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STRIKE IS AVERTED BY THE RAILROAD OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The Supreme court rendered a decision in the Adamson eight-hour law, holding the law constitutional, Justices Pitney and Vandeventer dissenting in the decision. The court also holds that congress has the right to legislate in the matter of fixing wages.

NEW YORK, March 19.—As the result of the sinking of three American merchantmen by German submarines the strike trouble between the brotherhoods and railway managers came suddenly to an end early this morning. The railway managers were swayed by the highest spirit of patriotism, and said they had rather accept the demands of the brotherhoods than have the impression go out at home and abroad that this country would be hampered and impaired for the lack of efficient railroad operators. In the face of the latest peril brought about by the sinking of more American vessels, the railway managers surrendered completely, leaving the adjustment of the strike trouble entirely in the hands of President Wilson and his mediators. The agreement as signed this morning meets the fullest demands of the Adamson eight hour law.

The agreement just entered into by the brotherhoods and railway managers means approximately one million dollars per week added to railroads pay rolls. Thirteen million dollars back pay, dating from January first, when the Adamson law should have become effective, will be distributed among four hundred thousand trainmen.

By Robert J. Bender.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—United States and Germany are on the verge of actual open hostilities today.

With a virtual state of war now existing between this country and the Kaiser's realm, as the result of ruthless sinking of three American freighters by German sub-sea fighters, it is now believed by eminent Washington officials that the inevitable first meeting between armed American merchantmen and U-boats will mark the opening of actual hostilities.

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Report of the Condition of The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas
at the close of business March 5th, 1917, in response to call made by Commissioner of Banking, State of Texas.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$237,804.69
Overdrafts	NONE
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	20,000.00
Other real estate	9,500.00
Interest and assessment D. Guaranty fund	4,128.33
Cash and exchange	183,651.12
Total	\$455,084.64
Liabilities	
Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus and profits, net	36,191.41
Bills payable	NONE
Other borrowed money	NONE
Deposits	368,893.23
Total	\$455,084.64

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

ALEXANDER'S FATE IN JURY'S HANDS

JURY IN ALEXANDER CASE
D. M. Hilliard, banker, Winters.
Jim Mitchell, farmer, Winters.
John Manks, clerk, Ballinger.
W. J. Mountz, carpenter, Ballinger.
Joe Ostertag, ginmer, Ballinger.
J. A. Arnold, farmer, Winters.
J. H. Martin, farmer, Winters.
Ed. Gearhart, farmer, Crews.
L. M. Bales, farmer, Hatchel.
J. A. Yarnell, farmer, Norton.
A. F. Harkins, farmer, Winters.
John Tounget, farmer, Miles.

After deliberating one hour and sixteen minutes the jury in the Alexander case returned a verdict and fixing the punishment at the maximum allowed, which is ten years in the penitentiary. The case went to the jury at noon. The rape cases against Alexander are set for trial next Thursday, March 29th, and a special venire has been summoned.

It required less than one day to introduce the evidence in the Alexander incest case. The state began introducing testimony at nine-thirty Wednesday morning and rested at two-thirty Wednesday afternoon. The defense asked for twenty minutes to consult with witnesses, and court recessed for this time, and at three o'clock the defense began introducing testimony, and at five-thirty both the state and defense announced that they were through with the evidence. Court recessed until eight-thirty Thursday morning when counsel in the case began the argument.

The first witness placed on the stand by the state at the Wednesday afternoon session, was Ida May Alexander, daughter of the defendant. She gave her age as 17, and stated that the treatment of her father towards her was about the same as that of her sister Docia, and her testimony was along the same lines as that of her sister, and is of such character that this paper can not publish it.

Henry Lewellen and wife were placed on the stand by the state. Mrs. Lewellen is the daughter of Alexander, the defendant. Lewellen testified first, and stated that Docia told her and his wife that her father was the father of her child and she returned from San Angelo. Lewellen said he went to Winters immediately and filed a complaint against Alexander.

In the cross examination the defense laid the predicate for impeaching Lewellen's testimony by asking him if it was not a fact that he told Judge Cogsdill, one of the attorneys of the defense, that he had better not have anything to do with the case as old man Alexander should have had his neck broken nine years ago, and that they were going to do it this time. The witness denied ever talking to Cogsdill about the case or any other case and stated that he barely knew Cogsdill when he saw him.

Mrs. Lewellen's testimony was practically along the same lines as that given by her husband.

J. W. Brice, of Truitt, was placed on the stand by the state. Brice testified that he lived near to Alexander home, and his attention was attracted by the absence of Docia. He said he asked Alexander one day where Docia was, and Alexander stated that she was at Guion, Texas, where her grand father lived, going to school. Brice said he was

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German Revolution Is Now Rumored

By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, March 21.—President Wilson has called an extra session of Congress to convene April 2nd., moving the time up from April 16th., as previously called.

By Robert J. Bender.

United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, March 22.—President Wilson began working today on his message to Congress. Simultaneously senators and representatives of all faiths began wiring their pledges of loyal support to the President. Among the messages are telegrams from the little group of willful men who are responding to the demands for aggressive action against Germany.

Owing to the nature of the present situation it is believed that any organized effort to precipitate a fight against Wilson in the house will be short lived. It is probable some course of action will be agreed upon by the leaders before congress convenes on April second.

It was announced today that the president could address congress before the house met and organized for business, but no action could be secured in passing any resolutions the president might ask for until the organization of the extra session was completed.

Even while Mr. Wilson is preparing his war address the attention of officials and diplomats has been directed sharply to internal developments in Germany. With reports of increasing seriousness, riots and a growing restiveness among the people in Germany came rumors of possible peace moves, emanating from the Teutonic quarters. It is believed that a revolution will occur in Germany and such a revolt at this time would bring the war to a sudden end. This is the opinion of diplomats and high officials.

BOATRIGHT ACQUITTED.

After deliberating for a couple of hours the jury in the Luther Boatright case rendered a verdict of not guilty. Boatright was charged with stealing a cow. The defense plead insanity.

NATION CALLS FOR MEN

By Carl D. Groat

United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, March 22.—"Men, more men," is the nation's call today. The navy want them, and the army will soon need them under expected call for volunteers for compulsory war service. Arming of merchantmen and supplying gunners has created a demand for an increased navy. The navy is doing all that human energy and endurance can accomplish in the way of speeding preparations. The army department is waiting on congress but will be ready to heed what it may say about calling for volunteers.

NEW PASTOR DUE HERE MARCH 30

The members of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church are preparing for the coming of their new pastor, Rev. J. H. King, who, according to a letter received this week, says he will arrive on March 30th. The Presbyterian manse on Eighth Street will be occupied by the new pastor as soon as he and his family arrives. Members of the church have looked after the planting of the garden at the manse and the yard fence has been removed and the yard cleaned up.

The Eighth Street church has been without a pastor since Rev. Rives resigned to take up other work, and the members are looking forward to the coming of the new pastor with eagerness. The Brownwood Presbytery meets at Winters on April 5 and 6, and Rev. King expects to arrive here in time to attend this meeting.

In the letter just received from Rev. King, he says, "I am packing up right now and we expect to start for Texas the 28th. I should be able to get to Ballinger by the 30th. Mrs. King and the boys will visit for a week or ten days while our household goods are getting through. I will want a boarding place for that time. I am glad the Presbytery does not meet till I get there. We had a called meeting of presbytery here last week and I secured my letter, so I can go right in as soon as I get to Ballinger.

"We are finding it hard to break away from the folks here. We did not realize that they cared so much until the time has come to go. It hurts me too, for the people have been most kind to us, but I feel that it is the proper thing to do, and I am coming to you feeling that the Lord is leading the way. I hope our efforts together may be fruitful of great good."

W. W. Cummings of Miles, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

L. L. Stroble closed a deal this week in which he sold his interest in the Stroble Market to Abe Mulkey. Mr. Stroble has not yet decided what he will do but of course will continue a citizen of Ballinger.

Mrs. Joe Turner went out to Norton Wednesday afternoon where she will spend several weeks with relatives and friends. Her friends will be glad to know that she is getting along nicely and hopes to be herself again soon.

SMALL POX RAGING IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Thirty thousand cases of small pox are reported from Germany, and the disease and raging and rapidly spreading, according to a speech made before the Reichstag by Socialist Hoffman, and reported to the state department here this morning.

The Hoffman speech shows a far more distressing situation in Germany than any report thus far reaching the department. It is charged that the rich only can get meat and fats to eat, while the poor people are suffering for food. The government is actually hoarding sausages which the poor are crying for. Vaccination against small pox is proving futile, and Germany's medical skill is unable to cope with the situation.

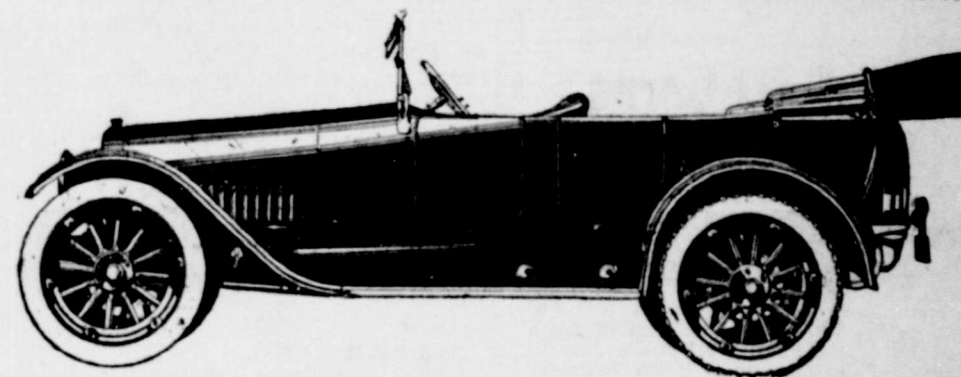
15 DIE WHEN SUB GETS U. S. STEAMER

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The American consul at Plymouth reports to the state department today that five Americans and ten foreigners died with the sinking of the American steamer Vigilancia last Saturday.

The steamer was destroyed by a German submarine.

Mrs. Jennings of Miles, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Winters to visit her son a few weeks.

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People's Court Reform will Clear Docket and Cut Cost

At each legislature, we hear much of court reform. However, it usually deals merely with relief for congested dockets—more courts, more judges, higher salaries. Congested dockets affect only litigants. 65 per cent of the people are not litigants.

Texas has three supreme judges each drawing \$5,000; three criminal judges each drawing \$5,000; 27 civil appeals judges each drawing \$2,000. All adjourn each year about June 25, for three and one-half months continuous vacation, convening again about October 5th. No work whatever is done during July, August and September. Dockets naturally congest. The vacation is too long. No governor, banker, preacher, lawyer, doctor, editor or merchant rests half so long.

Texas also has about 84 district judges, each drawing \$5,000; 41 district attorneys drawing \$2,000. A bill has just passed both house and senate increasing the salaries, so that the judges of the supreme court and court of criminal appeals will now get \$6,000; the 27 judges of the court of civil appeals will get \$5,000; and district judges will get \$3,000; some district judges, however, to get \$4,500 per annum. A few district judges work hard and hold court most of the time. Many work little of the time, holding from 10 a. m. till noon and from 2 p. m. till five. Many districts have little court business. The whole state needs readjusting and re-appointing judicially. If through a proper PEOPLE'S COURT REFORM, amending both statute and constitution where necessary, all red tape and cobwebs could be eliminated, and all courts would work eight hours per day five days each week for eleven months each year, two thirds of the present number of district judges and district attorneys in Texas could transact all of our court business, and then the people would be willing to adequately raise their salaries as was lately done at Austin.

As stated, sixty-five per cent of our people are not litigants, yet have to serve as witnesses and on juries. An impatient attendance upon an idling court has emphasized that disgust over the "law's delay" so keenly felt even in Shakespeare's time. They are interested in a kind of court reform, highly important to them, yet deemed insignificant and vicious by criminal lawyers and rarely acted upon by legislators. The following are changes which in my judgment are needed:

(1) In civil cases, nine jurors continuing should render verdict. This would prevent ninety-nine per cent of hung juries in civil cases. A bare majority of appellate judges may finally determine the case. Why shouldn't nine out of twelve jurors do justice? (2) In criminal cases, eleven jurors continuing should render verdict. This would prevent 90 per cent of the hung juries in criminal cases, and would eliminate the professional juror and chance of fraud, for usually when the jury stands eleven to one, the one is biased or prejudiced. Any nine out of twelve grand jurors may indict. Either two of the three appellate judges may finally determine a criminal case. Why shouldn't nine out of twelve jurors do justice? (3) In criminal cases, eleven jurors continuing should render verdict. This would prevent 90 per cent of the hung juries in criminal cases, and would eliminate the professional juror and chance of fraud, for usually when the jury stands eleven to one, the one is biased or prejudiced. Any nine out of twelve grand jurors may indict. Either two of the three appellate judges may finally determine a criminal case. Why shouldn't nine out of twelve jurors do justice?

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(13) The present law requires each venireman to be personally served, which is very onerous on sheriffs, and where the sheriff fails to find a number of them, or any number of them fail to appear, a motion is made to quash the whole venire, necessitating the drawing and summoning of another. The sheriff should be permitted to summon all jurors and veniremen by telephone, or by mail with return receipt card attached, and the trial judge should be given the discretion to finally pass on all motions to quash venires.

(14) Where a juror is unbiased and unprejudiced, the fact that he may have read of the case, or discussed it, or formed an opinion, as reasonable thinking men usually do, should not disqualify him, where the trial court believes him to be a fair man and will be governed by the law and evidence, and the trial court should be given the discretion to finally determine his qualification. The present mode of examining veniremen tends to place a premium on ignorance and a penalty on the intelligent newspaper-reading public.

(15) Very few jurors who are daily excused because they claim they have conscientious scruples with regard to the infliction of the death penalty, really understand what the question means, and really have no such scruples. No juror should be excused for this reason unless he will state that there is no case in which his conscientious scruples would permit him to render a verdict inflicting the death penalty.

(16) The number of witnesses should be properly restricted. I have known of 150 witnesses being summoned, over half of whom knew absolutely nothing about any fact or issue in the case. It is a great hardship on men, women and little children. Application for all witnesses should be made to the court, with statement setting forth what is expected to be proven by each of them, and let the court order all witnesses summoned. This would be a large economy in an unfair prosecution and in manufactured defense. Only two character witnesses should be allowed, unless the State give previous notice of an intention to contest the issue of good reputation, in which event more should be allowed.

(17) All witnesses should be paid expenses, in county as well as out county. An attempt was made to do this, but want of appropriation defeated it. Not to pay in county witnesses is inequitable and unjust. Illustration: A and B are summoned to Eastland. They live 100 yards apart but in different counties. A in Eastland and B in Calahan. They go and return together in A's buggy. B get \$1 per day and mileage of 3 cents each day, while A gets nothing. Is this just? Then too, the clerk's fee should be paid by the State, and not by the witnesses. Each witness has to pay the clerk 75c for his account. A witness with an account of \$1.25 has to pay 25 cents discount to get it cashed, 75 cents to the clerk, and has only 25 cents left.

