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NATION MOURNS DEATH OF MANILA BAY HERO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Admiral George Dewey, hero of Manila Bay in the Spanish-American war, and President of the General Board of the Navy, died at his home at 5:54 o'clock yesterday evening, after a week's illness. He was aged 79 years.

Mrs. Dewey, his wife, who was constantly with him at his bedside, was near him when he died. Drs. Sheldon and Fountleroy were also with him and Lieutenant Bratton, the Admiral's aide, was on duty when the end came. Doctors delayed announcing his death for fifteen minutes.

President Wilson and all Washington officialdom sent messages of condolence to the Dewey home last night. Messages are pouring in from all parts of the country. Funeral arrangements have not been completed but the funeral will probably take the form of a great tribute to the heads of the nation. Burial will be made in the Arlington cemetery, where the Nation's heroes rest.

George Dewey was born in a New England farm house near Montpelier, Vermont, December 26, 1837. He began his boyhood days by attending the district school, where his disposition proved adventurous.

Safe Farming Meet Saturday

Ballinger should be crowded with farmers next Saturday. A program carrying the best speakers on Safe Farming and High priced Cotton that the Texas Bankers association could line up, will be here for the day. The speakers will arrive on the A. & S. from Abilene Friday evening and the first lecture is scheduled to take place at 10:30 Saturday morning, and there will be four speeches during the day, as follows:

T. O. Walton U. S. Department of Agriculture, "The Cow and the Pig." 1:30 p. m.

Sam H. Dixon, State Department of Agriculture, "Saving the Soil." 10:30 a. m.

G. M. Garren, A. & M. College, "Orchards and Gardens." 2:30 p. m.

Dr. R. L. Fauteck, Bureau of Animal Industry, "The Cost of the Cattle Tick." 11:00 a. m.

These men are brought to Ballinger free of all cost, the trip being one arranged by the Texas Bankers aided by the State and Federal agricultural departments. They should receive a good hearing.

Robert Curry left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth and other points in that section on business.

Baugh Witness In Murder Case

Judge J. H. Baugh of Ballinger, has been summoned as a witness in the Harry Spanell case, which is on trial at San Angelo. While Judge Baugh has been called as a witness in the case, he will probably not appear until a phone message from the attorneys advise him to come. He has been called by the defense.

When asked by a Ledger reporter what he knew about the case Judge Baugh said "nothing." Judge Baugh was a student at Baylor University at the time that Spanell was musical instructor in that university, and when Miss Crystal Holland and Spanell were married. Miss Holland was a student under Spanell, in Baylor University when they became engaged and married, and Judge Baugh will probably be used as a character witness for Spanell.

CHECK FORGER GETS 4 YEARS IN 1 CASE

In a conversation over the phone with the sheriff at Stephenville, Tuesday, Sheriff Perkins learned that H. D. Broyles had been tried in one case against him for forging a check in that county and given a sentence of four years in the pen.

Mr. Perkins called up the Stephenville officers to find out when he could get Broyles and bring him to this county. The man is being tried on four other charges of forgery at Stephenville, and is scheduled to be tried on the charges this week, and Mr. Perkins will probably go to Stephenville early this week and bring Broyles to Ballinger where he will be held in jail pending the action of the grand jury next March.

Broyles is alleged to have passed bad checks on a half dozen or more Ballinger merchants, buying dry goods, groceries, lumber, drugs, hardware, etc. He was caught at Stephenville while in the act of paying for a bill of goods with a bad check, and Sheriff Perkins was notified and went down and connected the man with the crookedness here.

There will probably be as many as a half dozen bills returned against Broyles here, as he is alleged to have passed that many bad checks, and if his punishment should be as high in each case as the first case at Stephenville brought him, he will find himself in the employ of the state for several years. It is also alleged that the man passed bad checks at Goldthwaite and Lampasas.

Sensation Sprung in Leak Probe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—When the house rules committee convened at three o'clock this afternoon to hear Thomas W. Lawson tell what he knew about the leak, the big sensation of the investigation was sprung when Mr. Lawson told the committee that Congressman Robert L. Henry, of Texas, chairman of the committee was his informant about the "leak." It was a big surprise when Lawson named Henry as his informant which enabled him to clean up a million dollars on the stock market.

The committee met this morning and postponed the reopening of the "leak" probe until three o'clock this afternoon, waiting the arrival of Mr. Lawson in Washington. The New York and Boston financial author arrived at noon and appeared before the committee as soon as called for.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Referring to Congressman Henry's denial of the charges by Thomas W. Lawson that Henry told Lawson of the leak, and named Me-Adoo as a member of the cabinet who shared in the leak profits, Lawson declared that "one or the other of us are rank perjurers."

Two other sensations were sprung in the investigation today when Lawson said that Henry told him that German Ambassador Bernstorff was so mixed up in the leak that he made over two million dollars out of it. Later Congressman Harrison asked that J. P. Morgan and Frank Vanderlip be subpoenaed, and brought before the investigating committee. The names of other big business men will be brought into the leak and subpoenas issued for them.

Representative Henry was said by Lawson to have told him at the conference that preceded the opening of the leak investigation of reports connecting the cabinet officer, banker and senator and also had told him of reports that Secretary Lansing had been seen conferring with Bernard Baruch, the Wall Street operator, said to have made a clean up on the falling market, which accompanied the peace note.

Lawson declared Henry had asked him on patriotic grounds not to press his charges. At no time, the Boston financier testified, did he ever say he had direct information.

When Lawson had finished his recital Chairman Henry took the stand and swore that at no time had he mentioned to Lawson the names the financier brought out on the witness stand; that he had no information then and had none now of his own knowledge; and denied generally and completely all of Lawson's testimony relating to him.

When he had concluded Lawson rose and solemnly declared that every word he had uttered on the stand was the "truth, so help me God, without variation."

To back it up Lawson said that immediately after leaving Henry at his former conference he laid his information before John O'Hara Costgrave, Sunday editor, of the New York World; Erman J. Ridgway, president of Everybody's Magazine and Donald McDonald, publisher of a Boston financial paper.

"Call these men," he demanded, "and they will bear me out in what I say."

Almost in tears at Henry's absolute denial of his statements, Lawson said:

"I'll make good here and I won't go to jail as the goat."

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Carney, of Hope, N. M., came in Monday to join his father here on some business deals.

PROS AND ANTIS HEADS TOGETHER

AUSTIN, Jan. 17.—Now that the senate and house have been formally organized, the governor and lieutenant-governor inducted into office, and a few hundred bills introduced, the legislature can get down to business—save for one thing.

PROHIBITION! That's what has taken the wind out of the sails of the Texas ship of state. And it will continue to becalm the state craft (excuse the unintentional pun) until it is disposed of.

The liquor question has intruded itself into the state's politics until now it is the paramount issue. The legislature and all state officials have become cognizant of this. They have been forced to the realization that no other business of importance can be transacted before it.

Pros and antis have gotten their heads together and decided to force a vote on submission of the question to a popular vote. This vote on submission, according to present plans, will be taken late this week or early next.

The first test of strength will be on the Nichols resolution in the house. This is expected to pass that body and reach the senate at once. There the whole fate of submission will narrow down to one or two doubtful votes. Neither side is confident. But they realize that the thing must come to a vote ultimately, and nothing can be gained by a prolonged truce.

The pros believe they have a slight "edge" through election of Speaker Fuller of the house and President Pro Tem Henderson of the senate, both of whom favor state-wide prohibition.

Anyway, they're going to come to grips—and that within a week.

After submission is disposed of, the legislature can go right ahead—and probably butt up against the woman suffrage proposition. It is admitted by both factions in this question that woman suffrage will provoke just as bitter and perhaps longer a fight than submission.

No measures have been introduced in this connection yet, and probably won't be until after submission is settled, but the suffrage lobbyists have been on the job since the legislature convened. They'll be right there when it's time to vote on that subject too.

AUSTIN, Jan. 16.—Senator Lattimore provoked a warm discussion in the senate this morning when he introduced a resolution urging all senators to comply with the mandate vote polled in the democratic primary for submission. The submission question took up practically all the forenoon, and was displaced only for an executive session in which the appointments made by Governor Ferguson during recess were confirmed.

6,428,138 BALES NOW ON HAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—According to report made public by the United States government, 536,587 bales of cotton were consumed in December, exclusive of linters, as compared with 555,500 last year. There were held in consuming establishments on Dec. 31st, 362,960 bales, against 1,853,046 bales last year for same date. There was in public storage on Dec. 31st 4,065,178 against 5,195,653 on same date last year.

Mrs. J. B. Arteburn, of El Paso after a pleasant visit to her mother, Mrs. H. A. Massey and family and Ballinger friends, left for her home Monday afternoon.

30,000 BALES COTTON FROM GALVESTON PORT GO DOWN

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 17.—A German raider, believed to be the steamer Vinita, sank nineteen steamers and two French schooners in the South Atlantic last night, according to dispatches received here from Pernambuco, Brazil and Rio de Janeiro. Additional dispatches received at a later hour, declared that the raider sank another British ship without warning, causing a loss of four hundred lives. Two hundred and thirty survivors from the steamers destroyed arrived at Pernambuco this afternoon.

Another dispatch received at Rio de Janeiro says that only seven steamers were destroyed by the raider and nine were captured.

GALVESTON, Jan. 17.—Reports current in shipping circles here today say that the Swedish steamers Consul Corfitson and Consul Olsson, which left here in November for Havre, France, with twenty thousand bales of cotton, and a Norwegian steamer, Asborg, bound to Genoa, Italy, also sailing from Galveston with ten thousand bales of cotton, are among the number of ships sunk by the German raider off the coast of South America near Pernambuco.

