokers who have not yet given P. A. a try-out certainly have a big surprise and a lot of enjoyment coming their way as soon as they invest in a supply. Prince Albert tobacco will tell its own story!

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**AUTO TURNS OVER; BABY'S NECK BROKEN**

BARNHART, Tex., Aug. 12.—Jack Tippet, four year old son of Milton Tippet of Marathon, met a tragic death at Sugg Siding, east of this place yesterday at noon when an automobile, which his mother was driving, turned over. The child's neck was broken and it was necessary to use an auto jack to extricate the body.

Mr. Tippet and family were en route to their ranch near Marathon, after visiting Abilene, their former home. The party left San Angelo Friday morning, traveling in two machines. Mrs. Tippet was at the wheel of the rear car when it struck a sand bed near Sugg Siding at noon. The brake failed to hold and the automobile turned over. Four occupants of the car escaped with minor injuries.

The remains of the baby were prepared for burial and carried to Abilene today, where they will be interred.

**Look Good—Feel Good**

No one can either feel good nor look good while suffering from constipation. Get rid of that tired, draggy, lifeless feeling by a treatment of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Buy a box today, take one or more pills tonight. In the morning that stuffed, dull feeling is gone and you feel better at once 25c. at your druggist.

**RUNNELS ROADS THE WORST.**

W. B. Ray, who returned yesterday from an overland trip to Lampasas, where he and his family spent ten days, says he made the trip in his auto, traveling about 350 miles without any car trouble, and only one little puncture. Mr. Ray says after you get out of Runnels county the roads are good. He says some steps should be taken to fix the bad road leading into Ballinger from the south, the road just across the river, between the bridge and West Ward school being in bad shape.

Mrs. R. H. Hamilton and children, of Gatesville, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Ballinger, returned home Saturday afternoon. Her mother, Mrs. M. Pou accompanied them home to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Burrell and children, of Lampasas, who came over in their auto to visit relatives and friends and to look after business interests the past week, returned home Saturday afternoon.

W. W. Simpson, from the Wingate country, was a caller at The Ledger office Monday.

**OIL WELL OVERFLOWS; DRENCHES MEN**

The Hunch oil well proved its worth again Wednesday afternoon when at intervals throughout the evening it "erupted"—spurring oil all around the derrick, drenching the workmen and pulling off a regular geyser stunt.

At times the oil would flow several minutes on a stretch, spurring to the height of several feet. During these periodic outbreaks several barrels of rich oil would be deposited on the derrick floor, on the persons of the workmen, and in the pit.

The casing was being tightened up Wednesday, and as it was let back down a joint at a time the oil in the well would be agitated, giving the collected gas a chance to force the oil out the top.

The tubing for the pump has now arrived and will be hauled out as soon as possible. When the pump is rigged the well will be put to a test to determine its producing ability. This test may be possible before Sunday—Abilene Reporter.

T. J. McCaughn, of Norton; E. J. Guin, of Wingate, W. W. Simpson, of the Wilmeth country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Otis Smith, of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Saturday afternoon en route to Galveston on a vacation trip.

**WOMAN FROM MILES ADJUDGED INSANE**

It was one of those pitiful cases that came up for the insanity board to pass on Monday morning, when Mrs. Estelle Christa was tried for insanity. The commission heard the evidence and instructed that the unfortunate lady be carried to the asylum for treatment.

Mrs. Christa is 43 years old. She is the mother of nine children four of whom are dead. At present her husband is down with typhoid fever at Winters. The family formerly lived at Miles, but moved to Winters where Mr. Christa had work on the A. & S. railroad. After he was taken down with fever, his wife's condition became such that friends at Miles took charge of her and carried her to that town where she was kept until last Friday when she was brought to Ballinger and placed in the insane ward of the local jail.

**MILES RESIDENCE BURNED.**

The message was received in Ballinger Monday stating that the home of D. C. Williams was destroyed by fire Sunday morning about 7 o'clock. The family was away from home when the fire started and the building and household goods were an entire loss, there being no insurance on the same.

**You Need a Tonic**  
There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking

**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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### Kelly-Springfield, Kant-Slip Tires

34x4 \$35.25 special \$32.10 35x4 \$43.70 special \$37.45 36x4½ \$47.45 special \$41.45

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30x3 regular price \$14.20 now	\$11.95
30x3½ regular price \$18.75, now	\$16.25
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34x4 regular price \$30.30, now	\$26.80

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The best medium priced tire made

30x3 regular price \$9.90, now	\$8.75
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32x3½ regular price \$14.70, now	\$12.75
33x4 regular price \$20.95, now	\$17.75
34x4 regular price \$21.35, now	\$18.75

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The greatest boon to motorists. They relieve you of all bumps, jolts, jars or shocks. Equip your car with Velvet Shock Absorbers and that "tired feeling" after a long days trip entirely disappears. They are guaranteed to please you. Ask about our Ten Days Free Trial. Prices \$15.00 to \$35.00

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## NEW VARIETIES SORGHUM FOR TEX.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Four new varieties of sorghum which are worthy of trial in the Central and Southern Great Plains area are described in a new bulletin just issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. These varieties are the product of the introduction and crop breeding work of the Department.