(18) Attorneys should be forced to hand to trial judge all special instructions, except any made necessary by errors in the court's charge, within one hour after evidence closes. Any good attorney could prepare same, covering every phase of the case, before trial begins. After the court furnishes counsel with his charge, they should have not exceeding one hour in which to file objections to same. Under our present practice, after the evidence closes attorneys can keep the court, a full panel of jurors, numerous witnesses and attorneys in other cases absolutely idle for several hours, claiming an unlimited time in which to consider the charge. Competent attorneys who have properly prepared their case know what to expect in the charge, and where to look for errors.

(19) In numerous instances a grand jury urgently needs a non resident witness, and is ready to adjourn shortly after examining him, and were the sheriff authorized to telephone such witness, his attendance might be secured in five hours, leaving the grand jury adjourn that day. At present, during the trial of a witness could be secured by telephone in a very short time. But to serve such witnesses by regular process would require several days waiting, sometimes inconveniencing a coast house full of people. Service by telephone under such circumstances should therefore be allowed.

(20) Jury Commissioners who draw grand and petit juries, should receive 25c per day.

(21) District Judges should be given the authority in their discretion to appoint an expert auditor to audit the funds and accounts of a county, city or school district.

(22) The Board of Pardon Advisers should be appointed by the Supreme Court every two years, to remove them from even the atmosphere of politics; and the Governor should grant no pardon, and consider no application for pardon, until such case has been acted upon and referred to him by the Board with a favorable recommendation. This would take the question of pardons absolutely out of politics, and would justly relieve the Governor of the frequent embarrassment of turning down his strong political friends who frequently importune him.

(23) During the trial of a criminal case, the wife, children and close relatives of the defendant, as well as of the injured party, should be given desirable front seats in the court room, but should not be permitted inside of the bar. It has come to pass in Texas that jurors are not called upon to try the defendant charged with crime, but our law forces the trial court to permit the pitiful wife and helpless little children to sit inside the bar with their arms incased around the defendant weeping before the jury, and men on the jury with handlike sympathy in their hearts, try not the defendant, but the woman and little children, and the law and evidence are frequently disregarded. THOMAS L. BLANTON.

Dependency Due to Constipation Women often become nervous and despondent. When this is due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

ELDER HAS THUMB TORN OFF AT JOINT

Irwin Elder and Roy Deason while riding Mr. Elder's motorcycle in from San Angelo Sunday night, happened to a very painful accident, at least, for the first named gentleman. Elder's left thumb was torn off at the first joint and about four inches of leader pulled out, when a valve blew out an inner tube on a tire. Charley Gentry and a party were on their way home and were just behind the motorcycle when the wreck occurred, and rushed Elder and Deason back to a San Angelo hospital. Deason's wounds were rather bad, being cut deeply on the leg and his leg badly bruised. Elder will be unable to work for several months and possibly he will never be able to use his arm again if paralysis succeeds. Accident insurance was carried by Mr. Elder to a certain extent.

PUGET SOUND TO GULF HIGHWAY

Quite a number of counties north of Ballinger are making an effort to comply with the requirements that will place them on the Puget Sound to the Gulf Highway. Rannels County is in line to get on this National Highway and everything possible should be done to bring this route through Ballinger. The average man does not realize what the travel over this highway will mean to the town through which it passes. Hundreds of thousands of people will pass over this route annually and many of them will stop for a time in the smaller towns and spend their cash while they are stopping.

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 freezezone, 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. Freezezone 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 freezezone 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 freezezone he can get it at any wholesale drug house for you.

THIS SALESMAN OVERSOLD HIMSELF

In telling why he gave a bad check for a flash light, when a salesman of the Walker Drug Co. insisted that every auto owner should have one of these handy little illuminators, Prisoner Broyles, who is lingering behind the bars of the local jail waiting his turn at the bar of justice, said he really did not want the flash light, and charged but I own a Ford." The salesman says it. In other words it was a case of where a salesman gets ahead of himself. Broyles called upon the Walker Drug store to buy some flash light, and was peeping through the glass, and at the display of flash lights, he saw a salesman in the store asked him if he was an owner of a car. Broyles replied, "no, that he owned a Ford." The salesman realized at once that the man shouldn't have a flash light, and he soon had Broyles agreeing with him, and Broyles got the flash light and the salesman the bad check. Broyles was returned here from Stephenville last Thursday and will face trial this week on charges of forgery, having passed checks on a half dozen or more local merchants last fall, and carried away goods consisting of everything from drugs to lumber. He was caught in the act of putting over a crooked check deal at Stephenville, and pleaded guilty. He drew a six year sentence in all cases so far passed on, and his term in the pen may be lengthened before the present week closes.

The Pneumonia Season. The cold damp, weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the use of this preparation, ask anyone who has used it. Mrs. M. O. Hood, of South Baller passed through Ballinger Saturday route to DeLeon to visit relatives.

CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

tipated, Sluggish, Headachy, take Don't lose a day's work! If Constipated, Sluggish, Headachy, take Don't lose a day's work! If Constipated, Sluggish, Headachy, take Don't lose a day's work! If Constipated, Sluggish, Headachy, take Don't lose a day's work! Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work! Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone. Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't straighten you right up, and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is a real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it cannot salivate or make you sick. I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you fell miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

HEROISM WINS MEDAL OF HONOR

WASHINGTON, March 19.—For displaying extraordinary heroism in a battle with rebels in Santo Domingo, Sergeant Major Roswell Winans, U. S. Marine Corps, has been decorated with the "Medal of Honor," the highest award of merit attainable by the American military or Navy man. Winans operated a machine gun against the enemy, only 150 yards away, in the face of a heavy fire to which he was fully exposed. When a jam put the gun temporarily out of commission, he stood up and coolly repaired it, maintaining his perilous position and resumed firing until the bandits deserted their trenches. Marine Corps officials say Winans' prompt action saved the lives of many of his companions. The "Medal of Honor" is given to very few persons, and only in cases of extraordinary valor. Unlike the "Iron Cross," "Victoria Cross," and similar European decorations, this American medal is worn pendant from the neck.

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Write for free catalogue. Our telegraph students are on all the leading Southwestern roads, and

in Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices. Our graduates of other departments are holding high positions in the commercial world. With our help you can be a big success. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. W. E. Hamilton, of the Rowena country, came in Saturday afternoon and will visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. P. H. Hamilton and family east of Ballinger.

Ed Spill came up from Brownwood Saturday night and spent Sunday with home folks.

L. M. Bales, of the Hatchell country, H. L. Chapman, S. L. Alexander and J. W. Adams, of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

For Your Child's Cough.
Here's a pleasant cough syrup that every child likes to take, Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. If your child has a deep hacking cough that worries you give him Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, the soothing pine balsams relieve the cough, loosen the phlegm and heal the irritated tissues. Get a bottle today at your druggist and start treatment at once. 25c.

Attorney Baker, of Coleman, who had been attending district court on legal business, left for home Monday afternoon, having had his cases set for the next week of court.

CONGRESS REIMBURSE RAILROADS?

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Congress will be asked in the coming session to pass a law granting increased freight and passenger rates to reimburse the railroads for the increased wages they are being forced to pay employees under the Adamson law.

Officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission and prominent railroad heads made this announcement this afternoon. They say since the United States Supreme Court has decided Congress has the plenary power to fix wages, applying the same rule, it has a right to legislate railroad rates.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The supreme court's decision in the Adamson eight hour law clearly establishes the right of the government to prevent railroad strikes, is the opinion of railway managers. A statement issued by brotherhood chiefs contend otherwise and this difference of opinion develops a sharp split between managers and employees.

EAT WITHOUT FEAR OF INDIGESTION OR SOUR, ACID STOMACH

Instant relief "Pape's Diapepsin" ends your stomach distress. Try it!

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 sick, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented and turned sour; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin to help neutralize acidity 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 dyspepsia. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps the stomach sweetened 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 stops fermentation and acidity and sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing.

M. D. High, of Roxton, Texas, an old friend of A. B. Legate of our city, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Winters on a business trip.

If you intend to get a 98c dictionary you had better get it this week as our supply will all be gone next week.

MAN KILLED IN RUNAWAY AT MILES

J. H. Newton, a farmer, was found dead beside the road about one and a half miles west of Miles late Tuesday afternoon. Parties passing along the road found the man and picked him up and carried him to Miles, but it is presumed that he had been dead about one hour, and was killed by being thrown from his wagon when his team ran away. The man's neck was broke and his skull crushed, and it is supposed that he was instantly killed when thrown from his wagon. Just how the accident occurred will never be known, as there was no eye witness to the runaway.

Newton moved to this county last November, locating near Miles. He came here from Ellis county, where he had lived for many years. He is survived by a large family. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon and the remains interred in the Miles cemetery.

Jo Hardin returned home Tuesday afternoon from Houston, where he had been to attend to business for his oil company.

A Laxative for Babies Good for Everybody

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin a Safe and Efficient Family Remedy.



Mrs. E. R. Gilbert

Every member of the family is more or less subject to constipation and every home should always be supplied with a dependable remedy to promptly relieve this condition. Whenever the bowels become clogged and the natural process of elimination thereby disturbed, the entire system is affected, and readily subject to attack by disease. Constipation is a condition that should never be neglected.

Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, of Millbro, Va., says that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a splendid laxative for children because they like its pleasant taste, and it acts so easily and naturally, without griping or strain, and she finds it equally effective for the rest of the family.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that contains no opiate or narcotic drug. It is mild and gentle in its action, and does not cause pain or discomfort. Drug gists everywhere sell this excellent

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

Preston McKinley of Miles, was visiting relatives and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe A. Jones and children of Haskell, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin and Ballinger friends for a few weeks.

CLOSING NEXT WEEK

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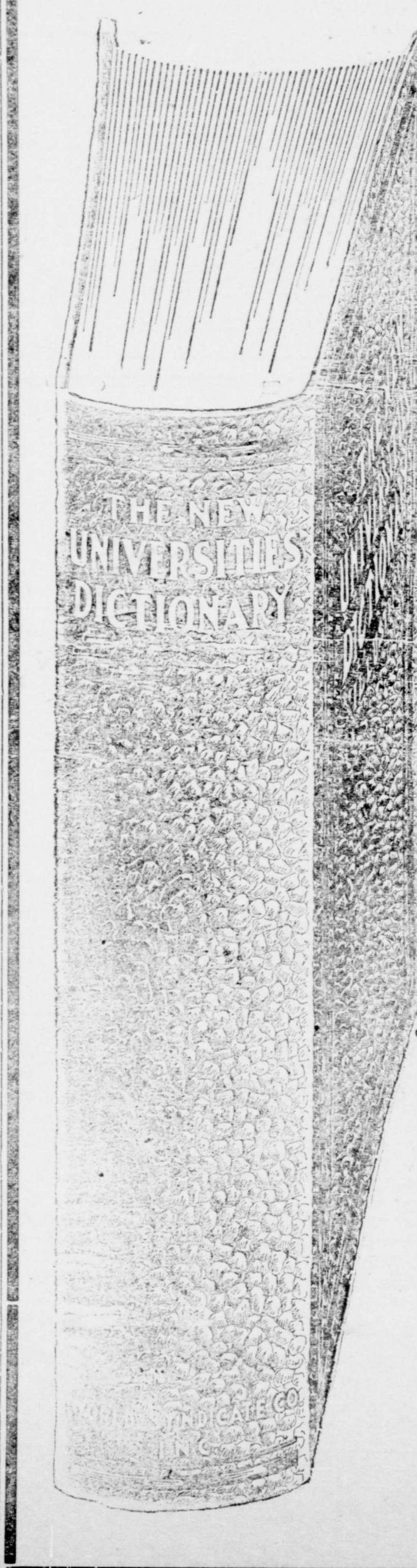
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LIVERZE
FOR CONSTIPATION
AT YOUR DRUGGISTS

GERMAN PLOTTERS PLEAD GUILTY

NEW YORK, March 21.—Albert Sander and Carl Wunnenberg, former newspaper men, charged with launching a military enterprise against Great Britain from this country, were arraigned today, and withdrew their pleas of not guilty, and plead not guilty. The federal court will pass sentence on the two men tomorrow.

George Bacon testified against the men before the federal grand jury and furnished the evidence that caused the confession of the two Germans.



THE BANNER-LEDGER
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THE BALLINGER PRINTING COMPANY
 The Banner-Ledger and the
 Bunnels County Ledger were con-
 solidated January 28, 1913.

A. W. Sledge, Editor
 We have been here too long, our
 position in politics, social and re-
 ligious matters is too well known,
 to call for a defense on our part
 against any criticism of an itiner-
 ant who is here today and gone to-
 morrow.

The old adage that an ill wind
 blows good to some one, will ap-
 ply in a measure to our present
 unpleasantness with Germany.
 The result will be a united Amer-
 ica. There will be no place in
 this country for traitors, and we
 predict that it will be rather un-
 comfortable for the man who
 shows an unfriendly feeling for
 the flag of the U. S.

We will match records with any
 town of similar size in Texas, and
 show that Ballinger stands first
 for morality and law enforcement.
 Our people are law abiding, stand
 four-square for everything that
 tends to make better churches,
 better schools and better citizens.
 These facts will be placed before
 the A. & M. locating board.

If the entire time of one session
 of the Texas Legislature was de-
 voted to working out and passing
 court reforms, even to the extent
 of sidetracking all other legisla-
 tion, the people of Texas would
 get more for their money than
 they have been getting. It seems
 that so long as the legislature is
 under the control of lawyers there
 is little hopes of passing a court re-
 form law that will lift the load of
 congested dockets and lighten the
 court cost. The present day way
 in court procedure is a burden to
 the honest citizens and tax pay-
 ers. A reform must come or the
 day is not far distant when a man
 can commit a crime and die with

proof, and the nearest way out
 was an honest confession.—Ball-
 inger Ledger.
 Let's not be too hard on Old
 Man Zimmermann. The indica-
 tions are that he, along with most
 of his fellows of Wilhelmstrasse,
 are all wrought up and headachy.
 "It is understood that Mexico is
 to conquer the lost territory in
 New Mexico, Texas and Arizona,"
 wrote Herr Zimmermann in his
 communication to the Mexican
 Minister. This expression proves
 that he is either ridiculously un-
 informed of conditions which he
 ought to know about or that he
 was sort of crazy when he signed
 and dispatched that diplomatic
 document. If the Vice Chancellor
 is in fact ignorant of America and
 Mexico, he ought to be fired from
 the Chancellery. If he is crazy—
 which is more likely—he deserves
 the attentions of a competent al-
 ienist and the comforts of a regu-
 lar foolish house. It may be, of
 course, that Herr Zimmermann and
 all the other Germans in author-
 ity have been victimized. A horde
 of self-serving "agents" and pro-
 curers in this country and Mexi-
 co and all the Americas, including
 Canada, undoubtedly have preyed
 upon the large propaganda funds
 maintained by Germany on this
 side the ocean. A swarm of rascals,
 pretending much and accom-
 plishing little, have batted on the
 German purse. Probably there are
 a dozen near-statesmen in Mexi-
 co who have acquired comfort-
 able fortunes through Bern-
 storff's hands. The same in Cuba
 and South America. And in this
 country there have been flocks of
 "pro-Germans" tapping or trying
 to tap the German till. Besides
 these mercenary rascals who have
 thought to make easy money by
 pinching it from furtive foreign-
 ers, there have been some good
 people, mostly of German birth,
 who have stood voluntarily, hon-
 estly and heartily in favor of Ger-
 many, and have contributed liber-
 ally to the German cause.—State
 Press in Dallas News.

