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FARMERS ELECT OFFICERS AND PASS RESOLUTIONS

Louis Garms, of Brown county, president of the Pecan Valley District Union No. 26, called the meeting to order in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library in Ballinger Tuesday morning for the annual convention. The first session was an executive session, at which time the various committees were appointed and the foundation laid for what promises to be the most successful convention of this organization ever held.

While delegates began to arrive Monday at noon, and many more came in Monday night and early Tuesday morning, by pre-arranged plans the keys of the city were not turned over to the delegates until Tuesday afternoon, it being the desire of those in charge that many delegates who were in route here arrive before local speakers appeared before the convention and extended the glad hand of welcome to this city.

At one o'clock with about two hundred delegates and a number of local citizens present, the hospitality of the city was officially given over to the visitors in short address of welcome by Mayor E. F. Krebs, Commissioner R. T. Williams, County Judge Parish and Demonstrator Eaton. These gentlemen placed the keys of the city in the hands of the delegates and told them to consider that Ballinger belonged to them while they were in our midst. Plans for entertaining the 300 delegates that are expected to be here tomorrow were briefly announced. The program calls for a joy ride in the afternoon with a barbecue spread immediately after the joy ride. The forenoon will be devoted to speech making, several speakers being on the program for the open meeting to be held tomorrow.

D. E. Lyday, of Fannin county, chairman of the executive committee of the Farmers Union of the State, responded to the address of welcome, and assured the citizens of Ballinger that the delegates had already begun to feel that they were in the hands of their friends and would do justice to the splendid hospitality of this city. Mr. Lyday stated that he had just returned from a South Texas district meeting where he was served with a "dutch lunch," but he would do his duty at the barbecue here.

W. M. Bowen, editor of the Farmers Fireside Bulletin, of Arlington, was called on and in an enthusiastic way added words to what Mr. Lyday had said concerning the welcome given the delegates to this city, and briefly

told of the benefits of the Farmers Union and the part it was playing in lifting the farmer to a higher plane of living.

Following the open meeting of one hour Tuesday afternoon the convention went into executive session and business of the union transacted, the regular routine of work being carried out without delay.

At the morning session the following committees were announced:

Good of the Order—J. M. Kennedy, J. E. Pepper, J. C. Chapman.

Press Committee—D. E. Lyday, A. A. Curry, W. A. Smith.

Order of Business—C. T. Ernst, W. D. Lewis, J. S. Arnold, Fred Lohm, R. A. Milsap, A. Q. Jordon, R. W. Geeslin, M. E. Millican, E. S. Mogford, W. L. Bennett, C. L. Henning, John H. Bunnell, W. T. Loudermilk, N. B. Nix.

Legislative Committee—J. S. Arnold, P. J. Englert, Fred Tents, W. C. Biggs, Peter Lenert.

Committee on Resolutions—R. A. Milsap, S. F. Miller, Fred Lohm, B. M. Westbrook, R. Q. McReynolds, Theo. Matthiesen, W. B. Leverett, W. R. Butts, B. I. Marshall, W. A. Smith, J. M. Kennedy, A. Q. Jordon, W. T. Loudermilk.

P. Jost, J. Booth and J. T. Elms constituted the reception committee for the union, representing the county union and assisted the local citizens' committee in seeing that the delegates were cared for and made to feel at home.

Among the prominent members of the State Union here attending the meeting is Peter Radford, ex-president, W. D. Lewis, ex-president, J. L. Armstrong, state lecturer, W. D. Bowen, editor of the Farmers Fireside Bulletin.

H. J. Guyer, of Brownwood, secretary of the Pecan Valley District, is about the busiest man in the convention keeping the record straight.

The Farmers Union convention took a recess Wednesday afternoon to participate in a "joy ride" and barbecue prepared for the entertainment of the delegates by the local citizens.

The executive session of Tuesday afternoon did not close until after six o'clock and much important business was attended to. The morning and afternoon sessions Wednesday were also busy sessions and not a minute's time lost in transacting business of the order.

Perhaps the most important address delivered before the convention was that of Hon. Peter

Radford, who has just returned from Washington where he went in connection with the food conservation campaign. He spoke on food conservation, and for about two hours and a half the delegates listened with close attention. It was stated after the address that it was regretted that arrangements had not been made for an open meeting at this hour in order that the entire public might hear this address, especially since the food conservation campaign is on in this county at this time.

Other speakers for Wednesday morning were D. E. Lyday, chairman of the state executive committee; and J. C. Webb, secretary of the Wichita District Union.

For the ensuing year officers were elected as follows: Louis Garms, of Brown county, president; W. E. Lohn, of McCulloch county, vice president; H. J. Guyer, of Brown county, secretary; W. R. Butts, of Tom Green county, chaplain; Warren Mogford, of Menard county, doorkeeper. Fred Tentens, McCulloch county, T. O. Sevier, Mills county, Paul Gerhart, Runnels county, J. E. Pepper, Coleman county, John H. Bunnell, Tom Green county, R. A. Milsap, Lampasas county, W. T. Loudermilk, Comanche county, M. L. Bennett, Nolan county, A. Q. Jordon, Hamilton county, W. J. Mogford, Menard county, W. J. Johnson, San Saba county, J. M. Kennedy, Brown county, constitute the new executive committee.

The question of legislation and food control was discussed at length in the convention and the following resolutions adopted:

Cotton Resolution.
Whereas, through the manipulations of the English spinners in combination with the New England spinners in 1914, by closing the cotton exchanges and thus shutting off all sources of information to the producers, the cotton in the hands of the producers was hammered down from 12c to 5c and 6c a pound, resulting in a loss to the cotton producers of this South of not less than \$600,000,000; and,

Whereas, by the declaration of England herself, which was published in the official Bulletin No. 50, being the official paper of the Administration authorized by the Congress by the authority of the President, who acts through Mr. Geo. Creel, editor of said paper. Great Britain has forbidden any contract buying cotton except under governmental restrictions; and Lord Northcliffe, acting as the head of the English Commission to the United States, in harmony with the above action of his Government, is endeavoring to bring about the same condition of the cotton crop with a resultant like loss to the cotton producers of the South, the most flagrant action leading thereto being the present effort to put cotton into the Food Control Bill now being considered in the United States Senate; therefore, be it,

Resolved, by the Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union, in joint session with delegates from the Northwest Texas District Farmers' Union, the East Texas Central District Farmers' Union, the Central Texas District Farmers' Union and the Southwest Texas District Farmers' Union, representing more than 125 counties in which the farmers are organized in the Farmers' Union, that we are unalterably opposed to cotton being put in the Food Control Bill, and likewise opposed to the British spinners and New England cotton spinner's scheme of closing the cotton exchanges, or grain or other farm product exchanges, with a view to manipulating cotton for the benefit of cotton consumers against the producers.

Resolved, That we direct the President to appoint a committee to send a telegram to our United States Senators, C. A. Culberson and Morris Sheppard, urging them to use every effort and influence and vote in their power to prevent cotton from being included in the Food Control Bill and

COMING TO INSPECT OUR PUBLIC ROADS

Commissioner Kirk is in receipt of a letter from Thos. F. Owens, of San Angelo, stating that the Board of City Development of that city desired to send representatives here to inspect the road machinery in operation in this county as well as to inspect the road work in progress here. Mr. Owens stated that Tom Green county was in the market for road building machinery and wanted to buy the best possible. The road work here is attracting the attention of other counties.

The road hands moved from the Wingate road to the Crews road Monday and the machinery will be tried out on the rockiest road in the county. If the machinery cuts through the rocky hills leading from Ballinger towards Crews it will be a sufficient test to prove its worth. Mr. Kirk is planning to invite the Tom Green county representatives down at an early date.

LOCAL RECRUITS FOR SAN ANGELO COMPANY

As the time came to a close for accepting volunteers for the National Guards, San Angelo announced that a company had been made up at that place, composed of men from San Angelo and surrounding country. Ballinger will furnish at least one dozen men for the San Angelo company. About two hundred names have been enlisted from which the company will be made up, and those who have enlisted are feeling good over the fact that they will be with home boys in case of being called into active service.

Those volunteering from Ballinger are:

Walter Culberson Singletary.
Curtis Horace Holland.
Geo. Levi Smith.
Pat Cleborne Williams.
L. F. Watson.
Aubrey Schmiele.
Wm. Mounitz.
Arch Young.
Sanford Matthews.
A. D. Smith.
Phillip Paul Best.
Levi Starkey.

