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**Why Not Buy
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**Heaters
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Ranges**

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Central West Texas District Farmers' Meet Here 30-31

By far the most important convention to be held in this city during the present year, is scheduled to convene here on Tuesday morning, January 30th, at nine o'clock and carry out a two day's program. This will be the second session of the Central West Texas District Farmers' Institute. The convention will be held in the court house.

C. A. Doose, president of this institute, is busy mailing out programs and addressing letters to the fifty-two committeemen at various points in the district, urging them of the importance in attendance and soliciting their aid in making the convention a success and one that will be largely attended.

The executive officers of the institute met here last week and formulated a program. This was sent to the agricultural department at Austin and approved, copies of the program printed, and the program and date of meeting is being given extensive publicity this week.

The first and last session of the institute was held at Abilene last summer. At that meeting, C. A. Doose, of this city, was elected president, and W. R. Hunton, of Miles, was elected secretary, giving this county the two most important officers of the institute. The meeting at Abilene was well attended, and it is expected that the Ballinger meeting will bring out a larger attendance, as the meeting place is more central, and the farmers are now well up with their work and can attend.

The entertainment committee has made no announcement, but we feel sure that the people of Ballinger will see that the farmers who come to this meeting will find a full store of hospitality during the recess of the institute and between sessions.

Following is the program as announced for the two days:

Tuesday Morning

Convene 9:00 a. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.
Invocation.
Address of Welcome—Mayor J. W. Powell.
Response—Judge C. H. Willingham.

The value of the Farmers' Institute to the People—F. Blumentritt, Miles.
Preparation of the Soil—Fred Cockrell, Abilene.

Seed Selection—J. W. Neill, State Department of Agriculture.
Diversification of Crops—John Ballew, Wingate.

Appointment of Committees.

Tuesday, Afternoon.

Convene 1:30 p. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.
How Shall Agriculture be

Taught in Public Schools—H. L. Bently, Abilene.

How to Bring the Home and the School into Closer Relationship.—Prof. E. L. Hagan, County Superintendent, Ballinger.

Shall We Maintain a Co-Operative Marketing Association—D. C. Dove, Dept. of Agriculture.

Tuesday Night Session

Convene 8:00 p. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.

Good Roads—J. A. King, Albany; J. H. Bullock, Colorado; S. A. Penix, Big Springs.

Round Table Talk—(Open to all parties in attendance, each speaker limited to five minutes.)

Wednesday Morning Session.

Convene 9:00 a. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.

Orchards and Gardens—N. D. Zuber, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Insects and other Pests and How to Handle Them.—E. E. Scholl, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Live Stock on the Farm—J. C. Patterson, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Poultry on the Farm—R. L. Pennick, Stamford.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Convene 1:30 p. m.—Called to order by Pres. C. A. Doose.

Tick Eradication—Speaker to be supplied by the U. S. Government.

Home Economics—Mrs. J. L. Landrum, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Business Session.

All speakers are respectively requested to discuss the subject as briefly as possible without sacrificing valuable time. The speakers are well posted on their respective subjects. We invite everybody to come and bring your wives and children.

An extra meeting may be arranged for Mrs. Landrum for her Home Economics and Domestic Science Department.

I wish to urge upon the various counties the importance of sending large delegations to the meeting. While no passes will be issued, the State Department of Agriculture will request special rates and you will be advised later in regard to same.

Respectfully,

C. A. Doose, President.
W. R. Hutton, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Demmer and two little daughters and J. D. Coulter motored over to her father's J. W. Carr, near Bronte Sunday and spent the day, returning home in the afternoon.

Bert Fletcher of the Maverick country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

WANTS TEXAS MILITIA STOP BORDER DUTY

AUSTIN, Jan. 23.—Senator Harley today introduced a concurrent resolution in the Texas upper house, urging the war department to order a demobilization of the Texas state militia now on border duty.

Harley declared that it was no more the duty of the Texas troops to guard the American border than it was the duty of other states. The bill goes over until tomorrow for Governor Ferguson's signature.

Senator Dayton introduced a bill today for the reorganization of the penitentiary system. Many reforms of the present systems of punishment are embodied in the Dayton bill.

Senator Lattimore has offered a new bill for the creation of a public utilities commission.

WITHDRAWAL TROOPS OFFICALLY NOTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The withdrawal of General Pershing's forces in Mexico is underway, it was officially learned here today.

American outposts have been drawn in, and a general movement of the main body will follow immediately, it was stated.

MAY DEMAND RELEASE OF AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Ambassador Gerard cables the State Department from Berlin today, saying that prisoners captured by the German raider and landed at German ports total four hundred and sixty-nine. No mentions of any Americans are made in the ambassador's report. The department is seeking to learn if there were any Americans being held, and it is stated that the United States will demand their release, if any Americans are included in those prisoners held.

Farmer W. T. Padgett was in the city Monday from his farm on Valley creek and says his barley and wheat is looking good and while the oats were killed to some extent by the dry freezes thinks their is enough left to make a fair crop. The recent snow was of considerable benefit to the small grain, Mr. Padgett says.

Ovation for President Wilson From British

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 23.—The mere mention of President Wilson's name by G. J. Warder, in opening a labor party conference here today, was cheered for five minutes. The great ovation for the American President was spontaneous and a great surprise to the large crowd attending the conference, as the presiding officer intended only to make the briefest mention of the American President's peace suggestions. The prolonged ovation caused Mr. Warder to dwell at length on the President's address to the Senate yesterday.

HOLD YOUR COTTON?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—After a conference with Senator Smith, of South Carolina, in which the cotton situation was discussed, Congressman Heflin, of Alabama, issued a statement advising cotton growers to hold their cotton for higher prices. Congressman Heflin said that many telegrams were being received at Washington from cotton men throughout the South charging conspiracy to depress cotton prices.

T. Richards, O. Burford, and J. P. Whittington, of the Token country, and W. A. Glenn of Marie, and J. T. Menchow of the Norton country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Glenn renewed with the Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year, and said he had been reading a Ballinger paper for the last 28 years.

GOVERNMENT GIN REPORT ON COTTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Counting round bales as half bales, there were ginned prior to January 16th, 11,147,118 bales of cotton, as compared with 10,751,990 last year.

Texas came up with the big end of the crop again this year, ginning 3,543,292 Louisiana 437,232.

Report Brings Slight Gain.

The market was strengthened a little following the governments ginners report today. The close was 19 points above the opening for the day.

NO COAL FAMINE IN BALLINGER

There is no danger of Ballinger people getting frost bit toes on account of fuel famine this winter. Local dealers have a good supply of coal on hand at present and more coming. C. J. Lynn announced that he received one car of coal today and had eight more cars on the road which he felt sure he would receive in a few days. Quite a number of Texas towns suffered fuel famine during the early December days, and in places coal was confiscated by city officials who took extreme steps to supply people who were in need.

T. M. Caskey, of Lometa, who had been visiting his son Sid Caskey and family and prospecting in this section with a view to locating, left for his home Monday afternoon.

C. I. Dabney, of Wallace, Texas, who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. C. Tomlinson and family near Ballinger, left Monday for Coleman to visit a few days before going on home.

President Outlines Basis for Worldwide Permanent Peace

METHODIST PEOPLE BUY PASTOR HOME

A deal was consummated this week in which Scott H. Mack sells his home on Tenth Street to the Methodist church for a consideration of \$1800. The trustees of the church are busy this week raising the cash to pay for the residence, having a good part of it on hand when the announcement was made that the property had been purchased, and would be used for a parsonage.

Since moving the small house off the church lot adjoining the church, the Methodist people have been without a home for their pastor. They were fortunate last year in that the pastor was a single man and did not demand a house. With the coming of the new pastor, Rev. J. B. Curry, came the demand for a parsonage, and the scarcity of houses made it necessary for the congregation to get busy and buy.

The property just purchased is an ideal place for a parsonage, being less than one block from the church, and being well improved with conveniences. Rev. Curry is a present living in a rented home on Tenth Street, which is subject to sale, and in case of sale he would have been out of a house and home. Arrangements are being made for Mr. Mack to give possession of the house just sold by February first.

Mr. Mack will only be out of a house and home for the time being, as plans have been perfected and a new modern home will be constructed at once on Broadway on the corner of a most desirable building location. The new Mack home will be just across Broadway from the home of C. C. Schuchard.

There is a good demand for rent houses in Ballinger at present, and city property has advanced considerably in values during the past twelve months.

Noah Corder and R. B. Armstrong, of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday and Noah informed us his brother, Tom Corder, was considerably better, which his many Ballinger friends will be glad to learn.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—President Wilson addressed the senate this afternoon on his peace policies. "For liberal's and friend's humanity in every nation and of every program of liberty," said the president, "the only program of peace which will keep all the world safe from future aggression, is a peace which can last, based upon equality and common participation in common benefit."

"Guarantees exchanged," said Mr. Wilson, "must never recognize nor imply the difference between big nations and little nations." Mr. Wilson then proceeded to lay down the following basis for lasting peace, and for which he says his administration will exert every effort to bring about.

"Authority and power of the United States so that other nations guarantee peace and justice throughout all the world.

"Peace founded on equity of rights.

"United Independent autonomous plan.

"Freedom of all nations for full development of resources and direct outlet to great highways of seas as far as is practicable.

"Freedom of the seas.

"Limitation of naval and military armament."

PLAYS RAGTIME 10 FEET FROM HIS "DEATH" CHAIR

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 23.—In the Ohio penitentiary death cell, Robert Ellis, colored, plays rag time for hours at a time on a mouth harp.

Ten feet away is the electric chair in which he's doomed to die on the morning of Feb. 6.

"The music helps him forget," Warden P. P. Thomas explained today.

Evidence in Ellis' trial shows he, with two other prisoners in the Hamilton county jail at Cincinnati, played cards to see who'd kill the matron to get her keys and escape. Ellis drew the card.

The crime was committed July 24, 1916.

Bob and Vista Collins, of Richland Springs, who had been visiting their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman, the past few weeks, left for their home Saturday.

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

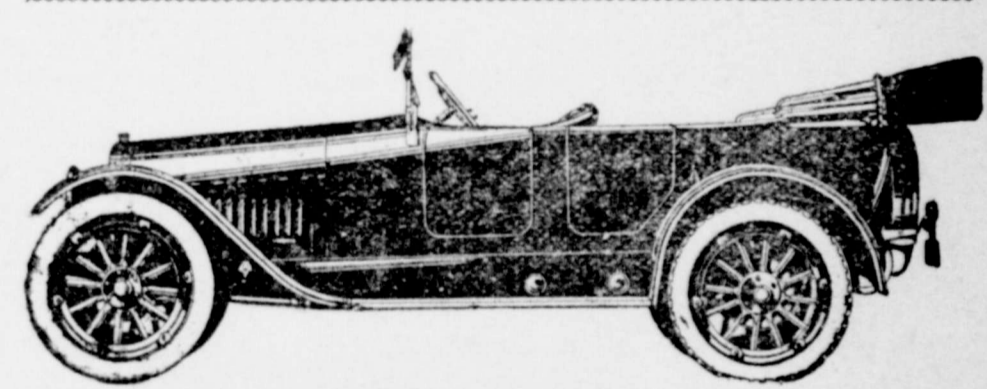
Liabilities:

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

We are interested in your banking needs, whether a depositor, or borrower, and in your plans for the New Year let us be of service.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556



See the new Mitchell before you buy a car. Ask any Mitchell owner—There is a difference in the up-keep of cars.

Second Hand Cars Nearly Given Away

1 Winton, 4 cylinder, will run	\$50.00
1 Maxwell, 2 passenger, good tires	\$48.50
1 good 2 pass. Overland, in good condition	\$175.00
\$100.00 cash balance \$7.00 per month.	
1 five passenger Overland, good value	\$200.00
\$100.00 cash balance \$10.00 per month.	
1 Maxwell, 1916 model, new tires	\$300.00
\$200.00 cash balance \$10.00 per month.	

The Saxon six cylinder, 5 passenger that we have will close out this week at \$300.00 cash. We have springs for every make of car Vulcan, the kind that don't break. Storage batteries for every make of car. See us for anything for the auto.

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 A. W. Sledge, Editor

REMOVING THE HYPHEN.
 The National Board of Educa-
 tion is starting a campaign to
 make it compulsory for non-
 English speaking immigrants to
 learn our language. Some job!
 It will take more than advice
 from wise commissions or impos-
 ing court orders. You can't put
 a slow geared mind directly into
 high speed.
 But the man who has said Good
 Bye to the old folks and crossed
 the strange seas to an unknown
 land, has energy and initiative.
 He will dig away at his English
 speech, just as he digs at his
 ditch, when he sees there's a dol-
 lar in it.

Alien settlements in our towns,
 reading foreign language news-
 papers, talking their old world
 jargon, are mere fragments of
 foreign life connected with our
 country simply by the pay envel-
 ope. They add nothing to our
 capacity for self government.
 They dig ditches better than a
 college professor could. But put
 them in a shop gang, and the
 work drags while the boss says,
 "No do this," "No do that."

One of the farmer's troubles
 now is help that can't speak En-
 glish. He is tired of sending Stan-
 islaus up to the barn for a mon-
 key wrench and having him re-
 turn with the garden fork. Next
 time the farmer goes himself,
 while Stanislaus waits around to
 have his machine repaired.

Foremen in shops employing
 aliens become experts on signs
 and gestures. Their pantomime
 would make good in the moving
 picture business. Also swearing
 is a universal language quite well
 understood. But you can only

how the Texas legislature can re-
 fuse to adopt the submission res-
 olution, after the democratic vot-
 ers of Texas have voted for it.
 Why the vote on the question if
 the peanut politicians sent to
 Austin are going to ignore the
 democratic majority? We pre-
 dict that somebody is going to
 make a mistake.

If you don't believe that the
 "back to the farm" rush is on,
 just advertise a little farm, for
 sale, and you will need a private
 secretary to handle the applica-
 tions to buy. The high cost of
 farm products of every descrip-
 ion has caused a longing in the
 appetites of the man who is liv-
 ing in a rented house in town and
 trying to get by on work-as-he-
 can-get-it job at \$1.50 per day.

The editor frequently receives
 requests from parties not to men-
 tion their names in the paper. We
 generally try to grant the request,
 because we feel that the paper
 and public gets the benefit by
 the absence of such names.
 While it is our business to give
 the news, we are often called on
 to suppress the news, and just for
 the sake of preventing distress,
 we suppress.

"How do we stand" is the
 question the newly elected city
 commissioners asked themselves.
 Until they know what the city
 owes, what the income is they
 will not figure on what they are
 going to spend. No business can
 exist very long spending more
 money than it takes in, and the
 new commissioners are to be com-
 mended for taking this stand on
 the new way of doing things.

**New Method for Sharpening
 Disc Plows**
 Rolls out in proper shape and
 sharpens without heating. No
 temper taken out and life of
 plow doubled. No increased cost
 but a big saving and satisfaction.
 Bring your disc plow to us.
 JOHN PECHACEK.