The Ledger's 98c dictionaries
 will all be gone next week.

HUSBAND SUFFERED.
 Dear Editor:
 I received a box of Dr. Pierce's 'Anu-
 ric' Tablets for my husband, and he has
 been greatly benefited by them. He
 suffered from lame back and weak kidneys;
 kidney excretions being too frequent.
 After giving 'Anuric' a trial we are con-
 vinced that it is the best kidney medicine
 made. Will be glad to recommend it."
 (Signed) Mrs. E. D. MIXES.

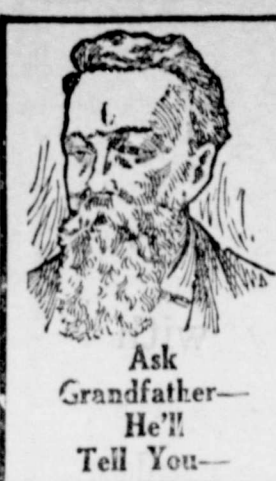
NOTE.—Dr. Pierce, who is director and
 chief physician at the Invalids' Hotel, and
 Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., has
 been testing this wonderful medicine for
 the relief of over-worked and weakened
 kidneys. The relief obtained by sufferers
 from rheumatism, lumbago, etc., has been
 so satisfactory that he determined to place
 "Anuric" with the principal druggists.
 "Anuric" is not harmful or poisonous,
 but aids Nature in throwing off those
 poisons which cause so much suffering,
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 Send 10 cents for large trial package.

PEANUT CROP VERY PROFITABLE HERE

The peanut is one of the most
 profitable crops the farmer can
 grow. Last year the nuts sold at
 an average of \$1 per bushel, mak-
 ing the acre yield in nuts and hay
 as high as \$40 cash. Considering
 the labor cost of making the two
 crops this showing for peanuts is
 better than cotton at 20 cents a
 pound and cottonseed at \$50 per
 ton. Every farm that can grow
 peanuts should do so, if only as a
 feed crop, as it is one of the
 most valuable feed crops grown
 in the South today for all farm
 animals.
 So far as climate is concerned
 the peanut is a drought-resisting
 plant, like cotton, and can be
 grown anywhere in Texas. It re-
 quires ninety days for maturing
 under the most favorable circum-
 stances, but should be given from
 one hundred to one hundred and
 twenty days. It likes best a sandy
 loam soil, well drained and
 warm, with a clay subsoil; how-
 ever the loamy black lands will
 produce good yields and the
 darkened color of the shell, while
 making it undesirable for the
 roasting trade, does not injure the

WEST TEXAS A. & M. COLLEGE FORECAST

At least two building supply
 houses and equipment dealers have
 located the West Texas A. & M.
 College at Ballinger. We would
 not say, if we knew, how these
 firms got the impression that the
 school was going to be located at
 Ballinger, but we do hope they
 are good guessers, and we admire
 their judgment.
 A local dealer in radiators re-
 ceived a forecast this week of pro-
 posed new buildings to be con-
 structed in Texas. The forecast
 came from one of the most promi-
 nent radiator firms in the United
 States. In the list of proposed
 buildings, the heating supply
 house has listed a new agricultur-
 al college to be constructed at
 Ballinger at a cost of a half mil-
 lion dollars.
 The building equipment dealers
 keep a close watch on such mat-
 ters and generally get in on the
 ground floor. To say the least of
 this forecast, Ballinger is getting
 some advertising.
 For hoarseness, inflamed lungs
 and irritating coughs, Ballard's
 Horehound Syrup is a healing
 balm. It does its work quickly
 and thoroughly. Price 25c, 50c,
 and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by the
 Walker Drug Co.
 C. D. Whiteley, about 16 years
 old, a Bangs high school boy, is in
 the Brownwood Infirmary where
 he was taken late Monday after
 he had been severely wounded in
 an altercation with Ward Rosser,
 another Bangs school boy, early
 in the afternoon.
 Whiteley received several gash-



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 blood tonic. The best time is in Spring or at its
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 the work on your liver and kidneys. You feel
 better and live longer. At your druggist's.
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SPRING HILL NEWS.

Health in our midst is good.
 Crop prospects since the late
 rains are most promising. Never
 in the history of our part of the
 county have the farmers had their
 land in a more thorough prepara-
 tion for planting. Since the rain
 the grain crop has shown great
 improvement. The outlook for the
 fruit crop is yet good.
 The fruit growers have cleaned
 up their orchards, pruned and dug
 up all dead trees, burned brush
 and trash and plowed the ground
 and killed the winter weeds that
 have been very detrimental to
 good growth in dry season.
 Everybody has already planted
 early gardens and lots of vegeta-
 bles were up but was injured by
 the hail.
 There are lots of new incubators
 in our community and all are im-
 proving the line of poultry breed-
 ing, also that of live stock.
 "KNOX."
No Strike.
 But Strike E. V. Bateman if
 you want a good reliable automo-
 bile for service as well as style.
 We sell the Kissel Kar, hundred
 point Six, which is a wonder for
 easy riding and power. See me
 before you buy. Can save you
 money. Special service.
 E. V. BATEMAN,
 21-2d-2w At City Auto Works.
Plants, Plants—tomato and pep-
 per plants, now ready for trans-
 planting. Jeanes Produce Co.
 15-d&w-tf.

SCHEDULE FOR TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS

Teachers examinations for cer-
 tificates will be held at the court
 house in Ballinger Friday, April
 6th and 7th. Superintendent Hag-
 gan has announced the following
 schedule for the coming board of
 examiners, and applicants will
 govern themselves accordingly:
 Friday forenoon: Physical geo-
 graphy, physiology, composition,
 arithmetic, literature, solid geo-
 metry.
 Friday afternoon: Texas his-
 tory, grammar, descriptive geo-
 graphy, plane geometry, psychol-
 ogy, bookkeeping.
 Saturday forenoon: Spelling,
 writing, methods and manage-
 ment, civics, reading, chemistry,
 history and education.
 Saturday afternoon: U. S. his-
 tory, general history, agriculture,
 algebra, physics, plane geometry.
CYLINDERS BORED
 Call at the Central Garage to
 have your cylinder bored and mag-
 neto recharged. We do all kinds
 of auto repair work. Phone 643.
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A. & M. COLLEGE AT WORK
 Feeling that a quiet campaign,
 with every man on the job, will be
 more effective in landing the
 West Texas A. & M. College, than
 a hurrah campaign, the committee
 is busy quietly working out plans
 for presenting Ballinger's claim
 to the locating board. In the
 meantime every one is urged to

Preparedness — Is the liveliest national issue of the day. The meaning of the word
 "PREPAREDNESS" is the state of being ready for any emergency
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 If not, call The Ballinger Insurance Agency for full information as to how to prepare against these evils
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old age before justice can be met-
 out to him. It is almost im-
 possible to try a man now and
 keep the records from techni-
 calities that will prevent re-
 versals and increased cost to the
 state. Congressman Thos. L. Blan-
 ton outlines court reforms meas-
 ures that will lift the average read-
 er some idea of the great needs for
 legislation along this line. Mr.
 Blanton's article appears else-
 where in this paper.

SIDE LINES NECESSARY ON THE FARM:
 A Runnels county farmer travel-
 ed eighteen miles to have the priv-
 ilege of paying \$2.00 for a setting
 of eggs. To some people who have
 not given the subject due thought
 the act of this farmer may seem
 foolish. But to those who know
 the value of poultry on the farm
 and the advantages of raising first
 class fowls it will not seem strange
 that a man should go that far in
 order to buy a setting of eggs.
 Side lines, such as poultry, hogs,
 cows, mules and horses are nec-
 essary on the well organized farm.
 To leave them off is like a grocery
 merchant endeavoring to conduct
 a paying business without the
 staple lines of flour, sugar, coffee,
 meat, etc. Plenty of high grade
 poultry on the farm is a good in-
 dication that the owner of the
 farm is a safe man to sell goods
 on time.—Abilene Reporter.

TAPPING THE GERMAN TILL.
 We must give Zimmermann
 credit for settling all doubt as to
 the authenticity of his plot. Not-
 withstanding President Wilson's
 emphatic declaration that he had
 the proof, many people were in-
 clined to doubt it. Zimmermann
 no doubt knew Wilson had the

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 hair.
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 scalp will not itch, but what will
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 few weeks' use, when you see new
 hair, fine and downy at first—
 yes—but really new hair—grow-
 ing all over the scalp.
 A little Danderine immediately
 doubles the beauty of your hair.
 No difference how dull, faded,
 brittle and seraggy, just moisten
 a cloth with Danderine and care-
 fully draw it through your hair,
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 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 Knowl-
 ton'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 neg-
 lected or injured by careless
 treatment—that's all—you sure-
 ly can have beautiful hair and lots
 of it if you will just try a little
 Danderine.
 T. H. Adams of the Wilmeth
 country, was among the business
 visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

nut for stook feeding or unfavor-
 ably affect their plant-producing
 or oil-producing qualities. The
 black land farmer must take two
 things into considerable in grow-
 ing peanuts: the soil must be
 loose and crumbly enough for the
 pegs to grow into it at fruit-
 ing time; and it is difficult for
 anything other than a pig's nose
 to get the nuts out of the ground
 in usable shape if the ground is
 clayey. The black land belt is a
 limestone soil, and the peanut is
 a lime-loving plant and will grow
 well in it if the soil is kept loose.
 The peanut will not do well on
 soils that are poorly drained or
 sour. Drain the ground off well,
 apply plenty of lime and plant on
 ridges in such cases. Do not use
 barnyard manure as a fertilizer in
 the year of planting. The best
 fertilization will be found to con-
 sist in planting cowpeas between
 the peanut rows at the last culti-
 vation, turning them under at ma-
 turity, and planting peanuts next
 year on corn or other land and
 using the old peanut land for corn
 or cotton.

All trash should be plowed
 under in time to decay before peanut
 planting. If the land is in good
 shape, it need only be plowed
 long enough before planting to al-
 low the soil to settle, but the har-
 row should follow immediately
 to prevent loss of moisture. If the
 soil is loose enough to dispense
 with plowing, using the disc har-
 row instead, one should roll and
 drag before planting. Ordinarily,
 level planting should be used but
 this depends of course on the na-
 ture of the ground. If the drain-
 age is poor and the rainfall
 heavy the planting should be on
 a ridge.

es about the shoulder and arm,
 and a deep cut in his side which
 penetrated almost to the hollow.
 Today he was resting well, and his
 recovery is regarded as certain
 unless complications arise.
 Rosser and Whiteley engaged
 in a fight on the school grounds
 at Bangs Monday afternoon during
 a play period.
 The cause of the trouble could
 not be ascertained today, but it
 is said that within a few minutes
 after the fight began a knife
 flashed into view and the White-
 ley boy was badly cut before the
 belligerents could be separated.—
 Brownwood Bulletin.

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City Election Notice.
 By authority vested in me, as
 mayor of the City of Ballinger, I,
 now and here order an election
 for mayor and two commissioners
 for the City of Ballinger, Runnels
 County, Texas. The election to be
 held on April 3rd, 1917, at the
 City Hall in City of Ballinger. The
 said mayor and two commissioners
 so elected to hold their office for
 the term of two years from date
 of election and qualification as
 provided by law. I hereby appoint
 J. F. Lusk as presiding officer to
 hold said election.
 J. W. POWELL,
 Mayor.
 27-1td5w
White Wyandotte Eggs
 Choice quality, rose comb birds,
 15 eggs for \$1.00. 100 eggs for
 \$5.00. Phone or write me, West
 Texas Telephone.
 MRS. Wm. HAVENHILL,
 2-5tw. Winters, Texas.

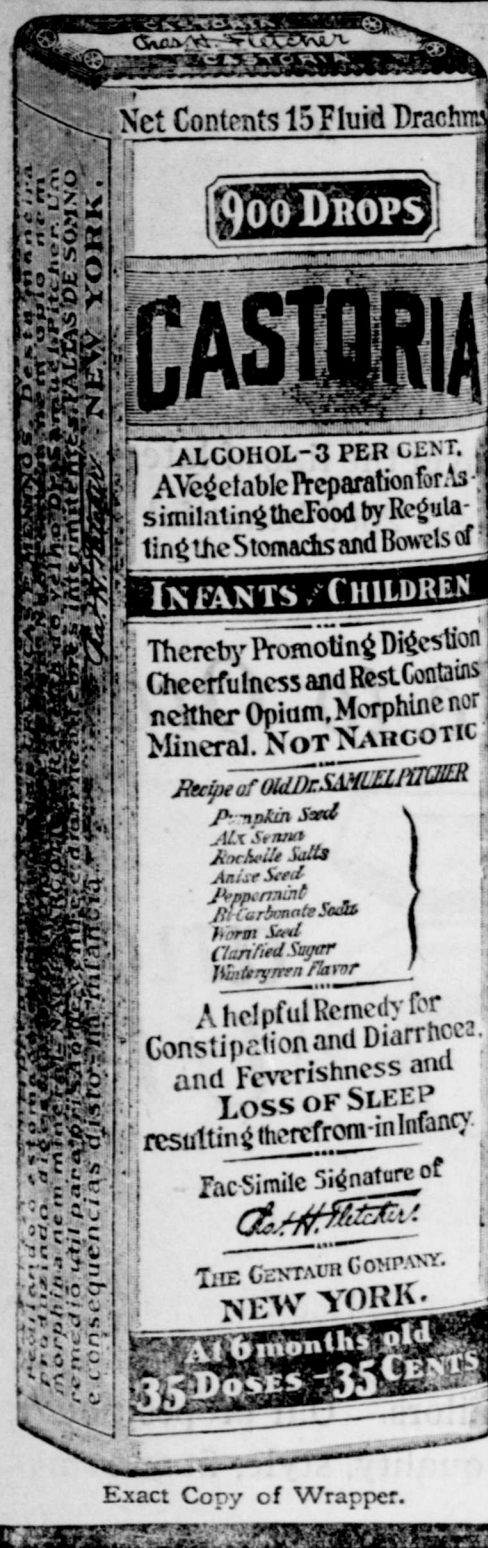
DR. BASKIN BUYS HEAD PLACE
 After April first Dr. E. C. Bas-
 kin and family will be at home in
 the J. H. Head place on Eighth
 street. A deal was closed this
 week in which Dr. Baskin pur-
 chased from Prof. Head this bung-
 low, and he will move from the
 Norris place to his new home as
 soon as he can get possession.
 Dr. Baskin recently sold his
 home on Sixth street to Malcom
 McGregor, and contemplated
 building on a block of land in
 South Ballinger, but closed a deal
 for the Head place when he was
 offered that property at a bar-
 gain.

write his or her friends to do what
 they can for Ballinger. The com-
 mittee will be prepared to show
 that Ballinger offers more natural
 advantages than any other town
 applying for this institution.
Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
 The Old Standard general strengthening tonic,
 GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out
 Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the sys-
 tem. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

Mrs. McCristy, of Rockwall
 county, who had been at the bed-
 side of her brother, W. R. Harter
 of the Wilmeth country, passed
 through Ballinger Tuesday after-
 noon en route home. We are glad
 to learn that Mr. Harter is slight-
 ly improved at present.