These young men have enlisted to fight for America, and it is probable that within one year they will be in the battle line in Europe. They are holding themselves ready for call, and it is expected that they will be examined at an early date, and will be definitely known then whether they will be called away from home and loved ones to defend the country which is fighting for the right in the world war.

Buck Elder left Sunday afternoon, for Dallas, where he will enlist in the navy. He has served one enlistment of four years as an oiler, and will probably go back at the same rating. He is in doubt as to whether he can pass the physical examination on account of a missing thumb, but he says that if Uncle Sam can use him, he will ship out right away.

Elder has been helping the navy recruiting officers in this section for some time in getting recruits. Although all the recruits from Ballinger have been credited to the postmaster, Buck has been doing the work of signing them up and sending them on. He has been instrumental in sending about fifteen men from Ballinger and surrounding towns.

H. Giesecke left for Galveston Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Morgan came in Wednesday to be with her parents in Ballinger for a while.

Rev. W. H. Doss returned to his home in DeLeon Tuesday.

A. & S. TO PUT STEEL BRIDGE OVER ELM

Representatives for the Abilene & Southern Railroad were here Saturday and closed contract with H. M. Harvey to furnish the stone for the piers for a new steel bridge to span Elm Creek. No statement was given out as to when work on the new bridge would begin, further than orders were given to speed up on the supplying of stone for the rock piers.

A wooden structure, the temporary bridge put in when the road was built has served its purpose and will give way to a modern steel bridge, according to plans announced today. The steel bridge will be supported by large stone piers, and it will require a large quantity of stone to build these. It is expected the work will be underway just as soon as the material can be placed on the ground.

CALLING FOR EXTRA MEET LEGISLATURE

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., July 16.—An energetic protest is being made by the citizens of Port Arthur in the University of Texas controversy Signatures are being placed on a petition addressed to Governor Ferguson and other authorities demanding that a special session of the legislature be called for the purpose of making needed appropriations.

A meeting at the Board of Trade here resulted in a committee composed of D. M. Phillips, A. M. McAfee, and G. M. Sims taking charge of the matter of circulating the petitions and within two days 486 persons had signed with only a small part of the people here approached. But six persons had refused to sign the petitions at that time.

Mrs. I. W. Phillips of Talpa, was shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The Senate military committee this afternoon reported out the \$640,000,000 airplane bill. A recommendation for passage was also given the measure.

B. D. Duncan left Wednesday morning for various points in Texas and other states.

HOLLWEG'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

COPENHAGEN, July 14.—According to reports from the Taglische Pandschau, a Berlin newspaper, received here, Chancellor Hollweg's resignation has been accepted together with the other members of the Prussian cabinet who resigned. The new cabinet is being formed, and it is expected to be a coalition cabinet.

BERLIN, July 17.—The new German chancellor, Dr. Georg Michaelis, in his announced program is to be expressed thus, "A strong policy without—and unity within the Empire." German newspapers continue their bitter attacks on former Chancellor Dr. von Bethman Hollweg.

LONDON, July 17.—The British Admiralty this afternoon announces the capture of four German merchant ships in the North Sea yesterday, the vessels being boarded by British "jaekies."

The German ships did their best to escape, but were damaged by the accurate gunnery of the British sailors.

PARIS, July 17.—German forces made further desperate assaults last night in the Champagne region.

The French troops were at first driven out of their newly won gains around Mount Teton, but later succeeding in expelling the enemy.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The war department was advised today by London and Paris dispatches to the effect that the German troops were withdrawing in large numbers from the Italian and French fronts. The troops are being rushed to Riga to start a counter offensive against the Russians. The Russian Baltic fleet is being rapidly prepared for action, and everything indicates a bitter struggle between the Russians and the Germans. This information was conveyed to the United States through the Russian embassy this afternoon.

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List of Lands and Lots Delinquent on March 31, 1917

For the Taxes of 1916 Only, in Runnels County, Reported Under the Provisions of Section 10, Chapter 103, Laws of 1897.

The State of Texas, County of Runnels, I, M. D. Chastain, Tax Collector of said county, do hereby certify that the within lands and town lots assessed on the Tax Rolls of said County for the year 1916, are delinquent for the taxes of 1916 only, and that I am entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon.

Table of taxes: State Revenue Tax \$250.22, State School Tax 250.22, State Pension Tax 63.19, State Poll Tax 30.00, TOTAL STATE TAXES \$599.63, County Ad Valorem Tax \$264.80, County Special Tax 466.57, County Poll Tax 6.00, District School Tax 181.42, TOTAL COUNTY TAXES \$918.79

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT The State of Texas, County of Runnels, In Commissioners Court. We certify that we have examined the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the Tax Rolls of Runnels County, for the year 1916, which are delinquent for the taxes of 1916 only and find the same correct and that M. D. Chastain, Tax Collector, is entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon as follows, to-wit:

Given in open court this 24th day of April, 1917. O. L. PARISH, County Judge. R. P. KIRK, W. D. MEADOWS, J. D. SMITH, C. N. CRAFT, County Commissioners. Attest: W. C. McCarver, County Clerk.

Main table with columns: Name of Owner, Abst. No., Surv. No., Original Grantee, No. Acres Delinquent, Town or City Lots (L-Lot; B-Block), Total Taxes. Lists various owners like Allen, Ben F., Baker, J. B., Boyd, M. C., etc.

Continuation of the delinquent lands table, listing owners like Kussenberger, C., Kleinmann, B., W. C. Ry., etc., with their respective taxes.

DETAILS OF ABILENE KILLING

Further details of the killing of Sam Spicer by his wife in a moving picture show at Abilene last Monday night, are given in the following from the Abilene Times: About 3 o'clock Monday afternoon in a well filled house at the Gem Theatre on Chestnut street, Mrs. Ruth Spicer shot and mortally wounded her husband, Sam Spicer. The firing of the pistol created a panic, and there was a jam for the door. Mrs. Spicer left the building at once and went to the court house where she surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Ben Peavy, saying, "Lock me up, Mr. Peavy, I've shot Sam. He has beat me up for the last time."

RECEIVES NEWS OF NEPHEW'S DEATH

A. J. Voelkel, of the Hall Hardware Co., received a message Friday night announcing the death of Flint Wittle at San Antonio late Friday afternoon. Deceased was a nephew of Mr. Voelkel.

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When notified of her husband's death by Jailer Peavy, Mrs. Spicer did not speak and the news did not seem to affect her at the time, but she soon began crying and had a very restless night, said Mr. Peavy to a Times reporter Wednesday morning. On account of the County Attorney being absent, in St. Louis on business, the preliminary examination has not been held yet. District Attorney Rosenquest, who is in Eastland was phoned up Wednesday morning to know if he would come. The stated that he could not.

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Plan to Kill Citizens Makes Diamond Dick Story

(San Angelo Standard)

That the members of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective League, an organization of men in several of the western counties banded together for the purpose of preventing conscription, had planned a wholesale murder of the prominent men of many of the cities in the west is the startling information reaching San Angelo from Anson, Jones county, and other towns where the lodges of this organization flourished. According to this information, on a certain day such men as Jim Cunningham and Judge Wagstaff of Abilene, as well as prominent citizens of Anson, were to be killed by members of the organization who had drawn lots for the job.

The reports from these cities in the west concerning the plans of action on the part of the membership of the organization sounds more like some of the stories found in "Diamond Dick" or "Nick Carter" than a reality, but coming from a source which can not be questioned, the reports show that the story is not untrue, but that the plans originated in diseased or poisoned minds.

According to the information, when the time came for deciding who would be killed, the names of the prominent men were placed before a general meeting of the organization. A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided that this country would be better off without these citizens, and that, therefore, it was the solemn duty of the organization to kill them. Then came the selection of those who were to perform the deed. Lots were drawn and the men who drew the numbers listed for killing, began preparations for the job. The day was set and there is no doubt in the

minds of the people of Jones county that the murders would have been committed had the secret not leaked out.

It appears that the organization made a fatal mistake when it decided that the Germans of that section would readily join the League. At Rhineland in Jones county was a settlement of Germans. They were approached by the leaders of the League. But instead of joining the organization they informed the government officials of its existence. That was the beginning of the end. Investigations were made and arrests followed. The organization was well broken up before the day set for the wholesale murders.

Reports from Anson and other cities are to the effect that the lodges of the organization have been disbanded. The government however, is taking no chance. Those suspected of being members of the organization are being closely watched every day. Men whose lives have been threatened are prepared for any eventuality. It developed at first that these members of the organizations had bought all the arms and ammunition in the country. The people wanted protection. Since then every store in Anson and other cities have been well supplied with arms and ammunition. The people of these sections, it is understood, are not seriously anticipating trouble, but they are not taking any chances.