**MOTHER! GIVE CHILD
 "SYRUP OF FIGS" IF
 TONGUE IS COATED**

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

Children love this "fruit laxa-
 tive," 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 sours, then
 your little one becomes cross, half
 sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or
 act naturally breath is bad, sys-
 tem 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 "Califor-
 nia 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 counter-
 feits sold here. Get the genuine,
 made by "California Fig Syrup
 Company." Refuse any other
 kind with contempt.

Judge Geo. Garland and Ed B.
 Dozier of Paint Rock, and Brooks
 Dozier of Miles, were among the
 business visitors in Ballinger
 Wednesday.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
 Your druggist will refund money if PAZO
 OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching,
 bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days.
 The first application gives ease and rest. 50c.

THE WHATCHAMA COLUMN

Radiators
 (By George Martin)
 Do your radiators radiate?
 Or do they spend their days
 and nights singing, whistling,
 carousing and whooping it up a-
 round room corners? And do
 they wake up in the morning hic-
 coughing and belching and look-
 ing dissipated?

Ours do. And we swear by
 every icicle on our mustache that
 before we rent again we'll ask
 the landlord how his radiators
 spend their evenings.

"Will this radiator care," we'll
 ask, "whether we freeze to
 death?" And if the landlord
 answers evasively, we'll go else-
 where.

Big husky, intelligent looking
 radiators like ours, that stand
 around and hicough and sing
 soprano at seven o'clock in the
 morning have certainly gone to
 the devil and there's no hope for
 them.

We don't think much of radi-
 ators anyhow. Base-burners and
 round oak stoves may have had
 their faults, but they knew their
 business.

Pleurisy pains are located just
 below the short ribs. Lumbago af-
 fects the same region but toward
 the back. Ballard's Snow Liniment
 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mc-
 Gregor left Tuesday afternoon for
 Dallas, where Mr. McGregor goes
 to attend the meeting of the State
 Hardware Dealers' convention.

Master Mack No. 251,633.
 My Poland China will be kept
 at my place one mile east of Bal-
 linger (on Joe Routh farm). \$2
 for season with return privilege.
 15-wtf J. H. TAYLOR.

BY OUR BLOOD WE LIVE

If you tire easily, are subject to cold hands or feet—if you
 catch colds readily or have rheumatic pains—your blood or
 circulation is probably at fault and you need

SCOTT'S EMULSION
 OF NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL

which is nature's easily-assimilated food, to increase
 your red corpuscles and charge the blood with life-
 sustaining richness. Scott's creates warmth to throw
 off colds and gives resistance to prevent sickness.
 No Alcohol in SCOTT'S. Every Druggist has it.
 SCOTT & BOWNE, Bloomfield, N. J.

**MANY POLL TAX
 REMAIN UNPAID**

You'll have to hurry if you
 qualify as a voter and have the
 privilege of expressing your views
 in elections to be held during the
 present year and up until the
 31st day of January of next year.
 The poll tax payments are far
 below the number for the same
 date for a number of years in the
 past, and in order to collect them
 all the tax collector would be re-
 quired to issue more than 200 re-
 ceipts per day for the remainder
 of the month—the time in which
 you can qualify for voting by pay-
 ing.

Out of 3311 polls assessed only
 2018 had been paid up to noon
 Wednesday, leaving more than
 one-third unpaid. Tax Collector
 Chastain announces that the office
 will be kept open until 12 o'clock
 on the night of January 31st for
 the benefit of the eleventh hour
 fellows. It is expected that the
 last day will over run the tax col-
 lector and his helpers and those
 who wait until that date will have
 to form in line and wait their turn

**M. W. A. INSTALLATION JAN.
 27TH.**

The newly elected officers of
 the Modern Woodmen of Ameri-
 ca will be installed at a meeting
 to be held Saturday night, Jan.
 27th. All members urged to be
 present.
 J. L. CHASTAIN, Clerk.
 20-1tw6td.

**STALLED ON A RAILROAD
 CROSSING.**

with a passenger train 300 feet a-
 way! Will your starter work or
 is it a case of jump and lose the
 car? In such emergency you
 want to be sure of your storage
 battery. Stop here once a month
 and let us inspect your battery,
 whatever its make. Then it will
 always be ready for any emer-
 gency. This FREE BATTERY IN-
 SPECTION (any battery on any
 car) will save you many a dollar
 and may save you life.
 Expert battery repairing and
 recharging. We can supply re-
 pair parts for any storage battery
 or a new battery guaranteed to
 fit the battery box on your car.
 ELDER BROTHERS
 819 Hutching Ave.
 20-5td1tw

Preparedness...

Is the liveliest national issue of the day. The meaning of the word
 "PREPAREDNESS" is the state of being ready for any emergency
 which may arise. Are you prepared for the fire demon or cyclone?

If not, call The Ballinger Insurance Agency for full information as to how to prepare against these evils

Ballinger Insurance Agency
 T. J. GARDNER, Manager

Office with Bennett Abstract Co.
 Telephone No. 317

drive a man about so far. To get
 real work, you must explain the
 reason for things. The man who
 can't understand those explana-
 tions is not of much economic
 use.

The foreigner who learns En-
 glish ceases to be a drag on his
 gang. Every word learned is
 dollars in his pocket, and he soon
 sees it in his pay envelope. Also
 it helps break up those congestions
 of alien ideas and remove
 those barriers of communication
 that obstruct our political ad-
 vance.

**WINTERS WANTS FARM DEM-
 ONSTRATOR.**

Many of the farmers of this sec-
 tion, the school people, and those
 of the town have cause to remem-
 ber county farm demonstrator
 Geo. P. McLelland who did more
 for this immediate section than
 any one agency has ever done.
 What was his doctrine? Diversify,
 raise feed, hogs, chickens, cows
 and better boys and girls. We
 need this man in this county for
 another year. It would be a pay-
 ing proposition for the people to
 pay his salary out of their own
 pockets in order to have him in
 the county for another year.
 There may be other demonstra-
 tors just as good, but we know
 what McLelland can do.—Winters
 Enterprise.

Many farmers in this county
 realize now that the county lost
 when the farm demonstrator was
 taken off the job. The United
 States government was paying a
 good part of the salary and the
 benefit to Runnels county was a
 great deal more than the cost.
 Yes, many times more than the
 cost. A good agricultural agent
 like George McLelland would be
 worth more to this county than
 any other one thing. Ballinger
 stands ready to go down and dig
 up to help pay the salary of such
 man to be put on the job at
 once. Will Winters join us in
 this?

Some people can't understand

WE WILL KNOW

When fortune smooths my rugged
 way
 And all of life is bright and gay,
 I think not of the chill and blast
 That froze my heart in hours past;
 But putting all those things behind
 I look out on the gladsome scene
 And thank the stars for blessings
 kind.
 That smile upon me from the
 green.

Life brings, at times, the pang,
 the sigh,
 To every heart—to every eye
 Where'er it beams, or when the
 years,

The shadow of corroding tears;
 But when the soul has reached a
 height
 Above the darksome mists of
 gloom,
 Why should it note the thorn, and
 slight.

The flower and its sweet perfume?
 The Past is gone. The Future's
 voice
 Is dumb for us. Then let's rejoice
 if so we can ('tis worth the while)
 And greet the Present with a
 smile;

Nor ask what Fate may hold in
 trust,
 If good or ill or weal or woe;
 For soon 'twill come, as come it
 must,
 And then we'll know, yes, then
 we'll know.

—Luther A. Lawhon.
 The author of the above little
 poem will be kindly remembered
 by the old timers in this city. Mr.
 Lawhon was one of the founders
 of the Ballinger Banner, Law-
 hon and Dickey, being the style
 of the firm that established the
 Banner, which was later consoli-
 dated with The Leader and the
 paper was published under the name
 of the Banner-Leader until three
 years ago when it was consoli-
 dated with the Ledger forming
 what is now known as the Ban-
 ner-Ledger. Mr. Lawhon's where
 abouts are not known here, al-
 though the above poem appeared
 in a recent issue of the Dallas
 News.

BUYS LAND.

The deal was closed this week
 in which B. F. Jones bought 200
 acres of improved land from G.
 B. Nixon near the W. E. Allen
 ranch, where oil was found, north-
 ation of \$7,000.00 was paid for
 a lot of \$70,000.00 was paid for
 the property. Mr. Jones recently
 sold his farm lands near Bangs
 and is investing in this city and
 county and is well pleased with
 this recent deal in the oil districts
 of this county.

J. F. Stuart left Wednesday at
 noon for Paducah, Texas, on a
 business trip.

**THE PROPER WAY TO FEED
 THE HEN.**

Our Mr. J. P. Gentry, the orig-
 inator of Aunt Patsy's Poultry
 Feed, is a successful poultryman.
 For two years he lost money on
 his laying hens by feeding them
 mixed grain scratch feeds. He
 then had an egg analyzed, and
 made Aunt Patsy out of every in-
 gredient of which the egg is com-
 posed; his idea being, that if he
 put into the hen's craw the same
 ingredients composing the egg, the
 hen, if of proper age and in healthy
 condition, would naturally
 convert these ingredients into the
 egg at any time of the year.

When the hen is on full feed it
 only costs 1-2c per day to feed
 each hen on Aunt Patsy, while
 you cannot feed her on any kind
 of grain for less than 1-4 to 1-
 1-2c per day each hen.

If you wish only to fatten your
 hens and get an occasional egg,
 feed them fixed grain scratch
 feeds, but if you want eggs the
 year round, feed them AUNT
 PATSY'S POULTRY FEED, the
 egg producer.

Try a sack today and convince
 yourself.
AUNT PATSY POULTRY FEED
 CO.

Ask your dealer for Aunt Patsy
 —the egg producer.
 Walker-Smith Co., Distributors.

**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AN
 AUTO NUMBER**

Ordinarily the number "1170"
 tacked on the back of an auto
 would attract no attention or
 cause any comment, but in this
 case there is a great deal being
 said about the significance of the
 number 1170 issued out of the
 county clerk's office.

What the number signifies de-
 pends a great deal in what way it
 is being used. Jailor Armstrong's
 Ford number is 1170. If a decim-
 al point was placed between the
 11 and 70 it would be easy to fig-
 ure what kind of a 1170 it signi-
 fied, especially with some of the
 boys. 1170 is a common number
 in the sheriff's department, and
 is used almost daily in the justice
 court, in some places, but not in
 Ballinger. Sometimes many days
 are reeled off the calendar without
 any 1170's being discussed in the
 justice's office. Some of the boys
 say that Armstrong's Ford was
 paid for from the "trimmings"
 out of 1170's, while others say the
 number is a constant warning to
 the way of the transgressors, as
 the Tin Henry hooks along the
 highways.

1170 is a good number for the
 jailor to have on his car, but it is
 a bad number for the fellow who
 has any business with the jailor.

**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. Obtain-
 able everywhere.

C. W. Schwartz of the Crews
 country, Will Hale of the Talpa
 country, L. W. Williams of the
 Norton country, and S. P. Hale of
 Talpa, were looking after busi-
 ness affairs in Ballinger Wed-
 nesday.

at the window.

Not only are the people slow a-
 bout paying their poll taxes this
 year, but indications are good at
 this time for a heavy delinquent
 list, and then will come the ten
 per cent penalty, and later another
 penalty taxed on until the man
 who can not pay now, or who can
 and puts it off, will have to pay
 dearly for his delinquency.

Following are the number of
 polls paid up to noon Wednesday
 by voting precincts:

Ballinger No. 1	215
Hatchel	78
Benoit	39
Crews	108
Token	53
Trait	35
Winters	235
Antelope	21
Pumphrey	41
Wingate	97
Cochran	47
Baldwin	28
Wilmoth	81
North Norton	63
South Norton	53
Marie	29
Maverick	52
Pearce School House	47
Brookshire	25
Miles	187
Rovena	145
Olfin	43
Pony Creek	66
Ballinger No. 24	230
TOTAL	2018

Painful Coughs Relieved.

Dr. King's New Discovery is a
 soothing, healing remedy for
 coughs and colds that has stood
 the test of nearly fifty years. For
 that cough that strains the throat
 and saps the vitality try Dr.
 King's New Discovery. The soothing
 pine balsam and mild laxa-
 tive ingredients soon drive the
 cold from the system. Have a
 bottle on hand for winter colds,
 croup, grippe and bronchial affec-
 tions. At your druggist, 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. Odel Moore re-
 turned home Wednesday at noon
 from a two week's bridal trip to
 his relatives in North Texas.

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 vi-
 gor and cheerful spirits. Price
 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

W. H. Arnold, of Winters and
 his brother-in-law, Rev. R. J.
 Smith, of Temple, passed through
 Ballinger en route east, Rev.
 Smith to his home and Mr. Arnold
 to Coleman on a short business
 trip.

Madams J. C. Bauman and Ran-
 kin Jones, and their sister Miss
 Annie Steinfeld, left Wednesday
 at noon to visit relatives near
 Miles. Miss Annie had been vis-
 iting her sisters in Ballinger the
 past several days.

Keeping Yourself Well

DRIVING OUT CATARRH
 If people knew how the presence
 of catarrh is a constant menace,
 they would have none of it. It
 infests some part of the delicately
 adjusted body and makes it useless,
 thus throwing on the other organs
 more than their share of work. It
 affords a carefully prepared seed-
 bed for the germs of colds, grip,
 tuberculosis and pneumonia. It so
 disarranges Nature's delicate plans
 us to make possible asthma, hay
 fever and other respiratory dis-
 orders. It spreads until it becomes
 systemic, thus involving many or-
 gans and debilitating the entire
 system with serious results.
 Catarrh is easily neglected, and
 it rarely gets well of itself. It
 needs proper medicinal correction.
 For almost half a century many
 thousands have found help in Pe-
 ruina, a valuable tonic with special
 efficacy in catarrhal conditions.
 The aim is to clean out waste mat-
 ter, to dispel the catarrhal inflam-
 mation, and tone up the whole sys-
 tem. Its users willingly testify
 that it has done all this and even
 more for catarrhal sufferers. What
 it has done is the best proof of
 what it will do. You may rely on
 Peruina.

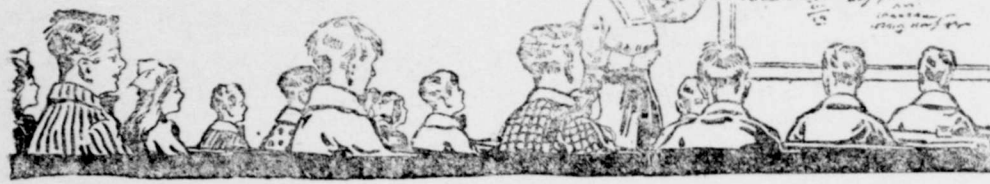
In tablet form it is pleasant
 to take and easy to administer.
Peruina Tablets are
 the ideal
 laxative and
 liver tonic.
 They have
 no unpleas-
 ant effects
 and do not
 form a hab-
 it. 10c, 25c.
 The Peruina Co.
 Columbus, O.

Poorly ventilated, drafty school rooms are a frequent source of colds. Contact with children who have colds is another cause.