HEAVIEST SNOW IN YEARS COVERS LARGE TERRITORY

Appearing on the streets of Ballinger today is just about as dangerous as appearing on the firing line of the Verdun fort. It is an opportunity that comes but once in about every dozen or so years in this country and the youngsters, as well as some of the older heads are making it count for all it is worth.

The people of this city and throughout this county had the pleasure of seeing the fall of the prettiest snow that ever covered mother-earth. The big flakes began to float and flicker through the air about nine-thirty Sunday morning and the beautiful scene grew more interesting as the day advanced and there was no let up as long as the daylight remained.

Some say the snow covers the earth to a depth of four inches. The government man, who is delegated to keep tab on such matters

and report it to Washington, says five inches is the correct amount of snow given us this time.

FIRE DESTROYS ROBERT LEE WATER WORKS PLANT

ROBERT LEE, Tex., Jan. 17.—A fire destroyed the pump house and equipment of the city water-works plant here and water is being supplied the town by the wagon route. The fire started from the ignition of a tank of gasoline.

Chas. S. Miller left for Austin Monday afternoon and will attend the governor's inaugural ball Tuesday evening.

Walter Parker left Monday afternoon for Belton, where he goes to assist in installing a Midgett flour mill plant.

Statement of Condition of The Winters State Bank Winters, Texas

as made to the Commissioner of Banking, at the close of business December 27th, 1916.

Resources:	
Loans and discounts	\$205,304.18
Advances on cotton	57,722.30
Overdrafts	NONE
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	20,000.00
Other real estate	3,200.00
Interest and assessment D. Guaranty fund	4,135.74
Cash and exchange	313,419.93
Total	\$602,782.15
Liabilities:	
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and profits, net	34,592.12
Bills payable	NONE
Other borrowed money	NONE
Letters of credit	710.00
Deposits	517,480.03
Total	\$602,782.15

The above statement is correct, Jno. Q. McAdams, cashier

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are hereby Commanded To Summon James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased, 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 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1917, the same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1916, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1824, wherein Jacob Stubblefield and William Ash, are Plaintiffs and James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown Heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown Heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased, are Defendants; the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

The State of Texas, In District Court, March Term, A. D. 1917.

To the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas:

Now comes Jacob Stubblefield and William Ash, who reside in Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled plaintiffs, complaining of James Seymour, J. J. McGinnis, the unknown Heirs of James Seymour, deceased, and the unknown heirs of J. J. McGinnis, deceased whose place of residence is to plaintiff unknown, hereinafter styled defendants; and for cause of action plaintiff represents to the court that on or about December first, 1916, they were lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tracts of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to wit: The plaintiff Jacob Stubblefield, being the owner of two hundred acres, a part of James Seymour survey No. 463, abstract No. 423, certificate No. 3047-3184, beginning at the north west corner of the J. F. Wren survey No. 275; Thence S. 30 E. with east boundary line of said James Seymour survey, 1344 varas to the southeast corner of said Seymour survey; Thence west with south boundary line of said Seymour survey 1548 varas; Thence north to the south boundary line of 200 acres conveyed to M. N. Osgood by W. H. Wheat and wife, Nov. 12th, 1879; Thence in an easterly direction with south boundary line of said M. N. Osgood, 200 acre tract to place of beginning, being same land conveyed by S. J. Wheat and wife to W. L. Lollar, and Frank Osgood, October 12th, 1903, deed recorded in Vol. 34, page 107, deed records of Runnels County, Texas.

The plaintiff Will Ash, being the owner of a part of said James Seymour survey No. 463, being three hundred and ninety seven acres, beginning at the southwest corner of J. F. Wren survey No. 276 for most southeasterly corner of this tract; Thence N. 30 W. 1875 varas; Then S. 60 W. 1360 varas stake for corner, same being N. W. corner of said Seymour survey; thence south with west line of said Seymour survey 1861 varas to its S. W. corner; Thence east with said south boundary line of said survey, 805 varas, the most southerly S. E. corner of this tract; Thence north with west line of the S. J. Wheat tract 1268 varas to a

point due west of the beginning of this tract; Thence east along the north line of said S. J. Wheat tract 836 varas to place of beginning; both of said tracts of land under one fence or enclosure; that on the day and year last aforesaid the defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and jointly ejected the plaintiffs therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from them and each of them the possession thereof to the damage of each of them the sum of two thousand dollars.

Plaintiffs further say that they are the owners of the said tracts of land, respectively herein above described, by virtue of the five years statute of limitation, in this, that he Jacob Stubblefield, plaintiff, and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly recorded and registered, has had peaceable, quiet, continuous and adverse possession of the two hundred acres of said land first hereinbefore described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next before the institution of this suit, and before the entry of defendants thereon and after the defendants claim, if any, to said land.

And said Jacob Stubblefield, plaintiff, further says that he is the owner of said two hundred acres of land by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this, that he claiming to have a good and perfect title to said two hundred acres of land, hereinafter described by metes and bounds has now and has had peaceful, continuous and adverse possession of the same for the period of more than ten years next before the first day of December, 1916, and before the commencement of this suit; taken and held under written memorandum of title duly recorded in Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

Plaintiff William Ash says that he and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered in Runnels County, Texas, has had peaceable continuous and adverse possession of said 397 acres a part of said James Seymour Survey No. 463, hereinbefore described by metes and bounds, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years next before the institution of this suit and before the entry of defendants thereon, and after the claim, if any, of defendants accrued thereto.

And plaintiff Will Ash, says that he is the owner of said 397 acres of land a part of said James Seymour Survey No. 463, hereinbefore described by metes and bounds by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation, in this, that he claiming to have good and perfect right and title to said land, has now and has had, peaceable, continuous adverse possession of the said land, using, cultivating and enjoying same for the period of more than ten years next before the first day of December, 1916, and before the commencement of this suit, taken under written memorandum of title specifying the boundaries thereof, and duly recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs each pray judgment of the Court that the defendants be cited according to law to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiffs have judgment for the title and possession of their respective tracts of land above described, and that writ of possession issue in favor each of them, and for their damage as alleged, for cost of suit and such other and further relief special and general, in law and in

equity, that they may be entitled to.

JNO. I. GUION, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

*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 January, A. D. 1917.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 12-19-26-2-9-16-23-2

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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 the Unknown Heirs of J. H. Quinn, deceased, E. E. McClain and the Unknown Heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased, 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 2nd Monday in March A. D. 1917, the same being the 12th day of March A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 10th day of January A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 1840, 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 the Unknown Heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased; J. H. Babington and the First National Bank of Coleman, Texas; are Defendants, the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels. In the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, March Term, A. D. 1917. To the Honorable District Court of Said County:

Now comes J. H. Ingram, who resides in Hushpuckena, Mississippi, hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of the Unknown Heirs of Geo. E. Sanders, deceased; J. H. Quinn and the Unknown Heirs of J. H. Quinn, deceased; E. E. McClain and the Unknown Heirs of E. E. McClain, deceased; J. H. Babington, and the First National Bank of Coleman, Texas, whose residence is unknown, except last named defendant, which resides in Coleman, Texas, hereinafter styled defendants; and for Cause of Action, plaintiff represents to the Court:

I. 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 the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, holding and claiming 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 the map of the plan of said addition as on file in County Clerk's office in 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. Plaintiff avers that he and those under whom he claims and holds title to the premises and lots herein sued for have had, actual, adverse, exclusive, quiet and peaceable possession of said lots and lands, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than five years next before filing of this suit, holding under a deed and deeds duly registered during such period of time and paying all taxes due on and against same. Wherefore plaintiff has title and owns said land as against all claims adverse to him under the five years of statute of limitations; which he pleads herein.

Plaintiff further avers that he and those under whom he holds and claims title to said land have had and held peaceable, quiet, adverse and exclusive possession of the land and lots sued for, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years next before the commencement of this suit. Wherefore plaintiff avers that he is the owner of and entitled to recover said land and premises as against all claims under the ten years statute of limitations which he pleads in this cause, and prays for judgment as hereinafter set out.

IV. That J. H. Quinn who had

no title whatever to above described property executed a Deed of Trust to J. H. Babington, Trustee for the First National Bank of Coleman, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note for the sum of \$3163.87 due and payable sixty days after date, being late Oct. 28th, A. D. 1908. That there are no instruments of record to give notice that this note has been extended and that plaintiff became the owner and is now the owner in fee simple and that there has never been any extension brought to his notice, and that he pleads to this lien the Statute of Limitation of four years, according to the laws of limitations to promissory notes secured by Deed of Trusts.

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

J. H. INGRAM, Q. V. MILLER.

This action is brought as well to try title as for damages.

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 10th day of January, A. D. 1917.

(Seal) MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

KIPP HOME DAMAGED BY BLAZE SATURDAY

The home of Mrs. J. H. Kipp was damaged to the extent of about one hundred dollars Saturday morning when the roof of the building caught fire supposedly from a spark falling from the flue. The fire originated some distance from the flue but it is thought that the wind whipped the spark under the shingles and started the blaze which was gaining good headway when the fire company arrived on the scene.

The property was covered by insurance, The Ballinger Insurance Agency carrying a policy on the house.