Many of the members of the League, especially the leaders, have been arrested. It is understood here that these will be tried at a special session of the federal court held at Abilene on September first.

ENDORSES ALL KINDS OF DAM IDEAS

In a recent issue of the Banner-Ledger the editor discussed damming the Colorado river at Ballinger and impounding the flood waters that get away from Runnels county to the Gulf.

As a practical farmer allow me to say that that is a mighty vital subject right now. Our crops are Baptist crops.

They need immersion. Of course it would be fine to have the water come rippling down through town along next to the curb to wash the garbage away and refresh the eyes of town people. And it would look good to Rednecks also, because Ballinger is our town as well as the townman's town.

But the thought which I wanted to stress is this: Our storm waters ought never to be allowed to get into the Colorado river.

The subsoil of every row in the field should be its own reservoir.

The dams should be in the field. Ask your demonstrator. The individual farmer should get in on the ground floor above Ballinger and head off the storm waters. Instead of concrete the dams should be dirt and the dams cultivated and made to answer the grim question: "What shall we do to be fed?"

There are some mighty thrifty people in blewu us pumping the water out of the river. This is all right and shows enterprise. But they get our richest soil along with this water that we let get away.

Aside from this they are applying our water to their lands and to low lands which do not need it as bad as our uplands.

We are above them up here near the merry, cheery blue sky and it looks like we ought to have the upper hand of 'em but doggone it I don't believe they've got the under hold.

Just here the other night one of our upland boys got his hand in a steel trap in an honest (?) effort to procure a big fat water-melon from an irrigated farm.

It would make the gastric juices rise under a dry farmers tongue to visit one of these irrigated farms. Still he doesn't try to irrigate his farm. He lets the water flow from the high dry knobs to the low places in the field and on and out to the Gulf.

Ask C. A. Doose, the oldest and best informed land man in West Texas. Ask Judge Willingham. He's farmed here since time out 'o mind.

Our fields yield in proportion to

the amount of water we hold on them and not according to what falls. We get 24 inches annually and that's two feet of solid water. But if we let the river man have it, our name is dust, one of whom I am which.

UNCLE JOHNNIE.

CLIP THIS AND PIN ON WIFE'S DRESSER

Cincinnati man tells how to shrivel up corns or calluses so they lift off with fingers.

Ouch ! ! ! ! ! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn or hardened callus stops soreness at once, and soon the corn or callus dries up and lifts right off without pain.

He says freezone dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding skin. A small bottle of freezone will cost very little at any drug store, but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels. If your druggist doesn't have freezone tell him to order a small bottle for you.

AUTO TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA

S. V. Brandon was in the city from his home near Crews Saturday. He was here making arrangements to start on a 1500 mile auto trip, and with his family and luggage loaded on a Chalmers Six, he stated that he would leave Monday morning for Salem, N. C., and other places in that state, as well as visiting in Alabama and Tennessee. Mr. Brandon went by Dallas, Little Rock, Memphis. The family expect to return to their home Sept. first.

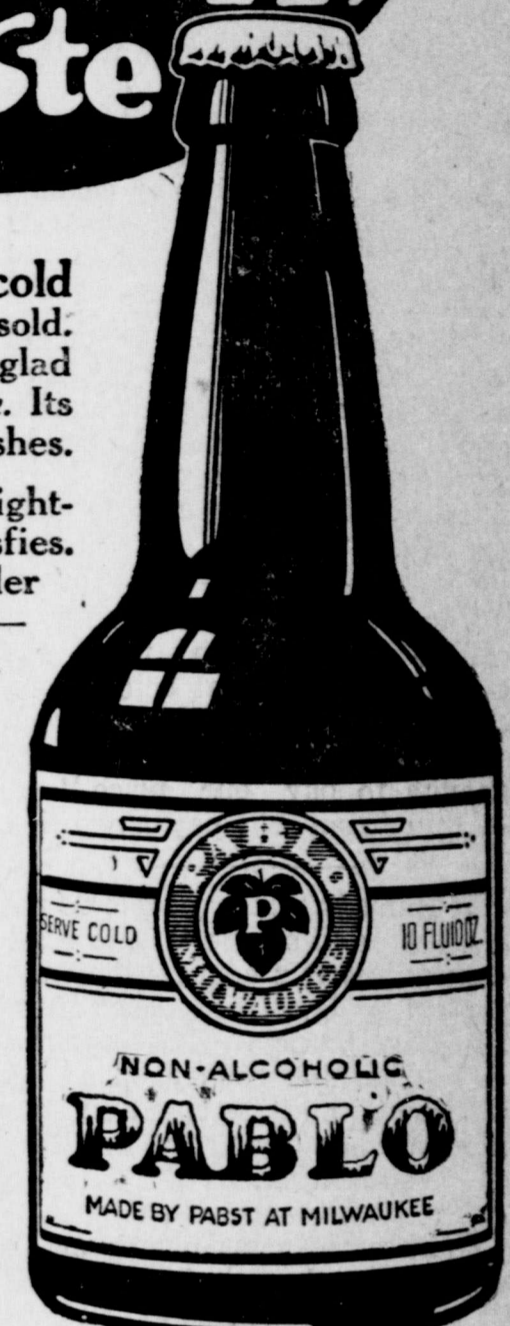
Mr. Brandon came to town Monday morning on some business before leaving for North Carolina and while here prevailed upon his brother J. T. to go with him, and J. T. cranked up his Marion and will also go to North Carolina. They will visit their father, J. H. Brandon, at Yalinville, N. C. They expect to take their time and visit along the road and will not reach their destination for a couple of weeks.

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SHOOTS HIS BROTHER OVER MONEY MATTERS

(Brownwood Bulletin.)

Dave S. Cox is in a critical condition as a result of shotgun wounds in the back of his head and shoulders and his brother, Mitchell M. (Bud) Cox is under a three thousand dollar bond to await an examining trial on a charge of shooting him. The shooting occurred at about 10 o'clock this morning twelve miles from Brownwood, between Holder and Byrds.

Deputy Sheriff R. D. Shumate and Constable Eastman Kitchen went to the Holder community just before noon, where M. M. Cox surrendered, and at 2:30 this afternoon the officers returned to town with their prisoner. Before Justice of the Peace G. B. Cross a brief hearing was given. Mr. Cox declined to discuss the controversy.

According to the officials who investigated the shooting, the two brothers met this morning at a gate about a mile from their homes, and after some discussion the shots were fired. It is understood that Dave Cox was not armed. The cause of the trouble is likewise not definitely known, but the difficulty is understood to have arisen over the division of property jointly to the brothers. M. M. Cox is unmarried, while D.

S. Cox has a family. Both are well known and substantial citizens of Brown county.

Cause of Despondency.
Despondency is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. These tablets strengthen the digestion and move the bowels.

TWO CARS BURN NEAR HATCHEL

Fire destroyed the garage and two automobiles on the farm of Ed. Voelker about one mile northwest of Hatchel at nine-thirty o'clock Thursday night. A new Saxon Six belonging to Mr. Voelker and a Maxwell Four belonging to Henderson Bradshaw were in the garage and were completely destroyed. Mr. Voelker carried some insurance on his car, but it is not known whether the other man's car was insured or not, and he is away from home.

The Voelker family were at Hatchel attending some kind of an entertainment when the fire started, and it is not known how it originated. The fire was well underway and the garage and autos practically destroyed before neighbors arrived on the scene.

J. A. Demoville went to Miles Monday on business.

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A. W. Sledge.....Editor

You violate the traffic law and are subject to a fine when you flash a glaring light in the face of another.

Cut outs on autos are absolutely prohibited in cities and thickly settled communities. You must go off to yourself when you want to see how much racket your car can make.

It makes no difference whether you are driving an auto or an ox wagon, you are required under the new traffic law to give half the road, either going or coming. To fail to do so subjects you to a fine.

The commissioners court of Brown county have again refused to act favorably on a petition asking that a farm demonstrator be employed for that county. It remains for Rannels county to take the lead in this.

The food control prices will not relieve the situation with the farmers of the wheat belt storing their wheat, and saying "We'll sell when the world gets hungry enough to pay our price." A starving man will pay any price.

If Rannels county people do not get busy and secure a state highway across this county, they will not get the benefit of a cent of the auto tax money. The law provides that the county's half of the money must be spent on state highways approved by the highway commission.