Damp clothing and wet feet are often responsible for that croupy cough, sore throat and tight chest.

Dr. King's New Discovery is the remedy for your children when they catch cold. Crown-ups like it too. For nearly 50 years it has been used in bronchial affections with satisfactory results. It quickly loosens the cough and checks the cold.

Your druggist has sold it for years. Try it.



T. P. Alman of the Winters country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday and says "don't fail to send my Banner-Ledger as it is a household necessity."

Patronize—

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.

Mrs. Joe T. Ward and four children left Monday afternoon for Giddings, where they will make their future home. Mr. Ward will join them as soon as the roads get in shape to make the trip in his auto.

Miss Lynn Harris, of the Melton Dry Goods Co., returned home a day or two ago from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Dallas, Greenville, Winsboro, and other points in that section.

NOTED FORGER KEEPS OFFICERS ON JUMP

Elmer Delmas, escaped convict from the Huntsville penitentiary, who got away from the officers while being returned to the Texas prison from San Francisco, was recaptured at San Antonio Sunday, and returned to the Huntsville pen today.

Delmas was convicted of forgery in San Angelo in 1915 and sent to the pen to serve his term. He escaped from prison and was caught in San Francisco while passing forged checks several months ago. The Ledger carried an account of his arrest in California in company with a young woman. When arrested Delmas told the officers he was an escaped convict and said that he was sent from San Angelo to the pen, and claimed to have been a cashier of a bank at San Angelo, which was not true.

The arrest of Delmas and the woman caused the woman's family to become suddenly wealthy. The publicity given the arrest lead those who were holding in trust the fortune to find the whereabouts of the heirs.

While being transferred from the California prison to Huntsville last week Delmas escaped from the train. He was chained to a Mexican convict and was occupying an upper berth in a sleeper. In some way he released himself and left the train, and was later captured at San Antonio.

EAT WITHOUT FEAR OF INDIGESTION OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

Instant relief! "Pape's Diapepsin" ends your stomach trouble forever.

Wonder what upset your stomach—which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sour, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented into stubborn lumps; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have a bad stomach. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps this delicate organ regulated and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless relief is Pape's Diapepsin which costs only fifty cents for a large case at drug stores. It's truly wonderful—it digests food and sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing. Please, for your sake, don't go on and on with a weak, disordered stomach; it's so unnecessary.

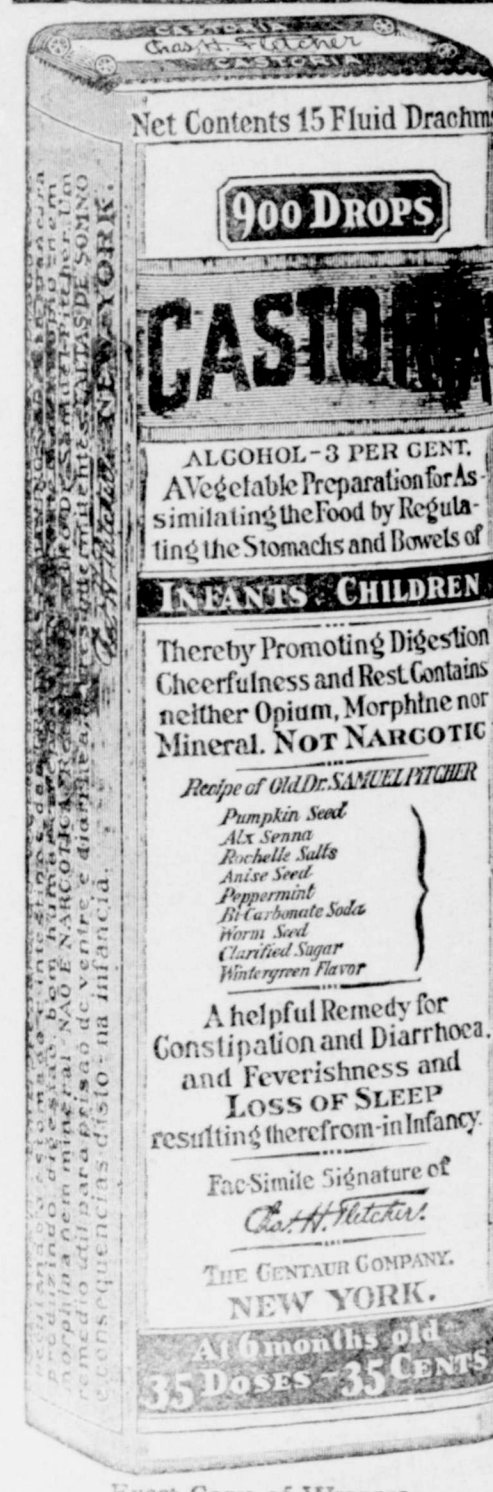
YOUNG MAN IS KILLED BY HUNTING COMPANION

While hunting ducks near Shield, Coleman county, Thursday afternoon, Lee Smith sustained fatal injuries from a shotgun in the hands of his hunting companion, a Mr. Sisk. The accident occurred while the men were attempting to gain a point of vantage from which they might fire on a number of ducks. The gun was discharged prematurely the full load of shot entering Smith's bowels. The injured man died within a few hours.

Smith had been married only a month and leaves a bride to mourn his death.

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

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.
H. J. WENDROP



CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria

Always Bears the Signature of

Dr. J. C. Hatcher
In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA

be made.

"Mr. Guion was a pupil of Leopold Godowsky in Vienna," Philip Tronitz said. "He has achieved considerable fame thru his songs and compositions for the piano. In his concerts abroad, as in this country, the critics praised his unusual musical ability, his delicacy of touch and delightful interpretation."—Dallas News.

David Guion is the son of Judge and Mrs. Jno. J. Guion, of Ballinger. He was born in Ballinger, and his wonderful musical talent "cropped out" early in his life, and when he was a little kneecap boy he was entertaining public audiences with his unusual musical ability.

Constipation Causes Bad Skin

A dull and pimply skin is due to a sluggish bowel movement. Correct this condition and clear your complexion with Dr. King's New Life Pills. This mild laxative taken at bedtime will assure you a full, free, non-gripping movement in the morning. Drive out the dull, listless feeling resulting from overloaded intestines and sluggish liver. Get a bottle today. At all Druggists, 25c.

Mrs. Lee Sparks and Master Roe Barnes left Tuesday at noon for a short visit to relatives at Miles.

Dr. Warner of the Live Stock Sanitary board and inspector for this county, returned to Ballinger Tuesday at noon from a business trip to points east.

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.

Pascal Armstrong, who had been spending several months past at El Paso, came in a day or two ago to visit home folks and Ballinger friends a few weeks.

Joe Spill spent a day or two with his family and Ballinger friends and returned to Winters Tuesday, where he holds a position with Spill Bros. Furniture store.

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.

Ollie Bryant, who had been

Henry Aycock, of Fort Worth, who had been visiting relatives and friends in this section the past few weeks, left for his home Monday afternoon.

J. S. Blocker of San Angelo, who spent Monday in our city on business, left in the afternoon for San Antonio.

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.

W. T. Nichols and W. J. Davis of the Bethel neighborhood, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. Arch Holman of San Angelo, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. M. Vaughn, and friends in Ballinger the past few days, returned home Tuesday at noon.

"Come on Over, See My Corn Fall Off!"

"I Put 2 Drops of 'Gets-It' on Last Night—Now Watch—"

"See—all you have to do is to use your two fingers and lift the corn right off. That's the way 'Gets-It' always works. You just put on about 2 drops. Then the corn not only shrivels, but loosens from the toe, without affecting the surrounding flesh in the least. Why, it's almost a pleasure to have corns and



"That Was a Quick Funeral That Corn Had With 'Gets-It'."

see how 'Gets-It' gets them off in a hurry and without the least pain. I can wear tight shoes, dance and walk as though I never had corns." "Gets-It" makes the use of irritating salves, bandaging, taping, plasters and other things not only foolish, but unnecessary. Use this wonderful discovery, "Gets-It," for any soft or hard corn or callus. It is the new, simple, easy, quick way, and it never fails. You'll never have to cut a corn again with knives or scissors, and run chances of blood poisoning. Try "Gets-It" tonight. "Gets-It" is sold everywhere.

Member Regional Bank Federal Reserve System

Stop!

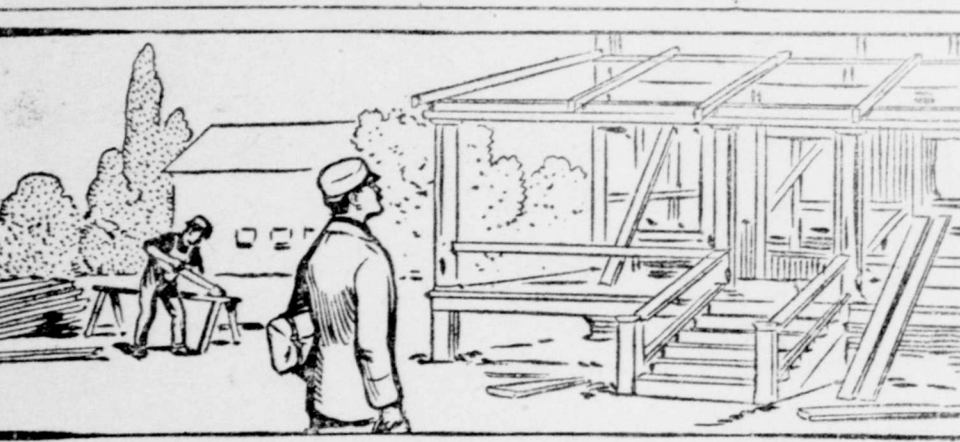
Have you money in the Bank? If you spend as much as you earn, you are not only losing money, but you are discounting your future. Think! Then start!

THE First National Bank
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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.

Ballinger Lumber Company



Give Us the Contract

If you are putting up a new building—or if you are going to remodel your house, be sure to let us figure on the plumbing work.

We have had considerable experience in handling big jobs and we know how to buy material to save you money. You will find our work to be extremely neat and we do all work quickly and accurately.

We will gladly figure on small jobs as well as big ones. And we do repair work, too.

E. G. Allison & Son
Phone 136

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Taste no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

DAVID GUION TO GIVE RECITAL

David Guion of Fort Worth will give a piano recital at the city hall on Monday night, January 29, under the auspices of the Tronitz club. It is the custom of the club to bring a distinguished pianist to Dallas every year.

The public has been invited to hear Mr. Guion. No charges will



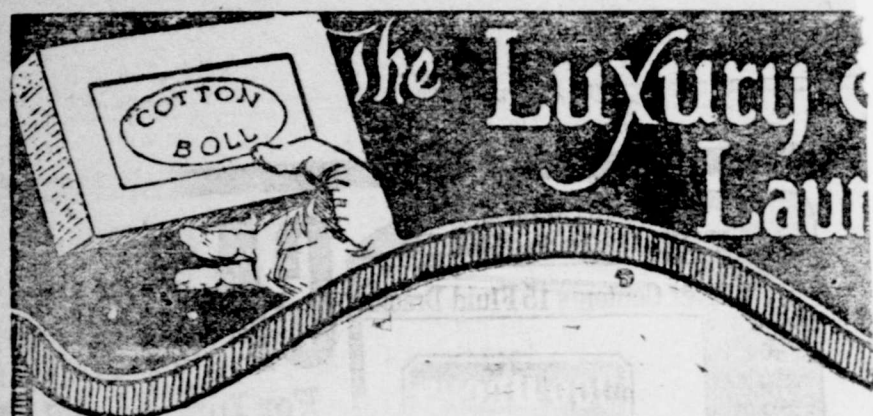
We Cater to Couples

After parties or dances you will find this an excellent place to dine.

Whether it's a light lunch or a hearty meal, your guest will be much pleased if you bring her here.

Our prices are reasonable—our cooking unbeatable and our service commendable. Give us a trial. We'll serve you in style.

City Cafe



Does the feel, sight and smell of fresh, crisp linen delight you?

No matter where or how your washing is done next time, have it done with

COTTON BOLL

The whitest white laundry soap—pure, wholesome guaranteed to work beautifully in even the hardest water.

Cotton-Boll is MADE for hard water use—especially IT THRIVES, lathers and cleanses in any kind of water.

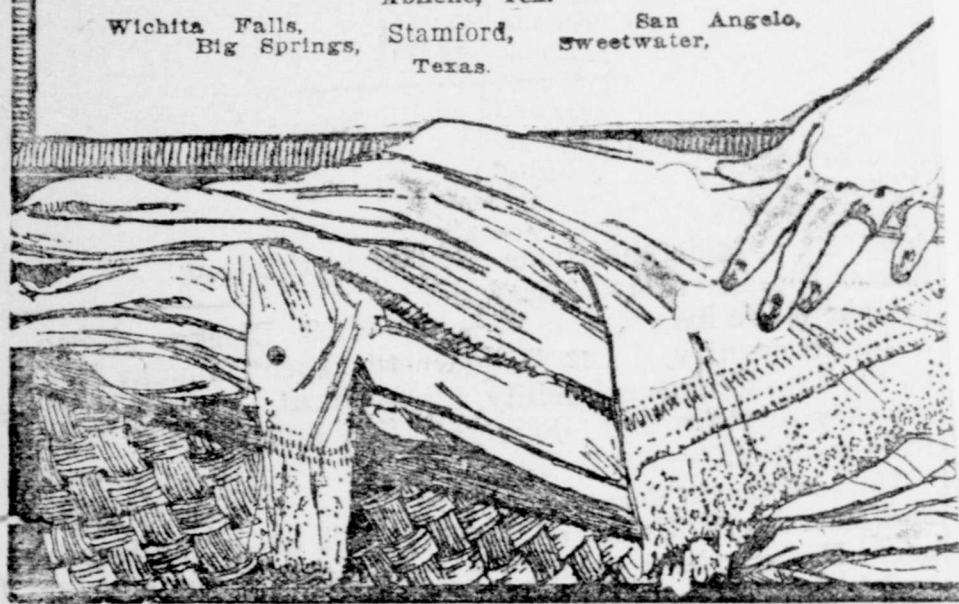
A delight for dish-washing and other household tasks lathers profusely in a jiffy—and it WILL NOT red or roughen the hands. Try it.

WRAPPERS GOOD FOR PREMIUMS

Hundreds of high grade aluminumware pieces and other premiums free for the wrappers. Write today to Products Mfg. Oklahoma City, U. S. A., for new premium catalog. It's free.

H. O. WOOLEN GROCERY CO.

Abilene, Tex. San Angelo, Texas.
Wichita Falls, Big Springs, Stamford, Sweetwater.



Jack Guy and G. E. Deakens, two of the Talpa business men, were looking after business matters in Ballinger Tuesday.

John Pollock left Tuesday afternoon for San Angelo on a short business trip.



One Dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy Drives Them Out—Ends Torture.