The city must give the fire boys credit for saving this property. The fire started in a trash pile that had formed in the valley or gutter of the roof, and had climbed almost to the top of the house when the fire boys arrived on the scene. The chemical extinguisher was brought into play and the flames smothered out in a few minutes, and there was little damage from water. Where the fire is discovered in time and the fire company can get on the scene before the fire gains much headway the chemical apparatus comes in handy as the fire is controlled without using the water pressure and prevents damage from what would otherwise be caused by water.

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DROWNED AT SEA.

Carl Guin received a letter Saturday stating that his cousin, J. S. Metcalf was drowned off the Pacific coast December 28th. He was serving on a U. S. battleship, near San Francisco and during a rough sea was washed off the deck and lost his life. He is a son of L. S. Metcalf, of Wingate. The family have a number of friends in Ballinger who join the Ledger in sincere sympathy in this sad hour of affliction.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

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I guarantee "Dodson's Liver Tone" will give you the best Liver and Bowel cleansing you ever had.

Stop using calomel! It makes you sick. Don't lose a day's work if you feel lazy, sluggish, bilious or constipated, listen to me!

Calomel is mercury or quick-silver 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 "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated, or if you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad, or stomach sour just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it

doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning 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 cannot 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 the children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

MRS. FLEMING UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. W. S. Fleming was carried to the Sanitarium this week for another operation, and on Saturday morning underwent the operation. Goiter was removed from the thyroid glands, and at a late hour Mrs. Fleming was getting along nicely.

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Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

COMPLETES NICE BUNGALO.

Price & Claypool have just completed a nice bungalow for G. G. Odum on the lot where the Harper home burned a short time ago, on Ninth street. The house was completed this week, and Mr. Odum has rented to A. R. Jones of the Walker Drug Co.

DIDN'T TURN OVER

Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray kills bedbugs, ants, fleas, vegetable and plant insects so dead, and does it so quickly, that people exclaim, "They didn't turn over." It puts mosquitoes out of business just as quick. Sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

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"Blue Back Abstracts" and Conveyancing.

OUR LUMBER ON THE JOB

means quick and good work. Quick because all the lumber is sound without big knots or soft spots. No need to hunt for good planks. They're all good. The work will be good because the planks will all be straight grained and perfectly matched besides being thoroughly seasoned. Better use them on your next job.

Wm. Cameron Co., Inc.

DELICATE APPETITES

need a variety to tempt them. This Store has, for many years, always lead in this respect.

Fresh vegetables, good butter, fruit and the very highest class of Groceries are always to be found in our store.

Many stores are short on the very thing you want, but we can always fill the bill.

A Trial Will Convince You

THE MILLER MERCANTILE COMPANY

708 Hutchings Avenue Ballinger Texas. PHONE 66

Driving the brain starts the pain

Over-work, worry and the constant strain of a business life are often a cause of much trouble.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is highly recommended for all Nervous disorders. It is particularly invaluable to business women. Regulate your bowels by using

DR. MILES' LIVER PILLS

IF FIRST BOTTLE, OR BOX, FAILS TO BENEFIT YOU, YOUR MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.



NERVOUS ATTACKS.
"I suffered with nervous attacks and headaches. Then my liver got out of order and it seemed as though my whole system was upset. I commenced using Dr. Miles' Nervine and also took Dr. Miles' Liver Pills and now I feel perfectly well in every way. My bowels also are in good shape now."
MRS. AUGUSTA KEISER,
1149 Portland Ave.,
Rochester, N. Y.

BABIES WANTED FOR BALLINGER HOME

"We want two little children, a boy and a girl, for a Ballinger home," said Dr. W. A. Nichols, of the Texas Children's Home Society, who was here this week in the interest of his work. The society is doing a good work in Texas, and during the year just closed 182 orphan children were given good homes through the efforts of Dr. Nichols and Mrs. I. Z. T. Morris, superintendent of the home.

"It is our work to bring the homeless child and the childless home together," said Dr. Morris in telling of the great work of taking care of orphan children.

Dr. Nichols stated that he had an application from a good home in Ballinger—a Christian home, where the foster parents are able and anxious to get a little boy and girl to raise. He has listed the application and will try to supply the happiness that comes from the children for this home. Dr. Nichols stated that there were many good homes throughout the country that wanted children, and it was his work to bring the home and child together. "We find the children, take them and keep them awhile in the home at Fort Worth, and find out what we can about them and place them where we think they will receive the best treatment and proper care," said the man in this good work, "and it is very seldom that we have to go back and take up a child."

Those having children they wish to give away because they are not able to raise and educate them, or for any other reason, and those wishing to adopt children or those wishing to contribute cash to help carry on this good work, should communicate with Dr. Nichols at Abilene, or Mrs. I. Z. T. Morris, at Fort Worth.

Corns Peel Right Off With "Gets-It"

2 Drops, and the Corn is a "Goner!"

When you've got to walk on the sides of your shoe to get away from those awful corn-pains, there's only one common-sense thing to do.



Use "Gets-It" Your Corns Won't Swell in Water. Besides, They'll Shrink, Loosen and Peel Off!
Put 2 or 3 drops of "Gets-It" on the corn right away. Pain and inflammation will disappear, the corn will begin to shrivel from that instant—then it loosens and falls right off.
There's no other corn-remover in the world that acts like "Gets-It." No new discovery has been made in corn-removers since "Gets-It" was born. Don't forget that fact. "Gets-It" does away forever with the use of salves that irritate, bandages that make a bundle of your toe, plasters that half do the work, knives and scissors that draw blood. Use "Gets-It"—no more digging or cutting.
"Gets-It" is sold everywhere. See a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.
Sold in Ballinger and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by J. Y. Pearce, and The Walker Drug Co.

NAZARENES BUILDING HOME FOR PASTOR

J. S. Collins is the contractor and the work is well underway on a new manse for the Nazarene church. The new preacher's home, a modern five-room bungalow is going up on the lot near the church where the small house occupied. The old house was too small for Rev. J. W. Bost, the Nazarene pastor and his family and they have been living north of the Santa Fe in a rented house.

Rev. Bost has been soliciting help from the public, circulating a subscription list and raising funds to take care of the new improvements. He has been meeting with splendid success and says he appreciates the liberal help given him in this work.

The contract calls for the completion of the new building by February 1st.



Stomach Trouble causes a multitude of ailments, and often results in Gall Stones, Yellow Jaundice, Acute and Chronic Indigestion, Appendicitis, Constipation, Auto-Intoxication, Gas Pressure, Fear of Heart Disease, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, etc., etc. One dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy has proven successful in thousands of cases of Stomach Trouble. This explains its enormous sale. Has been taken and is recommended by Physicians, Justice of the Supreme Court, Congressmen, Lawyers, Nurses, Ministers, Farmers, Educators, Mechanics—probably your own neighbor. Many owe their lives to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. Thousands say it has saved them from the knife. Contains no alcohol or habit-forming drugs. FREE booklet on Stomach Ailments. Address Geo. H. Mayr, Mfg. Chemist, Chicago. Better yet—obtain a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy from The Walker Drug Co. or any reliable druggist, who will refund your money if it fails.

TAX COLLECTIONS SLOW; TIME SHORT

A Ledger reporter dropped in to the tax collector's office today and found Collector Chastain and his deputies resting on their "oars"—just waiting for business to pick up.

"Just hink" said Mr. Chastain, "Only about two weeks in which to get in and half of the taxes uncollected." The rush promises to be greater this year than ever before. People are waiting until the last minute for some cause, and the cause is unknown.

It is almost certain that state-wide prohibition will be submitted to the people this year and it is a mighty sorry man who would not give \$1.75 to have a say in that election, to say nothing of the satisfaction he would have of knowing that he had performed a duty he owes to his country by paying his poll tax.

Pay your taxes now—why wait until the rush.

WOODWARD ON EIGHT COMMITTEES

Senator Scott Woodward, representing this district in the state legislature, has been appointed on eight committees by Lieutenant Governor Hobby, according to information received from Austin.

Recognizing Mr. Woodward's ability to pass upon all legislation pertaining to farming, Mr. Hobby has named the Stephenville man as chairman of the committee on agricultural affairs. Upon a platform composed principally of planks concerning agriculture, Senator Woodward made his race for the higher house of the Texas legislature last summer.

He has been honored by receiving appointments to seven other committees, some of which are very important in legislative work. The committees and the personnel are as follows:

Agricultural Affairs—Woodward, Gibson, Alderdice, Buchanan of Scurry, Decherd, Floyd, Dayton, Buchanan of Bell.

Counties and county boundaries—Parr, Sith, Woodward, Johnston of Harris, Clark.

Contingent expenses—Henderson, Robbins, Woodward, Buchanan of Bell, Alderdice.

Military affairs—Robbins, Harley, Bailey, Woodward, Suiter, Bee, Johnson of Hall.

State institutions and departments—Strickland, McCollum, Floyd, Hopkins, Woodward, Buchanan of Scurry, Westbrook.

Enrolled bills—Smith, Hopkins, Woodward.

Congressional districts—Harley, Clark, Gibson, Page, Hudspeth, Beel, McCollum, Woodward, Dean, Robbins, Strickland, Decherd, Parr.

Mining, irrigation and drainage—Hall, Bailey, King, Clark, Woodward, Harley, Caldwell, Dayton, Robbins.

How's This?