Let the promise of Spring ring true to
 you this year, friend! Let it find you
 starting an account with this bank of
 strength, security and service—a bank
 that holds your financial affairs sacredly
 confidential.
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**FERGUSON
ACQUITTED**

AUSTIN, Tex., March 16.—While finding Gov. James E. Ferguson guilty of some of the charges of violation of law as preferred against him in the resolution of Representative M. P. Davis of Van Zandt, the committee of nine which made an investigation of the charges in its report submitted to the house late yesterday afternoon expressed the opinion that impeachment proceedings against the chief executive would not be warranted. The committee was unanimous in its report, which contained nearly eleven typewritten pages.

It was carefully prepared and would indicate that there had been some compromise effected with a view of pleasing both the proponents and opponents to an investigation of the governor.

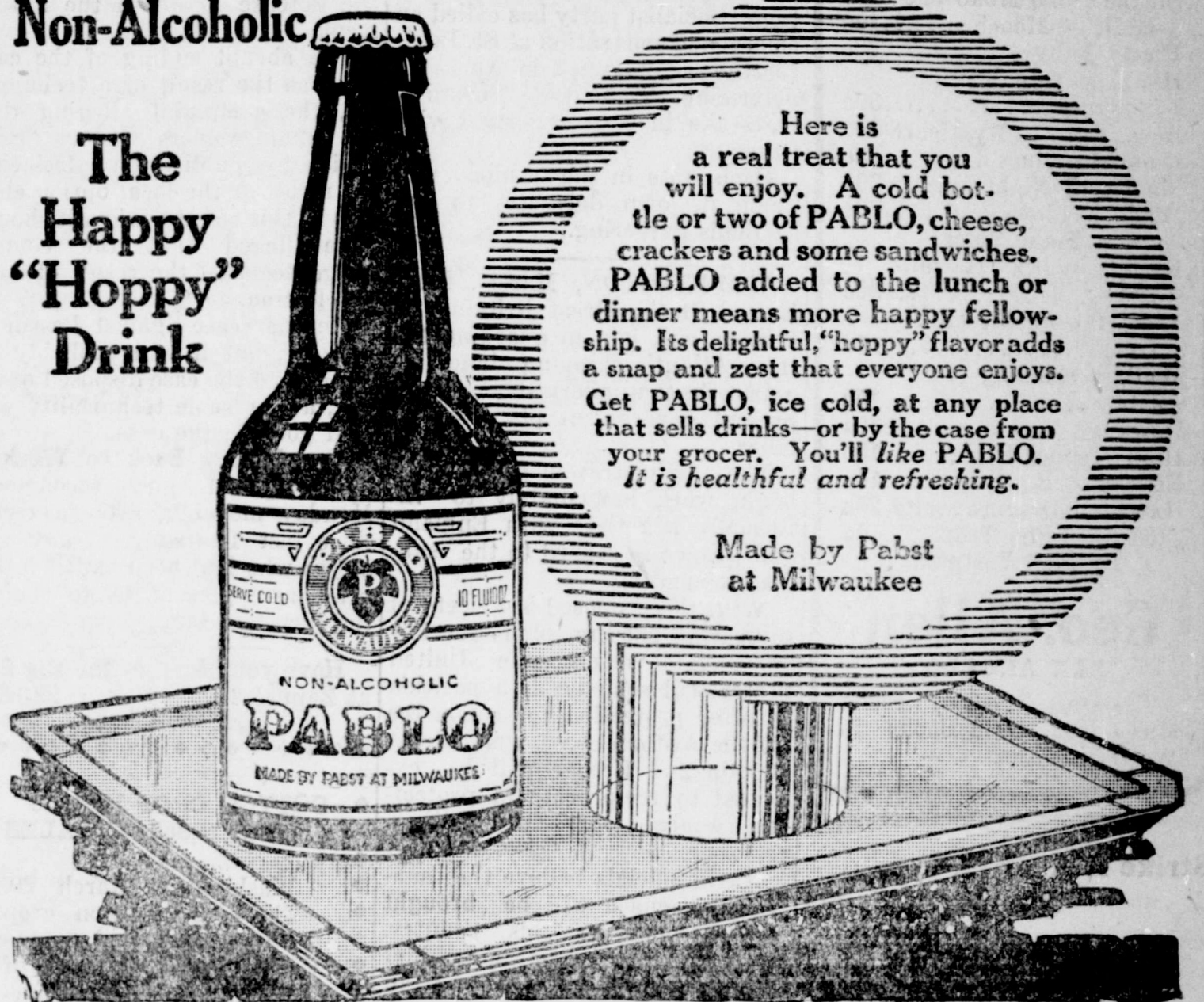
When the report had been read it was adopted by a viva voce vote. There was not one word of debate uttered. Quick action was taken and there seemed to be a relief that the troublous times had passed. The house adjourned after Speaker Fuller announced that the report had been adopted. Governor Ferguson was in the house during the reading and disposal of the report. He had no comment to make on the findings of the committee.

That any member of the house will make any further attempt toward an impeachment of the governor does not appear probable, as the report of the committee seems satisfactory.

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"The people in my community want to do what they can to help Ballinger get the A. & M. College," said Geo. W. Stuart, of Bakers Flat, eight miles northeast of Miles. Mr. Stuart was here on business and said that the people in his neighborhood would circulate petitions, or do anything they could to bring about the location of the college at Ballinger.

Mr. Stuart has been a citizen of Runnels county long enough to know that this county is the best place for an A. & M. college. Mr. Stuart came here only a few years ago and bought 400 acres of land in Bakers Flat. He says that he made more in 1915 than he ever made in any one year in his life. He said that more could be made here on less rain than any place he ever lived.

Ballinger people appreciate the kindly feeling of the good people in the country who are standing loyal to their county site town, and ready to help develop those things that will benefit the entire county.

ATTENDING DISTRICT COURT

Among the number in the city Monday looking after business matters and attending court, we noticed: R. L. Williams, John H. Lewis, of the Crews country; E. G. Bowden, R. P. Taylor of the Norton country; E. J. and L. C. Guin, W. G. Allen, Chum Cathey and J. E. Hudson, of Wingate; J. P. Brooks, Geo. Reeder, Geo. W. Stuart, J. P. Tounget, of Miles; S. H. Guin, E. D. Bowen, of Hatchell and W. A. Somers of Talpa; E. F. Edwards, Wm. Smiley, W. P. Hawkins of Winters; and C. L. Harter of Wilmeth; P. J. Baron and L. Teplieck, of Rowena.

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Noel Penn returned home Saturday night from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Brownwood, and also attended the fat stock show at Fort Worth the past week.

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**Small Boys Had Awful
Experience In Hail Storm**

Four small boys Thursday night had an experience that will linger long in their memories as an adventure. Their parents too, will have cause to remember how near their offsprings came to death from exposure.

Robert McAlpine, Billie McAlpine, Thurman Treadwell and Paul Cusenberry, were on the Colorado river down about four miles near the Giesecke place to fish when the storm occurred Thursday night. None of the boys are over 16 years old.

A camp was pitched in a hollow under an old tree but as the boys had no tent when the rain and hail began, they held blankets over their heads for covering. Soon the hollow in which they were sleeping began to run full of water and camp was moved with haste. A ditch was crossed running full of icy water, with large hailstones and cold rain falling.

One small flashlight was carried by the party, and with this and occasional lightning, the boys managed to get to a group of silos and a house in that neighborhood. It is not known who lives at this house, but the boys said no "nigger" could have been treated worse than were Robert, Billie, Thurman and Paul, when they asked to stay there until morning. Instead of building a fire to warm the boys and dry their clothing, they were told they could sleep in the barn.

One boy had lost his stockings, and only two garments were worn by several boys—they were wet, tired, cold, bruised, hungry, and nearly sick. The older McAlpine boy has only recently been up from an operation for appendicitis.

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However, the boys made the best they could of the affair, and taking off their few remaining clothes, burrowed in some loose cotton seed hulls and warmed up by contact. The next morning they put on pants and shirts, still wet, and not being asked to eat with the owner of the place, went back to get their water-soaked "grub".

E. L. McAlpine, father of two of the boys, stated that he and his wife were almost frantic for safety of their sons all the night and as soon as possible Friday morning phoned to a farmer living in the country near where the boys were fishing to go to their rescue. The farmer sent his negro man out to get the unfortunate little fellows, and was told to report by phone to Mr. McAlpine as soon as he found them. When the boys were found, they told the negro they were "all right," which he duly reported and also added his own version which was considerably stronger. Billie McAlpine was then called to the phone by his father, who told the son he must come home immediately. "Aw, we're all right father," and "we'll be home this afternoon." This after being out nearly all night in a cold rain and hail.

Just before the negro reached the four boys, he passed the draw where the camp had been. Seeing hats and other clothing floating on the water, he supposed the boys had been drowned, and began dragging the pool for the bodies. It was by the merest chance he discovered the boys on their way home.

Several other fishing and camping parties were out Thursday night, but none of them have reported any such a story as these boys. One bunch who left here shortly after eleven o'clock did not even get out of their car, and pulling the side curtains down, held down their seats for the night.

Another incident that occurred Thursday night and which came to light today, was told by Jo Hardin. Mr. Hardin and others were on their way from Paint Rock to Ballinger when the rain came up, which amounted to a regular waterspout where they were at the time. Jo got out when a creek was reached and was looking for a place to cross in safety. Big flakes of ice as big as icebergs floated past, states the oil man, and the stream was coated with ice in many places. This happened about four o'clock in the morning.

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Hides, bones, junk, etc. See I. O. WOODEN, for prices. 16-4tv

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. E. C. Eubanks is getting along fairly well since an operation Thursday at the Halley & Love Sanitarium. She had been suffering from a pain in her head since getting up from measles and an abscess had formed in the forehead just above the left eye and the skull was opened and an operation performed, with successful results.

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WASHINGTON, March 20.—Declaration of war by the United States against Germany appears to depend upon the fate which will befall the first armed American merchantman. It is forecasted that a clash will occur between the merchantmen carrying defense guns and submarines as soon as the merchantmen reach the barred zone. It also appears this afternoon from statements coming from

administration authorities, that an avowal of hostilities by the president will not result from the sinking of the three American freighters last Saturday. While taking every preparedness step possible to take at this time, the president is loath to plunge the country into actual hostilities, hoping that submarines will not attack armed merchantmen.

CHICAGO, March 20.—The National Socialist party has called an emergency convention at St. Louis for the second week in April to determine the attitude Socialists will take in case of war with Germany. Each state in the Union will name its own delegates to the St. Louis gathering.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—United States, Great Britain and France, will join in guarding the trans-Atlantic shipping lanes against Teuton underwater raids, if present government plans materialize.

The administration expects to begin work immediately to informally negotiate with England and France in regard to the submarine menace.

With the proposed big fleet of submarine chasers, plans for larger naval vessels, the United States will soon be in a position to offer protection for commerce off the African coast, while Great Britain and France will be expected to reciprocate in protecting merchant ships in the "barred zone."

Naval officials believe the submarine menace will be brought directly home to this country. Feats such as the German raider U-53 performed off the coast of Nantucket last summer, are expected to be repeated.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—While rejecting Carranza's peace plan proposal wherein the Mexican leader wants to place an embargo on shipments to the allies, President Wilson in his note to the Mexican government just made public, renews the suggestion of co-operation among neutral countries for halting the war.

PASSUR CASES ARE THROWN OUT COURT

The case of the State of Texas vs. N. Passur, charged with selling intoxicating liquors came to a quick end Monday afternoon when District Judge Woodward sustained a motion of counsel for the defense to quash the indictment.

The abrupt ending of the case came as the result of a technicality, the complaint alleging that the commissioners' court gave notice by publication declaring the result of the local option election in this county, when it should have alleged that the county judge declared the result of such an election.

Another case against Passur is pending, but it will probably go the way of the case disposed of today, as the same technicality will hold good in the case.

Grand Jury Back to Work.

The grand jury reconvened Monday morning, after a recess since last Thursday. Many witnesses who had been called to appear were present to go before the jury Monday.

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The following public-spirited firms of Ballinger have cheerfully contributed to the prizes to be awarded winners in the Inter-scholastic League Contests to be held at Ballinger, March 23-24.

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Alexander's Fate in Jury's Hands

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dropped her head and said "very well." Brice said Alexander then asked him if he did not think Docia looked awful bad, and called his attention to the dark streaks under her eyes and blotches on her face.

The state rested with the testimony of Brice, and after a twenty minutes recess the defense began introducing evidence. H. B. Alexander, an old man, was placed on the stand, and testimony introduced in an attempt to impeach the evidence of Lewellen. The witness testified as to visits of Docia to his house, and also of his visits to the defendant's house.

M. N. Oldham, a nephew of the defendant, was also placed on the stand, and offered about the same testimony as that of the defendant's father, none of which had much bearing on the transaction leading up to and following the taking of the prosecutrix to San Angelo, where she gave birth to the child.

Judge Cogsdill, of Winters, an attorney in the case for defense, was placed on the stand. Judge Cogsdill stated that during the last term of court, and while he was leaving the court house, Henry Lewellen left a bench near the walk where he was seated with two women, and approached him and asked him if he had been employed to defend Alexander. Cogsdill testified that he told Lewellen that something had been said to him about helping in the case, and that Lewellen told him that he had better let the case alone, that old man Alexander should have been hung nine years ago and that they were going to break his neck this time, to which

in Winters the day Docia returned from San Angelo, and Alexander asked him to let them ride home with him in his wagon. Brice said he carried Alexander and Docia and Docia's trunk to Truitt that afternoon, and while en route home he asked Docia how she liked her school. The girl Cogsdill said he told Lewellen to go to h. . . and turned and walked off.

In the cross examination Cogsdill said he did not know who the women with Lewellen were, and if there was any one else present at that time he did not know them. He said he did not know Lewellen by name at that time, but had seen the man a number of times. He did not know it was Lewellen until Lewellen began talking to him about the case.

The defendant took the stand and testified in his own behalf. He did not go into detail in denying the charges against him, nor did his attorneys interrogate him in such a way as would bring out a detailed denial of the testimony offered by the state. The defendant stated that he never did any of the things his daughters had sworn that he was guilty of. He denied being the father of the child, or being guilty of any unbecoming conduct with his daughters. He did not testify as to why he carried his daughter to San Angelo, or why he tried to conceal her from the disgrace that had been brought upon her.

The state did not cross examine the defendant, declining to ask him a single question. This was quite a disappointment to many of those in thirst for sensation who filled the court room and stretched their hearing apparatus to the breaking point to drink in every word of the testimony. After introducing about a dozen character witnesses the defense rested. The character witnesses testified that Alexander had a good reputation in the neighborhood where he lived. A number of the witnesses were from Wingate, where the defendant lived for three or four years about ten years ago.

In rebuttal the state used only one witness, and he was a character witness used by the defense, being used by the state in rebuttal to prove Lewellen had a good reputation in the community where he lived.

The attorneys began arguing the case before the jury at eight-thirty Thursday morning. Judges T. T. Crosson, R. B. Truly, and J. P. Cogsdill are representing the defendant, and Judge C. P. Shepherd is assisting District Attorney W. U. Early in the prosecution.