Stomach poisons breed millions of germs that eat into your vitals, causing Gas Pressure, Indigestion, Constipation, Torpid Liver, Auto-Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Gall Stones, Appendicitis, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, etc., etc. Thousands of sufferers have been restored by Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, among them justice of the Supreme Court, Congressmen, Doctors, Lawyers, Bankers, Ministers, Nurses, Farmers, Mechanics—persons of every class—probably your own neighbors. Stomach troubles are due mostly to catarrhal poison. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy removes that poison, thoroughly cleanses the system, drives out the disease breeding germs, allays inflammation and ends suffering. Unlike any other remedy. No alcohol—nothing to injure you. One dose convinces. FREE book on Stomach Ailments. Write Geo. H. Mayr, Mfg. Chemist, Chicago, or obtain a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy from The Walker Drug Co., or any reliable druggist, who will return your money if it fails.

FARM WORK BASIS OF ALL WEALTH

"Farming is the basis of all wealth, and we have been exacting much interest from the farmer and not giving enough attention to the farming interests," said Sam H. Dixon, of the State Department of Agriculture, and one of the speakers at the safe farming meet held in Ballinger last Saturday afternoon.

The meeting here was not what it should have been due to the failure of the business men to attend. It was the desire of the Texas Bankers Association who planned the campaign for safe farming and high priced cotton, to make the meetings co-operative and interest both the farmer and the business man in the work being carried on by the association, but due to the fact that the meeting here was on Saturday and an unusually large crowd was in town the business men did not turn out to attend the meeting. Mr. Dixon expressed regrets at this and stated that in some places they visited the business houses closed for a couple of hours.

All the speakers on the program except Dr. Fauteck, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, were present and addressed the seventy-five or one hundred representative farmers who were present. C. A. Dooze called the meeting to order, and introduced the

The Texas Bankers Association do not hesitate to say that they have a selfish motive in the work being carried on, as well as doing what they can to help the farmers and live stock interests of the state. A committee of bankers planned the campaign that is being made for "safe farming and high priced cotton," and are paying the expenses of the eleven different squads of speakers who are touring the state and holding meetings at practically every town in the state. The state is divided up into eleven districts and a crew of men sent into each district to hold meetings and work up a spirit of co-operation between the business men, bankers, farmers, and live stock growers, and they have been meeting with wonderful success. The work is free to both the local business men and farmers. No doubt much good will result to the state as a whole.

Winter Brings Colds To Children

A child rarely goes through the whole winter without a cold, and every mother should have a reliable remedy handy. Fever, sore throat, tight chest and croupy coughs are sure symptoms. A dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will loosen the phlegm, relieve the congested lungs and stop the cough. Its antiseptic pine balsams heal and soothe. For croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial troubles try Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey. At all Druggists, 25c.

FORMER RANGERS MEET ON TRAIN

(Brownwood Bulletin)

Every once in a while E. L. Rasbury, cotton man and wealthy property owner of Ballinger, passes thru Brownwood. When he does his mind runs back to the days when the Brownwood country was open, when Indians were "thick and fast" and when white men could be found not even at a premium.

Sunday night was one of the occasions when Mr. Rasbury passed thru Brownwood. He came from his home town, Ballinger, and he was traveling towards Lampasas, where business matters were awaiting his attention.

Mr. Rasbury was once a state ranger. That was years and years ago—yet not so very long ago either when Mr. Rasbury's age is considered. To get the date down to actual figures let it be stated that it was in the '70s, but then Mr. Rasbury was quite a young man. In fact, so young that he could not take the oath of office. However, after operating with the troop of rangers for six months he became of age and then he became a full-pledged ranger.

"I remember the time when the country around Brownwood had only two stores," said Mr. Rasbury as his mind ran back to what one of his friends termed the "palmy" days. "One of these was known as Camp Colorado. Another was located in Brown county. Upon these what few people there were in this section of the state depended for the little luxuries of the early days or the necessities that could not be brought down with a rifle or knife."

During those days Mr. Rasbury was an intimate friend of John Bannister, now sheriff of Coleman county. The two were state rangers together and the two know Central West and West Texas like a book. The two happily met on the Santa Fe train yesterday afternoon and the two were reminiscent of days gone by.

"Look at that formation of the earth," said Mr. Rasbury. "It looks as if it had burned at one time."

The significance of the remark lay in the fact that during those rangers days and those later to follow when he assisted in developing this part of Texas, his eye was trained to see and observe. Today he notices everything, especially the work of Nature. He is a student of Nature. Mr. Rasbury owns some valuable real estate in Runnels and Coke counties. He has a big ranch on the Rio Grande in the Harlingen country and he has other holdings in New Mexico.

GIRLS! HAVE A MASS OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR, SOFT, GLOSSY, WAVY

25-cent bottle destroys dandruff and doubles beauty of your hair.

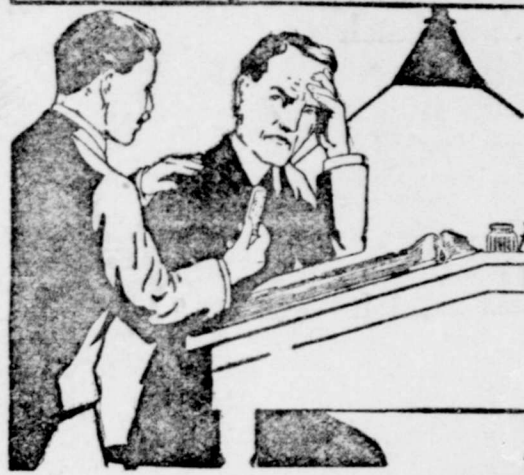
Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine your can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

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

Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.

Mrs. Wineburg, of Glen Cove, who had been at the bedside of her daughter at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, left for her home Tuesday morning.

"That miserable pain—don't you want relief?"



Close attention to work is the cause of much Pain and many Headaches. Obtain relief by taking one or two

DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS
Then tone up the Nervous System by using
Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine

AWFUL SUFFERING. "I suffered untold agony with neuralgia. I thought I would go mad with pain. A friend of mine advised me to take Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills. I did so and the pain stopped almost at once. Then I commenced using Dr. Miles' Nervine and before long I was so that I did not have these pains any more." E. J. WINTER, 661 E. Platte Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

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

CITY COMMISSIONERS PLAN PERMANENT WORK

Under the direction of the city commission, a civil engineer is making the survey, and fixing the proper drainage preparatory to grading and graveling Seventh Street between the two passenger stations. This work had been started when the city government was placed in the hands of the commissioners, and with a desire to make all work permanent, the commissioners called for the services of a civil engineer to set the stakes for the proper grade. On account of the shortage of funds, one of the commissioners stated that he had rather go down in his pocket and pay the engineer's bill himself and have the work done right than to have it go up as a patch job.

This street has been in bad shape for many years, and is not receiving attention any too soon. The travel is heavy on it, and the citizens will no doubt be glad to know that it is to be put in good shape and that the work is to be first class, even if a half block at a time can only be constructed. Commissioner Dooze stated Monday that the city was practically at a standstill and would so remain until the commission could get a financial report and get a line-up on the city's true

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Phone 60

financial condition. This report will be made shortly after the first of February and will be made public. In the mean time the work will be carried on in the best way possible, and no important changes will be made.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

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



There is but **One Sure Way** To get money—earn it; but one sure way to have money—save it; but one sure way to **Save Money**—by systematic setting aside each week or month a portion of your income and putting it to work in a reliable banking institution. We offer you our services.

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

Just Across the Street

We have moved our stock of groceries just across the street to the Gustavus stand. The same high-class groceries, the same full weights, the same courteous treatment, the same prompt deliveries, the same splendid phone service, as before. We want part of your grocery trade and can and will give value received for every dollar spent with us.

The Cash Grocery Co.

Healthy Motherhood Means A Healthy Baby.



The foundation of a perfect baby is its mother's health during the months preceding expectancy, and nothing can take the place of "Mother's Friend" in assuring her of pleasant and comfortable conditions, and assisting nature in its work during this period. "Mother's Friend" has helped thousands through this trying ordeal in perfect safety. "Mother's Friend" is an external remedy easily applied. Get it at any drug store. A free book on Motherhood will be sent all expectant mothers, it is a valuable and interesting book you should have. Send for one. Address The Bradford Regulator Co., 212 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Abecek of Sweetwater visited Prof. and Mrs. James Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Pipkin returned home last week from Ft. Worth, where she had been visiting her daughter the past two weeks.

Miss Bessie Brown, of near Winters, visited friends in South Ballinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch accompanied by Mrs. T. O. Brown, visited friends in San Angelo Sunday.

Mr. Neas, who recently purchased the Barbee place, moved in Monday. We are glad to have these good people in our neighborhood.

We are glad to report that the little child of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Davis, who has been very ill with pneumonia, the past week, much better.

Miss Emmie Pagles is with a patient at Bronite.

The Literary Society will have a play Saturday night, a drama of 3 acts; the title, "Tompkins' Hired Man." The small price of 10 cents admission will be charged to defray the expenses of the Society. Doors open at 7:30 p. m.

We are sorry to report Miss Doris Pagles is quite sick this week.

"ELBERTA PEACH."

HEAD AND NOSTRILS STUFFED FROM GOLD

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends a cold or grippe in a few hours.

Your cold will break and all gripe misery end after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

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

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and sniffing! 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.

Theo. Schuhmann, of Rowena, A. J. Tyree, of the Valley creek country, and A. F. Harkins, of the Wingate country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and Mr. Harkins ordered The Banner-Ledger and Semi-Weekly Dallas News to his address for the ensuing year.

PLAINS LANDS

I represent a Real Estate firm at Slaton, Texas, and any one desiring to invest in that section, see me. If the crowd justifies will make a trip to that section once each month, visiting Lubbock, Lynn and adjoining counties. 26-11w A. J. ZAPPE.

Mrs. Spire and baby, of New Mexico, who had been visiting her father Kenny Greer, and family, for some time past, left for their home Tuesday afternoon.

J. M. Jennings of the Norton country, and J. F. White of the Truitt community, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

SPANELL ON STAND TODAY; EXPECT VERDICT SATURDAY

By LeRoy A. Wilke

Special Correspondent for Ledger

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Jan. 24.—The defense did not place the defendant, Harry J. Spanell, on the witness stand to testify in his own behalf this morning, as was expected, but additional character testimony and evidence for the defense in the trial was introduced, and a number of witnesses for the defense examined. Spanell is being tried for murdering his wife and is expected that the defendant will take the stand this afternoon, or will be the first witness called Thursday morning.

Dr. T. A. Foote, county health officer for Brewster county at the time of the killing, testified as to the character of the gun shot wounds that caused the death of Mrs. Spanell. Dr. Foote testified that he did not make a thorough examination of the wounds in an official way, but said that he extracted a bullet from Col. Butler's head. The state objected to witness' testimony, and asked that it be excluded because the witness contradicted himself. The court overruled the objection, but by agreement between counsel for defense and state certain parts of the testimony of Dr. Foote were cut out.

John Highsmith, of Marfa, said that he had known Spanell for about three years, and knew his reputation to be good. Highsmith said that he attended a dance at Marfa with his wife, and that he and his wife were leaving the dance hall about ten o'clock and passed Spanell standing in the door. As they passed Spanell he said Spanell said, "that's right, take her home, this is no place for a lady." At the time Spanell made the remark Mrs. Spanell was dancing with Col. Butler, testified the witness.

On cross examination attorneys for the state asked Highsmith if he had not served a term in the pen. The witness said he had. The counsel for the prosecution asked that the witness' testimony be discredited and excluded. Defense proved that Highsmith secured a pardon from the pen more than fifteen years ago, and the court overruled the state's objection and admitted the evidence.

A. H. Woelder, state ranger from Marfa, was the next witness to take the stand for the defense. Woelder testified that he had lived at Marfa for eighteen years. Said he knew Spanell's reputation to be good and Butler's reputation to be bad. On cross examination Woelder said he had not heard anything about Butler's reputation until after the killing.

Clyde Weaver, of Alpine, followed Woelder on the witness stand. Weaver stated that he lived next door neighbor to Spanell and knew his reputation to be good. He testified that Spanell was more affectionate to Mrs. Spanell than she was to Spanell, and said that Spanell would go to his home three or four times during the day to see Mrs. Spanell or carry her something.

After C. W. Livingston, of Alpine, testified to the good character of the defendant, and concerning the wounds in Mrs. Spanell's and Butler's body, court recess until two o'clock is given.

A special venire has been summoned for the trial of Spanell for the killing of Col. Butler, which is set for ten o'clock Thursday morning. It is believed the trial of the present case will consume the remainder of this week, and it is expected the court will excuse the special venire until Monday morning.

Interest in the Spanell case increases as the case progresses. Throughout the afternoon sessions there is no standing room in the court room. Many ladies are attending the trial regularly. The judge has threatened to impose heavy punishment upon any one who applauds the action of any witness or attorney. The order to search all parties entering the court room is being carried out.

SAN ANGELO, Jan. 24.—"Come to me Allan," "Walton, for God's sake save me," in a most frantic voice came over the telephone from the Brewster county jail according to Miss Jennie Buckalew, telephone operator at Alpine, who yesterday afternoon took the stand to testify in behalf of the defense. She said that shortly following the shooting she received two calls from homes near the scene, one asking for a

doctor and the other an officer. She immediately gave these orders to a drug store. Then it was that she received the above words over the wire. She told him:

"Get off the wire and I will send you the sheriff." Allen Walton is sheriff of Brewster county. She said she did not recognize the voice, but knew it was a man and that he was crying.

Mrs. J. T. Dorsey of Alpine, was the first witness to go on the stand this afternoon. As far as she knew, Spanell had a "good reputation." When asked whether she knew Col. Butler's reputation she knew Col. Butler's reputation as a libertine, a woman chaser, and a moral pervert, as compared with a peaceful and law abiding citizen she replied:

"It wasn't very good." She also testified that she had heard some talk of the Col. Butler's undue attentions to Mrs. Spanell.

Miss Joe Varda Davis, said she had been taking music from Mr. Spanell for fourteen months and had never smelled liquor on his breath.

Mrs. J. W. Rixon of Alpine, testified to the defense that her son, Howard, 13, had told her one morning:

"If that soldier don't leave Mrs. Spanell alone, Mr. Spanell is going to kill him." She said her son would tell her no more.

On being passed to the state, she was rigidly cross-examined. After a repetition of questions had been propounded her, she became very obstinate and evaded many with answers as she told the court: "she thought she had a right to reply like she wanted to." The defense objected to a repetition of these questions, but the objection was overruled by the court.

Mrs. G. W. King, of Waco, said she had always known Spanell and observed that he "was very much in love with his wife."

Mr. G. W. King testified that he had known Spanell to be of excellent character. He said he had never known of him drinking and had never heard him swear.

On being cross examined by the state, he denied that Spanell became enraged at a pet dog and chopped it to pieces. He described the incident to the defense:

Spanell had told him the dog bit a neighbor child and that if he did not kill it, the officers would. He said Spanell wept like a child after having killed the animal.

C. L. Johnson of Waco, said he had always looked on Spanell as "an over-grown school-boy" because he was so merry.

Mrs. Emmitt Williams of Marathon testified to his general reputation practically the same as others did.

Eph Williams of Marfa said he had never known of Spanell drinking.