Within the next month or six weeks more than one hundred men of this county will be called from here to join the army. These men will represent the best families of Rannels county. They will go to the front and make the sacrifice that we may continue to enjoy liberty and happiness. Every cog in the commercial life of the county should stop on the day they leave and they should be given a farewell that will impress them with the fact that Rannels county people are proud of them. It should be patriotic day in Rannels county.

Despite the war the directors of the State Fair of Texas have announced that the prospects are good for the best fair in the history of the association. While some sections of the state have experienced a drouth, the agricultural exhibits will in many respects surpass previous years, and the directors are spending more money than ever before for attractions, and new features will be added. The fact that American people have not been able to go abroad this year and spend their money touring foreign countries will prove a benefit to the fair. Extensive advertising will bring visitors from a greater distance than ever before and the attendance will not only benefit the fair association but will benefit all of Texas.

Frank Thomson and family, of Christoval, were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Thomson's mother.

One Hundred Dollar Reward.
For information leading to the detection and conviction of person or persons who cut my pasture fence between new causeway and my gate, this side of river. Furnish me information and I will do the rest.
C. H. WILLINGHAM,
18-2d1tw

Miss Mary Phillips left Tuesday for Abilene, where she will finish her course in Draughon's Business College.

How Long Must I Suffer From the Pangs of Rheumatism?

Is there no real relief in sight? Doubtless like other sufferers, you have often asked yourself this question, which continues to remain unanswered. Science has proven that your Rheumatism is caused by a germ in your blood, and the only way to reach it is by a remedy which eliminates and removes these little pain demons from your blood. This explains why liniments and lotions can do no permanent good, for they cannot possibly reach these germs which infest your blood by the millions. S. S. S. has been successfully used for Rheumatism for more than fifty years. Try it to-day, and you will find yourself at last on the right track to get rid of your Rheumatism. You can get valuable advice about the treatment of your individual case by writing to the Chief Medical Adviser, Swift Specific Co., Dept. D Atlanta, Ga.

NEWS FROM RECORDS OF COUNTY CLERK.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk during the past week: Earl Baker and Jessie Neely. F. D. Travis and Flossie Cape. Frank W. Ward and Ruby Mae Blythe. Pablo Rodriguez and Emma Stokes. S. W. Berryman and Ophie Lee Wheat.

Criminal Docket.
The State of Texas vs. Jeems Hawkins, charged with aggravated assault.
The State of Texas vs. Robt. Crutehfield, petty theft. Plea of guilty entered on July 17. Fined \$1.00 and costs, and thirty minutes in jail.
The State of Texas vs. Claude Mathis, petty theft.
The State of Texas vs. Robt. S. Wilson, vagrancy.
The State of Texas vs. Robt. S. Wilson, gaming.
The State of Texas vs. Earnest Adams, gaming.

Deaths.
The following deaths have been reported to the county clerk during the past week: Samuel E. Daniels, of Winters, on July 5.
Robert Theodore Frieck, of Winters, on July 6.
Irene Danham, of Winters, on June 12.
Ina Gene Druett, of Winters on June 30.
Mrs. E. A. Guffey, of Winters, on June 30.

Births.
To Mrs. Gill of Paint Rock, on July 4, a boy.

BAD STOMACHS—THE PENALTY
Stomach sufferers should take warning. Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Auto Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis, and other dangerous ailments, are some of the penalties. Most Stomach, Liver and Intestinal Troubles are quickly overcome with May's Wonderful Remedy. This favorite prescription has restored millions of people. Let one dose of May's Wonderful Remedy prove today that it will help you. For sale by Weeks Drug Co.

Mrs. T. W. Sharpes of Norton was in Ballinger Wednesday to meet her son, C. O. Sharpes, and her mother, Mrs. Robinson, of

Otto Glass of Rosebud, is visiting his parents in South Ballinger.

GIRLS! WHITEN SKIN WITH LEMON JUICE.
Make a beauty lotion for a few cents to remove tan, freckles sallowness.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply you with three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Squeeze the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle, then put in the orchard white and shake well. This makes a quart of the very best lemon skin whitener and complexion beautifier known. Massage this fragrant, creamy lotion daily into the face, neck, arms, and hands and just see how freckles, tan, sallowness, redness and roughness disappear and how smooth, soft and clear the skin becomes. It is harmless, and the beautiful results will surprise you.

BALLINGER MAN GETS COMMISSION

Dr. E. L. McCoy is waiting to be assigned to training camp in the medical reserve corps. Dr. McCoy some time ago applied for a place in the medical branch of the army and on Monday he received his commission, having passed the final examination. He has taken the oath and instructed by the army department to hold himself in readiness to be called into training.
Dr. McCoy goes in as first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps. He has no idea where he will be placed in training, but will leave Ballinger as soon as called.

EPIDEMIC NOW PREVALENT

Health Officer Advises the Use of Dr. Tinkle's Baby Bowel Remedy to Avoid Summer Complaint.

"Summer Complaint is very prevalent among children of West Texas in summer" so states Dr. Tinkle, City Health Officer of Winters, Texas.

He also says, "Mothers should use every precaution to guard against this trouble with their children. At the first sign of bowel disorder, all solid food should be withheld and Dr. Tinkle's Baby Bowel Remedy given to correct the trouble. If vomiting be present, ice may be given and small quantities of boiled milk and soda water taken. If the attack has followed the eating of large quantities of indigestible matter, a dose of Liver-eze is advisable. Then give Dr. Tinkle's Baby Bowel Remedy according to directions and the very best results will be obtained."

Dr. Tinkle's Baby Bowel Remedy is very effective in the treatment of Summer Complaint, and is equally as good for diarrhoea in adults.

Ask for Dr. Tinkle's Baby Bowel Remedy, Liver-eze, Healing Oil, Stomach Remedy, Dusting Powder and Screw Worm Killer, if you want the best. They are sold in Ballinger by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. in Crews by J. W. Rainwater, Hatchel by J. T. Branham; Miles by Palace Drug Store, City Drug Store, in Pony by Pat Mapes, in Rowena by Shillers Pharmacy, in Token by J. W. Bright, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, City Drug Store, Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., in Maverick by T. L. Todd.

AUTO NUMBERS TO BE ISSUED SOON

For the benefit of those who have been making some inquiry as to when the state auto numbers, we publish below a notice sent out from Austin under date of July 16. It will be observed that the numbers are not being issued in the order that the applications were made, but are being issued by counties in alphabetical order. This will place Rannels county in the high numbers, many of the larger counties beginning with letters ahead of the alphabet R, such as Bexar, Dallas, McLennan:

Austin, Tex., July 16.—The state highway commission today began the task of issuing distinguishing seals for 1917 to every automobile owner in the state, which means that nearly 200,000 are to be issued. The distinguishing seals are to be displayed on the car the same as the number plates, but will have to be renewed each year. The seals are sent direct to the address of the owner of the car, while the plates are to be sent in blocks to be distributed in the various cities and towns. The plates have not as yet arrived, but are expected during the present week, and will be distributed according to counties in alphabetical order. The commission has practically completed the task of apportioning numbers for Anderson County, and then comes Bexar, and so on. The law is now in effect, and became operative July 15, the commission having granted an extension of 15 days time, because of the impossibility of registering all of the cars by July 1.

Going Good.
Few medicines have met with more favor or accomplished more good than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. John F. Jantzen, Delaney, Sask., says of it: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy myself and in my family, and can recommend it as being an exceptionally fine preparation."

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good mesquite cord wood cheap, at my place 9 miles up the Colorado river. Antone Mika, Route A, Ballinger. 8-2tw 5td

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Buff Orpington cockerels and pullets \$1.00 per head. Get them while they last. Phone 5303. Mrs. E. D. Norman. 20-4twpd

WANTED
WANTED—Pastorage for four head of horses. Phone 7805. L. C. Tomlinson. 1tw

LOST
STRAYED OR STOLEN—Bay mare, branded "O over A" left thigh. Black filly, no brand, 3 white feet, long blaze face, bring to or notify, Thos. A. Rape, Ballinger. 20-1tw

NOTICE TO AUTO PATRONS
I have closed the Central Garage and hereafter will be found with Elder Bros., and we will keep a complete stock of Savage tires, half soling, vulcanizing and storage battery service. Will continue to give you good service when you have battery and tire trouble. Expert man in charge all the time.
J. T. BRANDON,
18-6td-4tw with Elder Bros.