Dwarf hegari is primarily a grain sorghum, but like Blackhull kafir it is valuable also as a forage plant. In general appearance it is intermediate between Blackhull kafir and feterita. It is almost, if not quite, as early in maturity as feterita, and at the Chillicothe (Texas) Field Station, where it has been under test for five years, it has produced better seed crops than any other

variety of sorghum, and has become quite popular with the farmers in that locality. Many farmers prefer it to Dwarf milo on account of its higher forage value and the greater ease of harvesting, due to the erect heads.

Improved feterita is a late importation of this variety of sorghum, having been obtained from Africa in 1908, two years after the first successful importation of feterita. It has been selected for uniformity and leafiness, and shows a higher yielding power than the earlier importation.

Dwarf feterita originated from a plant which was only 2 1/2 feet high and two weeks earlier in maturity than the general crop of feterita. It was not fully retained either its dwarfness or its earliness, but has made consistently high yields of grain and appears to be of some value where an early maturing grain crop is desired.

White milo is a variety of sor-

ghum which has been grown to a small extent throughout Oklahoma and Texas for a number of years. A dwarf strain of this variety has been obtained by the department, which very much resembles the ordinary Dwarf Yellow milo. White milo has given evidence of greater drought resistance than even the ordinary Dwarf milo and feterita.

These four varieties of sorghum were grown in field tests at the Chillicothe (Texas) Field Station for the years 1913-14, and 1915. Dwarf hegari made the highest average yield of both fodder and grain for this period, with Dwarf feterita second in grain yield, but lower in yield of fodder. At Amarillo, Texas, for the same period Dwarf feterita gave the highest grain yield, with Improved feterita second in grain yield and only surpassed by Blackhull kafir in the amount of fodder produced.

### DANGERS OF A COLD

Ballinger People Will Do Well to Heed Them.

Many bad cases of kidney trouble result from a cold or chill. Congested kidneys fall behind in filtering the poison-laden blood and backache headache, dizziness and disordered kidney action follow. Don't neglect a cold. Use Doan's Kidney Pills at the first sign of kidney trouble. Follow this Ballinger resident's example:

Geo. B. Eskridge, Main St., Ballinger, says: "I had a spell of La Grippe that settled on my kidneys. I suffered so severely from my back, that I could hardly keep going and I had dull, throbbing pains across my loins. My sight blurred and I had dizzy spells. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from the Walker Drug Co., and they strengthened my back and relieved all symptoms of kidney complaint." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Eskridge had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Note From Prof. Wells.

To the People of Runnels County: I wish to extend my thanks to those who supported me in the recent primaries and say that I have only goodwill for those that did not. I hope that all will support Mr. Hagan in every effort he may make to improve the schools of the county. I shall take pleasure in assisting in any move for school betterment. ltdw JOHN C. WELLS.

Herman Thompson left Tuesday afternoon for Skidmore, where he will engage in the cold drinks and confectionery business.

## WANTS HIS RABBITS FREED FROM TICKS

An opponent of the tick eradication law says the tick eradicators are overlooking a bet in not dipping the rabbits of this county. The would be knocker of the tick law says that he recently killed a big Jack rabbit that was "loaded" with ticks, and he points out that the cattle range will continue to be infested with ticks after the cattle have been thoroughly cleaned up, and in a matter of a short time the cattle will again become ticky.

There may be something in the argument of the friend of the tick, but to say the least of it, it is a little "far fetched." The state live stock sanitary board is not trying to handle the rabbit pest. If the farmers of this county will co-operate upon the same basis that are necessary in fighting the cattle tick, the rabbit pest will soon be a thing of the past.

The rabbits are not doing the greatest damage in breeding ticks, but the destruction of crops, and especially cotton crops, amounts to a great deal. Perhaps the rabbit catches his ticks from the cow, instead of the cow from the rabbit. We are in favor of rabbit eradication as well as tick eradication.

### CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 23 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

### MARTIN-CHANEY

The wedding of Earnest Martin and Miss Ada Chaney took place at the bride's home on Sealey Ave., on Wednesday last. Although it was a private affair the house was crowded with the many friends of the young bride and several of whom had met the groom. Mr. Martin is a fine young man, who has been in the employment of Swift & Co., for a number of years, holding a high position, while the bride is a fair sample of the Ballinger beauty. She is a beautiful and intelligent young lady raised in our city. We wish them many bright and happy days. They left on the Abilene and Southern for their future home in Abilene.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my many friends who so loyally supported me in the recent primary election and I assure you that I will always do my best to serve you faithfully and impartially, without fear or favor.

Yours friend truly,  
BEN F. ALLEN,  
ltdwpcd Constable Prec. No. 1.

## MYSTERIOUS FIRE DESTROYS BARN

The barn at the home of A. L. Spann was destroyed by fire about two o'clock Monday morning. The fire had gained good headway before discovered and the building and contents were burned causing considerable loss in excess of the \$500 insurance carried on the building and contents.