L. B. Starns of Alpine, said he had scuffled with Spanell some thirty minutes before the shooting and that he was in the best of humor. He also denied any knowledge of Spanell being under the influence of whiskey.

All testimony introduced yesterday afternoon by the defense tended to show the general reputation of Spanell as a peaceful, law-abiding citizen, and a devoted husband and father, while the reputation of Col. Butler as a "woman chaser," libertine and moral pervert, was acknowledged by all witnesses who knew him.

The state questioned very few of the defense witnesses.

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Jan. 23.—Rapid progress was made in the Spanell trial here this morning, and it is probable Spanell will be placed on the witness stand to testify in his own behalf before court takes a recess for the day.

The defense gained a strong point today when M. M. Miller, of Mission, testified that Major Butler's general reputation concerning women was very bad. Four defense witnesses were placed on the stand during the forenoon. There was very little cross examination, most of the testimony introduced by the defense concerning the character of Spanell and Butler.

All witnesses testified that Spanell's character was exceedingly good. The defense introduced testimony to show that defendant's character had always been good, and that he enjoyed a good reputation at the time of the killing.

The first legal conflict for today's session occurred over the attempt of the defense to intro-

duce testimony concerning a statement Major Butler made about women at a dance at Mission, Texas, when M. M. Miller was questioned by the defense. The state objected to the question and the jury retired from the court room while the court heard the testimony. The witness stated that if he answered the question (stating what Major Butler had said about women) all ladies should retire from the court room. Judge Dubois sustained the objection.

Eleven defense character witnesses testified as to the general reputation of Spanell yesterday afternoon, after the state rested in the case. Spanell's reputation during the ten years residence in Waco, was good, all the witnesses said. The state rested in the case at two-thirty, and after a defense the defense began introducing testimony.

Judge DuBoise, presiding, overruled several objections by the prosecution, which sought to exclude testimony regarding Spanell's devotion to his family. The defense argued the state already had introduced testimony purporting to show ill-treatment of the Spanell child by its father. When overruled, the state entered exceptions.

The first defense witness was Dr. T. S. Lovette, of Belton, Tex., who testified he knew Spanell in Leipzig, Germany, and in Waco, Texas. Defendant's reputation was good in both places, and witness had never seen him "drink."

Prof. R. E. Hopkins, of Baylor university, Daco, testified as to Spanell's good reputation. He also had met Spanell in Leipzig, Germany, where defendant was treasurer of a church. "Other Waco witnesses said Spanell had a good reputation. W. T. Daily and Mrs. Frank Wheeler, former Waco neighbors of Spanell testified Spanell kept beer in his home. None of the witnesses had ever heard him "swear."

The case against Spanell charging the killing of Lieut. Col. Butler, is set for trial here Thursday.

WHAT IS LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS is an improved Cascara (a tonic-laxative) pleasant to take

In LAX-FOS the Cascara is improved by the addition of certain harmless chemicals which increase the efficiency of the Cascara, making it better than ordinary Cascara. LAX-FOS is pleasant to take and does not gripe nor disturb stomach. Adapted to children as well as adults. Just try one bottle for constipation. 50c.

LEFT FOR GALVESTON

W. H. Pape of the Crews country, came in Wednesday afternoon and Thursday he accompanied his mother, Mrs. E. Pape, and daughter, in their auto on an overland trip to Galveston.

FEED FEED FEED

Lots of feed at wholesale and retail at big feed store at old skating rink. Both shell corn, and ear corn, prairie hay, alfalfa hay, peavine hay, Johnson grass hay, straw hay, from 35 cents per bale up. See us for anything in the feed line.

West Texas Grain Co. 25-21d-11w.

O. H. Dahlgruen of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

Dr. S. B. Raby received a message Wednesday stating that his sister was seriously ill at her home in Gatesville, and just as the doctor was getting a ticket to start for that point received another message stating that his sister was much better and he postponed the trip.

Hay

I can save you money. Call at Union Wagon Yard, if you need a bargain. I. N. ROARK. 26-21wpd

The Boils Of Lazarus

were eased by the dogs who licked the infected places, but they were not cured. Many modern people employ the same method in their treatment of boils, pimples, rashes, carbuncles, eczema and other skin diseases. They apply a salve or lotion to the sore places and fondly imagine they have cured them. The important fact which they fail to recognize is, that these skin diseases are diseases of the blood, and that no external treatment can permanently cure them, because they are essentially internal ailments.

S. S. S. is the only proper remedy for this breaking out of the skin, because it acts upon the blood, cleansing and revitalizing it, and removing the cause of infection. It should be borne in mind that S. S. S. is purely vegetable, made from native roots, herbs and barks, and that it contains no habit-forming drugs or other injurious ingredients. Obtain a bottle of S. S. S. from your druggist and if you need the advice of a physician, write to the Medical Department, Swift Specific Co., 301 Swift Building, Atlanta, Ga.

MARKO'S DILEMMA.

An Old Servian Legend of a Prophecy and Its Fulfillment.

Prilep, in Servia, is dear to the hearts of all Servian peasants, for around it cluster countless stories of one of the nation's most popular legendary supermen—Marko Kraljevitich, otherwise King's Son Marko.

The ruins of the castle of King's Son Marko overlook the town, and if the visitor proves to be a sympathetic auditor the guide will no doubt point out to him in the slabs of rock which strew the approach to the stronghold the indelible hoof prints of the master's favorite steed, Sharatz. And if you should happen to be in Prilep on the anniversary of Marko's festival, or "slava," you can prove to your own satisfaction whether there is any truth in the widely credited peasant legend that at midnight the doors of the castle chapel burst open and the hero, fully armed, rides in on his pelted charger, although the Marko of the flesh has been dead for 500 years.

In an old Servian ballad called "Marko's Judgment" there is recited this prophecy: Kral (King) Vukashine, Marko's father, whose chief fortified city was Prilep, speaks first: "Son Marko, may God slay thee! Thou shalt have neither monument nor posterity, and ere thy spirit leaves thy body the Turkish sultan thou shalt serve." Then speaks the czar, Stephen Dushan: "Friend Marko, may God help thee! Bright be thy face in the senate, sharp thy sword in battle. Never shall hero surpass thee. And thy name shall be remembered so long as sun and moon endure."

And here, according to peasant folklore, is how that prophecy was fulfilled: Upon the death of Vukashine, Lazar Hrebiljanovitch, Count of Sirmium, was elected czar. Bitterly disappointed at the failure of his own candidacy, Marko threatened the life of Lazar and was forthwith deprived of his life. Penniless and disheartened, Marko turned to the court of the hated sultan and enlisted in his army to fight the Moslems of Asia Minor. (It should be remembered that it was no disgrace for a Servian to fight with the Turks provided the opposing forces were other Turks, for a Turk less, in whatever cause slain, was a blessing in the eyes of the Servians.)

In time, however, Marko's command was brought west to wage war against the orthodox prince of the Roumans. Loyal to his Mohammedan sovereign, when he came upon the field of battle, Marko's heart failed him when he saw the men of his own faith drawn up against him, and, facing the dilemma of choosing between proving traitor to his chief or lifting his sword against those of his own faith, he cried out: "Oh, God, do thou this day destroy all those who fight against Christendom and foremost Marko!" Saying which, he threw his body on the Christian spears and died without striking a blow.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Beginning of the Drama.

The theater in the only sense that is worth considering was born in Athens. Both tragedy and comedy spring from feasts in honor of Bacchus, and as the jests and frolics were found to be out of place when introduced into graver scenes a separate province—the true drama—was formed and comedy arose. The father of the Greek comedy was Aristophanes, who had lots of fun lampooning the public men of Athens. The creator of Greek tragedy was Aeschylus, born B. C. 525. In sublimity Aeschylus has never been surpassed. He is to the drama what Phidias and Michelangelo are to art.

Knew Her.

Miss Flyrte—Jack told me last night that I was his very life. Her Brother—Jack will soon find out how uncertain life is.—Boston Transcript.

Cruel.

First Girl—Mr. Dauber said my face was classic. What is classic? Second Girl—Oh, most anything old.—Boston Transcript.

DOES THIS LADY LIVE IN BALLINGER?

The Ledger received the following letter today, and we give it publicity for what it is worth. Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of this lady will no doubt be glad to give the writer of the letter the desired information: Rockport, Tex., Jan. 22, '17.

Ballinger Ledger: Dear Sirs: Information has come to me lately that a lady whose maiden name was Martha Dikeman, lives or has lived at Ballinger; she lived here when a girl but no one knows or remembers who she married but the best information says she kept a boarding house there eight or ten years ago. Her father was wealthy and owned large land possessions. If you will do her the favor to make inquiry for her or her heirs and if found refer them to me or give me their address I will try to put them in a way that may do them good.

A notice in your paper giving her maiden name might find her. Respectfully,

J. S. SPARKMAN.

P. S. She is no relative of mine and I am no attorney for her or others. J. S. S.

WHICH WILL IT BE, WHITE OR BLUE?

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 25—They're off!

The big fight to determine whether Texas will espouse the "white ribbon" of prohibition, or the "blue ribbon" that made Milwaukee famous, got under way in the House of Representatives at 10 o'clock this morning.

The battle will center about a substitute resolution to be offered by W. T. Bagby, Representative from Hallettsville. The exact provisions of the Bagby resolution will not be known until it is submitted, but it is understood to be a "bone dry" proposition, prohibiting the "manufacture" of intoxicating liquors. The committee resolution prohibits the "manufacture for purpose of sale," etc.

Today was selected for the blow-off at last Friday's session. Bagby attempted to offer his substitute at that time but was turned down on a point of error. Bagby's proposition will not be the only one made during the coming debate. It is expected the so-called "compromise dates" will be submitted by amendment. That is, to vote at the general election of 1918, and if prohibition carries, it shall become effective in 1920 or 1921.

The pros have selected a steering committee composed of W. R. Butler of Temple; J. W. Crudington, of Amarillo; and W. M. Fly, of Gonzales.

Sam D. Low, representative from Brenham, asserts his poll of the House shows enough votes not only to defeat submission but to beat equal suffrage. The suffragists insist, however, that their amendment will carry in the House.

TOMORROW

the only thing in the world that never arrives.

Yesterday is utterly over with—Time is the only thing in this life which can be completely destroyed. Today is yours but tomorrow belongs to the man behind. Never in all the million years of its history has this secretive old universe displayed such riches, so many generous opportunities as NOW—Herbert Kaufman

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Relieves Serious Case of Chronic Constipation

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin Corrects Condition That Seemed Hopeless.

After suffering from chronic constipation until she was so run down she was unable to do any kind of work, Miss H. A. Frees, 209 Adams St., Dayton, Ohio, obtained a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and used it with such gratifying results that she continued the treatment and has written to Dr. Caldwell that her condition is again normal, and that she wants to recommend Syrup Pepsin to everyone who suffers with constipation.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, gentle in its action and free from griping or other pain or discomfort. It contains no opiate or narcotic drug, and, while acting readily on the most stubborn case of inactive bowels, is absolutely safe for the tiniest babe, so that it is the ideal family laxative and should be kept on hand in every household for use when needed.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin



Miss H.A. Frees

costs only fifty cents a bottle and is sold in drug stores everywhere. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure you get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facimile 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.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runtels 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 Runtels 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. 1834, 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, County of Runtels,

In District Court, March Term, A. D. 1917.

To the Honorable District Court of Runtels County, Texas:

Now comes Jacob Stubblefield and William Ash, who reside in Runtels 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 Runtels 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 Runtels 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.

1375 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 withheld 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 Runtels County, Texas.

Plaintiff William Ash says that he and those whose estate he has, claiming the same under deeds duly registered in Runtels 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 meter 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 Runtels 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 of 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, Runtels County, Texas. 12-19-26-2-9-16-23-2

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runtels 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 Runtels 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 Runtels:

In the District Court of Runtels County, Texas, March Term, A. D. 1917, To the Honorable District Court of Said County:

Now comes J. H. Ingram, who resides in Hulspeckena, 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, Runtels 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, Runtels County, Texas, as same appears on the map of the plan of said addition as on file in County Clerk's office in Runtels 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 date 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 incumbrances 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, Runtels County, Texas.

BALLINGER BOY WEDS AT LLANO

LLANO, Texas, Jan. 16.—Saturday at noon Miss Grace Johns, one of the teachers in the Llano high school, was married to Harold Walker of San Antonio. Miss Johns' home is in Round Rock, and she comes of a very prominent family in that section. The groom was originally of Ballinger, and his family is among the most prominent there, his father being in the banking business. They left Saturday for a short honeymoon. Harold Walker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker of this city. The news of the happy marriage was received in Ballinger Wednesday. The young man has many friends here who will wish for them a happy married life.

OIL MEN HAVE AN EYE ON BALLINGER

"Dear Sir:—Please forward me copy of your paper containing an account of oil strike on W. E. Allen place near your city. Address I. L. Dingham, 517, Navaro St., San Antonio, Texas."

The above is one of the many inquiries coming in about oil possibilities in this section of the state. The continuing bobbing up of oil indications in the territory around Ballinger strengthens the opinion of oil men that a good oil field will some day develop here. In other words where there is so much smoke there is bound to be a little fire.

The sinking of a test well here might bring to surface one of the richest oil fields in Texas. Who knows?

Jack Ransom left Monday afternoon for Tyler, where he will take a business course at the Tyler Commercial College and says he is going to get all there is in it before he returns home.

Tom Routh, after a pleasant visit of several weeks to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Routh, and family, left Monday at noon for his ranch near Sterling City.

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R. S. Davis, of the Winters country, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday and informed the Ledger that his brother W. J. Davis, of the Bethel neighborhood, recently bought the John Townsend improved farm, near Winters, at \$50 per acre. Mrs. Davis will not move to his farm until another year, so we were informed.

August Voglesang sold the remainder of his Spring Hill real estate this week, closing a deal with H. Kasberg, in which Mr. Kasberg gets 105 acres at \$45 per acre. Mr. Voglesang says he has disposed of both of his Spring Hill farms, selling one farm in that community a couple of weeks ago.

W. H. Whitfield and daughter Miss Nina and his little granddaughter, Miss Cora W. Fletcher, left Monday for San Angelo, the home of Mr. Whitfield and family. He and his daughter had been visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Fletcher of West End.

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HERE'S WAY TO GET FARM LOAN MONEY

By Frank R. Wilson
 Of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau
 Written for the United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The right to borrow under the Farm Loan Act is limited to farmers and prospective farmers.

Farmers or prospective farmers who wish to borrow group themselves into Farm Loan Associations, each association being composed of ten or more farmers, and each association starting with a minimum of at least \$20,000 of loans.

To join, a farmer merely makes application to the secretary-treasurer of the loan association in his community. If none has been organized he should get together the required number of borrowers and organize an association.

The Federal Farm Loan Board at Washington will furnish, on application, a blank form of articles of association for such organizations. Then the organizers meet and adopt these articles and sign them and the secretary-treasurer makes affidavit thereto.

This association then elects five or more directors and the directors then elect a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and a loan committee of three members.