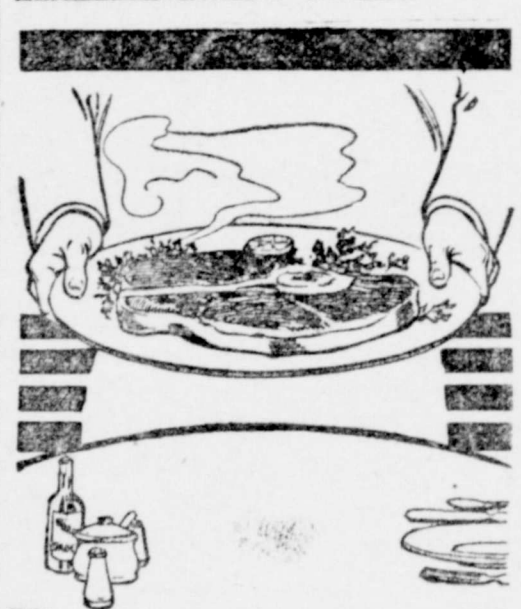
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Rev. A. E. Dediebeck, J. H. Wilke, J. P. Lester and T. J. Carney left Monday at noon for Miles on a short business trip.



A Tender Juicy Steak

There is nothing more delicious nor more satisfying than one of these steaks that only our chef knows how to prepare.

Order it just as you like it—medium, rare or well done—and you'll enjoy every bite.

They're all full of flavor, served clean and appetizingly, and the price is moderate.

City Cafe
J. L. Stroble, Proprietor

PROMINENT WINTERS PHYSICIAN DEAD

Dr. J. L. Allred is no more. This good man passed away at his home in Winters Saturday morning at nine o'clock after remaining at the point of death for about ten days.

Dr. Allred died from the effects of blood poison caused from a burn he sustained some time ago. He was dressing himself near a hot stove and accidentally stuck his arm against a hot stovepipe, and blood poison resulted from the burn.

Deceased has long been a leader in business life of Winters. He was president of the Winters State Bank, and had been instrumental in the development of the north-end of the county. He is well known among the medical profession of this section of the state as well as having a wide acquaintance among all classes of people. His death, although expected, caused regret and sorrow throughout the entire county, and Winters will suffer the loss of one of her best citizens and a man who has done much for suffering men, women and children.

Despite the heavy snow storm that fell throughout the day Sunday, and especially in the afternoon, a large crowd of sorrowing friends attended the funeral of Dr. J. L. Allred at Winters Sunday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock.

Rev. J. P. Sewell, of Abilene, came to Winters and conducted the funeral services. The services were held in the Methodist church in order that the large crowd might be seated and the large auditorium of the church was filled with people who gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to a man who had helped to relieve suffering in many homes throughout the Winters country and who had helped so in the development of that section of the county.

After the funeral services at the church the remains were laid to rest in the K. of P. Cemetery, a bank of snow marking the resting place of this good man.

Dr. Allred is survived by a wife and eight children and a host of friends.

USE "CASCARETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS WHEN CONSTIPATED

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

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

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

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

Prof. E. W. Cockrell, principal of the Maverick school, visited home folks and Ballinger friends Saturday and Sunday.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The old has been rung out and the new rung in. The hen noting this fact has begun her song of joy and occasionally cackles aloud to advise mistress that she is ready to fill the egg-basket if given the proper feed.

Aunt Patsy Mash, the Egg Producer is what she needs. It contains all ingredients of which the egg is composed and builds the seed to full size eggs. Then the hen is compelled to lay—she cannot help herself.

Try Aunt Patsy Mash and see for yourself what the result will be. Your dealer can buy Aunt Patsy for you.
THE WALKER-SIMTH CO.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of

Charles H. Fletcher and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of

Charles H. Fletcher

In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

GROW YOUR OWN

1917 GARDEN SASS

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 12.—Grow your own "garden sass."

That's the advice of the Texas Industrial congress to every individual, both in town and country, for 1917.

"Garden sass" is the old New England corruption for "garden sauce" which in turn is a Yankee colloquialism for "garden truck."

In promoting this idea, the congress will have the active cooperation of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The work will be taken up through the federation's lot improvement committee in cities and through its rural life committees in the country.

Along with the idea of civic beauty, already emphasized by the federation, the economic value of growing vegetables will be stressed. Lots on which the scented rose grew last year, likely will bear the more strongly scented onion this year.

Lame back may come from over-work, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Miss Rose Schooler came in from her school east of Crevas Sunday afternoon, school having suspended for a week on account of sickness.

L. Teplieck, of the Rowena country, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

We are sorry to note W. E. Weathersby, of the Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack store, quite ill at his home with blood poisoning.

MAKING GOOD ROAD

HERE TO WINTERS

With the coming of a good rain to settle the new grade and the dragging of the newly constructed road between Ballinger and Winters travelers will find a big improvement in this county highway.

For almost a month Commissioner Kirk has had his road crew busy on this line of road and has undergone a great change.

Perhaps the most important improvement made on this road was at Coyote creek, a place that has been a dread to travel every since this road was surveyed out, and where several accidents have occurred. Mr. Kirk came in from the scene of the road building Friday and reported that the new causeway on Coyote was now ready for travel. At a cost of about \$600 a concrete causeway has been constructed over this stream and the approaches to the crossing have been cut down and graded.

Mr. Kirk will keep the road hands at work on this line of road until he has graded and put in good shape every mile of the road to the Winters precinct line at the A. & S. crossing just beyond Hatchell. The Hatchell lane will be made broader by setting the fence back and the road through the lane graded.

Commissioner Kirk is getting in some good work on this road, the work being carried on under the supervision of Ben Smith.

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE

Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE.

Rev. Father Golbach, the local priest, left Saturday afternoon to fill his Sunday appointment at Coleman.

Relief from Hacking Night Coughs

After a night of restlessness due to a hacking cough, with its strain and disturbance on your whole system, you feel completely exhausted.

Do not let the cold wear you out and encourage more serious illness. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and get grateful relief, it quiets the annoying cough, relieves the colds and grippe—makes you feel comfortable again and you get the much needed rest.

Your druggist has sold it for years. Try it.

Like an Open Book For Young Mothers!



Most women look upon becoming a mother, for the first time, as something full of unknown mysteries; a agony and pain; a time of distressing days and months. These are misguided conclusions. "Mother's Friend," used daily before confinement, will prove its great value as an ally to those distressing pains and assist nature in doing its work with ease and comfort. Get "Mother's Friend" at your druggist.

The young mother should become acquainted with the information contained in a book on Motherhood that will be mailed free to all who write. Address

The Bradford Regulator Co.,
211 Lamar Bldg.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Col. Bentley of Abilene, state agricultural agent, after a short stay in this city, left Wednesday at noon for Miles.

How to Cope That Cold

When it is painful to breathe and fever sends shills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quick ly relieved. At all druggists, 25c.

BUSINESS HOUSES ADOPT EARLY CLOSING

The business houses in Ballinger will observe the six o'clock closing hour for every day in the week except Saturdays and First Mondays, beginning Feb. 1st. The public is requested to assist the merchants in observing these hours by doing their trading during the early hours of the day. Six o'clock comes with the sun considerably up in the air during the long summer days, but the merchants feel that sweltering in their business houses from six to six o'clock gives every one time in which to do their shopping. Following are the names of the firms entering into the agreement to close at six o'clock:

- Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co.
- Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack.
- Melton Dry Goods Co.
- Ballinger Dry Goods Co.
- Hall Hardware Co.
- Cash Grocery Co.
- Walker-Smith Co.
- Ballinger Lumber Co.
- H. H. Hardin & Co.
- M. D. Seroggins
- W. H. Roark
- W. B. Wood & Son
- D. Reeder
- H. Bagley
- L. B. Stubbs
- H. I. Armstrong
- E. Shepperd
- T. F. Bridwell
- C. C. Gilliam
- Jewell Cunningham
- J. M. Radford Co.
- H. A. Ladwig
- R. L. Sides
- U. E. Hartman
- Miss Maggie Sharp
- Wm. Cameron & Co.

REV. SYKES TELLS OF HIS WIFE'S TROUBLES

Minister of the Gospel Thinks it His Duty to Make Statement About Wonderful Change.

It is seldom, indeed, that men of prominence, especially ministers of the gospel, willingly express their indebtedness publicly to a proprietary medicine. However, when a medicine obtains that singular purity and efficiency that is shown by the uniform preparation, Tanlae, statements from our best citizens are to be considered thoroughly commensurate with the good that is actually being accomplished.

Rev. A. H. Sykes, Pastor of the Watkins Park Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn., prominent not only as a minister of the gospel, but popular as a man and citizen who has been true to his friends and every trust reposed in him, said recently:

"For the past ten months Mrs. Sykes has been in very delicate health, suffering from bad stomach and kidney troubles, which gradually developed into a general nervous breakdown. At times her condition became alarming, and I frequently sought medical advice, but nothing we could do for her seemed to bring relief.

"In fact, she suffered so long and so much that I feel it my duty to let everyone know what this medicine has done for her. For several months her condition was such that she had to remain in bed, and as a last resort I de-

ecided to let her try Tanlae.

"I am a conservative man and have always been skeptical regarding the use of proprietary medicines, but this case has certainly proven an exception. I am now firmly convinced that Tanlae is a medicine of great power and extraordinary merit. I do not think I have ever seen anything to give such prompt results. Mrs. Sykes had taken only two-thirds of a bottle of this medicine when we began to notice a marked improvement in her condition. In less than a week from the time she began taking it she was able to sit up and is today able to help with the household duties. Before she began taking Tanlae she had fearful stomach and indigestion and was intensively nervous. These distressing symptoms, I am thankful to say, have entirely disappeared, her appetite has returned and she seems to relish everything she eats. She sleeps better and is gaining strength and flesh rapidly. I think it only a question of a short time until her health is fully restored.