Another Great Advantage in Using
Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER



Saves eggs and produces food just as appetizing and delicious at lower cost. The usual number of eggs may be reduced one-half or more in most recipes and often left out altogether by adding a small quantity of Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, in place of each egg omitted.

Try the following recipes and see how well this plan works. You must use Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder to obtain the best results.

EGGLESS MUFFINS
2 cups flour 1 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder 1 cup milk
2 tablespoons sugar 2 tablespoons shortening
No eggs

CORN BREAD
1½ cups cornmeal 1 teaspoon salt
¾ cup flour 1½ cups milk
4 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder 2 tablespoons shortening
1 tablespoon sugar (if desired) No eggs

DIRECTIONS—Mix and sift dry ingredients, add milk and melted shortening and beat until smooth. Bake in greased muffin tins in hot oven 20 to 25 minutes.

(The old method called for 2 eggs) (The old method called for 2 eggs)

New book of recipes which economize in eggs and other expensive ingredients mailed free on request. Address 1001 Independence Boulevard, Chicago

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is made from Cream of Tartar, derived from Grapes, and adds none but healthful qualities to the food

No Alum No Phosphate No Bitter Taste

WILL ENFORCE VITAL STATISTIC LAW.

The vital statistic law passed by the last legislature is a rigid one and the health department says the law will be enforced. Under the new law it is a heavy penalty for a physician to fail to report births to the health officer in incorporated cities, and where the birth occurs out side of the city it must be reported to the county clerk. The report must be made within five days after the birth. Before bodies can be buried the undertaker must secure burial permits, and it is a violation of the law to bury a body without first securing a permit. In this way a complete record of all births and deaths are kept.

The new law, like the new auto traffic law, has just become effective, and a little time has been allowed for physicians and undertakers to become familiar with the terms of the law and govern themselves accordingly. The grand juries will be instructed to indict where the law has been violated.

We Want Your Sacks.
E. A. Jeanes Produce Co. wants all the old sacks. 19-6td2tw

Rev. J. L. Green, who had been in Ballinger over Sunday, left Monday morning for Brownwood before going on to his home in Cuero.

W. R. Dennis of Milano came in at noon Tuesday to attend the Farmers Union meeting here.

THRIFT

Are You Interested In the future of your child? Habits of Thrift, formed in early years, are the

Best Insurance
for that future. We have given this matter careful thought and invite the opening of an account for your child as the best business training available.

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

Mr. Farmer

Did you know that it would be economy to invest a little money in an implement shed and protect your implements from the sun and rain. Weather wears on your implements wears them out quicker than use. House them and save them. We can supply material for building sheds or making other improvements around your home.

Ballinger Lumber Company

LITTLE BOY ABLE TO RETURN HOME.

Tom Benge, Jr., was able to be carried to his home in Concho county Wednesday afternoon. He was seriously injured a couple of weeks ago when his horse fell with him, and dragging him broke his arm and leg.

W. D. Bond of Winters was in Ballinger a few hours Tuesday, going to Talpa later.

Mrs. R. L. McElrath and children of Loraine, left Tuesday for their home.

What is LAX-FOS
LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA
A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Khabarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Pepsin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c

CONFEDERATE REUNION

The annual reunion of the Mountain Remnant Brigade, United Confederate Veterans, will be held at San Saba, Texas, during the last three days of the San Saba County Fair, August 1, 2 and 3rd, 1917.

Special arrangements have been made by the citizens of San Saba County for the care and entertainment of all Confederate Veterans, their wives, widows and unmarried children who will attend this reunion. The San Saba County Fair Association will issue passes to each of them, entitling them to free admission to the fair grounds, and to the grandstands for both races and ball games.

Sacks! Sacks! Sacks!
Bring your sacks to E. A. Jeanes Produce Co. 19-6td2tw

WAGO MAN GAINS 18 POUNDS ON TANLAC

"I Feel Better Than I Have In Twenty-Five Years Says William Truett.

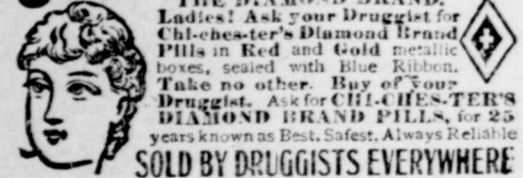
"It's an actual fact, I have gained eighteen pounds on two bottles of Tanlac and I now feel younger and better than I have in twenty-five years." This interesting and remarkable statement was made by William O. Truett, watch man for the M. K. & T. railroad, and living at 121 North Sixth street, Waco, Texas.

"About four years ago," he continued, "I began suffering with indigestion and gas on my stomach and going down hill. After eating, I would swell up as tight as a drum and suffer for two or three hours, and what I had eaten felt like lumps of lead in my stomach. I was constipated all the time and had to take some thing every day for this trouble. I had been shooting pains from my hips down which I was told was sciatic rheumatism. I was as nervous as a rat in a trap and it was almost impossible for me to get sound sleep or rest. I was almost completely run-down and played-out and for two years I couldn't work enough to pay my necessary expenses. I went to Marlin, Texas and spent a hundred dollars for a month's treatment there and it didn't do me a nickle's worth of good. I then went to Missouri and to Dallas for treatment and paid out over three hundred dollars but nothing gave me any relief, and it just looked like I was doomed to be a sufferer the rest of my days.

"Then I got to taking this Tanlac I had read and heard so much about. It has been a life saver to me and would be cheap at a hundred dollars a bottle compared to what other treatment and medicine cost and the suffering I had to endure for those four years. I'm just now buying my third bottle and I have had no pain or gas in my stomach in some time and I can just eat anything without it hurting me. I'm not a bit nervous now and just sleep like a child every night. I'm not constipated like I was and the rheumatic pains are all gone out of my hip and leg. In fact, all my miserable feelings are gone now and I just feel new life and energy in every nerve of my body. As I have said, I have gained eighteen pounds and I now weigh one hundred and sixty-eight pounds and feel younger and better than I have in twenty-five years. I wouldn't take any amount of money that could be offered for the good that Tanlac has done me and I would be ungrateful not to tell others what it is that got me out of my suffering and made a well man of me."

Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks Drug Store; in Winters by Owens Drug Store; in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford; in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, and in Wingo by R. E. Rinley & Co.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS



Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic case, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Box of Your Druggist. Also for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

C. B. Rogers and wife of Bronte, came to Ballinger Tuesday to take the train for Navasota.

Miss Minnie Glass left Tuesday for Rosebud on a visit.

IS BALLINGER SATISFIED?

The Evidence is Convincing. The Testimony Open to Investigation. Before a statement can be accepted here, it must be supported by local testimony—by the evidence of someone residing in Ballinger. Statements from unknown people in remote places may be true, but we cannot prove them. Here is a statement by a Ballinger resident:

W. F. Street, stock dealer, 1001 Tenth St., Ballinger, says: "About a year ago I had an attack of kidney complaint. I had dull pains in the small of my back and the kidney secretions passed irregularly. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from the Walker Drug Co., relieved all this trouble."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Street had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.



Don't You Miss Being at This Store Saturday, July 21st Its Dollar Day

Do you know what a real Dollar Day Sale means? Read the sample prices in this advertisement, every one a real money saver, every item offered is just as represented, every original price quoted is just as represented—make a special effort to be here early, it's worth while.