As soon as the Federal Land Bank of that district is ready for business it will provide this local association with additional blanks including an application for a charter and blanks for the loan committee to use in the work of appraising the farms.

As soon as the loan committee is elected it may proceed to appraise the farms upon which mortgages are to be placed. Its report, which must be unanimous, must accompany the signed articles of association and be filed with the Federal Land Bank of that district.

When this is done the appraiser of the Federal Land Bank will come to inspect the security offered and accept or reject the report of the loan committee.

No one farmer may borrow more than \$10,000 nor less than \$100. No National Farm Loan association may start with aggregate loans less than \$20,000.

If John Smith, a farmer, desires to borrow \$2000 he invests in the stock of his local loan association one-twentieth of this amount, or \$100.

His association then invests this money in the stock of the Federal Land Bank, enabling it thus to increase its capital so as to make another loan of \$2000 to some other farmer. The borrower gets his investment back when he pays off his loan, or he may turn it in as the last payment on his loan.

Farmers are required to form these organizations so that they eventually will control the Federal Land Banks. Each loan association votes in the election of the directors of its Federal Land Bank. Each association has a loan committee which values the land of its members subject to the approval of the land bank appraiser and the Federal Land Bank. Each association has a board of directors which has the power to exclude or admit new members by a two-third's vote. It is through this local loan association that the farmer invests the money to be used for increasing the capital stock of the Federal Land Banks, and this is how the farmer comes into possession of his own banking system.

Farmers are permitted to borrow up to 30 per cent of the appraised value of their land and 20 per cent of the appraised value of the permanent insured improvements thereon.

It is not necessary for a borrower to be an actual land owner, when he joins, but the landless man must use the borrowed money to purchase land which he intends to immediately begin farming. An other chapter will be devoted to this feature.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—One of the features of the Federal Farm Loan Act which makes a strong appeal to farmers is that it compels them gradually to retire their indebtedness through a long or short period of years.

This process is called amortization. Under it the interest and principal are paid off in equal annual or semi-annual installments throughout the period of the loan so that at the end of the term of the mortgage the borrower is out of debt.

All loans under the Farm Loan Act are made under the amortization or installment plan. Since

the borrower begins paying off his debt the first year after he gets it, and because a long time loan is best suited to farmers, borrowers under this act are permitted to execute mortgages to run from five to forty years at their option.

Permission is given to pay all of the loan or any part of it on any interest paying date after the mortgage has run five years. Borrowers are not permitted to pay off within the first five years, because the money which they have borrowed has been procured by the bank through the sale of its bonds, and bonds can not be sold for a shorter period than five years.

To give the prospective borrower an exact idea of the size of annual payments required to wipe out a mortgage in a given period, tables have been prepared. The following table shows the amount of the annual payment required to extinguish in the period indicated a \$1,000 loan bearing interest at 5, 5 1-2 and 6 percent.

Term	Rate of Interest		
	5 per cent	5 1-2 per cent	6 per cent
10	\$129.50	\$132.67	\$135.67
15	96.34	99.63	102.96
20	80.24	83.63	87.38
25	70.95	74.55	78.23
30	65.65	68.81	72.55
35	61.07	64.97	68.97
40	57.25	62.32	66.45

The use of the borrowed money is limited to the following purposes: to purchase land or additional land; to pay off existing indebtedness; to purchase live stock or to make any productive improvements such as clearing fences, drainage, buildings and machinery.

The object of amortization is to enable a farmer to turn a mortgage into an investment. When he can borrow at a less rate than it yields him he is able to pay off his indebtedness out of the profits of the investment. A long time loan enables him to use his money judiciously so that it will contribute to increased value of his land and its increased producing power.

Heretofore farmers have not been able to borrow for long periods. This discouraged investment in live stock and for many other purposes because the returns are slow. Short term loans made a speculator out of a farmer.

So the Farm Loan Act in addition to providing a way for the farmer to borrow to the limit of safety, induces him to put his borrowed money to productive uses and provides a way for him to get out of debt from the profits of the investment.

Thus the Farm Loan Act places within reach of the farmer the means to help himself and stimulates his business initiative. The long time loan with its small annual payments puts a quietus on the terror of mortgage foreclosure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—As explained before in these articles the operation of the Farm Loan Act are divided into two main classes—a money assembling agency and a money lending agency.

The government puts the first nest-egg into the farm loan plan by buying the original capital stock of the twelve Federal Land Banks if necessary. When this has been loaned and farm mortgages taken in return for the money loaned, the Federal Land Banks may issue bonds against these mortgages.

These bonds will be among the most attractive securities ever offered to American investors. As explained before, farmers are permitted to borrow only up to 50 percent of the value of their land. This means that every dollar's worth of bonds issued represents \$2.00 worth of land as security.

The fact that each Federal Land Bank guarantees the bonds of all the other banks also puts behind these bonds as security the nine million dollars original capital stock of the banks and their required surplus earnings, plus the required annual deduction of the mortgage loan.

Besides this, the security constantly increases proportionately by reason of the constantly increasing capital contributed by the Farm Loan Association.

So the investment end of the Farm Loan Act is fully as important as the money-lending end, because it creates for the benefit of small and large investors a security backed by pooled first mortgages on farm lands, the proceeds being used to increase the productive power, and enhance the value of these mortgages lands.

Since the rate of interest to

the farmer depends upon the rate of interest at which these bonds will sell, Congress went the limit to make these bonds attractive so they would sell at a low interest rate. The bonds are exempt from all form of taxation. The government will not even collect any income tax upon them. No state or municipality may tax them for any purpose.

In order to make these bonds appeal to investors of all classes they are issued in denominations of from \$25 to \$1000. In order to protect them against counterfeiting they are issued by the United States Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing and are protected from counterfeiters by the whole force of the United States Secret Service.

Heretofore it has been practically impossible for the small investor to buy real estate securities. A man or woman who wanted to buy \$100 worth of farm securities was not able to find a farm mortgage of just that size.

In addition, the investor would not buy such a mortgage without inspecting the security. The cost and the bother were barriers which made it almost impossible for the small investor to get first mortgage securities.

Hereafter it will be possible for any investor who wants to buy farm securities from \$25 up merely to apply for a Farm Loan Bond of the denominations desired.

The investor will know that this bond represents \$2.00 worth of land appraised under government supervision and that the bond was issued under government regulation.

The rate of interest at which these bonds will be issued has not yet been determined by the Federal Farm Loan Board. It is safe to predict that in the beginning it will not be less than four and not more than five per cent.

So the benefits of the Farm Loan Act are not limited to farmers who need the use of cheaper capital but they include also those persons who have money to invest and are seeking a long time, readily marketable security of undoubted value.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The question has been frequently asked, "How can a renter who has not saved 50 percent of the purchase price of land make use of the Federal Farm Loan Act to get land of his own?"

The answer is, by means of a first mortgage given under the Farm Loan Act for 50 percent of the purchase price—provided this does not exceed 50 percent of the appraised value—and a second mortgage given to the former owner of the land or to a bank or private money lender, for the balance.

It must be borne in mind that the amount which can be borrowed under the Farm Loan Act is limited to 50 percent of the appraised value of the land, and this is written on the assumption that the tenant will not pay more for his land than it is actually worth, or, in other words, it appraised value as contemplated under the Farm Loan Act.

To furnish a concrete example: Suppose John Smith, a renter, wants to buy 100 acres of land, valued at \$50 per acre. The total purchase price would be \$5,000, but John Smith has not the money to buy it.

Under the Farm Loan Act, Smith would be entitled to borrow \$2,500 of the appraised value, if this appraised value should be the same as the purchase price. This would leave \$2,500 to be handled by a second mortgage. The amount borrowed under the Farm Loan Act could be paid to the original owner of the land and a second mortgage executed for the difference.

The original owner would thus get a satisfactory payment down, and if he had confidence in the purchaser, he would probably be willing to accept a second mortgage for the balance, divided into ten annual payments.

Here is the way it would figure out: The first mortgage of \$2,500 given under the Farm Loan Act would draw, let us say 5 1-2 per cent interest and would be paid off on the installment plan thru a period of forty years by making annual payments of \$155.95.

Now let us say that the second mortgage would draw 6 per cent and could be arranged so as to be retired in ten years. The interest on this \$2,500 mortgage at 6 per cent would be \$150 for the first year and one tenth of the \$2,500 would be \$250.

Adding the interest and the one tenth annual payment would mean a payment of \$400 on the

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second mortgage the first year. The second year payment would be \$385 and the following payments through the ten years to retire the second mortgage, both principal and interest, would be \$370, \$355, \$340, \$325, \$310, \$295, \$280, and \$265.

On top of all these annual payments would be the \$155.95 interest and amortization payments on the first mortgage to the Federal Land Bank so that the total payments, interest and principal, on the two mortgages would begin at \$555.95 and dwindle down to \$420.95 the tenth year and after that only \$155.95 each year.

If the terms of the second mortgage could be arranged for longer than ten years the required annual payments would be correspondingly reduced.

These payments are no greater than the average tenant pays for rent. The first year payment on both of these mortgages would amount to approximately \$5.50 an acre. These would gradually reduce until the tenth year he would be paying \$4.20 an acre and each year after that he would be paying only \$1.35 per acre per year. Instead of being paid as rental this money is applied on the purchase price of the land.

The interest rates quoted in this instance are suggestions only and are not to be taken as an official statement of what rates will prevail under the Farm Loan Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Since the farmer of the United States is the food producer for a good share of the world, the granting of cheaper credit to the farmer for the purpose of enlarging his opportunities and cheapening his cost of production is likely to have an important part in the solution of the great cost of living problem.

The records of the United States Census office show a constantly increasing trend toward the cities. Each year shows that there are more persons to be fed, whereas the acreage that has been producing food and the number of hands to cultivate these acres have not increased in the same proportion.

It is patent therefore that to meet this increasing demand for food more farms must be established to provide homes for more producers and the land now under cultivation must be farmed more carefully and with more and better equipment.

Provision of cheap capital for land purchase and farm development will mean at least a partial realization of these ideals.

If the Farm Loan Act will reduce the percentage of tenantry in the United State it will have accomplished a great deal toward putting American agriculture on a more substantial basis.

More than half of the farms of the United States are now in the hands of tenants. The tenant is a transient farmer and the temporary nature of his operations prevents him from operating at maximum capacity. Short leases make it out of the question for tenants to be large meat producers. The tenant is usually a grain farmer, and in many sections of the country a single cropper. He is engaged in hauling the fertility of his landlord's soil to market.

The farm owner conserves the fertility of his soil by marketing his crop through his live stock and returning the fertility to the land. A nation of land owners means a nation with a constantly increasing capacity to produce food for its people.

A reduction of farm tenantry and a substitution of a class of

land owners means improved social conditions in the country and a more permanent form of country life.

Since the Farm Loan Act provides how the borrowed money shall be spent and limits its use to purposes that will make farms more productive, it is bound to have an elevating influence on the standard of agriculture in the United States.

Every borrower under the Farm Loan Act makes it a part of his contract that he will use the money either to reduce existing indebtedness or in some way that will contribute to greater production on the same number of acres.

Since the formation of these small groups of farmers is the foundation upon which the Farm Loan System is built, it is apparent that this legislation will foster the spirit of co-operation among farmers. When farmers put their mortgages together for the sake of cheaper money it is reasonable to presume that they will form the habit of co-operation in other problems of common interest.

The present farm loan indebtedness of the United States is probably approximately four billion dollars, and the average interest rate now charged is between 8 1-2 and 9 percent. If the Farm Loan Act would reduce the interest rate of the United States by 4 per cent it would mean a financial saving to the farmers of between one hundred and fifty and two hundred million dollars per year, and this estimate of saving takes no account of the fact that high interest rates have reduced the volume of farm loan indebtedness far below what is will be when a lower rate is established.

High interest rates and unfavorable terms of farm mortgages have been a serious handicap to farm development. Curtailing farm production has taxed the consumer as well as the producer because the limited production of food gave an increased advantage to the food speculator.

The Farm Loan Act is, in a measure, revolutionary. It stands for equality of opportunity. It says that the aggressive farmer who goes out into new lands to enlarge the sphere of production is entitled to the same opportunities as the man who operates in a territory already developed. It puts the public interest above the interest of any individual. It takes individual profit out of business of financing food production.

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LONDON, Jan. 24.—Dispatches received here from Holland say that every report received on the Dutch coast indicates that seven German destroyers were sunk in the naval battle Monday night in the North Sea between the British and German squadrons. The total number of German vessels destroyed may reach ten, according to the Dutch dispatches.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 24.—British and German torpedo flotillas clashed in the North Sea Monday night and fought in quick succession two of the hottest naval engagements of the war. Both battles took place off the Dutch coast northwest of the mouth of the Scheidt.

From a brief British admiralty report it would appear that the action had resulted in a draw, although it is asserted that the German ships were badly punished. Unofficial advices strengthened by averations of wounded German marines indicate the German flotilla suffered a severe defeat. Losses definitely known thus far include one German and one British destroyer, as almost certain, however two German destroyers including the V-69 are reported to have sunk and three others to have been disabled.

The V-69, the most modern German torpedo boat destroyer was evidently the leader of the Teuton ships engaged in the course of the second action. A terrific fusillade was opened on her and her bridge was carried away while pitiful cries for help was heard amid the roar of battle.

The commander of the V-69, picked up from the icy water with both legs shot away, died on his way to the shore.

The British admiralty admits the loss of three officers, and forty-four men. Three German officers are known to have been killed.

The German fleet ventured out during a fog and they may have brought on the action purposely to screen the arrival or departure of another sea raider.

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BLANTON SPEAKS FOR RE-DISTRICTING

Congressman Elect Thomas L. Blanton, of Abilene, was a visitor to Austin this week, and while in that city was requested by the Austin American to express his views on the matter of redistricting the state, adding two new congressional districts. Judge Blanton gave out an interview for the American, and prepared an address to the legislature, as follows:

Abilene, Tex., Jan. 22, 1917.
To Member of the Texas Legislature:

Since the census of 1910, and the apportionment thereunder, Texas has been entitled to 18 congressional districts. It was the increase of population in two districts mainly that gave us two additional representatives, viz: in the 13th District, known as the Panhandle, embracing 48 counties with 340,000 people, and in the 16th District known as the Jumbo West Texas District, running from Mineral Wells to El Paso, and embracing 58 counties with 369,000 people. To fully comprehend the increase mentioned above, it must be remembered that this same census gave the 6th District only 185,000 people.

The law provides that the state shall be divided into districts as nearly equal in population, and as nearly compact, as possible. Yet since 1910 gerrymandering has kept Legislature after Legislature from doing its duty.

The interests of no individual, or set of politicians, should keep this state from being lawfully redistricted. If a congressman can't be elected in a new district into which he is apportioned, he ought to retire to private life, and if a politician in the Texas House or Senate can't be elected in a district, fairly, justly and lawfully framed, he doesn't deserve the honor.