"Tanlae has certainly proven a remarkable remedy in her case and will do all you claim for it. I cheerfully recommend it to my friends."

Tanlae is sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co.

Cecil Glenn, of the firm of Dunn & Glenn, returned home Sunday from Eldorado, where he had been the past month engaged in the firing business.

G. W. Morris, who has been doing some carpenter work at Winters, and also in Ballinger, left for Glen Cove Sunday afternoon, to spend a few days with his home folks.

INAUGURATION HELD AT AUSTIN TUESDAY

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 16.—James E. Ferguson, of Temple, today was inaugurated governor of Texas.

At the same time, W. P. Hobby of Beaumont was inaugurated lieutenant-governor.

The ceremonies took place in the hall of representatives before the second joint session of the legislature within two days. President Pro Tem Henderson and Speaker Fuller jointly presided.

Ferguson and Hobby, as they were succeeding themselves, entered the hall together. Speaker Fuller formally announced the result of the election last November. Chief Justice Phillips then administered the oath of office to each. The two executives then kissed a bible which has been in use in the state supreme court since the days of the republic, and which has played a part in inaugural ceremonies for many years. The ceremonies closed with brief addresses by the two officers.

The inaugural ball and reception will be held in the capitol tonight. The reception will be held in the senate chamber and at its close the governor and his party will start the grand march to the hall of representatives, where the ball is held. The march will be headed by Governor and Mrs. Ferguson, Lieut-Gov. and Mrs. Hobby, followed by other state officers, former governors and their wives.

The hosts for this occasion are the citizens of Austin. Their invitations read:

"The citizens of Austin requests



Don't Rub It On Bruises or Sore Muscles

Sloan's Liniment quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Cleaner than musky plasters or ointments, does not stain the skin.

Have a bottle handy for emergency, rheumatic aches and pains, neuralgia, lumbago, gout, strains, sprains and lame back, yield to Sloan's Liniment.

At all druggists, 25c. 50c. and \$1.00.



the pleasure of the company of yourself and ladies at a reception and ball in honor of the inauguration of his excellency, James E. Ferguson, governor of Texas, Tuesday evening, January 16, 1917, at 9 o'clock, state capitol."

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. Herbine is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE

Complete Clearance Is Exactly What We Mean.

It would be more money in our pockets to carry these goods until next Fall—but it has always been the policy of this store to make an absolute clearance of all Winter goods in season if price concessions will do the work. Besides we need the room for Spring merchandise. The prices we are quoting should appeal to every economical buyer and be the means of us making a sure clearance of all Winter merchandise. We urge you to take advantage of the wonderful bargains we are now offering in all departments.

Everybody's Store

MELTON DRY GOODS CO.

Ballinger, Texas

CASTORIA

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

Master Mack No. 251,633. My Poland China will be kept

at my place one mile east of Ballinger (on Joe Routh farm). \$2 for season with return privilege. 15-wtf J. H. TAYLOR.

Ross Smith, rural mail carrier of the Winters-Wingate country, and his brother W. L. Smith near Ballinger, returned home Tuesday afternoon from a hunting trip to the Menard country.

DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER! THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

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

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

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

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

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

Rev. E. A. Bediehek had business at Coleman between trains Tuesday.

HASKEL OFFICERS GET COON CHASERS

HASKELL, Tex., Jan. 16.—The last of the dynamiters who recently tried to rid Haskell of the colored population has been arrested by Sheriff Allen and placed in the county jail.

Local officers have been assisted by a number of officers from other counties, and by several secret service men. In all nine arrests have been made. Late developments and confessions on the part of some arrested, however, have led the officers to believe that there were really only three directly responsible for the dynamiting. All of these are under twenty-one years of age and only one is married.

The first clue which led to the suspicion of these young men was had from McNeill-Smith Hardware Company, where one of the number had previously purchased some dynamite caps. In the written confession made by one it was ascertained that the dynamite had been taken from the warehouse of Jones-Cox Company some time before. It seems that the dynamiters never intended to do any personal injury to the negroes, but merely wanted to frighten them from the country. It is believed, however, that there was a well laid plan on the part of other men to rid the country of the blacks, and that it was only by the vigilance of the officers and the protection offered the negroes by many of the white people that these plans failed to materialize.

A. M. Jones left Monday for Ft. Worth on a visit and business trip combined.

Rev. Hatchford, of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from Clifton, where he preached last Sunday.

Mrs. O. H. Cooper and child, of Temple, after a pleasant visit to her father B. D. Duncan and family, left for their home Saturday afternoon.

Dr. E. C. Baskin returned home Wednesday at noon from near Athens, Texas, where he had been at the bedside of his brother

who had been quite ill, but we are glad to report, was considerably improved when the doctor left his home.

COUNTY OFFICIALS CALLED FOR TRIAL AT BELTON

BELTON, Tex., Jan. 17.—Karl L. Druesdow and Lon Morgan, former tax collectors of Harris and Johnson counties, respectively, went on trial in district court here today, charged with misapplication of public funds.

G. W. Heckert
The Real Estate Man of San Angelo, Texas
Sells Farms, Ranches and City Property
Office Over Western National Bank

TIME FLIES and with it comes enlarged business opportunities which necessarily require adequate banking connections. This bank is better prepared at the opening of the New Year than every in its history to offer unusually wide facilities to business houses desiring prompt and courteous service in foreign and domestic transactions.

Capital, surplus and profits \$115,000.00.

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Member Regional Bank **Stop!** Federal Reserve System

Have you money in the Bank? * * * * *
If you spend as much as you earn, you are not only losing money, but you are discounting your future. * * * * *
Think! Then start!

THE First National Bank
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No Other Laundry Soap Like This For Hard Water

Ordinary soaps are not calculated for the hard Gyp water of the Southwest. That's why they get slick and slippery in hard water and fail to lather readily. Cotton-Boll is the result of two years' effort by expert chemists in our laboratory, to solve the Southwest hard water problem.

Without a particle of free caustic or any other harsh ingredient, Cotton-Boll lathers freely in hard or cold water; cleanses beautifully and works better than many soaps do in rainwater.

COTTON BOLL

Lathers Quick--Lathers Thick And Doesn't Hurt the Hands

Though hard and firm from perfect seasoning and drying, Cotton-Boll lathers up in a jiffy. Absence of caustic ordinarily used in hard water soaps keeps it from making hands rough or injuring delicate fabrics. Makes the laundry clean and sweet smelling, because the soap is sweet itself.



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New catalog of high quality, handsome useful premiums sent free upon request; address Products Mfg. Co., Oklahoma City, U. S. A.

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Sweetwater, Texas.

NEW FACTORY FOR BALLINGER ANNOUNCED

The Rotary Sickle Manufacturing Company is destined to be another business asset of the town in a manufacturing line within the next few weeks, the company being now organizing, and quite a number of prominent local business and professional men investing in stock. It will be capitalized at \$6,000.00, and the stock, as in case of all meritorious propositions, will be placed here at home, considerably more than half having already been subscribed. The article to be placed on the market by the company is a rotary sickle for row-binders, which will be manufactured and sold direct to the farmers at a small figure, the assembling plant and sales headquarters to be in Ballinger, the article itself will be manufactured probably at foreign foundries, as it can be done more cheaply in a large plant than in a small plant here. This invention, which was patented in 1916 by the Government office, does away with the old style eccentric cutter, and by continuous cutting power in one direction, eliminates practically all vibration in the machine, giving it longer life, and reduces the draft to where any feed may be cut with an average team instead of three to four head as now used. Messrs. Roten and Embry have had one in use on the Embry farm south of town, during the year 1916, and by practical demonstration have proven the genuine worth of the appliance, it having given perfect satisfaction to the users.

Practical machine men and farmers predict that this sickle will in a short time revolutionize the style of row-binders from the kind now in use. The machine used by Mr. Embry this past year is now on exhibition in the rear of the Post Office, where any one interested may inspect it.

NO INDIGESTION, GAS, OR STOMACH MISERY IN FIVE MINUTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUBSCRIPTION SOLICITORS GO TO BROWNWOOD.

W. C. Payne, J. R. Gilbert and Jake Benton, who have been in this county for the past three weeks soliciting subscriptions for the Fort Worth Record and The Ledger, left Sunday afternoon for Brownwood, where they have a contract to do some subscription work for the Brownwood Bulletin. These gentlemen secured many new subscribers for the Banner-Ledger, and inform us that they tribled the Record's subscription list in this county during the three weeks.

W. G. Harrison, of Georgetown who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Duke and family of the Bethel neighborhood, left for his home Saturday.

WOULD PREVENT COTTON PLANTING

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 15.—A campaign to prevent an increase of the cotton acreage in Texas during 1917 was started today by the agriculture committee of the Texas Bankers' association, with the cooperation of the University of Texas, A. & M. college, the U. S. S. department of agriculture and other commercial and industrial organizations.

Teams of men and women representing the allied institutions started out to visit every section of the state to hold meetings of farmers and businessmen to discuss conditions and emphasize the importance of guarding against an over-production of cotton.

They will advance as arguments the recent violent fluctuations in the cotton market and the importance of production of foodstuffs and livestock, which have increased 50 per cent in value in the last year.

Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

BABY BORN ON T. & P. TRAIN NEAR BIG SANDY, TEXAS.