District Judge Woodward overruled the motion of the defense to continue the case of H. F. Alexander, charged with incest, Tuesday afternoon and the work of selecting a jury was completed by nine-thirty Wednesday morning, and the state began at once introducing testimony.

This case is one of the dirtiest ever tried in Rannels county. It is one in which it is hard for man to conceive that such charges could be brought against a father, and to publish the evidence as introduced would be violating all rules of propriety of a decent newspaper.

It is sufficient to say that the state introduced evidence to show that Alexander is the father of his thirteen year old unmarried daughter's child. The prosecutrix in the case was the first witness placed on the stand. Docia Alexander took the stand about nine-thirty and remained on the stand for nearly one hour and a half. She told the jury, how in the fall of 1914, when she was near the age of thirteen years, and while picking cotton near Truitt in the northern part of the county, her father forced his attentions upon her. The treatment continued until October 1915, when she was carried to San Angelo by her father where she was placed in the hands of the salvation army, and where she remained until after her baby was born. The baby was born on Feb. 7, 1916. The girl testified that her father whipped her into submission, at one time whipping her with a bridle rein.

On cross examination Docia Alexander denied that she had ever told any one that a young man, or any one else other than her father was the father of her child. She testified that she had never been in this kind of trouble with any one but her father. The defense failed to cause the witness to vary from her direct testimony.

H. F. Knight, an officer of Abilene, was the second witness called to the stand. The state asked



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permission to use witnesses out of order as there were several witnesses present from a distance, who were anxious to return home. Mr. Knight testified that he and his wife conducted a hotel, or rooming house in Abilene, and that on a certain date Alexander came to their hotel and asked for a room with two beds in it, stating that he had his little girl with him who was sick. The hotel register was introduced showing that Alexander registered on the date specified. The witness did not know what Alexander came to Abilene for, nor did he hear conversations between Alexander and his daughter.

Mrs. Knight followed her husband on the stand and testified along the same lines as her husband stating that a doctor called to see the girl while they were stopping at her hotel. Alexander and the girl left the next day.

Mrs. O'Quinn, of Waco, of the salvation army, and formerly of San Angelo, was placed on the stand. Mrs. O'Quinn stated that Docia Alexander was placed in her charge when she was brought to San Angelo by the defendant, and that she looked after her and took care of her until after the baby was born. She stated that the girl had declined to discuss her condition, and at no time would she say who the father of the child was.

Mrs. Della Mitchel, formerly of San Angelo, but now of Wichita Falls, testified that Docia Alexander spent part of the time while she was at San Angelo with her, and that she conducted herself in a lady like manner, and when asked about her trouble declined to discuss it, but would cry.

Dr. Sealy, of San Angelo, testified that he waited on Docia Alexander when the child was born.

He said he judged the girl at that time to be about fifteen years old.

By agreement between counsel for defense and state the witnesses testifying before noon Wednesday, as above given, were excused, except Docia Alexander, and those living at a distance were permitted to return to their homes Wednesday afternoon. The court recessed at 11:45 until 1:30.

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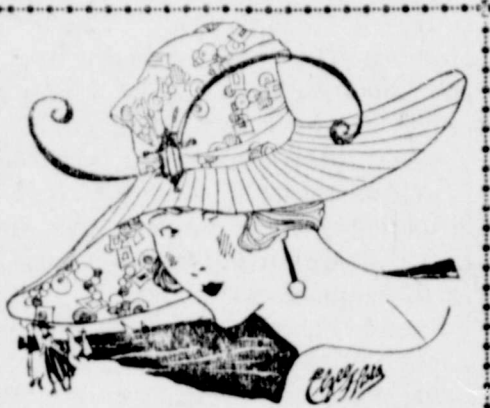
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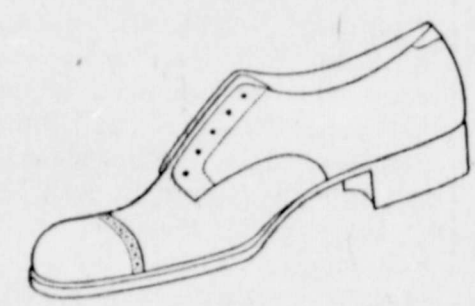
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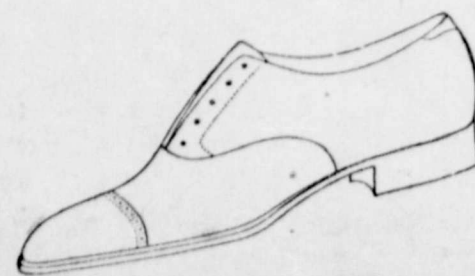
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Eagle and Bronne shirts, in silk, mercerized, and cotton, a wonderful collection, in all the new colorings; in cotton, \$1.00 to \$2.00; mercerized, \$1.50 to \$3.50; silks, \$4.00 to **\$7.50**

Ladies Oxfords & Pumps

We have grouped together about 200 pairs of ladies' pumps and oxfords, in blacks and tans, broken sizes, values \$2.50 to \$4.00, choice **\$1.95**

Melton Dry Goods Co.
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EVERYBODY'S STORE

Boys' Wash Suits

Ages 2 to 5.
Just the thing for mama's boy, made of all white flanne, and in color combinations, fast colors, belted Norfolk style, prices \$1.25 to **\$3.50**

The Emerson Farm Tractor
12 h. p. on Draw Bar—20 on Belt—4-cylinder—Engine—3 Speeds. Heavy Roller Bearings—Light Weight—Economical & Fast.

E-B Foot Lift Plow
Light draft—easy to handle. Equipped with Quick, Adjustable Shovel, 22" x 14" x 22" placed in 6 seconds without tools.

E-B Cultivator
No levers—control it with your feet. Best control of gauge—easy on the horse's nose. Telescope axle—broad, concave tire—long distance magazine wheel boxes.

E-B Gas Engine
15 to 20 H. P.—magneto—equipped with 10 percent discount on all shoes at Zappe's big sale. 22-1d-1w

Wm. Havenhill and Tad Richards of Winters, D. W. Yeager and J. F. White of the Truitt country, were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

J. W. E. Meadows returned home Monday afternoon from a visit to the Fort Worth Stock Show and while gone visited relatives at his old home at Ladonia, a few days.

TRADES HOMES.

The deal was closed this week in which Ebb Cathey traded his home place in West End to LeRoy Nicholson for his home on Eighth street, and the change of residences will be made at once.

Joe Nash, wife and baby, who have been visiting Mr. Nash's mother for the past few weeks left Thursday morning for Tuxedo, where he holds a position with the M. K. & T. railway.

SPRING HILL HAPPENINGS.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Flowers ill.

The little son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Aycock have the measles.

Mrs. Linley has the measles.

We had one of the best singings Sunday night at Spring Hill we have had in quite awhile.

Misses Irene and Olivia Payne visited their brother of Ballinger, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb and family dined with Mr. Dunn's family Sunday.

Miss Dumean and Miss Velma Hightower dined with Eva and Ellen Ingle Sunday.

We are glad to report Mrs. Dumean and daughter, Miss Eva, able to attend Sunday school Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Warne is visiting home folks this week.

There will be preaching at Spring Hill Saturday night and Sunday at eleven. Everybody come and bring some one with them.

The Quinine That Does Not Cause Nervousness or Ringing In Head

Because of its Tonic and Laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. It removes the cause of Colds, Grip and Headache. Used whenever Quinine is needed.

—but remember there is Only One

"Bromo Quinine"

That is the Original

Laxative Bromo Quinine

This Signature on Every Box

E. W. Grove
Used the World Over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Maker also of the Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

BEST SNAKE STORY TOLD THIS SEASON

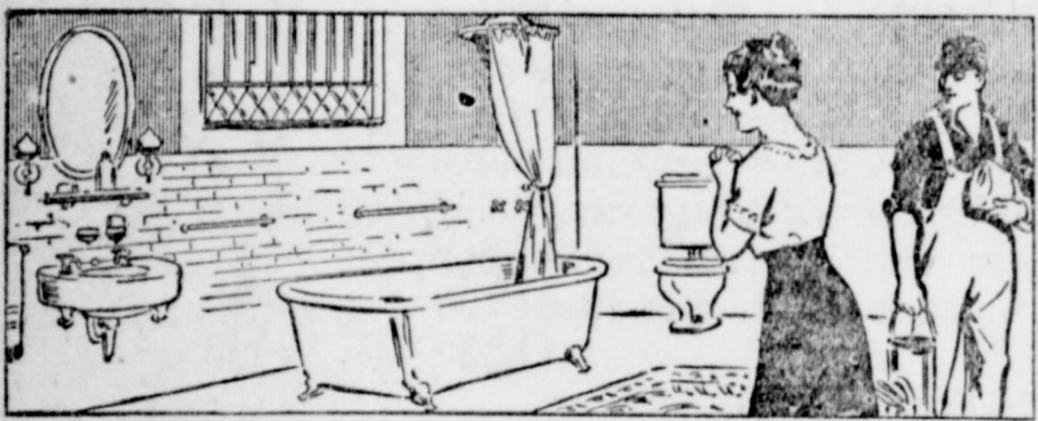
(San Angelo Standard)
 Two hundred and forty-eight rattlesnakes and three coachwhips were killed the first of the week when A. J. Harvell discovered a big bed of reptiles on the Temple Trust company's section of land, 13 miles southeast of San Angelo. Harvell owns a barber shop on East Concho avenue, but resides on the H. Hay farm on Epan Flat. He was in the city Wednesday and claimed his feat to be a record-breaker.
 One of Harvell's children found the den of rattlers on Sunday. That afternoon more than a hundred were shot and chopped to death with hoes and other farm implements. Further destruction of the snakes was contained Monday, but was not finished, it being the general belief of the community that there remains at least 200 snakes in the den, located on a small knoll not far from the Hay farmhouse.
 Some of the snakes measured 5-12 feet in length and three and four inches in diameter, according to Harvell.

CASTORIA

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

POPULAR YOUNG LADY AFTER SUBSCRIPTION

Miss Mae McElroy, who can be seen most any night selling tickets at the Queen Theatre, is hard at work these days securing subscriptions to the Southern Woman's Magazine. Miss Mae has already over fifty subs for this popular magazine for the home, and upon receiving two hundred names, will get a free railroad ticket on a western tourist route. It will be remembered Miss Mae was lucky enough to take a prize trip last year, and she tells her friends want to give her a western tour this year "to get her out of town."



Pleasing Workmanship

Of course you want your plumbing installed with careful regard to convenience of arrangement. That is our first thought when we undertake the work.

But it isn't all. We use particular caution not to mar the walls or floors of your home. We aim to leave the finished work as neat and tidy as possible.

And we are exceptionally careful to see that all joints and connections are perfectly tight—everything in good working order.

Repairing done promptly and efficiently.

E. G. Allison & Son
 Phone 136

TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL GROUND

It will be remembered by readers of this paper that the school board recently announced that an effort would be made to purchase the block of land adjoining the Central school campus, and make it a permanent play ground. At present the school children are permitted to play on this ground, but it is for sale, and the owners, or at least the owners of part of the land, announce that they are going to sell it.

The school board can not use the school money to buy this land, even if the money was in the treasury, hence the real problem confronting them is financing the proposition. The patrons of the school and the citizens in general realize the importance of securing this land, and those expressing themselves agree that now is the time to buy it, while it can be had at a reasonable figure and before it is sold to different ones for building purposes, and houses constructed.

A committee appointed by the school board to take steps towards closing a deal for the block of land, find that practically all the land in this block can be brought at a reasonable figure. The proposition of raising the cash has been under discussion, and the various clubs of the city will be interested in the work and an effort made to raise the cash. It will require something like \$1250 to buy the entire block, but the deal can be closed with a reasonable cash payment, as a public spirited member of the board in the person of W. B. Ray, has agreed to put up the cash to handle the deal and will buy the land for the school, accepting a reasonable cash payment and permitting the board to pay the balance just as it can be raised.

We consider this one of the most important propositions confronting the school interest for some time. This land is not only badly needed by the school at present, but there are big chances that it will become more valuable, and the demand for it will increase as the country develops. As we see it the school board will fail to do its duty if a determined effort was not made to add this land to the school property, and the patrons of the school will fail to do their duty if they do not back the school board up and help to put the deal through.

MOTHER! YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, FROM CONSTIPATION

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

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

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

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

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

ROBBERS BLOW SAFE AT WINCHELL

A general mercantile store at Winchell, a little town on the Frisco between Brownwood and Brady, was the victim of robbers Wednesday night. The robbers blew the safe open with nitroglycerin. The safe was completely shattered and the robbers secured \$30 in currency.



Rheumatism Is My Weather Prophet.

I can tell stormy weather days off by the twinges in my shoulders and knees. But here's an old friend that soon drives out the pains and aches.

Sloan's Liniment is so easy to apply, no rubbing at all, it sinks right in and fixes the pain. Cleaner than musky plasters and ointments. Try it for gout, lumbago, neuralgia, bruises and sprains. At your druggist, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

Sloan's Liniment KILLS PAIN

146 AUTOS AND 26 WEDDINGS

The auto register in County Clerk McCarver's office is growing with leaps and bounds and is becoming badly worn from constant handling, while the marriage record is almost useless, and occupies a place on the book rack covered with dust. The clerk has become fully convinced that the old way of courting, with a gentle horse and an H. M. T. seat buggy, is more effective than the auto route.

Since the first of the present year the clerk has issued only twenty-six permits to wed, while he has been called on to register the names of 146 auto purchasers. The auto numbers up to Thursday at noon totaled 1278. Twenty cars have been registered since the first of March.

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

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

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

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

BRYAN CRITICISES TEXAS LAWMAKERS

AUSTIN, March 17.—William Jennings Bryan delivered an address before the Texas legislature this morning. Mr. Bryan spoke for more than two hours, devoting the time chiefly to a discussion of the prohibition question. He criticized the members of the legislature who failed to support the submission resolution, and declared that their action would be the means of strengthening nationwide prohibition. Mr. Bryan also advocated woman suffrage and opposed national military training as called for in the preparedness policy.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene DuBois, of Detroit, Mich., who had been visiting their brother-in-law, D. C. Underwood the past week, left Sunday afternoon for their home.

Judge Wright of San Angelo, was among the visiting lawyers attending to legal business in the district court in our city Monday.

BALLINGER'S CREDIT FOR BEING CLEAN

The Mid-Texas Mothers' Congress met in Brownwood Friday Mrs. Scott H. Mack, of this city, represented Ballinger at the congress. She responded to the address of welcome.

Responding to the address of welcome Mrs. Scott H. Mack of Ballinger invited the conference to meet in Ballinger next year, and intimated that the meeting would be held in the auditorium of the new West Texas A. and M. college. "We have come here with the expectation of receiving much good from our association with the progressive women of Brownwood," she said. "Your efforts in our behalf are fully appreciated, and we hope that in some measure we may sometime be able to repay you. Your spirit of courtesy and of hospitality is so splendid that we feel at home here."

In reporting the meeting of the mother's congress, the Brownwood Bulletin, said:

Mrs. Scott H. Mack of Ballinger gave a detailed report of the work of the Civic League of the city. The organization was formed last August, she said, and is now getting its plans outlined in earnest. The chief activity of the club has been that of cleaning the city, although improvements have been made at the school ground as well.