So far as my own political interests are concerned, I don't care how the state is divided, and I have always been and am now heartily in favor of the state being redistricted regardless, and were there now proposed a bill just and fair to Central West Texas, I would have nothing to say, but I respectfully submit that some designing politicians must have been misled or imposed upon Hon. C. W. Boner and your most worthy House Committee on Congressional Districts, for in my judgment, the Boner Bill No. 51, favorably reported out of the House Committee last Thursday and now being printed, is a political monstrosity, and a disgrace to Texas.

The present congressmen-elect of Texas were recently elected for a term of two years, and will go in office March 4, 1917, and their term of office will not expire until March 4, 1919. Hence the change of districts, embraced in any redistricting bill which might be passed by the recent legislature, will not take effect until March 4, 1919. There will be a new U. S. census the following year (1920) and a new apportionment thereunder, necessitating the state to be again redistricted, but the only reasonable argument in favor of redistricting now by the present legislature is to do justice to the Panhandle and West Texas, same being justly entitled to the two new districts, but Houston, now getting the benefit, by having three congressmen, one regular, and both congressman at large.

The Boner bill does nothing for either the Panhandle or West Texas. The Panhandle District now contains 48 counties. The Boner Bill gives it 53 counties, embracing in square miles a territory larger than five of the smallest states. To West Texas—a

great empire within itself—the Boner bill gives only one district, gerrymandering all of the Eastern part of it into a Central Texas District, with a comet-tail running from Jones county to within 20 miles of the capitol at Austin. The counties of Jones, Shackelford, Stephens and Palo Pinto are put into a district with Burnett county, which borders Travis, and added to this district is Comanche county. Shortly before reporting this bill, Taylor county, my home, was cut west onto the district with El Paso. Think of it! One of the sole objects of redistricting just now is to do justice to West Texas, and then putting Abilene and El Paso in a district together, when they are over 400 miles apart, and are left together in a district which this year embraces nearly 300,000 people. The extreme West Texas District and the Panhandle District should contain a smaller population than any other districts, for they will have a wonderful increase in population during the next five years, far beyond the expectation of any other district, and this should be taken into consideration. Why not leave Comanche county and Mr. Calloway in their same old district with Tarrant county and Congressman-elect Jim Wilson, and leave Taylor county with her old neighboring Central West Texas counties?

The Central West Texas District should embrace the counties of Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Pal Pinto, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Cole, Rannels, Coleman, Brown, and Concho. Their interests are people are homogenous, and most of these counties have been in the same district together for many years. The above counties embracing what is known as Central West Texas have worked hard to develop and settle their territory, and in conjunction with West Texas proper, and the Panhandle, have been largely responsible for the increase in the number of districts.

I therefore appeal to the author of said bill, Hon. C. W. Boner, to the Honorable House Committee that reported it, and to our Legislature of Texas, to amend House Bill No. 51, so as to do full justice to the Panhandle, to West Texas, and to Central West Texas.

If you will mark off on a map the districts proposed by the Boner bill, you will be highly amused at their remarkable shapes. The present population of a few large cities is carefully considered, but the present population (phenomenal growth since 1910) of our counties in general, is ignored. For instance, based upon the census of 1910, the proposed Boner bill gives 242,599 to the 2nd District while only 185,401 to the 6th District. It gives 244,209 to the 5th District, while only 145,899 to the 8th District. (Computed from 1910 census.) For myself individually, I ask for nothing. For Central West Texas District I pray for justice only.

Very respectfully,
THOMAS L. BLANTON.

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

Tells how to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts off without pain.

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called freezone, which the moment a few drops are applied to any corn or callus the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts off with the fingers.

Freezone dries the moment it is applied, and simply shrivels the corn or callus without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. A small bottle of freezone will cost very little at any of the drug stores, but will positively rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or hardened callus. If your druggist hasn't any freezone he can get it at any wholesale drug house for you.

Ed McAulay and W. P. Hearrell of the Maverick country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

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.

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FOR SALE—Several second hand cars. Fords and Overlands Bargains. ELDER BROTHERS. 1tdw.

FOR SALE—white Wyandotte hens, phone 4511. 23-3d1w

FOR SALE—One Indian motorcycle, two 1916 model Fords, and one five-passenger Buick, almost as good as new. Bargains. Central Garage. 19-tfw

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LOANS
6 1-2 Per cent Money On Land
By dealing direct with borrowers, I am in position to make the exceedingly low rate of 6 1-2 per cent on farm mortgages, the borrower to pay my brokerage and the other expenses incidental to loans. My inspector lives here in Abilene and I am prepared to give quick service. I have been in the mortgage business fifteen years in Abilene, and if you do not know me, you can easily find me out. I also handle cattle loans at a reasonable rate of interest and would be glad to figure with you if you want to borrow on your cattle.

Write me if interested.
E. B. BYNUM,
Abilene, Texas.
20-2tdw

TO LOAN—6 per cent money on good improved farms. Twenty-five years here in the business. Write us what you have and find out what we can do for you before you place your loan. COMPERE & COMPERE, District managers. Abilene, Texas. 15-wtf

TRESPASS NOTICES

POSTED—My place located 16 miles above Ballinger south of the river, known as the Blocker ranch, is posted. I will prosecute anyone hauling wood, hunting, camping and fishing. G. B. NIXON. 3mo-d&w-pd

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

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

POSTED—my pasture is posted, and the law governing same will be enforced. No hunting, day or night will be tolerated. It is my purpose to protect all game on my place, and the trespassers will take notice and avoid prosecution. J. W. RABY. 5-d 11- w 1f.

H. W. Lynn of Winters, and Van Ness Lewis of Abilene, W. H. Cane of the Hatchel country, and J. B. Riggs of the Wingate country, were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday and while here Mr. Riggs renewed with The Banner-Ledger for the ensuing year.

John Black, the merchant and postmaster of Marie, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Found a Sure Thing
I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

BRITISH FIGHTING FOR DRY NATION

LONDON, Jan. 24. (By Mail)—British prohibitionists want to be satisfied until the entire nation boards the water-wagon for the duration of the war and the demobilization period. The gradual paring-down of "open" hours for drinking is not enough; they want absolute prohibition of all liquor and a ban on its manufacture.

Here are some of the striking comparisons advertised by the Strength of Britain Movement, demanding abolition of Drink:

During the war enough grain has been used in liquor manufacture to make two billion quarter loaves of bread.

Breweries and distilleries use enough sugar to supply the Army.

Though Germany has sunk 2,300,000 tons of British shipping, the liquor industry uses 1,800,000 measurement tons a year to import raw materials.

The Board of Trade withdrew large numbers of skilled men from the Army to carry on ship construction, but the liquor traffic could release enough artisans to make 800,000 tons in six months.

Coal shortage compelled the withdrawal of 11,000 miners from the Army to resume mining while liquor manufacture consumes the output of 6,000 miners.

The Government passed the workers' customary holidays but loss of time directly traceable to alcohol equals a three-month vacation by the entire nation.

Prohibition people never tire of pointing to Russia as an example

of what the water wagon can do. They join in the general outcry against the Asquith cabinet, daily demanding that the ministers resign and place the conduct of the war in more efficient hands and are now preparing to go before the people in the parliamentary elections, if cabinet action does not remove the alleged menace.

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.

BALLINGER BEAUTY SPOTS PLANNING

E. D. Haden, of the Santa Fe landscape gardener, will be succeeded by Jim Minyard on February first, when Mr. Haden will take up the work of looking after the county park and court house property. Mr. Wilke, who has had charge of the county park, will try farm life, having closed a deal for a farm.

Mr. Haden stated Wednesday that he had worked out plans for beautifying the court house park and get the work started early. He stated that he thought he was leaving the Santa Fe park in the hands of a good man, and that beauty spot would continue to be a pride of the city.

In order to make the court house park what it should be Mr. Haden will have to have extra help to get the work started, and we understand that the county has signified a willingness to furnish this help, and it will be done in such a way that the county will not be out but little cash, if any.

18 CENT 'CASCARETS' BEST LAXATIVE FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't Stay constipated, headachy, bilious, with breath bad or stomach sour

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from a cold, constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get relief with Cascarets.

Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, bad cold, offensive breath and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and constipated matter which is producing the misery.

A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing, too.

WOMAN CHOSEN CLERK OF SENATE

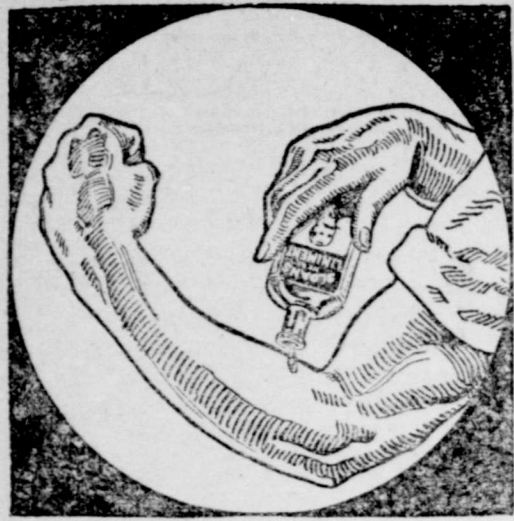
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Can a woman keep a secret?

The Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate thinks so. The committee has chosen for the first time in history a woman as clerk of the committee. This is an important post. Her name is Miss Jessie L. Simpson—business-woman extraordinary.

Her nomination carries with it the privilege of the floor of the Senate, enjoyed by but one other woman in history, Miss Leona Wells, clerk of the military committee.

Miss Simpson was nominated for the clerkship by Chairman Stone, and received the unanimous vote of the committee, of which she has been acting clerk for six months.

The Only Grand Prize
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Given to
Dictionaries
at the Panama-Pacific Exposition
was granted to
WEBSTER'S
NEW INTERNATIONAL
FOR
Superiority of Educational Merit.
This new creation answers with final authority all kinds of puzzling questions such as "How is *Przemysl* pronounced?" "Where is *Flinders*?" "What is a *continous voyage*?" "What is a *horiztor*?" "What is *white coal*?" "How is *skat* pronounced?" and thousands of others.
More than 400,000 Vocabulary Terms.
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Regular and India-Paper Editions.
Write for specimen pages, illustrations, etc. Free, a set of Pocket Maps if you name this paper.
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No Need To Rub!

FOR stiff sore muscles apply Sloan's Liniment to the pain or ache, it quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing.

Rheumatism, gout, lumbago, neuralgia, sprains and bruises are quickly relieved by its use. Cleaner and more promptly effective than musky plasters or ointments, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores.

The family medicine chest in thousands of homes has a place for Sloan's Liniment. At all druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.



YOUNG MAN ALLOWED BOND IN 2 CASES

Roy Lee Phillips was brought here from Brownwood Tuesday night and given an examining trial in the justice court Wednesday morning on a charge of bootlegging. After hearing the evidence in the case Justice Trimmer fixed the bond at \$500.

A charge of burglary was also on the docket against Phillips, he having been charged with burglarizing the express office here shortly after Christmas. On account of the absence of an important witness in the burglary case, no examining trial was held and the attorneys for the defense and for the state agreed upon a bond of \$250 in this case.

Phillips made bond in both cases and returned to Brownwood Wednesday afternoon. At the time Phillips was arrested and held in jail here for the burglary and bootlegging case, he was out under bond for burglary in Brown county. He was carried to Brownwood for trial. The trial was continued, and the man returned here for examining trial.

Judge Mark McGee, of Brownwood, came up from Brownwood to represent the defendant in the case.

Lame back may come from overwork, 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.

Rev. W. T. Renfro, educational commissioner of the Southwestern University of Georgetown, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to San Angelo from Winters, in the interest of his work.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE PROMO 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.

Mrs. Mary Blackburn of Amarillo, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Baker, for some time past, left for her home Tuesday afternoon.

Elgin Davidson, of the Wilmeth country, Joe Oliver, of the Hatchell country and J. W. Kendrick, of the Tenyoson country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be despondent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer.

The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar combination of roots, barks and herbs. No other medicine acts like it, because no other medicine has the same formula or ingredients. Accept no substitute, but insist on having Hood's, and get it today.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO GAME BILL

The Brownwood Bulletin says that the hunters of Brown county will enter a strong protest against the passage in the Texas legislature of the law which will prohibit hunting birds for the next five years, and pressure is being brought to bear on State Senator Woodward from this district and the Brown county representative to get them to cast their vote against the proposed game law. The hunters will also protest against the passage of the bill prohibiting the use of automatic and pump guns in hunting.

The lawmakers have been called on for their views on the two measures and if they should favor them the hunters will get busy with petitions urging them to not support the proposed change in the game laws, says the Brownwood Bulletin.

The hunters of Runnels county are also up in arms against any change in the present game laws. They are satisfied, and think that the open and closed season for different kinds of games is better than a five year closed season. We understand that Representative Hawkins will be petitioned to vote against both the five year law and the law prohibiting the use of automatic guns.

On the other hand, several farmers are in favor of the five year law, while the majority of the farmers do not seem to care. It is an undisputed fact, that if all kinds of birds were protected for a period of five years, and the law enforced, birds would become a nuisance, and certain kinds of birds would destroy more crops than would preserve the birds to a great degree, and we believe is a better law than the proposed change would be.

YOUNG FRIEND! IF GEORGE WASHINGTON COULD RISE FROM HIS GRAVE.

and see our cities at midnight lighted as bright as day, hear the whirl of the electric car, talk over a wireless telephone, send a message by wireless to a ship out at sea, examine his own bones with an X-ray, view the snowy fields, sunny plains and canals of Mars through a telescope, take a flight from ocean to ocean in an airship, get run over by an automobile going ninety miles an hour—but what's the use going back a hundred years? A system of shorthand and bookkeeping twenty years old is of but little use today.

As the steam ship has crowded out the sail boat, the typewriter the goose quill pen and pokeberry ink, so have the famous Byrnes systems of business training, Bookkeeping, Steno-typewriting and shorthand taken the place of the old systems. The reason is plain: these systems cut the time and cost of becoming an expert accountant or stenographer in half, teach business as well as bookkeeping, let the student begin earning while the student of the old systems is not half through his course; they give the student a better practical working knowledge, which means a higher salary.

These practical, modern, time-saving systems can be had in this section only in the Tyler Commercial College. You would not think of riding in an ox cart in preference to an automobile. Then why think of studying the old ox cart systems of accounting and stenography when you can get the Byrnes systems which possess such wonderful advantage that they enabled the management of the Tyler Commercial College to build the largest business training school in America, with an annual enrollment of more than 2,000.

For Free catalogue, address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Mitchell, of Alexander, who had been visiting her son, Alex Mitchell, and family, left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

We are glad to note Master Tom Truly able to be up again after a severe spell of fever, the past week or ten days.

Paper Shell Pecans

We have this year a choice lot of Soft Shell Pecan trees grown on our own grounds, warranted true to name, thrifty. Now ready for delivery and transplanting. Address orders to Runnels County Pecan Nursery, S. B. Howard, 107 N. 12th St., Ballinger, Texas. 15 tfw.

CHIEF ENGINEER HAS GAINED 40 POUNDS

Almost Lost Hope of Getting Well—After Taking Tanlac He Feels Better Than He Has in 25 Years.