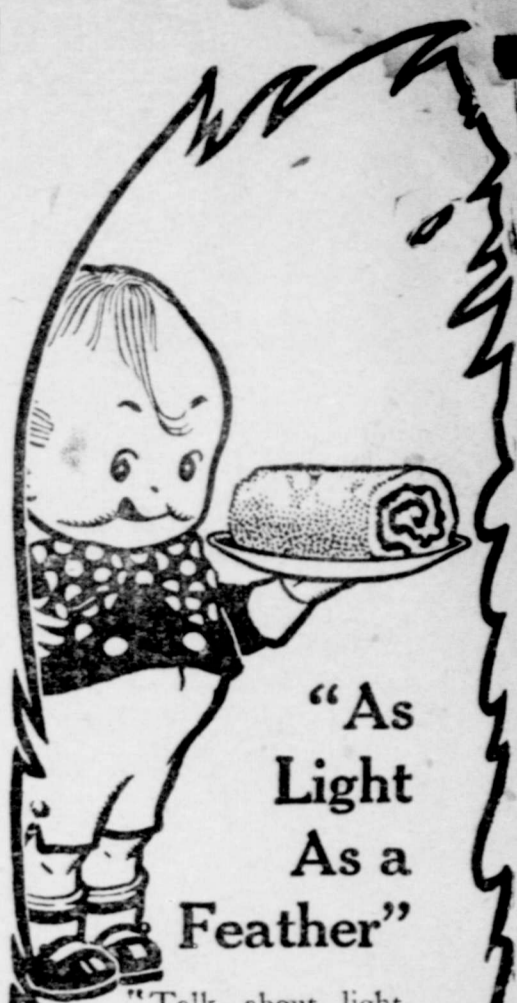
The Dallas News, Wednesday, says:

A seven-pound baby girl was born on a westbound Texas & Pacific train at 5 o'clock yesterday morning to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pilgrim of Myra, who had been riding in a chair car, as the arrival of the stork was not expected so early. The parents were hurrying home from New York in anticipation of the infant's arrival.

The Rev. George S. Sexton, well known Texas minister, christened the baby, and then made a talk in each coach, taking up a collection for the child. The baby's first gift was \$40.55, contributed by dozens of strangers. She was christened "T. P." Pilgrim.

A physician boarded the train at Big Sandy in time to take charge and a trained nurse was found in a coach. The unexpected arrival had the advantage of a Pullman berth, a doctor, a nurse, a motherly woman, Mrs. W. B. Webber of Victoria, La., a drug clerk, and others who gave aid.

The engine crew, when informed that Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrim were anxious to reach Dallas before the child was born, tried to win the race with the stork, but were overtaken at Bad Sandy. The Brewer ambulance met the party at the train in Dallas and took Mrs. Pilgrim to her aunt's, Mrs. W. J. Hart, 2306 Latimer street.



"As Light As a Feather"

CALUMET BAKING POWDER

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

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



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

Jno. A. Weeks and E. P. Price, of the Walker Drug Co., left Sunday afternoon for Austin, where they go to attend a meeting of the board of pharmacy and get a line up on the lawmakers.

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.

Mrs. Chas. Tibbs, of Itasca, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory and family and Ballinger friends, the past few weeks, returned home Saturday afternoon.

PROTECTING THE U. S. FROM PINK BOLLWORM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Since the discovery early in November that the Egyptian pink boll worm is present in the cotton fields of the Laguna district of Mexico, about 200 miles south of the Texas border, the Federal Horticultural Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has taken all possible steps in Texas

to make sure that the destructive pest has not entered and does not enter this country. The four hundred or more carloads of cotton seed which entered the United States from Mexico last year have been traced to oil mills in Texas and the attention of the operators of these plants has been called to the desirability of crushing the Mexican seed as soon as possible and of thoroughly cleaning their premises to make certain that none of the insects survive. Most of the imported seed already has been crushed, but a few consignments which arrived early in the season have been covered with large amounts of domestic seed and will not be reached until later.

The Federal Horticultural Board plans to have its inspectors keep close watch over these establishments to minimize the possibility of the escape of pink boll-worms or their moths. It is also planned to have inspectors carefully examine all cotton fields in the neighborhood of these establishments during the coming growing season in order that any of the insects which may escape and establish themselves on cotton plants may be early detected and destroyed.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Lintment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

W. A. Gustavus Sr., returned home Monday at noon from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Bryan, Houston and other points in that section.

DOES BALLINGER WANT INSANE ASYLUM

Austin, Tex., Jan. 15.—The probability of the erection of an additional insane asylum for Texas—there already are three, one at Austin, another at Terrel and the third at San Antonio—looms up as a result of introduction in the additional institution in the western area of the state. The bill was introduced by Rep. Templeton, and the proposal was endorsed by Governor Ferguson in his message to the legislature.

Advocates of the bill point out that during the past few years it has been necessary to keep a number of mentally unbalanced persons in various county jails because of lack of room in the three state institutions provided for such purpose.

Stop That Cough

A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected. Your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Relieve that cold at once Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your druggist, 50c.

Miss Avie Jones, of the Melton Dry Goods Co., left for her home at Lampasas Sunday afternoon. She will return to Ballinger in a few days and be with the popular dry goods house another season. Mrs. A. R. Jones, formerly Miss Alma Snell, will also be with this firm again during the spring season.

CLEANING PRESSING AND REPAIRING



Our cleaning and pressing department is the best in the city. All of our work is guaranteed to be first class. When your suit, silk dress, sweater, portiers, rugs, gloves, satin or kid slippers, etc. need cleaning, phone 97 and we will call. Free auto delivery.



Paul C. Sulak Ballinger, Texas
Phone 97



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the sort of Old Age you will have. A Bank Account started now may mean

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RELIABILITY ACCOMMODATION
The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
STRENGTH SERVICE

Says Simple Remedy Prolonged His Life

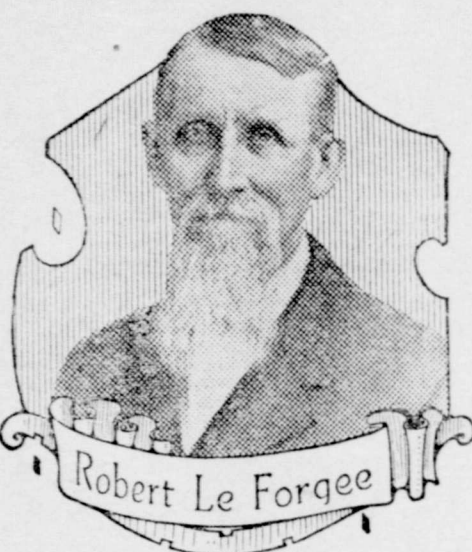
Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin Effective as a Remedy for Constipation.

Among older people the various organs of the body have a tendency to slow up and weaken, and this is usually first manifest in a pronounced inactivity of the bowels.

Good health is dependent on regularity in this important function; whenever there is the slightest indication of constipation a mild laxative should be taken to relieve the congestion and dispose of the accumulated waste. Cathartics or purgatives should not be employed, however; these are too violent in action and their effect is only temporary.

A mild laxative such as the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is the ideal remedy. It is gentle in its action, bringing relief in an easy natural manner, without griping or other pain or discomfort, is pleasant to the taste, and can be obtained in any drug store.

Mr. Robert LeForgee, 918 Kirkwood Boulevard, Davenport, Iowa, says he has always had a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup in the house for the past eighteen



years, and that by using it occasionally as the need arises, and in this way keeping his health good, it has prolonged his life, and brought ease and comfort.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold by druggists everywhere, and costs only fifty cents a bottle. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure to get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR BUSINESS FIRMS

The First National Bank held its annual stockholders meeting on Tuesday of this week, and balanced up with a good showing. The year 1917 promises to be one of the most successful for this institution, and all the old officers and employees are retained for the year. Following names composed the board and officers by re-election:

J. Y. Pearce, president; D. M. Baker, vice-president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; A. J. Thorp, asst. cashier; J. W. Patterson, asst. cashier; W. R. Bogle, asst. cashier. Directors: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, Gus Noyes, R. A. Hall, E. L. Rasbury, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor, R. G. Erwin. F. & M. Retain All Men.

As an evidence of satisfaction and that the men in control of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank are pleased with the business for the year just closed, all officers and employees have been retained for another year, and there was no change in the board of directors. The annual stockholders meeting was held Tuesday, and the old year closed and the new one started. This bank begins business for the year 1917 with a good showing, and promises to keep pace with the progress and prosperity of the county. The directors elected are:

R. R. Russell, G. G. Odom, H. Giesecke, J. F. Curry, J. L. Chastain, and E. D. Walker. The following officers were re-elected: H. Giesecke, president; R. R. Russell, vice president; J. F. Curry, vice president; E. D. Walker, cashier; J. L. Chastain, asst. cashier; Audy Gustavus, asst. cashier. Melton Dry Goods Co. Elects Officers.

1916, the first year of the Melton Dry Goods Co., was a successful year, and the firm enjoyed a good business. The annual stockholders meeting was held this week and a board of directors and officers were elected for the ensuing year:

D. M. Baker, president; C. A. Doose, vice-president; C. R. Stephens, secretary and treasurer; J. Y. Pearce and Dr. A. S. Love.

BAD COLD? HEADACHY AND NOSE STUFFED

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends colds and grippe in a few hours.

Take "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until you have taken three doses, then all gripe misery goes and your cold will be broken. It promptly opens your clogged-up nostrils and the air passages of the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

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

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coekrell have moved to their new home in South Ballinger. We welcome these good people into our midst.