"Cadet" Hosiery
35c grades.
Whites and blacks, for ladies, Misses, boys and children, the "best of the best." Buy your fall supply now—they'll be higher, the price
4 pairs for \$1.00

Men's Ties
The 65c and 75c grades.
These prices include the entire stock of fancy silks, crepes and wash silks, real 50c, 65c and 75c grades, choice
3 for \$1.00

READ! THE BARGAINS

Bath Towels
75c pair grade.
Extra large size 22x45 inches, close weave, bleached pure white, hemmed ends, the grade that sells for 75c a pair, Dollar Day only, 4 towels for\$1.00

Ladies' Vests
The 15c Kind
A big special gauge weight, full cut, tape at neck, and arms, made on the "cumfy" style, won't slip off the shoulders, special Dollar Day, 12 for\$1.00

Embroidery
Worth up to 20c.
A big bargain, splendid patterns, good edges on good quality nainsook, widths from 2 1-2 to 18 inches, get your supply now at Dollar Day sale, 10 yards for\$1.00

Silk Pongee
Worth \$1.50 at \$1.00.
Our regular \$1.25 seller, worth more, full 36 inches wide, pure white and natural color, nothing gives more service for dresses, suits and skirts, special one day\$1.00

Ladies' Union Suits
Worth 50c
Our regular 45c seller, bleached pure white, tape neck and arms, lace trimmed bottoms, well made and full cut, special dollar day 3 for\$1.00

Ladies' Hats
An unrestricted choice of any hat in the stock for a price that is practically a gift. Take your choice for
\$1

READ! THE BARGAINS

Men's Sailor Straws
A special lot of hats that were carried over from last season, all sizes, styles are very good, grades that sold up to \$3.00, dollar day 3 for\$1.00

Men's Socks
Worth 25c pair
A big assortment of fancy styles, stripes in blues, also whites with fancy colorings, take your choice on Dollar Day only, 5 pairs for\$1.00

Sport Shirts
Worth up to \$1.25
A special lot of fancy stripe models in fast colors, also whites, sizes 14 to 16, a real shirt bargains on Dollar Day, 2 for\$1.00

Men's Pants
The \$1.50 kinds
Bargains, we guess they are, worth more than the price asked wholesale. Pin stripes, pin checks, stripe linen color khaki work pants, all sizes, one day only the pair\$1.00

"Hope" Domestic
Bleached, the best household grade made, worth 18 1-2c, dollar day, 8 yards for - **\$1.00**

Boys' Wash Suits
The \$1.50 Grades
Nobby styles, made of white linen with trimmings of contrasting colors, size 2 1-2 to 6, you shouldn't overlook this wash suit bargain at\$1.00

Lawns and Voiles
10 yards for \$1.00
A big assortment of summer material, tissues, printed voiles, figured lawns, also plain weaves, grades that sold up to 25c, Dollar Day special, 10 yards for
\$1

Men's Dress Shirts
The \$1.50 Grade
Choice styles, fast colors, made from stripe madras, attached soft French cuffs, all sizes up to 16 1-2, worth full \$1.50, Dollar Day special
\$1



MELTON DRY GOODS CO.
Everybody's Store



Mrs. R. L. Sides left Monday morning for Brownwood, where she will attend the funeral of her father.

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING.

There is no question but that the Byrne Shorthand is the greatest system in use today. It may be written either with a pencil or any typewriter. It has over 30,000 enthusiastic writers it holds the world's record for speed in a given length of time, is the most simple, legible and rapid system in use, as is shown from the following remarks by our students who first studied other systems:

"I take pleasure in telling the public that the Byrne Shorthand is the only system. I previously studied Pitman 8 months, used it in actual practice for four months at the end of 6 weeks study of the Byrne I was a better writer than I had ever been with the Pitman."
"I have been a Sloan-Duployan Stenographer for 15 years; I found the system inadequate. I then took the Gregg under Mr. Gregg of Chicago, but found it illegible. I then took up the Byrne which I consider the stenographic marvel of the age."
"I first studied Pitman Shorthand, then took up the Byrne,

and found the Byrne to be 36 percent shorter and that it could be written at a much higher rate of speed, and read like print."

"I studied Pitman four months, gave it up in disgust; I then took up Permin and studied it almost night and day for 6 months, but was not competent to hold a position. I then took up the Byrne for three months and find I can hold any kind of a position."

"I graduated in Graham shorthand, writing 100 words a minute after 9 months study. After studying the Byrne Simplified together with Byrne Practical Bookkeeping for 4 months, I could write Byrne much faster and regard it superior to any other system."

"I thoroughly mastered 14 systems, seven of the most prominent Pitman systems, Gregg, Chartier, Byrne, and four minor systems, and find the Byrne much easier to read, that it can be written with one and one-half times the speed that can be made with any of the other 13 systems."

"I spent 27 months trying to learn Pitman shorthand, but owing to the hundreds of rules, hundreds of exceptions and thousands of word signs, I failed to become a good stenographer. After studying Byrne in your school two weeks, I had a more practical

working knowledge of shorthand than I did after 27 months study of the Pitman."

"After studying six different Pitmanic systems I was unable to hold an ordinary office job, but with five weeks study of the Byrne I went into the District Court and did reporting successfully, and was appointed regular Court Stenographer."

Why study any system of shorthand other than the Byrne, when the Byrne can be learned in half the time or less, read with greater ease and written at a higher rate of speed which means better salary and promotion? It does not cost half as much to complete a course in our school as it does one of the other systems in other schools. We hold the exclusive right to teach the Byrne in this section.

Write for catalogue containing full endorsements and names and address of the above and of others who have tried the other systems and abandoned them for the Byrne. Our Bookkeeping, Cotton Classing, and Telegraphy are as far superior to the other systems as is the Byrne Shorthand. Don't fail to write or phone for our large free catalogue.

TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, Tyler, Texas.

RAINY SEASON OPENS WITH SHOWERS

The long looked for "wet spell" may be here. For two days showers have been falling over the territory near Ballinger and in adjoining counties, while some sections of the state have reported heavy rains. The rain of Tuesday night was "spotted." Good rains are reported from a number of communities while some places report no rain. Following is a report made up from messages received over the West Texas Telephone Co. lines:

Abilene 1-4 inch; Ballinger 1-10 inch, Benoit 1 inch, Blackwell 1-2 inch, Bradshaw 2 1-2 inches, Brady no rain, Bronte 1-2 inch, Brownwood no rain, Coleman good, Concho light shower, Eden good rain, Ft. Chadbourne 1-2 inch, Hatchel light shower, Leaday light shower, Maverick light shower, Miles 1-8 inch, Millers view light shower, Norton light shower, Offen 1-2 inch, Ovalo 2 inches, Paint Rock light shower, Pony 1-2 inch, Rowena 1 inch, San Angelo 1 inch, Santa Anna good rain, Stack good rain, Talpa 1 inch, Truit, Wilmett, Wingate

and Winters good rain, Sherwood light rain, Eldorado no rain, Sterling, 1-4 inch.

War! War! War!
Conserve your resources. Scrap, iron, bones, hides, rugs, paper and beeswax. In fact nearly everything has a commercial value at I. O. WOODEN'S Hide and Junk House, 600 S. Eighth Street, Ballinger, Texas. 29-4tw

E. M. Callier and wife, Tom Callier and wife, Tom Welsh and wife, of Houston county, are here on a visit to John H. Webb and family, and will spend several days on the Webb farm south of the city. Mr. Welsh is editor of the Crockett Times. The party came through the country in their autos.

A WORD FOR MOTHERS

It is a grave mistake for mothers to neglect their aches and pains and suffer in silence—this only leads to chronic sickness and often shortens life. If your work is tiring; if your nerves are excited; if you feel languid, weary or depressed, you should know that Scott's Emulsion overcomes just such conditions. It possesses in concentrated form the very elements to invigorate the blood, strengthen the tissues, nourish the nerves and build strength. Scott's is strengthening thousands of mothers—and will help you. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

**UGH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK!
CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY**

Just once. Try "Dodson's Liver Tone" when Bilious, Constipated, Headachy—Don't lose a day's Work.

Liven up your sluggish liver. Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.
Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.
Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmful Dodson's Liver Tone tonight. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my per-

sonal money-back guarantee that guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.
Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working; headache and dizziness gone; stomach will be sweet and bowels regular.
Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of Calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

RETURNS FROM THE NORTH.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass are at home from a two month's stay in New York, and a visit to other northern cities. Dr. Douglass went to New York to take a post graduate course, after which he and Mrs. Douglass visited in Canada and also visited Washington and other American cities. They report a very pleasant and profitable trip. Coming back they stopped for a few days to visit relatives at Cleburne, where their little son Sidney, spent the time during their absence from home. They were accompanied home by Sidney and little Misses Helen Hart and Jennie Louise Copeland, sister and niece respectively, and the two little girls will visit here for a few weeks.

Baxter Culler of Abilene was in Ballinger over Sunday, returning home Monday morning.

MRS. HOLT SMITH GREATLY IMPROVED.

Holt Smith returned from Houston Sunday. We are glad to note that he left Mrs. Smith in much better condition than when she was carried to Houston, and if she continues to improve it will not be long before she can be brought home. Mr. Smith had the misfortune to break his arm while in bathing in the natatorial at Houston.

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

Mrs. G. W. McDowell and son Robert, of Brownwood, are here visiting Mrs. McDowell's brother, Rev. J. H. King, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church.

**Supporting
the Government**

This is the time for every citizen to support the United States Government, and many are doing so at a considerable cost or sacrifice to themselves.

We have joined the Federal Reserve Banking System established by the Government to give greater financial stability and strength to the member Banks and protection to their depositors.