"Tanlac, to my mind is the greatest and grandest medicine in the world," said O. H. Mahaffey, Chief Engineer of the Life & Casualty Building, Nashville.

"I have taken eight bottles," he continued, "and have actually gained forty pounds in weight, and feel stronger and better than I have in twenty-five years."

"For two years I have suffered with the worst kind of stomach trouble and indigestion, and fell off in weight from 210 pounds to 162. I am now back at 202, which is almost as much as I weighed before I was taken sick. About six weeks ago I got awful bad off, and called on the doctor, and he told me I had an ulcer of the stomach and if I was not careful it might turn into cancer. He gave me some medicine. I didn't seem to get any better and was afraid to eat anything except a little oatmeal and sweet milk, but in spite of every thing I could do, I just kept going down hill, and got weaker and weaker every day. I got so disheartened one day I told my employer it looked like I would have to throw up my job. I was trying to hold on though as long as I could, for I had a family to support, and I made up my mind that just as long as I could drag myself around I would stick it out.

"One day my wife told me what she had read in the papers, and what the neighbors were saying about Tanlac, and begged me to try it. She had read about a man who had taken it, who described my case exactly, and he was getting lots better, but I had tried all kinds of medicines, so I didn't have much hope of it doing me much good. Besides, my doctor had already told me I would have to be operated on in order to get relief. Something just told me though, it might help me, and I decided to try it.

"After I had taken it a day or two I got so hungry, I just simply had to eat, and I did eat, and you can believe me or not, nothing seemed to hurt me a particle. My wife said to me, 'Tanlac must be helping you,' and I said, 'I guess it is from the way I am eating.'

"It wasn't long before those awful pains in my stomach and the smell of my back began to leave. Then I noticed I began to sleep better and would get up in the mornings full of life and ready to work. The medicine seemed to take hold quicker than anything I ever saw, and braced me right up. I am telling all my friends about Tanlac, and hope everybody will hear about it."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

HANDY FULL PAGE CALENDAR.

Of great interest to the subscribers of the Banner-Ledger recently the representative of a large advertising syndicate paid a visit to Ballinger and while here made arrangements with the Walker Drug Co., wherein that store would print and issue thru the columns of The Banner-Ledger once each month a large Handy Full Page Newspaper Calendar. This calendar will become a page in the paper in the last issue of each month. Read the information contained at the top of the calendar when printed and act accordingly. The calendar will be in the next issue of the Banner-Ledger, it is not only useful, but is also carries with it many attractive features. Remember this, when you get the calendar be sure to tack it up, pin it up, paste it up or hang it up, for "there is a reason."

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.

Beautiful New Spring Suits and Dresses Now On Display

The breath of spring brings the first authoritative word of the new models for the coming Season.

Mannish Coat Suits Predominate

The new coats are made along mannish lines and strictly tailored suits are favored. The length is 26 to 28 inches, are semi-fitting and outline the figure to a certain extent.

Suit Skirts

The new note in skirts is the wide panels or pleats with plain front and back. The length of skirts will be slightly longer, being five or six inches from the floor in extreme styles and some novelty garments will be as long as 2 or 3 inches from the floor; these styles are slightly fuller than the regular or barrel effects.

Suit Sleeves

Sleeves will be long and usually narrow in tailored suits. Fancy suits and party dresses will in some instances have short sleeves, some as short as half length.

Dress Styles Completely Changed

A complete change in fashion for dress styles. Two distinct and separate styles are featured. The straight line type predominates with waist lines high, low and normal. Many variations assure a type suitable for any individual.

Skirts are Narrower

The new length for dress skirts is 5 to 6 inches from the ground, and usually run from 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 yards in length. Some models are shown in elaborate gowns with pleats and gathers and are some what fuller. Sport dresses are very good and offer a pleasing color range.

Colors

The colors are the most beautiful ever shown, featuring the ever pleasing Pastelle shades of Mustard, Sulphur, Gold, Rose, Magenta, Apple Green, Amethyst, Tan and Light Copenhagen.

Final Clearance Prices On All Winter Suits, Coats and Dresses.

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

FIRST OFFER WEST TEXAS COLLEGE

AUSTIN, Jan. 24.—State Senator Woodward introduced a concurrent resolution in the Senate this morning offering to the state the John Tarleton College at Stephenville, consisting of all buildings and a forty acre campus, and five hundred acres additional land, as an A. and M. college. The resolution also calls for a \$75,000 student loan fund to be used for the new A. and M. college.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by Herbine. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

WILSON'S PEAGE SPEECH DISCUSSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Failing to act on Senator Cummins' resolutions calling for a debate on the peace address of the President before the Senate Monday, the Senate leaves the way open for a general discussion of the President's peace ideas at any time the question is raised in the upper body.

SELLS HOME PLACE

W. J. Davis of the Bethel neighborhood, was in the city on business Tuesday and informed us that he had closed a deal with F. Grengaus, in which he sold his 213 acres of improved land near Bethel at \$35.00 per acre. Mr. Davis has bought land near Winters, as mentioned a day or two ago, but will not move this year.

We have plenty coal and wood, Telephone 120. C. J. LYNN & SON. 23-5td1tw

MORTUARY.

C. C. Cox, the undertaker, informed the Ledger that C. C. Cox, one of the old and highly esteemed citizens of the Crews country, died Sunday. Mr. Cox was 80 years of age. He died at the home of his son-in-law, H. A. Moore, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Crews cemetery Monday. The relatives left to mourn Mr. Cox's death has the sympathy of many friends.

Mrs. E. H. Pfluger, wife of E. H. Pfluger, died at her home in the Spring Hill neighborhood, Wednesday night Jan. 17th, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Rowena cemetery Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Lutheran pastor of San Angelo conducted the funeral services. Besides the husband she leaves six children and other relatives to mourn her demise. She was a consistent member of her church.

Crockett McDonald, the 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, died at his home in Ballinger Thursday at 9 o'clock p. m. from typhoid pneumonia. Rev. Milton conducted the funeral services and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Ballinger cemetery Friday afternoon.

The Ledger joins friends in condolence and sympathy for the sad relatives left to mourn the death of their loved one.

Rev. J. B. Curry, pastor of the M. E. church, of our city and Rev. Creed, of Winters, left from this point Wednesday for Coleman to attend the preachers institute and missionary meeting.

You Need a Tonic

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

GARDUI The Woman's Tonic

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

Has Helped Thousands.

How and Where to Buy Farm Implements

How to Buy Implements

Too much stress can not be put up on the necessity of buying good farm machinery. A farm tool should be made to endure a great deal of hardships. The only way to secure a farm tool that you know will meet the requirements of the farm is to buy only known brands of true and tested worth. Also the newest improved machinery is cheaper for it saves labor, lessening drudgery of farm work.



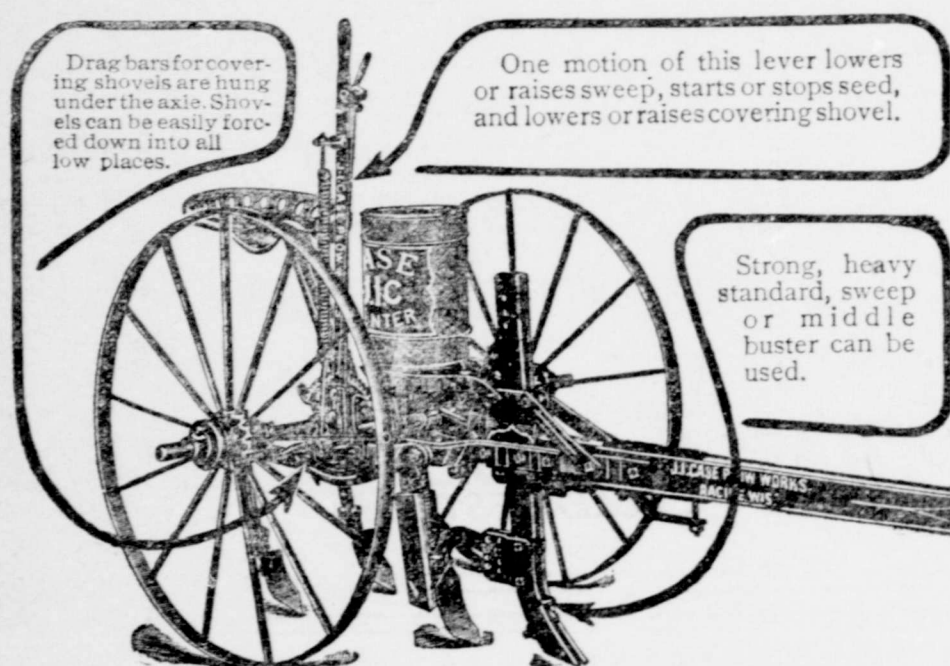
Where to Buy Implements

Buy your farm tools from a store of known reputation where your friends and neighbors trade. Buy from a store that unrestrictedly guarantees each article to be as represented. Buy from a store that features standard brands of known quality. Buy your tools from a store that can supply you with extras—such a store is Higginbotham's.

Jno. Deere, J. I. Case and Janeville Implements Will Stand Test of Service

We want every farmer in this entire section to come in and examine these three wonderful lines of implements. We have bought enough to supply this entire section (three solid carloads) and had them shipped early to secure the best possible price. Here you will find just the tool you want. We want you to have them and are making it to your interest to buy them from us. Pay for them after you make a crop if you wish. We have helped others, we will be only too glad to help you with your difficult problems.

J. I. Case Cotton and Corn Planter



Cell Drop Cotton Seed for the First Time Handled With a PLATE

This wonderful Planter has revolutionized cotton planting and means a better stand of cotton for every field.

WHAT THE CELL DROP MEANS

No Bunching of cotton, and uniformity of planting is assured with the cell drop.

Saving of Seed—Cotton seed cost money and the Cell Drop by its accurate drop, saves cotton seed.

Saving in Labor is caused by the uniform planting which necessitates less labor in thinning.

Cracks Less Seed—Cracked seed will not germinate. The cell drop cracks less seed and therefore assures **A Better Stand and a Better Crop.**

THREE SIZES OF PLATES

We can furnish you three sizes in plates for the Cell Drop Planter, one for the large, one for the medium, and one for small seed.

COME IN AND SEE THIS WONDER PLANTER

Why a SEPARATOR?

A famous dairy expert asserts that installing a good centrifugal cream separator in a four-cow dairy is the full equivalent of adding another cow because the separator gets more cream from 4 cows than can be gotten otherwise from 5. In other words, five cows without a separator will not produce as much butter as four cows with a separator. You have to feed the cow—the separator costs you nothing to keep.

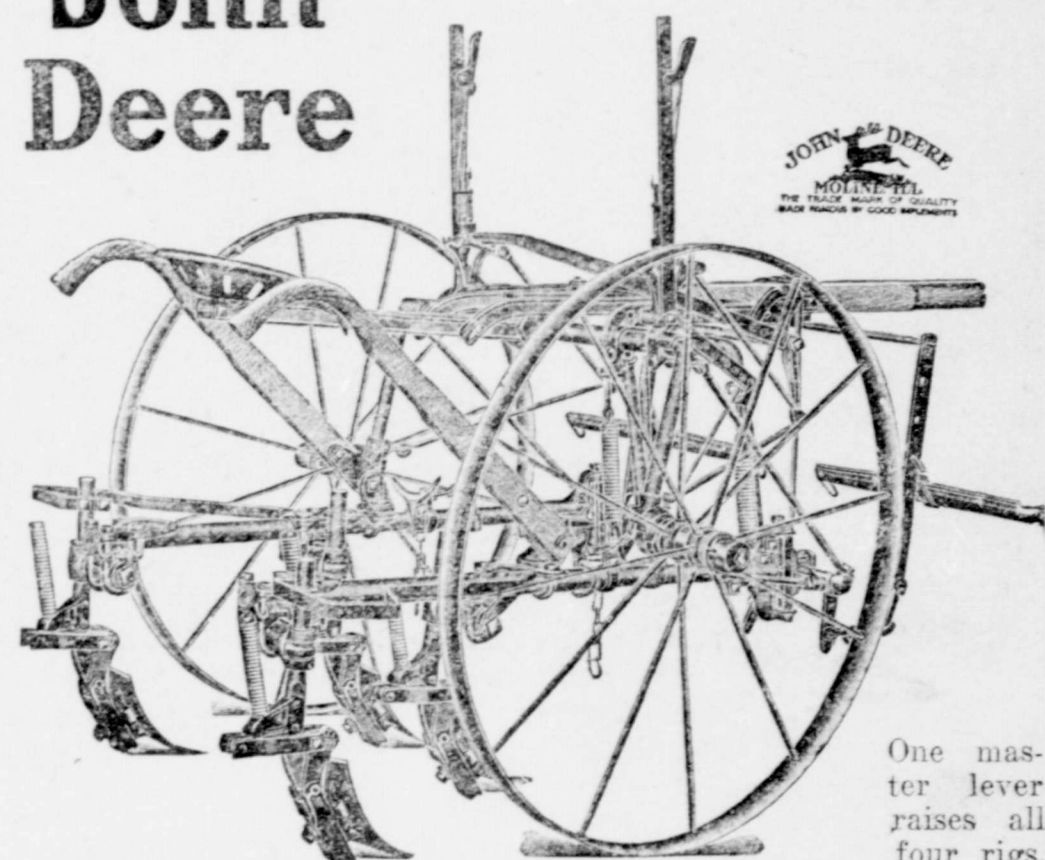
Sell One Cow and buy a Sharples Cream Separator.

It means more profit for you. They have a double skimming force, have no discs to clean, are lighter in weight, easier running and insure smooth, velvety cream.

Free Trial On Your Farm

We will be glad to have you try one of these wonderful separators on your own farm. An absolutely free trial—all we ask is a chance to have you see the merits of a Sharples Cream Separator. Let us give you a free demonstration. Buy now, use the separator, and pay for it next fall if you prefer.

John Deere N. D. two row Cultivator



John Deere N. D. Two Row Cultivator has Four Superior Points

First—Light weight and light draft, combined with strong and rigid construction and perfect balance.

Second—Short rigs, so set that front shovels are in line with axle, insuring even depth of cultivation.

Third—Parallel rig shift which holds shovels always square to their work.

Fourth—One master lever raises all four rigs. Independent depth regulating levers. Also an original and exclusive pivotal and shifting device with four different combinations.

ONE MAN DOES TWO MEN'S WORK

The light draft enables one man with three horses to do as much work as can be done by two men with two teams and single cultivators.

SEE THIS LABOR SAVING CULTIVATOR

Mr. Farmer! Your Crop This Year Depends On Your Machinery

Year after year you see this demonstrated. Two farmers will live in adjoining fields, one always has good crops, luck seems to be against the other. One seems to work equally as hard as the other. Early and late they are both toiling to make mother earth yield a bountiful harvest. One succeeds while the other seems to make a failure. Here is the real cause, one uses the proper farm tools while the other is contented to use old style and antiquated implements. Are your farming tools new and improved? If not you had better come in and see the wonderful lines we now have on display. We have the tools you might as well be using them. Pay next fall if you don't care to pay now.

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