Mrs. Ed Eubank and children visited Mrs. Eubank's sister in San Angelo, Sunday.

Mrs. L. P. Hinde returned home Monday from a few days visit in Winters.

Prof. and Mrs. James spent Christmas week with Mrs. James' parents at Howe, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Deaton, of Koehler, N. M., who had been visiting their Brother W. E. Branch and family returned to their home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch went to Winters Sunday to attend the funeral of their friend's little child, who died Saturday night with pneumonia.

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.

We are sorry to learn that Tom Corder is seriously ill with erysipelas at his home in the Valley creek country.

Slip a few Prince Albert smokes into your system!

You've heard many an earful about the Prince Albert patented process that cuts out bite and parch and lets you smoke your fill without a comeback! Stake your bank roll that it proves out every hour of the day. Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

There's sport smoking a pipe or rolling your own, but you know that you've got to have the right tobacco! We tell you Prince Albert will bang the doors wide open for you to come in on a good time firing up every little so often, without a regret! You'll feel like your smoke past has been wasted and will be sorry you cannot back up for a fresh start.

You swing on this say-so like it was a tip to a thousand-dollar bill! It's worth that in happiness and contentment to you, to every man who knows what can be gotten out of a chummy jimmy pipe or a makin's cigarette with Prince Albert for "packing"!

THE Prince Albert tin, and in fact, every Prince Albert package, has a real message-to-you on its reverse side. You'll read: "Process Patented July 30th, 1907. That means that the United States Government has granted a patent on the process by which Prince Albert is made. And by which tongue bite and throat parch are cut out! Everywhere tobacco is sold you'll find where tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert awaiting you in toppy red bags, 5c. tidy red tins, 10c. handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors and in that clever crystal-glass humidior, with sponge-moistener top, that keeps the tobacco in such fine condition—always!

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

This is the reverse side of the tin.

TOBACCO IS PREPARED FOR SMOKERS UNDER THE PROCESS DISCOVERED IN MAKING EXPERIMENTS TO PRODUCE THE MOST DELICIOUS AND WHOLE-SOME TOBACCO FOR CIGARETTE AND PIPE SMOKERS. PROCESS PATENTED JULY 30th 1907. R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. U.S.A. DOES NOT BITE.

TRIES TO TAKE GIRL; SLIPS ON SNOW AND SHOT BY HER FATHER IS SERIOUSLY HURT

COLEMAN, Tex., Jan. 15.—T. A. Drake, a freighter who has been operating between Goldbusk and Coleman, was seriously but not fatally wounded about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when a discharge from a shotgun entered his forehead. His condition while critical is not believed to be fatal.

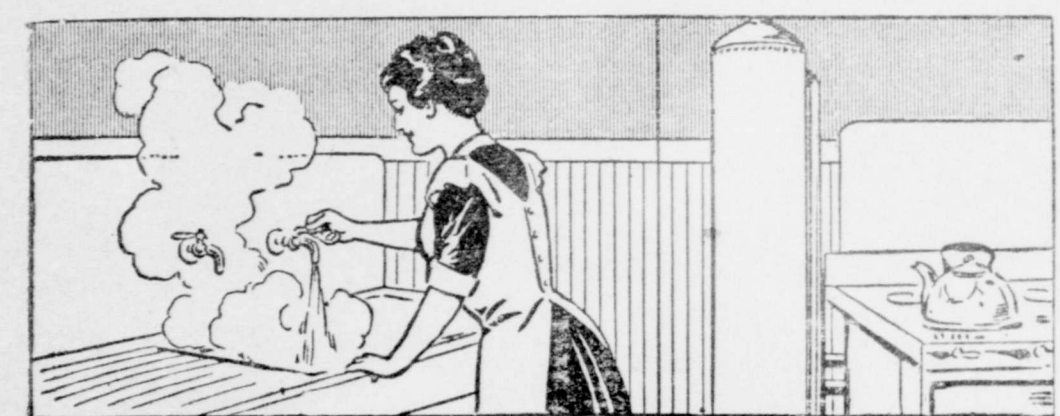
E. C. Jernigan, at whose home the shooting occurred, as placed under arrest in connection with the shooting.

It is claimed that Drake, who is a married man, aged about 35 years, went to the home of Jernigan, in the outskirts of Coleman, and asked for the daughter of the latter. Drake drove an automobile, and planned, it is alleged, to carry the young lady riding. He was met by the father of the girl.

Drake was brought into Coleman in an unconscious condition but soon after medical aid was administered to him, he revived. He was carried to his home at Goldbusk early Saturday night.

Jernigan is an old man at least 60 year of age. His daughter is about 18 or 20 years old.

The Habit of Taking Cold. With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.



Hot Water Facilities

Make the heat of your range help you wash the dishes. Connect a water tank and have an ample supply of hot water for the kitchen, laundry or bathroom.

This practical device overcomes the hot water question in thousands of homes. Why not have one in your home? We make a specialty of installing all kinds of water heaters, including gas.

We will gladly furnish you our figures. Our experience in this line makes our repair department particularly efficient.

E. G. Allison & Son
Phone 136

WOODMAN LODGE BUYS NEW HOME

A deal was closed this week in which the W. O. W. Lodge of this city buys from F. L. Harper one-half of the Opera House building for a consideration of \$3000. Mr. Harper purchased the entire opera house property some time ago, and he is in turn selling one-half of the property to the secret order.

In the deal the W. O. W. camp of this city gets the business house next to the corner—the second floor from the corner stand, which is now occupied by a second-hand store, and a half interest in the upper story. The secret order pays \$1000 cash and gets such time on the remainder that the payments can be made without any trouble, the rents from the business house below the lodge hall and the rents from other secret orders which have already made application to occupy the hall with the Woodmen, being almost sufficient to take care of the deferred payments and the interest on same.

The deal was put over by the auditors of the lodge, composed of F. L. Harper, Carl Dunn, J. R. Holloway, and the clerk J. R. Lusk. It was a good deal and we believe will meet with the approval of the 400 members of this secret order, a majority of whom, we regret to say, seldom attend the meetings, and perhaps new little, if anything of the transaction.

W. S. Harmon has been busy for several days calling on the members soliciting their aid in a financial way in making up the cash payment. The members have been contributing all the way from \$1 to \$10 each. An order was passed in the lodge levying payments, if this became necessary, in case the rents and general revenue of the lodge did not make up the sufficient amount.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effectual.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effectual for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

SELLS TOWN LOT

Judge C. H. Willingham closed the deal this week with the colored members of the Mount Mariah Baptist church of Ballinger, in which he sells them lot 8, block 64 in this city and they will at once put a church building on the same.

INVESTS HEAVY IN BALLINGER PROPERTY

Deals totaling \$55,000, according to the man who gets the property, were closed in Ballinger today. T. G. Carney, of O'Brian, Haskell county, purchases from F. L. Harper, the south half of the Opera House building and four dwellings in Ballinger at a total consideration of \$43,000. Mr. Carney also buys the J. H. Wilke stock of dry goods for \$12,000. Mr. Carney is on deals for other Ballinger property, which will probably be closed before this in print. Evangelist E. A. Bedichek helped to bring the parties together and put through the deals.

Mr. Carney has been in business at O'Brian for a number of years. He recently sold his home at that place and four acres of real estate upon which his home was located for a consideration of \$22,000. Mr. Carney also owns a 2100 acre ranch ten miles south of Sweetwater. He says he will move his family to Ballinger and center his wealth at this place.

In the deal Mr. Carney gets the dwelling in which Mr. Harper is living and three other houses all now occupied. The W. O. W. Lodge purchased the north half of the opera house last week for

\$3,000. This is the largest deal put over on city property in this city for some time, and the price paid is just as reported to a Ledger reporter.

Sloan's Liniment Eases Pain

Sloan's Liniment is first thought of mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Cleaner and more effective than musky plasters or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain and that grippy soreness after colds, Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all Druggists, 25c.

HIGDON SELLS BUSINESS AT LAMPASAS

A. L. Higdon, at one time a member of the firm of Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co., of Ballinger, and for many years a prominent dry goods merchant of Lampasas, has sold his interest in the dry goods business in that city and retires from business. Mr. Higdon stated that he would continue to make his home in Lampasas.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

Only One More Week of Our January Clearance and Annual White Goods Sale

Notwithstanding the bad weather many thrifty shoppers have taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity to save money on good dependable merchandise. After Saturday, Jan. 27th the prices

go back to normal. If you want to save on your purchases we urge that you attend this great sale before Saturday. Many bargains are here that you will not have a chance to get later.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars More In 1917

1916 was the largest business we have ever enjoyed. We realize that we are indebted to our true and loyal customers for this great volume of business. Only through your co-operation are we enabled to buy goods in such large quantities and in car load lots. Thus only are we enabled to make such money saving prices on all kinds of merchandise.

We Bought Before the Advance--Had Goods Shipped Early--You Get the Benefit

Buy on Time at Cash Prices

Our wonderful buying power has enabled us to secure merchandise at prices far below what any merchant can buy them now. We have the merchandise and want you to have it. Buy now and pay next Fall if you wish.

Let Us Solve Your Problems

We have helped many people in this section with their problems. We will be glad to have you use the every facility of this great business. We ask that you allow us to assist you in realizing your ambitions for this year.

The Safe Place to Trade

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS Co
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

Where Most People Trade

\$15,000 OIL MILL FIRE AT WINTERS

The Winters hull house of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., was destroyed by fire at an early hour Monday morning, causing a loss of about \$15,000. A phone report came to the local oil mill men at three o'clock this morning telling them that the mill was burning, but later reports stated that only the hull house was on fire.