The barn was a good one, and contained a surry, hack, and Mr. Spann had other property consisting of store fixtures, and things removed from the store when he retired from the grocery business.

The property was insured with the Elmer Sheppard & Co., agency for \$500. The origin of the fire is unknown, and if there had been any fire around the barn during the previous day or night, the owner knew nothing of it.

When you yawn a good deal in the daytime, feel dull, aching and want to stretch frequently it is an unmistakable symptom of malaria, and unless you do something at once you are booked for a spell of chills. Herbine is a chill medicine that will prevent or cure the disease. It drives out the impurities on which the malarial germs thrive, strengthens the liver and cleanses the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

## CREASY ROTARY CO. SHIPPING MACHINES

The Creasy Rotary Filer Co. shipped out three rotary gin saw filers Monday. Two of the machines were shipped by express and one by freight, all three shipments being made to fill rush orders, received from South Texas ginners.

This is one enterprise in Ballinger that promises to develop into a manufacturing business that will cause the people to stand up and take notice. The company is enjoying a good business now, notwithstanding that this is the second season since Mr. Creasy put his wonderful machine on the market. As fast as the ginners learn of the great time saved and the perfect work done by the gin sharpener they take to it, and install them.

Mr. Creasy has been solicited by cities to establish headquarters and manufacture the machine in the cities offering inducements, but so far he has not seen fit to move his plant away from Ballinger and he is showing his loyalty to his home town by patronizing as far as it is possible, home interest in putting out the new machines.

### OPENING.

I have opened a photograph Studio in the Rape building and beginning Aug. 17 and for ten days thereafter I am going to reduce the price of photographs from one third to one half of the regular price in order to get acquainted with the people of Ballinger.

My kodak department is the best in the state. I develop films free and make prints on paper for 4 cents and 5 cents each. On post cards 5 cents each. All my work is absolutely guaranteed to please you, so call and give me a trial.

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## SANTARY OFFICER CONDEMNS MELONS

City Manager E. L. Wells, Jr., announced Monday afternoon that on Saturday afternoon Sanitary Inspector Heitzler condemned 700 watermelons as "being too ripe," and ordered them taken off the market. The melons were hauled out to the stockpens and fed Monday afternoon.

The melons which were condemned were shipped into San Angelo in a car load, and were being sold to the public from the car. City Manager Wells stated that the condemnation proceedings were taken out of deference to public health. He said the man who was selling the melons did not protest against what was done.—San Angelo Standard.

H. S. Bright, of Tokeen, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to points west.

## FIRST DEATH HERE INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Mrs. John Gressett died at her home on Valley creek Sunday after a brief illness which the physicians declare was infantile paralysis. The impression prevailed with many that this disease was confined to children, but physicians recently declared that older people were subject to the disease.

Mrs. Gressett was stricken with paralysis Saturday and died Sunday, living only about twenty-four hours after being stricken. Local physicians who had been with cases of the disease before, agree that this was the trouble that caused Mrs. Gressett's death. This is the first death from infantile paralysis in this part of the state, but there has been several cases in this county.

The funeral was conducted Monday morning and the remains of Mrs. Gressett interred in the old Runnels cemetery. The friends of the family extend sympathy in the sad hours of death.

## NEW TAX COLLECTOR APPRECIATES VOTES

It would be nothing but ingratitude if I failed to express my appreciation for the honor bestowed upon me in the primary election of Aug. 12th, and to also again thank you for the splendid support given me in the July primary.

I appreciate more than words can express the kindness of my friends in soliciting votes for me, and thank every one who voted for me. I hold no ill will against those who voted against me. It will be my purpose to conduct the work of the tax collector's office in such a way as to cause all who voted for me to feel glad that they did so.

ltdw M. D. CHASTAIN.

Lee Doss, of Rockdale, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to the Crews country to visit his brother-in-law B. F. Brown.

Mrs. S. E. Butler, of Abilene, was the guest of Miss Pricilla Jones and other relatives while en route home from San Angelo Wednesday.

George Lusk, of Coleman, who had been visiting relatives and Ballinger friends the past few days on his summer vacation, left Wednesday at noon for points west on a short visit before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Maxwell and baby, of Crowell, Tex., who had been visiting his father Uncle Jack Maxwell and family, left for San Angelo Tuesday at noon to visit a few days before returning home.

Sam Brookshire, of the Benoit country and J. R. Stubblefield, of the Valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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STRAYED OR STOLEN—From my place near Truitt, one dark brown or black sided two-year-old Jersey bull, branded T. Will pay liberal reward for information leading to his recovery, or for his delivery to me. J. T. Billups, Winters, Texas, Route 3, Box 64. 18-2tw

### TRESPASS NOTICES

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS—Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the land owned or controlled by the undersigned in Runnels and Concho counties for the purpose of hunting, fishing, hauling wood, gathering pecans or working stock will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law—I mean it. GODFREY MASSIEY, Paint Rock, Texas. 7-1-17

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