You can give your support to this great government enterprise and also obtain its protection for your money by becoming one of our depositors.



It is a great pleasure to have a good Garage to put your auto in. And satisfaction to know that you got only the best material, such as you always get from us. Try us once and you will know why.

H. H. HARDIN & CO.
LUMBER
Phone 291

**PREACHER CALLED TO PIONEER LADY BURIED
EXPLAIN HIS DOCTRINE IN RUNNELS CEMETERY**

Statements made in a sermon being delivered by Rev. Ashley, a young man preaching for the Church of Christ at Hatchel Sunday night, caused patriotic citizens of that community to communicate with the sheriff's department and request that the sheriff make an investigation. Sheriff Perkins left the city immediately upon receipt of the phone message and went to Hatchel where he called on the young preacher to explain certain statements he made, the report of which it seems left a wrong impression upon the minds of some of those who heard the sermon. Rev. Ashley's explanation was satisfactory and no actions were taken against him in the matter.

According to the young man's explanation, his church is opposed to one man taking arms against another man, and he was preaching along this line when he was accused of preaching against volunteering for the army in the present call for men. He stated that he was a patriot himself and was ready to support the administration. He said he was a great admirer of President Wilson and did not intend to say anything that could be construed as disloyal to the nation, but was only preaching the doctrine of his church.

The report reaching Ballinger was that the young man was opposing conscription, advising young men not to enlist, and was placing himself in the attitude of a traitor. He denied all of this when called on by the officer, and stated that he was ready to make any kind of explanation necessary to set himself aright before the people, and that he regretted that some had misunderstood him in his sermon.

Rev. Ashley came to Ballinger Monday and did all that he could to counteract the impression he had made in his sermon and to assure the officers that he was in perfect harmony with the administration.

**A CHILD GETS CROSS
SICK AND FEVERISH
WHEN CONSTIPATED**

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated clean little liver and bowels.

If your little one's tongue is coated, it is a sure sign the stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When your child is cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, system full of cold, throat sore, or if feverish, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

COLEMAN LIVESTOCK DEALS

Will Mathews sold this week to Woodward & Boog-Scott, for September delivery, 500 3-year-old steers at \$55.00 per head.

W. G. Murray sold last week to Will Broad, 400 Schleicher county sheep, high bred Rambouillets, at private terms. The sheep were delivered Friday to the Broad pasture, 4 miles west of Coleman.

J. E. Boog-Scott and T. W. Galway are in Kansas looking after the loading of steers and sheep for market.—Coleman Democrat.

Followed by a large procession of sorrowing friends, the remains of Mrs. Annie Thomson were carried to the Runnels cemetery Sunday afternoon where they were interred by the side of her husband who preceded her to the world beyond about eighteen years ago.

Mrs. Thomson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Penn, 503 Fifth Street, at four o'clock Saturday afternoon. She had been in feeble health for some time, and her life quietly ended at the age of almost seventy-one years.

Deceased was numbered among the early settlers of Runnels county. She came to this country with her husband before Ballinger was created, and the family settled at Runnels, what was then the county site of the county. She lived here through the pioneer days when it was necessary to face the hardships and trials of a frontier country, and to such women the people of today are indebted for the social and modern advantages we enjoy.

Mrs. Thomson was a member of one of the most prominent families in this country. She enjoyed a large connection of relatives, people who came here in the early days and helped to develop the country. Of her immediate family she is survived by three sons and two daughters. All of these were present to pay tribute to the good mother. Four of the children, Mrs. W. C. Penn and Mrs. W. W. Fowler, Harry and Thad Thomson live in Ballinger. Frank Thompson resides at Christoval. Quite a number of grand children also mourn the loss of a grandmother's love.

Mrs. Thomson joined the Methodist church in her early life. She was a member of the church at Runnels before the church was moved to Ballinger. Her life was in keeping with her profession and she died as she had lived, leaving behind an influence of gentleness and love. Rev. W. H. Doss, former pastor of the local Methodist church, came from DeLeon and conducted the funeral services. In the presence of a large number of friends gathered around the casket in the Old Runnels Cemetery, Rev. Doss paid a beautiful tribute to the life of this good woman, and today the remains rest under a bank of flowers that bespeak the love and high esteem in which she was held by those who had known her for more than a quarter of a century.

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Now is the time to buy a bottle of this remedy so as to be prepared in case that any one of your family should have an attack of colic or diarrhoea during the summer months. It is worth a hundred times its cost when needed.

ATTENDING CORSETIER TRAINING SCHOOL

Mrs. J. D. Roberson, of the Higginbotham Bros. Co., left last Saturday afternoon for Dallas, where she goes to attend a training school to be conducted by the Gossard Corset Co., of Chicago. She will return to Ballinger with her diploma as corsetier and will be competent and capable of serving the patrons of this store in both the regular and medical fittings. This means she will be able to fit the corset for the individual requirements of those who call upon her. Improperly fitted corsets are responsible for many unnecessary ills, which disappear with the correct corseting of the figure.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to show our appreciation of the many kindnesses shown us during the suffering and death of our daughter and sister, and we take this method of thanking our friends in Ballinger and throughout the country, who were so kind to us. We especially thank the physicians and nurses who did all that human skill could do, and we appreciate more than words can express the sympathy and help extended to us in our bereavement.
J. J. Fox and Family.

J. T. Billups of Winters came to Ballinger Monday on business.

**TWO TREATS:
First Treat is the FLAVOR;
Next Treat is the LASTING.**

Six Sticks to the Package

ANGELUS

is a fruity flavored gum—a favorite with the family. If there be a fruit flavored gum its equal, that brand of gum has not yet reached the Texas market.

Tell the Clerk You Want "THAT TEMPLE GUM"

Ask for "Angelus" if you like fruity flavor; for "Mello-Mint" if you like spearmint flavor; for "Chic-A-Mah" if you like peppermint flavor.

TEXAS GUM CO.
Largest Chewing Gum Factory In the South.

SECOND ARREST FOR WHIPPING HIS WIFE

James Hawkins, negro, was before justice court Monday morning to answer a charge of simple assault upon his wife. James had pleaded guilty in city court for disturbing the peace and paid his fine and he did not want to give up another fine on a different charge, but in reality for the offense.

The trouble all came about when James and his wife had a little difficulty which, according to the attending physician resulted in Mrs. Hawkins getting a badly bumped head and a swelled countenance. After the city authorities had fixed a penalty and justice of peace authorities stepped in and filed complaint for a more serious charge, one which the city court had no jurisdiction over, that of simple assault. The defendant employed Judge Guion to defend him and Judge Guion appeared before the justice court and presented argument to show that the negro could not be tried in justice court for an assault on his wife, as that court had no jurisdiction in aggravated assault cases, and instead of being a simple assault, the case was an aggravated assault or nothing. Justice Trimmier dismissed the case and the county attorney,

Judge Harris announced that the case would be refiled in the proper court and the negro prosecuted for an aggravated assault.

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

Miss Ruth Knight of Temple is visiting J. W. Flowers near Ballinger.

R. E. Briggs returned from Winters Monday.

*** HOW TO CAN TOMATOES ***
WASHINGTON, July 15.
—Select firm, well-formed tomatoes. Seal 1 1-2 minutes or until skins loosen. Dip quickly into an out of cold water. Peel and remove stems and cores. Pack directly into cans or hot jars. Press down with a tablespoon (add no water.) Add a level teaspoonful of salt per quart. Put the rubber rings and caps of jars into position but do not tighten fully. Seal tin cans completely. Place the packed containers on a false bottom in a vessel of water sufficiently deep to cover them by one inch and allow to remain at a boiling temperature for 22 minutes when using hot water bath canners.