H. Giesecke, president of the company, and Oscar Pearson, manager of the Ballinger mill, left early Monday morning for Winters to look after the property, and make an investigation.

H. W. Lynn, manager of the Winters mill, reported to the Ballinger mill that about 350 tons of hulls were in the house, and these were destroyed, at least they were still burning up to a late hour Monday, and would be destroyed, as the big pile of hulls were a bank of fire and gradually being converted into ashes.

It is not known how the fire started. The building was ready to fall when the fire was discovered, the fire breaking out at the dead hours of a winter night.

The building was valued at about \$4000, and the market quotation on hulls today is \$15 per ton. The property was insured.

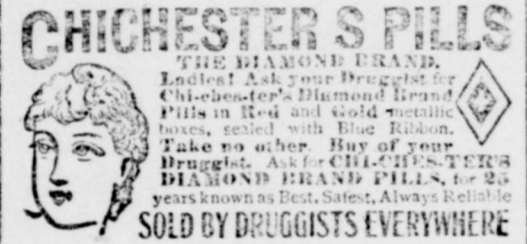
WINTERS HAS AN OIL MILL ALL ITS OWN

H. W. Lynn, manager of the Winters oil mill, was in Ballinger long enough Tuesday to stick his head in the door at the Ledger office, and tell us that the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., and the Winters Oil Co., were two separate and distinct organizations, and registered a little "kick" about us mixing him up with this Ballinger bunch. We knew we were wrong when we did it, but Mr. Lynn has not been away from Ballinger long enough for us to give him up entirely, and we did not want to make it appear that he had left Ballinger for keeps. In making mention of the fire which destroyed the hull house at Winters Monday, we said the Winters hull house of the Winters

PURE BLOOD MAKES HEALTHY PEOPLE

Hood's Sarsaparilla surely and effectively removes scrofula, boils and other blood diseases because it drives out of the blood all the humors that cause these diseases. They cannot be successfully treated in any other way. External applications for their removal have proven almost useless, because they cannot drive out the impurities that are in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure rich blood, perfects the digestion, and builds up the whole system. The skin becomes smooth, clean and healthy. This great blood remedy has stood the test of forty years. Insist on having Hood's, for nothing else acts like it. There is no real substitute. Get it today. Sold by all druggists.

Cotton Oil Co. We stand corrected, and promise never again to claim anything that Winters has except her good people, when ever we get a chance at them.



WE ARE GOING TO SEE HIS CHICKENS.

R. M. Davis, of the Crews country, "snowballed" to Ballinger in his Saxon Six Monday, and while here called at The Ledger office and invited the editor out to see Mrs. Davis' Rhode Island Reds. We accepted the invitation and we are going, but will probably postpone the trip until we get a Saxon Six, or some other kind of a "six." Mr. Davis reports that they have been very successful with their poultry and they are the pride of the Davis ranch. There was a time when poultry raising was confined to a "little for home use," but the farmer who is not devoting some of his spare time to providing for the little chick, building hen nests etc., is overlooking one of the cash producing revenues of his farm. Poultry is being shipped from Ballinger "dressed" and "undressed," and there is a good market here all the year round. A modern cold storage and packing plant has fixed a permanent market, and there is no limit to the demand. The city folks must have eggs and chickens, and we can raise them in Runnels county as profitably as they can be raised anywhere.

Mr. Davis was here with his son who is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

U. S. GETS DANISH WEST INDIES TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The United States this afternoon formally acquired title to the Danish West Indies. The islands lying to the Southeast of Cuba, will be a valuable addition to the American coast line possessions.

Rev. A. D. Rogers of Dallas, and Rev. J. M. Riggs of Comanche, state and district superintendents of the Christian church, came in Wednesday afternoon to look after church work for a few days.

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

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

If you care for heavy hair, that glistens with beauty and is radiant with life; has an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Danderine. Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides it immediately dissolves every article of dandruff; you cannot have nice, heavy, healthy hair if you have dandruff. This destructive scurf robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp; the hair roots fall out, loosen and die; then the hair falls out fast.

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

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

Joe Sommers, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger Tuesday between trains.

J. T. Ford, of Spur, Texas, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

AFTER THREE YEARS

Ballinger Testimony Remains Unshaken.

Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Ballinger story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us. J. A. Maxwell, 100 Twelfth St., Ballinger, gave the following account of his experience with Doan's Kidney Pills on October 18, 1911. He said: "My back had been hurting me for some time. Seeing that Doan's Kidney Pills were endorsed by people whom I knew, I decided to try them. I used one box and was well satisfied with the results, for they removed the trouble and I am now in good health."

On July 23, 1915 Mr. Maxwell said: "I think as highly of Doan's Kidney Pills now as I did when I first endorsed them. They have been of great benefit to me."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Maxwell has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

COMING TO BALLINGER

DOCTORS REA BROS. American Physician Specialists Giving Free Medical Services to Sick.

At Central Hotel, Friday, Jan. 26th, one day only—

Drs. Rea Bros., licensed by the States, are visiting the principal cities throughout the United States, demonstrating their system of treating diseases and deformities without surgical operation; will give free treatment (except a small charge for medicines and appliances) to all those who apply in person on this particular visit.

According to their developed system no more operations for Appendicitis, Gall Stones, Bowel Obstructions and Impactions, going away with the knife and much expense in the treatment of these dangerous diseases. In diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder, Nervous Diseases, Epilepsy, Paralysis, slow growth in children, Club Feet, Curvature of the Spine and diseases of women, they have had much experience, and many thousands of satisfied patients.

Startling disclosures relative to the treatment of Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Deafness, Catarrh, liver, stomach and bowel troubles, and all deep-seated chronic diseases. Their treatment for suspicious growths, tubercular glands, small tumors, piles, moles, warts, and certain forms of Eczema, with the hypodermic needle injection method is without pain; is death dealing and destructive to these diseases. Heart disease, blood diseases, old sores, varicose veins, trachoma (eye disease), pellagra and scrofula, a treatment in part as adopted after years of research work.

Drs. Rea Bros. are well known throughout the United States. Their idea in extending this plan of free medical treatment is to secure in each community some evidence of their good work so as to benefit them in securing more patients. The sick and those interested in the sick are invited to call. Married women must come with their husbands, and children with their parents or guardians. Hours 10 a. m., to 4 p. m.

EXTEND LEAK PROBE 30 DAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The "leak" probe committee this afternoon employed additional counsel, and will extend the life of the committee for thirty days. The committee adjourned until tomorrow, when additional sensational evidence is anticipated.

E. D. Bowen, of Hatchel, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

MR. WILSON OLDEST PRES. IN 60 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Wilson is the oldest Executive to preside over the destinies of the United States for the last 60 years. When he is inaugurated for the second time March 5 he will be sixty years old, a span of years that no President has crossed since the inauguration of Buchanan in 1857.

Incidentally the President is one of the six oldest Executives ever in the White House. Previous to 1861 the men chosen to hold the reins of government generally reached a late period in life before their election. John Adams was 61 when inaugurated in 1797, Jackson also was 61 when first inaugurated in 1829. Benjamin Harrison was the oldest man ever chosen for the Presidency, being 68 at the time of his inauguration in 1841. Taylor was 64 and Buchanan 65, respectively when they were inaugurated respectively.

Aside from these all Presidents have been younger than Woodrow Wilson when entering the White House. This has been particularly noticeable in the last fifty years when all Executives have been comparatively young. Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest President ever inaugurated in this country, being but 42 when he took office.

Mrs. P. H. Hamilton and little daughter, left Tuesday at noon to visit relatives at Rowena a few days.

Fred Machotka, one of the Rowena merchants, had business in Ballinger between trains Wednesday.

MORTUARY.

Baby Dies With Measles.

Word was received in Ballinger Monday telling of the death of the one-year-old baby, Mary Oetha, of Mr. and Mrs. Moss, at Wilmeth. The child died Monday and was buried at Wingate Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Moss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Graham, of Ballinger. The baby contracted measles shortly after a visit to Ballinger during the holidays.

ANOTHER BIG DEAL PUT OVER MONDAY

T. G. Carney, of O'Brian, who purchased several thousand dollars worth of Ballinger property last Saturday, visited Miles Monday where he consummated another deal in which he gets about \$50,000 worth of Miles property and farm land in the Rowena country. In the deal Mr. Carney buys from G. P. Lester, of Blanco county, a business house and several dwellings in that town, and also buys 160 acres of land in the Rowena country, getting what is known as the Weber farm. The business house purchased is also known as the Weber building.

After returning to Ballinger Mr. Carney perfected a trade with J. H. Wilke, in which he gets about \$1300 worth of Ballinger property and Mr. Wilke gets property owned by Mr. Carney at O'Brian.

Moving To New Location.

I am moving my saddle and harness and shoe repair shop to Eighth street next to Ballinger Light and Power Co., and I take this method of thanking my customers and friends for past patronage and hope they will find me in my new place and continue their liberal patronage.

I. L. WENDORF. The Busy Shop.

SNOWSTORM CAUSES FEAR OF LOSSES IN COKE CO.

ROBERT LEE, Tex., Jan. 17.—The ground is covered with an inch or more of snow which fell Sunday. Experienced stockmen say losses will accrue to cattlemen if the blanket of snow remains on the ground much longer.



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. It is 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, 2226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. e

We Can Help You

figure the bill when you get ready to make the needed improvements around your home. Our lumber and paint stock is select and complete.

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