As a result of the clean-up campaign, which is now on, she said Ballinger is now cleaner than it has ever before been, and that the civic league intends to keep it so.

Do You Want Winter Layers?

My Barred Plymouth Rocks are bred to lay. They are the result of careful breeding and selection for meat, eggs, and beauty. Male birds are from the best breeders in the State, and are carefully selected and mated. First grade egg, \$1.50 per 15; Second, \$1.00. Incubator lots, \$1.00 per 100.

R. P. CROUCH, Ballinger, Tex.

LEM GRESWELL'S CONDITION SERIOUS

(Santa Anna News)
 Lem Creswell, an employee at Pope well No. 2, was seriously injured Monday afternoon, when a heavy wheel fell against his shoulder and bore him to the ground. Creswell and a fellow employee were trying to lift the wheel into place when it toppled over on the unfortunate man and twisted his body into such a position that a section of the vertebrae was cracked. One rib was also fractured and he was otherwise mashed and bruised, but the attending physician does not think his injuries are necessarily fatal. The spinal cord is not injured, he thinks, and if no complications arise he expects Creswell to survive, but he will be laid up for several weeks.

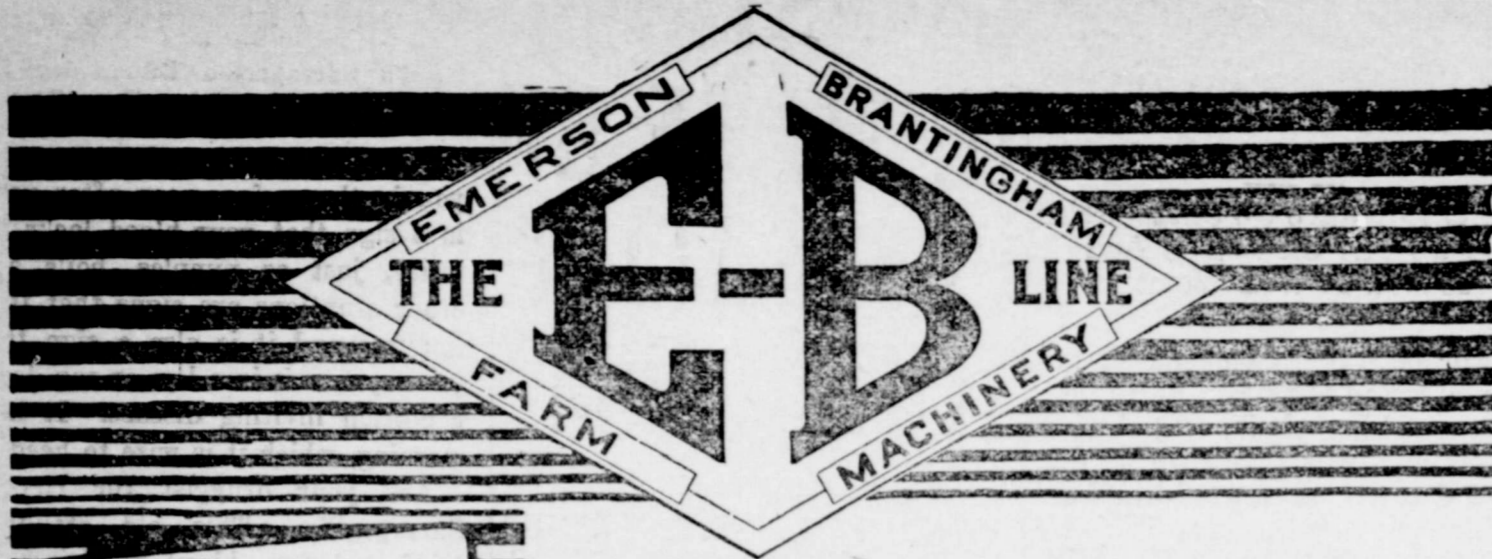
Creswell is from the Leaday community and has a wife and three children. These arrived Tuesday to be with him at the

A Bilious Attack.
 When you have a bilious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach, and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

J. T. Russell and J. M. Nichols, and J. G. Goetz of the Winters country, and H. Kay and K. O. Berry of the Norton country and W. A. Esmond and H. C. Moten, of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

It Always Helps
 says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill."
 I wish every suffering woman would give
CARDUI
 The Woman's Tonic
 a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."
 Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.
Get a Bottle Today!

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Your Guide to Better Farming

We are glad to recommend E-B Implements. We know that they are built up to the highest ideals in quality and are sold at fair prices through economy in manufacturing methods.

Each implement in the E-B line was created to fill an actual need—to do farm work better, in less time or at lower cost.

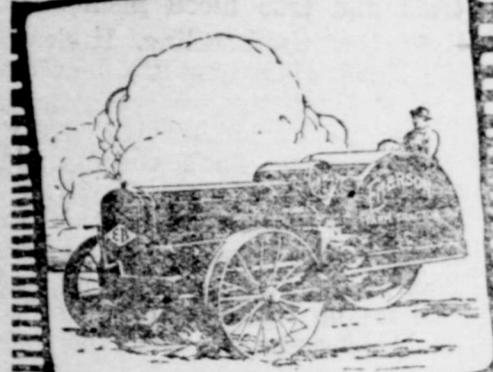
What do you need in new farm machines for your spring work? Come in and let us fill your needs from the E-B line. If our stock does not include the machine you need, we can quickly get it for you.

The E-B line includes the following:

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| Flows | Hay Tools | Tractors, Kerosene |
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| Mowers | Wagons | Threshers |
| Spreaders | Buggies | Corn Shellers |
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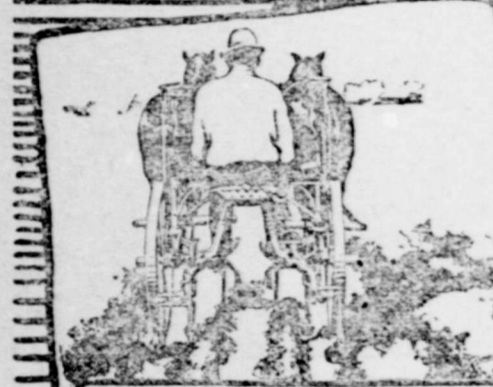
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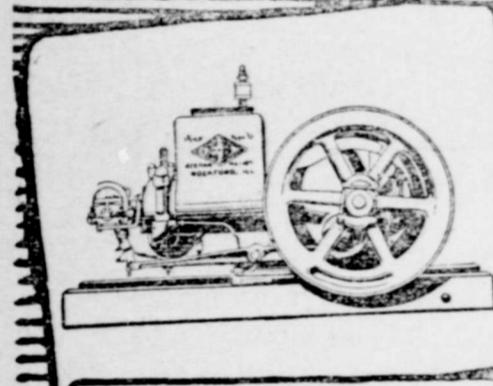
The Emerson Farm Tractor
12 h. p. on Draw Bar—20 on P.D.T. 4-cylinder Engine—2 Speeds. Front Roller Bearings. Light Weight—Economical of Fuel.



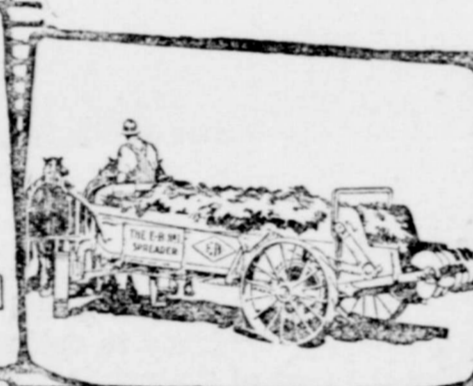
E-B Foot Lift Flow
Light draft—easy to handle. Equipped with Quick Detachable Shovel, front roller or replaced in a second without tools.



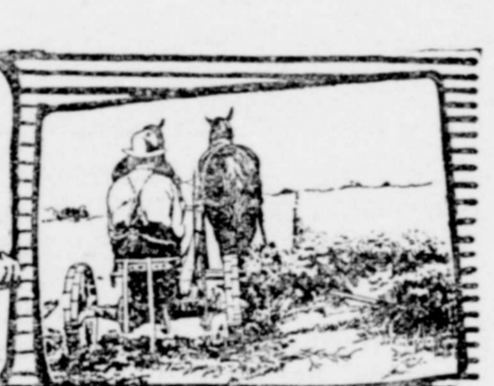
E-B Cultivator
No levers—control it with your feet. Easy control of gangs—easy on the horse's neck. Telescope axle—head, convex tires—long distance mowing—wide bottom.



E-B Gas Engine
1 1/2 to 4 H. P.—magneto equipped—on skids or portable type—for all farm work.



E-B Low Down Spreader
Spreads evenly 6 ins. wider than the wheels. Chain drive—steel construction. Light draft, weight 150 lbs. 50 bushels capacity.



E-B Standard Mower
Lever and spring transfer cutter—easy weight to drive wheels. Increases traction or cutting power.

TWO FIGHTS; TWO SERIOUSLY HURT

In a difficulty at a party near Winters Saturday night, Frank Brown, son of W. H. Brown, was stabbed in the back and seriously injured. A knife blade was removed from the young man's back, and while the injury is in the region of the spine and re-

ported to be a serious one, the attending physician says that it is not necessary fatal and the man will recover unless complications should set up.

E. F. Seaman surrendered to the officers and was brought to Ballinger. He is being held under bond to await the action of the grand jury, which is now in session. The difficulty, we understand, was the result of trouble that has been brewing between the two young men for some time.

Roy Scoggins, of the Wingate country, came to Ballinger Monday and is here waiting the action of the grand jury in the investigation of a difficulty that took place between Scoggins and Tim Royston at Wingate Sunday evening. In the difficulty Scoggins sustained a broken hand and minor injuries while Royston is reported in a serious condition. Royston's injuries consist of a badly bruised and cracked head, and at a late hour Monday the physicians declined to say what the outcome would be. The man was able to be brought to Ballinger.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Cards are out announcing the graduating exercises of The Ballinger Training School for Nurses at the Carnegie Library, Friday evening, March 30th, 1917, at 8 o'clock. The committee extends a cordial invitation to the entire citizenship of Ballinger to attend the exercises.

John Huffstetler, of San Saba, was here this week visiting his son of the valley creek country. Mr. Huffstetler came through the country in his auto, and while here made a trip over the county. He expressed himself as being well pleased with this county, and he may become a citizen of Rannels county some time. He is keeping up with the developments of the county by reading the Banner-Ledger regularly, and while here secured one of our dictionaries.

J. R. Stubblefield of the Valley creek country, W. T. Garner, of Norton, J. D. Reynolds and Marvin Grimes of the Maverick country, J. A. Iden and C. Korngay, of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and while here Mr. Korngay had the Daily Ledger sent to his address for six months.



CREDIT

There are times in the lives of successful men when **CREDIT**

at the bank is of vital importance. But the time to establish that credit is before its use is required.

Establish Your Credit

with us now and in your time of need we will back you to the limits of Sound Banking Practice.

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

DEALING DEATH BLOW TO THE CATTLE TICK

DALLAS, Tex., March 19.—Passage of the state cattle tick eradication bill by the legislature has added new interest to the local eradication election which will be held in the county April 3. The new law makes it compulsory to eradicate the tick in a given time and those counties which do the work at once will only be taking time by the clock.

Many vats have already been built in Dallas County and others are under construction. The United States Bureau of Animal Industry with headquarters at Fort Worth is sending out literature to all voters in the county urging them to vote for tick eradication, one letter going to voters in the county precincts and another to town voters. A general letter signed by a number of Dallas business men and institutions is also being mailed. Dairymen will also be asked to leave with their customers on election day a note urging them to vote for tick eradication.

A letter recently mailed is as follows:

"No one can say a single good thing in favor of the cattle tick. Every thinking farmer, dairyman, stockman and business man in Dallas County is or should be a sworn enemy of this leech on the local live stock industry.

"The tick sucks blood from cow, steer and calf,—blood made from food which ought to be going to make milk, meat and fat. The tick, therefore, is eating your food, milk and beef, and is making a big hole in the money which ought to be in the pockets of dairy men, stockmen and local business interests.

"The tick transmits tick fever and each year kills many thousands of cattle in the area quarantined in Texas. This fever, known as bloody murrain, prevents the introduction of worthy animals for breed improvement. Where the tick is, scrub cattle are the rule, good cattle the exception. Where the tick is dipped out, good cattle become the rule and scrubs the exception.

"The tick can be eradicated. It already has been dipped out of nearly half the quarantined area. Wherever the tick has been dipped out more and better cattle are being raised, death loss from tick fever has been eliminated, spring losses have been reduced and cattle owners are getting more milk and meat for every ton of feed used.

"The tick is an enemy to prosperity and hurts every legitimate business interest. That is why business men, including farmers, are in favor of its eradication. Join with your county live-stock association and the business men in eradicating the tick; build dipping vats; the Commissioners' Court will help you; dip the tick; begin now and you will finish him in one season."

Don't Let Your Cough Hang On.

A cough that racks and weakens is dangerous, it undermines your health and thrives on neglect. Relieve it at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. This soothing balsam remedy heals the throat, loosens the phlegm, its antiseptic properties kill the germ and the cold is quickly broken up. Children and grown-ups alike find Dr. King's New Discovery pleasant to take as well as effective. Have a bottle handy in your medicine chest for gripe, croup and all bronchial affections. At druggists, 50c.

TAFT TO ADDRESS DALLAS PEACE CONVENTION

The City of Dallas is sending out invitations urging the various towns to have representatives at Dallas on March 27th when ex-President Taft will address the people in the interest of organizing a League of Nations after the present war, that will guarantee and enforce future peaceful settlements of disputes between nations.

Mayor Powell received a request to appoint delegates from this city to the Dallas convention, and he has announced the appointment of the following:

T. T. Crosson, Jon. I. Guion, R. B. Truly, A. K. Doss, Tom Patterson, R. S. Griggs, Q. V. Miller, M. C. Smith, C. P. Shepherd, and J. H. Baugh.

Colds Coughs Catarrh

A trinity of evils, closely allied, that afflict most people, and which follow one on the other, in the order named, until the last one is spread through the system, leading to many evils. But their course can be checked.

PERUNA CONQUERS

It is of great value when used promptly for a cold, usually checking it and overcoming it in a few days. Ample evidence has proved that it is even of more value in overcoming chronic catarrh, dispelling the inflammatory conditions, enabling the diseased membranes to perform their natural functions, and toning up the entire system.

The experience of thousands is a safe guide to what it may be expected to do for you. Liquid or tablets—both tested by the public and approved.

THE PERUNA COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

PARK WORK ATTRACTING ATTENTION

While it is early in the season and vegetation has not added to the attractiveness of the court house park, the wonderful improvements being made in that beauty spot is attracting the attention of the public. E. D. Haden, in charge of the work, has a bunch of prisoners on the job and the park is being leveled up—high places cut down and low places filled in, flower beds prepared and seed planted. The park in years past has attracted the attention of visitors to the city, but the really beauty of the place is to be seen during the coming spring and summer.