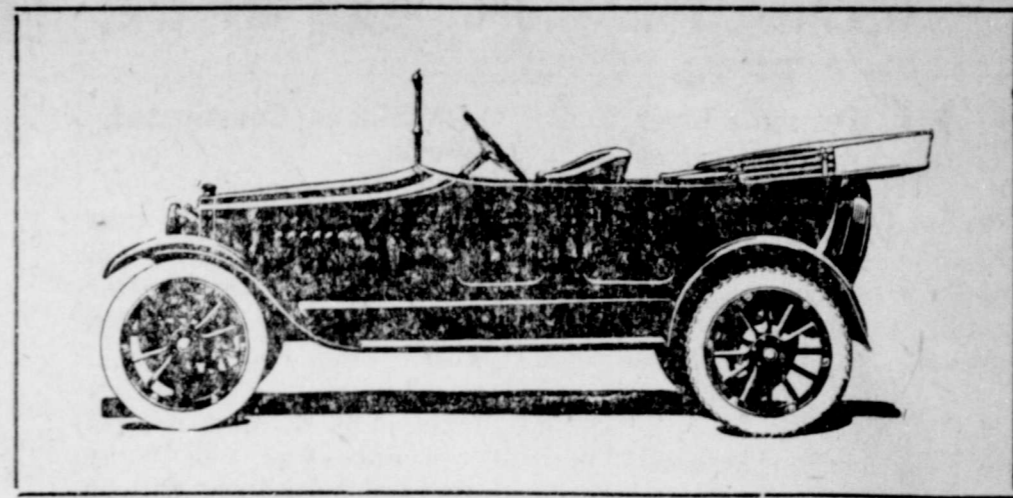
Step Up!

Come forward friend—come up into the light out of the darkness and join the ranks of worthwhile men who do things.

Save a dollar and bank it for a little start toward big things.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

\$85.00 MADE!



You Can Make \$85 By Buying Your Chevrolet Now.

Price of CHEVROLET Will Be \$685.00 After Aug. 1st

Until that time or until cars in our show room are sold the price will remain \$600.00 electric lights and starter. Nothing like it at the price. Don't wait—call and get one while "getting is good."

Car Load of Buicks Just Received

We have just unloaded a car of Buicks to be sold at the old price. No chance to get any more at present prices. Better Get One Today

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
of Texas
CAPITAL \$1,500,000.00

Farmers Elect Officers and Pass Resolutions

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from any action being taken by the authority of Congress looking to the closing of cotton and other farm produce exchanges. And also that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the daily press, and to Farmers' Fireside Bulletin.

Signed: H. J. GUYER,
Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union.

D. E. LYDAY,
Northeast Texas District Farmers' Union.

N. R. DORREY,
East Texas Central District Farmers' Union.

T. J. MOORE,
Central Texas District Farmers' Union.

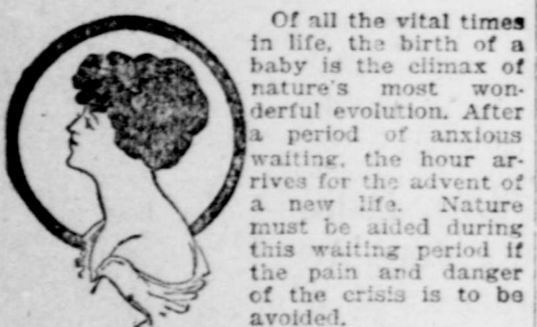
J. L. ARMSTRONG,
Southwest Texas District Farmers' Union.

Special Committee on Cotton Resolution.

Legislative Resolution.

We, your committee on legislation, beg leave to report as follows:

Young Women Awaiting The Great Crisis



Of all the vital times in life, the birth of a baby is the climax of nature's most wonderful evolution. After a period of anxious waiting, the hour arrives for the advent of a new life. Nature must be aided during this waiting period if the pain and danger of the crisis is to be avoided.

Three generations have found great relief from the many discomforts of approaching motherhood, by the safe, time-honored massage, "Mother's Friend".

It gently softens every fibre, cord, tendon and ligament. The drawn skin becomes soft and elastic. Tension and strain upon the expanding abdominal muscles is relieved when baby arrives; morning sickness or nausea usually is not felt and the crisis is passed with infinitely less pain and danger.

"Mother's Friend" has been used by expectant mothers with the greatest success for over forty years.

Get a bottle from the Druggist today and write the Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. E, 200 Lamar Building, Atlanta, Ga., for a valuable book brimful of useful information. The book will be mailed to you without charge. Do not by any means neglect to begin the use of "Mother's Friend"; the preparation is undoubtedly a real and wonderful aid to nature in her work.

laws: We, as the representatives of the intelligent and organized farmers, hereby reiterate our unqualified indorsement of the legislative program enunciated by the State and National organizations, and with deference to the service rendered by Bros. Pope and Radford before the house and senate commission in connection with the food commission, as contemplated, we wish to express our hearty approval and regard their action as the greatest effort ever afforded this organization.

To impress its importance before the bar of public opinion, be it further resolved that we heartily endorse the actions of those who are responsible for amending the warehouse and marketing law, and pledge that we will never cease our efforts until a scientific marketing system shall have been established under the laws of this state.

We recommend that the next legislature make it a penalty for the custodians of cotton to allow the cotton to be exposed to the weather, and also to make it a penalty to mutilate or deface a package of cotton certified to by a public ginner.

J. E. ARMSTRONG,
J. C. WEBB,
W. D. LEWIS,
J. S. ARNOLD,
F. T. TETTENS,
W. C. BIGGS,
G. E. HEAVENHILL,
PETE LEHNERT,

Committee.
Resolution on Food Control Bill
Whereas, the Lever Food Control Bill as passed by the House of Representatives and is being considered in the senate, and as we are opposed to said bill, unless the manufactured products are placed in said bill.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Pecan Valley District Union, that we urge our senators and representatives in congress to use their best efforts to have all products of the manufacturers placed in said bill.

Be it further resolved that we are opposed to said bill unless all finished products are included in said bill.

A. Q. JORDAN,
R. A. MILSAP,

Committee.

Resolution for Good of the Order

We your committee on the good of the order beg leave to submit the following:

First. In as much as the State of Texas is suffering from a general drouth, we deem it expedient for the benefit of our order, to urge all of our members to save all available feed stuff now on hand, and if rains come in time to plant all kinds of forage crops that will mature.

Second. We wish to call attention to the pending food control bill now before congress and urge all our membership to keep in touch with our senators and congressmen and be ready to assist in protecting the interest of the farmers in regard to this measure.

Third. We want to call your attention to the coming state convention for at this meeting we will elect our officers who will guide the future destiny of the organization.

J. M. KENNEDY,
J. E. J. PEPPER,
J. C. CHAPMAN,

Committee.

Sends Telegram to Senators.

The following telegram was read before the convention and unanimously voted to be sent to Washington:

Ballinger, Tex., July 17, 1917.
To Senators C. A. Culberson and Morris Sheppard,
Washington, D. C.

By unanimous vote the Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union jointly with four other districts now in session here, representing more than one hundred and twenty-five counties where the farmers are organized in the Farmers' Union in Texas, you are hereby urged in behalf of cotton producers to oppose putting cotton in the Food Control Bill or closing cotton and other produce exchanges and any similar plans of Lord Northcliffe of the English Commission.

MANY PRESCRIPTIONS AT THIS SEASON

In order to comprise the best course of treatment, and to secure the best results, should read as follows:

R Hood's Sarsaparilla—11 oz.
Pepsitron Pills—180
Sig: One teaspoonful Hood's Sarsaparilla before meals
Two Pepsitron Pills after meals

There is no better course of medicine for impure blood, run-down condition and loss of appetite. These two medicines working together often give a four-fold benefit.

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LOUIS GARMS,
President.

Several of the delegates left Wednesday afternoon, while the majority remained over to attend to some unfinished business Thursday morning when final adjournment will be taken.

Those leaving this afternoon expressed themselves as delighted with Ballinger and the hearty welcome received here.

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.

MORTUARY.

Leon Stavada

The remains of Leon Stavada, age 22 years, were interred in the Mexican cemetery east of the city at eight o'clock Monday morning. The young Mexican died about two o'clock Sunday afternoon, after a long illness with consumption. He leaves two or three brothers here, but has no other relatives in Ballinger. The funeral procession was made up of several vehicles with twenty-five or thirty sorrowing friends following the remains to the cemetery.

Kincannon Baby Dies.

The eighteen months old girl of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kincannon died Saturday night, and was buried Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. J. H. King, conducted the funeral and the remains were interred in the City Cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their friends in their sorrow.

Peter Radford, who was the organizer of the Farmers Union in Texas, is in Ballinger attending the district Farmers Union meeting.

Mary Phillips Re-elected Secretary Convention.

Miss Mary Phillips has just returned from Austin, where she had been attending the District Clerks convention. She was presented with a nice coin purse, and was re-elected as secretary for next year. She says that the convention made a contribution of fifty dollars to the Red Cross fund.

Patronize—

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

How's This?

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

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

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

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

CHICKENS!

We Want All Kinds of Poultry.

We Ship a Car Every Week From Abilene & Southern Depot.

Highest Market Price Paid In CASH.

Also Want Car of Rags All Kinds. Will Pay 50c Per 100 Pounds.

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