Lazy Liver Is Spring Fever

Same old symptoms—coated tongue, bad breath, headache, dizziness. Brighten up! Don't let a sluggish liver dull your brain. Po-Do-Lax, nature's liver regulator made from the may apple makes work easier for your liver. It stimulates the flow of bile and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog your intestines. Clear up that muddy complexion, chase out that tired feeling with Po-Do-Lax. Get a bottle today at your druggist, 50c.

SELECTING TO PLANT MINES

Chicago, March 20.—"Got any use for a professional dynamiter?" was the startling query addressed to Sergeant Enk of the United States Marine Corps recruiting station here by Robert S. Phillips, who applied for enlistment today.

"I am a human torpedo," he added, "I can blow up anything

from a tin can to a battleship."

Phillips explained that things had been quiet his line for some time, as engineering operations have been practically suspended during the war. He said that he had heard that the "soldiers of the sea" were always first on the spot, and that they would probably offer the best field for his talents.

He was accepted and sent to Charleston, S. C., for training and detail to a mine planting company.

JUST GOT OVER A COLD?

Look out for kidney troubles and backache. Colds overtax the kidneys and often leave them weak. For weak kidneys—well, read what a Ballinger man says:

Geo. B. Eskridge, prop., of shooting gallery, Eighth St., Ballinger, says: "I had a spell of La-Grippe that affected my kidneys. I suffered so much from my back that I could hardly keep going and I had dull, throbbing pains across my loins. My sight blurred and I had dizzy spells. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage. I used Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured from the Walker Drug Co., and they strengthened my back and relieved all symptoms of kidney complaint."

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

A. A. Kahlig, of the Oilfield country, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

SPRING'S COMING

You will need lumber for making improvements around your home. When you think of building and painting think of

Ballinger Lumber Company



STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
March 5th, 1917

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$375,779.70
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,800.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	55,824.75
Cash and Exchange	137,863.59
	\$624,768.04

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	53,321.80
Unearned Interest	9,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	437,446.24
	\$624,768.04

The above statement is correct. R. G. Erwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

The Coming Baby

Every help that will tend to aid the expectant mother and foster the well-being of the tiny infant should be promptly rendered.

The time before childbirth is one of much discomfort. This is caused in a large measure by the tightening and straining of the abdominal tissues, as well as the network of cords, ligaments and muscles in that part of the body.

For many years thousands of women have successfully used the preparation known as "Mother's Friend." It is safe and dependable to be used by every prospective mother. A famous physician formulated the preparation. "Mother's Friend" is for external use, and is composed of special oils and other ingredients which have a penetrating and softening effect. Relief from much of the pain at the crisis is found.

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SHORT BABY CROP CONFRONTS GERMANY

BERLIN, March 20.—One of the biggest problems confronting the Reichstag, which reconvened here today is that of increasing the birth rate in Germany. Many radical proposals have been made and the government will sift them all.

The Committee of 28 appointed to investigate this matter is expected to report. The more conservative proposals include economic steps to make earlier marriages possible; higher wages, regulation of vice and the limitation of disease, making marriage easier.

Other proposals include heavy bachelor taxes, plural voting rights for men with large families and money premiums for mothers bearing many children.

Another plan is to make professional education courses shorter so young lawyers, doctors and professional men can get established and married before their 25th or 30th year.

G. W. Wilson and son Max, of the Pony creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday and reports a good rain at his place last week and says the hail was light and did no damage.

Attorney L. B. Harris of San Angelo, was looking after legal business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price left Monday afternoon for Waco, where they will spend a few weeks while Mr. Price does some carpenter contract building.

J. R. Turner, of the Norton country and W. P. Vaughn, of Crews, and H. W. Henniger, of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

A. G. Barnett of Glascock county, a former citizen of this city, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to Santa Anna on a business trip.

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FLEMING HEADS MID-Texas TEACHERS

The teachers who went from this county to attend the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association at Brownwood last Friday, returned home Saturday night. They are loud in their praise of the treatment accorded them by the Brownwood people, and report a profitable two days session of teachers convention. Questions of vital importance to the educational interest of Mid-Texas, as well as Texas as a whole, were discussed and resolutions adopted that will stimulate the passage of laws favorable to better education.

W. S. Fleming, superintendent of the Ballinger schools, was honored with the presidency of the association, being unanimously elected to head the association for the coming year. An executive committee was appointed, and the duty of selecting the next place of meeting will fall upon the committee. Mr. Fleming stated that the committee would meet at the proper time and select the place. He expressed himself as favorably toward Brownwood as that place is centrally located for the Mid-Texas teachers, and is peculiarly fitted for taking care of such a convention. However, this question will be in the hands of the committee, and the town that extends the most cordial invitation will no doubt get the convention.

Following is a list of the officers and members of the executive committee selected:

The officers as elected are as follows:

Pres. W. S. Fleming, Rummels. First V. P. W. J. Gayden, Coleman.

Sec. V. P. Henry Simms, Erath. Secy.-Treas. T. E. Gay, Goldthwaite.

Trans. Secy. E. E. Kirkpatrick. The following were appointed on the Executive Committee:

J. E. Hickman, Coleman county. R. F. Holloway, Comanche. E. L. White, McCulloch county. T. B. Weaver, Mills county. Joe Brown, San Saba county.

W. S. Fleming, Rummels county. L. T. Litsty, Mason county. T. H. Holmes, Menard county. J. E. Cox, Erath county.

V. L. Griffin, Brown county. D. A. Webb, Coleman county. R. D. Foster, Hamilton.

Rob Lee, Lampasas. F. E. Smith, Tom Green county. H. Gintz, Calahan county. O. C. Britton, Eubanks county. D. F. McLeon, Llano.

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Dr. J. M. Pyburn, of Collidge, Texas, is here visiting his son, J. M. Pyburn, Jr. Dr. Pyburn has been practicing medicine in Limestone county for nearly thirty years, and his son comes into the drug business naturally. The doctor was very favorably impressed with Ballinger and Rummels county, remarking on the splendid agricultural advantages at length.

Another new shipment of books has arrived for the Carnegie Library and will probably be ready for the public Tuesday, and at least not later than Saturday afternoon. Catering to the popular taste, a number of Western novels are being secured, a representative list of which will be found in the last assignment. Gilbert Parker, Owen Wister and Zane Grey, are among the authors who contribute to this list.

Here are the new novels received: "Wildfire," by Zane Grey; "Life and Gabriella"; "Over Paradise Ridge"; "Phyllis"; "My Lady Caprice"; by Jeffrey Farnol; "Members of the Family," by Owen Wister; "Little Eve Edger-ton," by Eleanor Hollowell Abbott; "Lydia of the Pines"; "Bindle"; "The Castaways"; "People Like That"; "Romance of a Christmas Card"; "Blithe McBride"; by Beulah Marie Dix; "Kildares of Storm"; "Mary Gusta"; "The Short Cut"; by Gregory Jackson; "The World for Sale," by Gilbert Parker.

Paul Hellmann, of Corpus Christi, who had been to Paint Rock to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ella Morris passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home.

T. H. Martin, of the Crews country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

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NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS—Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the land owned or controlled by the undersigned in Rummels 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

NEW BOOKS NOW AT THE LIBRARY

46 PLEAD GUILTY TO ELECTION FRAUDS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 21.—Forty-six of the men indicted on election fraud charges, out of the one hundred and fifty indicted, plead guilty when arraigned for trial here today in federal court. Others filed demurrers or plead not guilty and will contest their cases.

HOUSE GETTING READY TO QUIT

AUSTIN, March 21.—The house held a short session early this morning and recessed until two o'clock this afternoon, waiting for the senate to send bills and free conference reports. Speaker Fuller was remembered by the members of the house and presented with a diamond, and other presents were given him by officers and employees.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin, of the Norton country, motored over to Ballinger Monday to do some shopping for a few hours.

Dr. Herndon, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Monday.

TWO YEARS IN BED AND ROLLING CHAIR

Mrs. Wilson Gave Up Once—Gains 25 Pounds On Tanlac And Is Now A Well Woman

"For two years I spent all my time either in the hospital, in bed, or in a rolling chair, and during that time I was given up to die, and I don't guess I would be here now if it hadn't been for Tanlac," said Mrs. E. O. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is well-known in Atlanta, her husband having been employed by The Constitution for a number of years.

"I was a great sufferer from chronic indigestion," continued Mrs. Wilson, "and don't guess anybody ever had to go through with what I did. I was very weak and nervous, and at times had those dreadful smothering sensations to the point of fainting. I had dreadful headaches, severe pains in my back and over my kidneys and my joints ached all the time. For two years I had to live entirely on boiled milk, toast and soft boiled eggs, and even that didn't digest well, and would sour on my stomach. I didn't know what it was to get a good night's sleep. I took one kind of medicine after another until our house was almost filled with empty bottles, but instead of improving I was getting worse all the time. Finally they took me to the hospital for treatment, and I lay there for five long months, but even that didn't make me well. It was taking nearly every cent of my husband's wages to pay my doctor and drug bill—our drug bill alone amounted to \$14 or \$15 a month, and one doctor bill amounted to \$108.

"It looked like everything had failed to help me, and I had about given up all hope when one day my husband brought a bottle of Tanlac home with him and asked me to take it. He said he had been reading and hearing a lot of good things about it, and didn't see any reason why it shouldn't help me. I was confined to my rolling chair when I began taking it.

"Do I look like an invalid now? I certainly don't feel like one, and I have actually gained twenty-five (25) pounds on eleven bottles of Tanlac, and feel as well as I ever did, in my life. I can eat anything I want—such things as meat, turnips, hard-boiled eggs don't hurt me a particle, and I sleep as good as I did when I was a girl in my teens. I can get about as well as anybody and just the other day I walked down town, and I am running around the neighborhood calling on my friends nearly all the time now. I haven't a pain about me. I believe I am the happiest woman in Atlanta, and I think I have a right to be. I think my recovery is almost a miracle, and everybody in our neighborhood thinks the same."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Walker Drug Co., in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford and in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy.

DEVASTATION IN WAKE OF RETREATING TEUTON ARMY

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES ADVANCING ON THE WESTERN FRONT, March 20.—One hundred and sixteen square miles of territory burned black and rent with wanton explosions, is the prize wrenched from the Germans by the victorious French armies.

One little district around Chaulnes to the Oise river is merely a part of the vast territory re-occupied by the French after hot pursuit of the enemy.

The German retreat is in precipitate haste and resembles the famous retreat from the Marne.

This territory, however, marked by wanton destruction devastation of all living things, is typical of German ruthlessness in retreat, exceeding even the devastation in the original German invasion.

LONDON, March 20.—The latest news from the western front says that the German retreat has slowed up. Dispatches indicate that the halt might be attributed to stormy weather that is prevailing along the western front; although it is possible that the Germans have reached a line of stronger defense, and occupying positions better prepared for checking the British Advance.

LONDON, March 19.—The greatest occupancy of territory of any belligerent in the Great War since the German sweep toward the Marne in 1915, thrilled England this morning.

This time the entente allied forces are the gainers. Nearly five hundred square miles of territory between the Arras sector and the River Oise is added to the allies' holding by General Haig's new occupying movement.

Military experts, however, are inclined to put the "soft pedal" on the popular tendency to optimism on the part of the public. The critics point out that the German retreat is not a headlong rout but a methodical, systematic, turning back from untenable positions on the Western front. Other military positions have doubtless long been prepared by the Germans before they withdrew their advanced lines.

PARIS, March 19.—A hundred towns and villages were occupied by the French in the last three days advance on the Western front, south of Bapaume.

LONDON, March 17.—The British have captured Bapaume. This was the stronghold of the Germans and a key to their defense on the western front. The British along the western front has been hammering on Bapaume since the new offensive movement was launched, and the capture comes as an encouragement to the allied army.

PARIS, March 17.—A Zeppelin was brought down last night near Compiègne. The air craft fell from a great height and the crew was burned to death in the wreckage when the ship was destroyed. The Zeppelin is supposed to have been returning to Germany from England.

Mrs. Dave Cohn, of Houston, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. Trail since the death of their father, Capt. N. F. Bonsal, left for her home Monday afternoon. Her mother, Mrs. Bonsal, accompanied her home to visit for some time.

Robert Coggins, the Walker Drug Co.'s sudden service purveyor, happened to an unfortunate accident Monday afternoon while delivering a prescription. A child with a "nigger shooter" hit Bobby in the eye, causing considerable pain and endangering his sight. The eye is all bandaged up and today Bobby is back on his motorcycle.

Mrs. H. A. Bradley and son and her son-in-law, W. H. Pope, of the Crews country, were shopping and looking after business affairs in Ballinger Monday.

WHEN FEELING TIRED

Hood's Sarsaparilla Builds Up the Whole System—Makes Pure Blood.

That tired feeling that comes to you in the spring, year after year, is a sign that your blood lacks vitality, just as pimples, boils and other eruptions are signs that it is impure; and it is also a sign that your system is in a low or run-down condition inviting disease. It is a warning, which it is wise to heed.

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FIRST WEEK IN MAY TO BE BABY WEEK

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Plans to make Baby Week celebrations throughout the country this year from May 1 to May 6, a huge educational movement for the reduction of mortality among women at child-birth are under way at the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor today.

Baby Week celebrations in the past have been directed more towards reducing infant mortality. The fact, however, that 15,000 mothers are dying annually from conditions incident to child-birth has opened up an even greater problem, the Bureau announced. Ignorance and neglect are the prime causes for this high mortality.

Many women, one official at the Bureau said, do not seem to realize how much their own health and the health of their children depends on the intelligent care of the mother before her baby is born. Baby week can help mothers in various ways and it will be made the starting point, this year, for certain concrete activities.

Plans now being completed, will include centers for mothers living in the country to gather and take pre-natal educational work. The needs of rural mothers are less generally understood than those of city mothers and a rural nursing service is urged as one means of reducing the mortality rate in sections far removed from the city.

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OIL STEAMER RUNS ASHORE

Galveston, March 21.—A Gulf Refining Co., oil steamer, the Winifred, is ashore near Tampico. Tugs arriving here report that they attempted to float the steamer and left her in a dangerous condition.

L. C. Guin, of Tahoka, who had been in the city attending court, left Tuesday afternoon for his home. Mr. Guin is one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of Wingate and recently bought land near Tahoka and is putting it in cultivation and otherwise improving the same.

Mrs. Bob Manley left Monday afternoon for Bertram to visit relatives and friends a few weeks.

Mrs. C. E. Nelms left Monday afternoon for Lometa to visit relatives for a few weeks.

Saturday, March 31st closes The Ledger's Dictionary offer. If you want one of the best dictionaries you had better get it this week.

Mrs. G. H. Garland, Jr., who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jo Harbin and family, the past few days, left Saturday for her home at Dallas.

W. E. Chambers left Saturday afternoon for Santa Anna to visit his mother and friends over Sunday.

The Ledger will close their sale of 98c dictionaries next week.
P. T. Callaway, manager of the Ballinger compress, left Monday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.
Mrs. A. H. Van Pelt returned Saturday afternoon from San Angelo, where she had been visiting Mrs. A. J. Marberry and family the past few days.

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RUSS HAIL DAWN OF NEW LIBERTY ERA

PETROGRAD, March 19.—Full rights of citizenship for the Jews and abolition of the Jewish Pale in Russia is the further progressive step taken by Democratic Russia today.

The Jews throughout the empire hailed the order with great rejoicing. Petrograd is astir with enthusiasm, with the streets packed with crowds. Perfect order is prevailing in the city and all public utilities are running as of old.

Newspapers which were previously closed by the government are this afternoon republishing their papers with entire freedom of editorial power.

LONDON, March 19.—Characterizing the Russian revolution as "one of the landmarks of history of the world," Premier David Lloyd George this morning indicated to the House of Commons he would move that the British government extend congratulations to the Russian Duma for the establishment of the new government.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Petrograd is quiet this afternoon, and a similar condition is apparent in other parts of Russia, according to the first cablegram received from American ambassador Francis, since a consular statement sent the state department last week.

Petrograd, March 17.—Grand Duke Michael expressed a willingness to accept the throne of Russia only upon the condition that the case be settled with a referendum vote to the people, giving the populace an opportunity to express their approval of that form of government with him as the head of the government. If the plan of government as contended for by the anti-militarist is approved, Michael will assume the throne.

PETROGRAD, March 17.—All army officers of Petrograd met late yesterday and unanimously resolved to recognize the authority of the duma. By order of the provisional government, Governor Zein, of Finland, was arrested, and Deputy Rodicheff has been named to finish the affairs. The Czar issued a manifesto to the people to rally to the support of the new government, and believes that dedication was necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, and for the settlement of Russia's internal affairs. The Czar's proclamation says, "in these decisive days we realize that we owe the people close union and organization of all forces for the realization of rapid victory; therefore we yield in agreement to the imperial duma. We recognize that for country's good we should abdicate the crown and lay down our supreme power."

AMSTERDAM, March 17.—The unrest in Germany against militarist and repression of the German people, has been violently accelerated by the success of the Russians casting off the yoke that has been a burden for centuries. The anti-militarist faction in Germany will gain strength by the success of the revolution in Russia.

Even the elements who favor autocratic control has been affected by the news received here from Petrograd, seeing therein the failure of Germany's plans, and instead of Russia growing weaker as war progresses that nation is likely to grow stronger.

Dispatches from Vienna declare that the Austrian government does not regard the result of the Russian revolution as making a favorable impression on the Austrian people for a continuance of military autocracy, but instead the success of the anti-military autocracy in Russia paves the way for a new campaign in Austria.

BERLIN, March 17.—Germany is profoundly impressed with the result of the Russian revolution. A conference is in session today at Vienna, Austria, and it is known that the conference is one dealing with matters of extreme importance, and the developments at Petrograd may cause new war orders to be issued. The emperor of Austria, Bethman Hollweg of

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Germany, Count Tissa and other high officials are participating in the conference.

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J. L. Essley, Macon, Ill., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly."

BIG ROLLER SMOOTHING DOWN ROAD

Commissioner Kirk started the steam roller to work on the Johnson lane Monday morning. The grading has been about completed, and a good part of the road has been ready for the roller, but it will be late next week before the road will be open for travel. In the meantime the travelers are using the cut off road, crossing the creek at the upper dam.

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METHODIST CHURCH TAKING RELIGIOUS CENSUS

The Methodist pastor, Rev. J. B. Curry, announced Sunday that a religious and sociologic survey of the Methodist forces would be made in this city Tuesday. The congregation has been urged to assist in the work and it is expected that the day's work will prove helpful to the church.

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Jo Hardin, who represents the Gulf Refining Oil Co., in our city, left Sunday afternoon for Houston to meet with the state agents in a few days business session.

Man Charged with Helping Brother Commit Robbery

Sheriff Davis, of Brownwood, was here Saturday en route to his home from the home of J. N. Wells, in the northwest part of this county, where he had been in an attempt to recover stolen goods and secure evidence in the Blanket store robbery case. The Higginbotham store at Blanket in Brown county, was burglarized some time ago, and considerable merchandise stolen. Mr. Davis searched houses and found a quantity of goods that were stored away.

Sheriff Perkins arrested Wells on complaint filed in Nolan county, and turned him over to Jack Yarbrough, sheriff of Nolan county. Mr. Perkins stated that a quantity of goods were recovered.

J. N. Wells is in jail at Sweetwater, and it is alleged that he was implicated with his brother O. C. Wells in the robbery of a store at Blackwell, Nolan county, a short time ago. O. C. Wells was arrested at San Angelo and the stolen goods recovered. He later broke jail at Sweetwater and was caught with stolen goods again in Oklahoma. During the last two weeks he has been tried and sentenced in three different robbery cases, getting ten years in the

MOTOR HEARSE FOR HIGGINBOTHAM CO.

Notwithstanding the fact that there is an absolutely monopoly in Ballinger in the undertaking business, the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. are always ready to do the progressive thing and are even sometimes ahead of the times in their efforts to be up-to-date. This was evident Saturday, when a new twin-six Merite automobile hearse was installed in that firm's undertaking department.

This hearse is one of the most expensive made and is handsomely furnished. C. R. Crews who has been at the head of this department for the Higginbotham store for many years, and before that was a licensed embalmer and undertaker for himself, thoroughly realized the need for a motor funeral carriage, and decided to put in the big car. The old horse driven hearse will be kept for use in rainy weather.

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TEXAS SENATE IS ENDORSING WILSON

AUSTIN, March 19.—The Texas Senate today adopted a resolution endorsing the foreign policy of President Wilson and upholding whatever action he takes for leaving the sinking of three American vessels by German submarines.

The House is in a wrangle over resolution offered by Representative Bagby that all present and past legislators be required refund to the state all they paid for stamps, telephone calls, telegraph tolls, and newspapers; directing attorney general to sue those not refunding.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

COME HERE FOR TREATMENT

E. E. and J. A. Smith, of the Winters country, were here Monday, coming down to consult local specialist. J. A. brought his little girl here for eye treatment, she having recently had the misfortune to stick a wire in her eye, and came near losing it. E. E. Smith brought his wife here for treatment at the local sanitarium.

Herbine cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by the Walker Drug Co.

W. Bridgeman, who had been looking after land interests in Concho county a few weeks past, left for his home in New York Saturday.

Mrs. T. A. Tidwell left Saturday afternoon for Temple, to be at the bedside of her sister, who is seriously ill in a sanitarium in that city.

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Water Spout In S. Ballinger Light Showers; Heavy Rains

Buck White says that Sand Branch was higher as a result of the rain Thursday night than he ever saw it before, and Mr. White has been living close to Sand Branch for a long time. The water came down with terrific force sweeping everything in its path. Fences were swept away, and land badly washed.

W. E. Branch, who lives in the N. J. Wardlow home place in South Ballinger, says he lost some fence from the high water which swept down a ravine near his home, and he suffered other loss from the high water.

The hail which covered the ground before the hard rain came was washed up in drifts, and covered the ground in low places to a depth of from six inches to a foot.

The rise from Sand Branch and ravines was sufficient to put a little rise in the Colorado river, and the cold water chilled the fish causing many to float to the bank dead.

Rain reports gathered from over Runnels county and adjoining counties shows that the rain Thursday night was partial and ranged from no rain to floods. So close to Ballinger as South Ballinger, and two or three miles up the river, a regular flood descended and water covered the fact of the earth. So close to Ballinger as eight miles west there was no rain, while at Ballinger the fall amounted to about one inch. The Rowena country perhaps

received the heaviest rain, where it is reported a "good rain" fell, and some say that it rained four inches. The rain was accompanied by considerable hail, but there was little damage from hail, as vegetation is not far enough advanced to be subject to damage from hail.

Telephone reports from over the country says there was no rain at Abilene, Blackell, Brady, Bronte, Eden, Fort Chadbourne, Maverick, Menard, Norton, Ovalo, Wilmet, Winters or Wingate. Light showers fell at Concho, Crews, Paint Rock, and San Angelo. Miles received a half inch rain, while good rain is reported from Benoit, Brownwood, Hatchel, Olin, Rowena, Talpa and Santa Anna. Coleman reports one inch.

People arriving in the city from the west reports that the rain was lighter from the eight mile post to Ballinger, and beyond the eight mile post there was no rain to amount to anything.

HEAVY HAIL

Bob Fowler, of the Russell ranch near Leaday, passed through Ballinger Friday morning en route home from a business trip to San Angelo. He says the rains Thursday night was very light at San Angelo, and a pretty good rain at Miles and Rowena, the hail was piled up as high as the wire fences in the low places in that section.

STOP CALLING OUT STATE TROOPS

Chicago, March 19.—Mustering out of all state militia throughout the central department of the army was discontinued today.

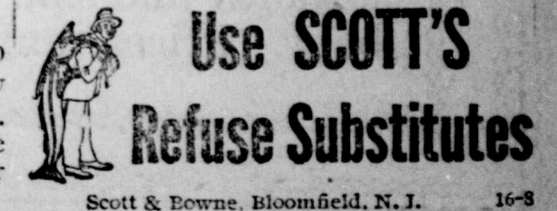
The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of Dr. W. G. KROVETZ, 25c.

D. M. Hillard, cashier of the First National Bank, of Winters, answered roll call in district court Monday, being on the venire for the week.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL
usually stops a stubborn cough or chest cold when ordinary specifics fail. It helps strengthen the lungs and throat—adds energy to the blood—and gives the system the force to help resist disease.

Use **SCOTT'S** Refuse Substitutes



Jelly, Jelly, Jelly
Chamberlains 25 pounds for \$1.00—they are a "leetle" over-ripe, but will cook well. James Produce Co. 15: f d & w

Advertised Letter List.
List of letters advertised March 17, 1917: Ed. Beck, Sam Carpenter, Mrs. Ella Duncan, D. P. Gill, W. J. Raedale, Julius Richard, Mrs. Hattie B. Ward. When calling for the above letters please say, "Advertised" and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead-Letter-office.
James J. Erwin, P. M.

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Paper prints any size 4 cents each. Prints on post cards 5 cents each. Box No. 433
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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Koening and children of Cross Plains, were in our city the latter part of the week transacting business and visiting his brother E. Koening and family, of the Bethel neighborhood.

We All Want A. & M. College. Wendorf at the Busy Shoe Shop wants your shoe repairing. f d w
H. A. and Jim Mitchell and R. J. Queen, of the Winters country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

The Printzess Tailored Garments

Distinction in Dress

— Await You! —

Pre-Easter Showing of Women's Wearables

Many suits, coats and dresses will be shown at this store for the first time; new and distinctive features as expressed by the world's most famous style authors will comprise this showing.

Tomorrow—Saturday, and continue through next week

In this showing, PRINTZESS coats and suits play an important role, manifesting the continued supremacy of Printzess styles of distinction. Please consider this a personal invitation to view these new garments.

Attractive Sport Suits at Appealing Low Prices

Beautiful Jersey and Taffeta Suits

A sport suit of Chartreuse Jersey trimmed in Shadow Lawn, new barrel skirt. This is positively the most attractive suit we have shown this season; priced at \$40

Jersey cloth suits in apple green with white trimming, also rose Jersey with white skirt at \$35

Grey taffeta trimmed in white khaki kool; navy taffeta with white buttons and black silk braid stitching, priced \$30

Chartreuse Jersey cloth, trimmed in white; a charming suit pleasingly priced \$25

Sport Coats Are all the Rage

Buy at these prices

\$27.50 sport coats, special	\$23.45
\$22.50 velour sport suits	\$19.95
\$20.00 velour and black taffeta	\$17.45
\$16.50 coats, magenta and apple green,	\$13.45
\$15.00 shepherd checks with green	\$12.95
\$12.50 navy with white	\$10.95

Sweet Sally Lynn Sport Boots

One of the most popular styles this season is this serviceable and attractive sport boot of white linen with strappings of light tan and also mahogany, priced \$5.00
Sport Oxfords in white buck \$5.00

White Kid High Boots

Dozens of new white kid boots for afternoon and street wear, with Louis and military heels. They are priced very reasonably.



A Beautiful Display of Easter Millinery

This season we have many pleasant surprises in store for you in our Millinery Department.

Every wanted style, color and color combination. Motifs of Chinese, Russian, Turkish, and Japanese design.

Sport Hats That are Charming

We have just unpacked a very fine collection of sport hats for all out door sport and general wear. The prices are exceptionally moderate, 75¢ to \$2.00.

A NEW CAP FOR THE BABY

Just the cutest, cleverest and most pleasing little practical cap you ever saw for the baby. It is different and comes in organdy and silk. You will like it—so will baby. Prices range 50¢ to \$1.50

ISIS GAGE



Exceptional Values in Serge and Poplin Suits

Navy and gray Poiret Twill in new and appealing designs, special price \$29.95

Gray crash suit, ideal for hot weather, especially serviceable special price \$26.95

Wool velour in novelty check for town and country wear, a real bargain \$24.65

A special showing of wool poplin and serge suits, good colors and styles \$22.45

Poplin and serge suits in all the new colors, a lucky purchase makes this price possible \$16.95

This line will appeal to the economical shopper, serge and poplin suits, special \$15.65

A special lot to close, it comprises many suits worth really more, special \$13.45

Georgette Waists Greatly Underpriced

—At \$7.45 a beautiful georgette waist in navy and tan combination with coral trimmings.

—At \$5.95 a wonderful collection of georgette waists in flesh, green and gold, beautiful styles.

—At \$5.45 a charming display of coral, white, flesh and maize crepe de chine waists.

—At \$3.85 crepe de chine waists in green, maize, flesh and white some have large cape collars.

Special Showing

EDWIN CLAPP & SON

Celebrated Shoes for Men

Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

Ballinger's Greatest Store



Printzess

Dame Fashion has Placed Her Stamp of Approval Upon these Silks and Dress Goods.

The richest weaves and colorings approved by Dame Fashion will be found in this season's showing of silks and dress goods. The materials are interesting, the colors are appealing, and the assortments are exceptional—combined with the economical prices will surely meet the approval of our clientele. We invite your inspection.

Sport Silks—We would ask that you see this extraordinary array of sport silks, possibly the most popular material for Spring being a beautiful stripe silk poplin in tan, with blue, green and purple stripes, 36 inches, a yard \$1.50

Shantung—the serviceable and practical silk in its raw state and color. Nothing has been done to harm the silk no artificial colors have been added, beautiful for sport wear, 36 inches wide, a yard \$1.50

Georgette Crepe—in all the leading solid colors for blouses and trimming, 40 inches wide, a yard \$2.00

Chiffons—in many of the season's best solid colors, 40 inches in width, priced, a yard \$1.25

Sport Plaids and Check Skirting

Flashing Wool Plaids and checks for skirts, in several color combinations, 50 inches wide, priced at, yard, \$2.00

Fancy Parasols—in all the new sport and Japanese styles and combinations, priced from \$1.00 to \$10.00

Neckwear—Just received a beautiful line of new collars in the large cape effects and new colors, 50¢ to \$2.50

Windsor Ties—In new shapes and colors, 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00

Indian Seed Beads—for embroidery and fancy work, a tube for 10¢

Vanity Bags—new ball effects and powder puff 50¢

There's a Gossard for Every Figure

See the 9 Ideal Figures

Pick out your individual figure and be fitted in a Gossard that was designed to fit you.

See how very much more stylish your clothes look when you are properly corseted.

Gossards cost a little more, but they are worth it.

